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UP FRONT

Rapidly changing formats

By JIM STREIT

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I felt like I lost a friend last month when I tuned my frequency modulation dial to Baltimore-based WQSR-FM. While I enjoy Philly's oldies outlet, WOGL-FM, I liked the mix of less popular (read less repeated) records from the 60s and 70s at 102.7.

Without warning, Charm City's oldies station switched to the new Jack format.



Streit

The sudden shift (most radio format changes are unannounced) is the consolidated and homogenized radio industry's response to the rabid popularity of portable MP3 players.

Simply, iPods are selling like iHotcakes.

Last Thursday's *Wall Street Journal* detailed how Apple Computer's sales of the portable listening devices surpassed even the company's optimistic forecasts in the second quarter.

The hook of the iPod is that the tiny, light unit can carry thousands of songs. Most iPods can store more digital music than the listener could ever listen to in 10 years - that would be a "no repeat" decade.

The unit's popularity has led to a decline in radio lis-

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Small gains, but steady progress

Education chief releases statewide 2005 test scores

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

VALERIE Woodruff is not looking for huge leaps in scores for the state's school districts on the Delaware State Testing Program. "I prefer to see upward trends from year to year," the Delaware Secretary of Education said this week. "Small gains each year show me they are making steady progress."

The 2005 DSTP scores released to the public on Thursday show small but steady gains for Grade 3 students statewide. "Grade 3 went up two percentage points in students meeting or exceeding the standard in reading and one percentage point in mathematics," Woodruff noted. "I'm happy about that but it's not hugely significant."

Christina District students as a whole could be the poster children for slow but steady progress. Third grade numbers for those meeting or exceeding the standards went up almost three points to 84.8 percent. Reading scores showed a five-point gain to 82.3 percent of students meeting or

exceeding the standard.

Grade 5 students statewide held steady at 85 percent meeting or exceeding the standards in reading and went up two points to 77 percent meeting or exceeding the standards in Mathematics. "A small gain, but again, it's a gain," Woodruff commented.

The percentage of Christina students in Grade 5 meeting or exceeding the standards in reading went up about a point to 80.2 percent and more than four percentage points to 74.2 percent of students meeting the standards in mathematics.

After several years of up-and-down performance, the percentage of Grade 8 students meet-

ing or exceeding the standard in reading jumped seven points to 78 percent. They also went to 53 percentage meeting the standard in mathematics.

Christina's score in reading also went up, jumping almost 16 percentage points to 73.7 percent of Grade 8 district students meeting or exceeding the standard in reading. Grade 8 students are lagging in math, however, with only 38.2 percent meeting or exceeding the standard - a five-point gain over 2004.

Grade 10 students lost ground this year dropping a percentage point for those meeting or

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Newark will have to wait for street work

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NEWARK'S Main Street is going to have to wait some time before it gets the makeover it was promised.

City planners had expected to see construction in the heart of the downtown this summer, but because of planning and funding issues, that will be delayed indefinitely.

Streetscape, a project funded by the City of Newark and DelDOT,

was supposed to give the downtown a new look. Main Street's curbs were going to be replaced. Pedestrians were going to have highly visible crosswalks. Some landscaping was expected. And while this work was slated to take place, Main Street itself was going to be repaved.

But all of that will have to wait.

Serious funding issues at DelDOT have put a hold on all projects that have not yet been contracted out.

"There is a basic funding short-

age right now," explained Mike Williams, spokesman for DelDOT. "Practically every project on the books is being put on hold."

City staff had, until this week, believed that the project would move forward next spring, but a letter from DelDOT mailed on Monday set the record straight.

"We just mailed a letter to government managers saying that the money might have been there on paper, but it's not there in reality,"

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Corrected report cards in the mail

State wants districts to use eSchoolPLUS

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AS might be expected, a web-based system touted as "extremely easy to navigate and use and designed to be a fully-integrated, centralized relational database using SQL

servers" is at least as complicated as that sounds. Christina and Brandywine school districts switched their data service to eSchoolPLUS, a web-based, district-wide K-12 information system that keeps all the district's data available online. "The state is strongly encouraging districts to use eSchoolPLUS," said Bill Rawles, director of technology services for Christina. "Within a year, almost every district in Delaware will be using it."

Using K-12 administra-

tive software from SunGard Pentamotion, teachers and administrators can enter student information, such as school calendars, demographics, scheduling, attendance, discipline, progress reports, report cards, transcripts and school medical records.

"The Department of Education in Dover picks up the tab for this service," said Rawles. "We input all the info we collect and the data is supposed to transfer automatically."

However, in the past school

year, a combination of electronic errors and user inexperience led to incorrect grades on all or most of the District's final report cards. "We printed the report cards from eSchool and sent them out to parents," said Andrew Hegedus, executive director of organizational development at Christina. "We discovered the report cards, particularly high school, were wrong when parents started calling the District and school board

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Man turns self in to state police

The Delaware State Police arrested a 23-year-old Maryland man in connection with the assault of a State Trooper at the Sunoco A+ service station in Odessa, on Saturday June 9.

On July 12, Daryl T. Slate voluntarily turned himself into detectives at State Police Troop 2.

Detectives charged Slate, of Elkton, Md., with assault second degree, reckless endangerment, resisting arrest, failure to stop at the command of a police officer, reckless driving and unregistered motor vehicle.

Police seek pair in Petco robbery

The Delaware State Police Robbery Squad is investigating a robbery in which two assailants fled with an undisclosed amount of cash from the Petco store in the Christiana Mall complex.

Police said that on the evening of Saturday, July 16, a male and female entered Petco and began browsing the store.

The female occupied a sales person while the male returned to the front of the store. The man then approached a female employee, who was working the register, from behind and displayed a weapon.

The assailant demanded the money from the register. The employee turned over an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspects fled the business.

The female is described as being approximately 5'3" to 5'4" in height and weighing approximately 110 to 130 pounds. She was wearing a red baseball hat, gray tank top and blue jeans. The male is described as being approximately 5'10" to 6'00" in height and weighing approximately 140 to 170 pounds. He was wearing a black baseball hat and black clothing.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call Troop 2 at 834-2620, ext. 4, or Crime Stoppers (800) TIP-3333.

Warrant issued

Newark police have warrants charging a Middletown man with aggravated menacing, terroristic threatening and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony.

On Sunday, July 17, at 4:57 a.m., police were summonsed to the Colonial Garden apartments, 334 E. Main St., after receiving a report that a man with a knife was threatening another male. After a short investigation, the warrants were issued by Justice of the

City man arrested for robbery

THE Newark Police Department has arrested Lorenzo Webb, a city resident, in connection with the armed robbery of an Elkton Road gas station.

On June 30, two men confronted two employees at the Sunoco located at 287 Elkton Road. Upon entering the store, the suspects led one of the victims to the register, where the female victim was ordered to open the cash drawer, police said.

After an undisclosed amount of money was removed, the two robbers fled the store. The victim was not injured.

Upon further investigation, and the execution of a search warrant at Webb's residence,

additional charges were brought against Webb which included failing to re-register an address as a sex offender, possession of a narcotic schedule II controlled substance, maintaining a dwelling for keeping controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia in addition to robbery and conspiracy.



Webb

Peace Court 11.

Local woman arrested for stabbing husband

The Delaware State Police Major Crimes Unit arrested a 39-year-old Newark woman in connection with a stabbing that occurred at a motel on Pulaski Highway on July 12.

Troopers responded to the Glen Motel, 1176 Pulaski Highway, Bear, after hearing a report of a stabbing.

Police were told the 42-year-old male victim and the suspect were in their motel room when

they became involved in a verbal dispute. During the argument the suspect picked up a kitchen knife from the sink and stabbed the victim in the chest.

The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital and admitted in stable condition with a collapsed lung.

State police detectives charged Luray Robinson, 39, with one count of assault in the 2nd degree and one count of possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony.

Robinson was video arraigned at Magistrate Court 11 and was

committed to Baylor Women's Correctional Institute in default of \$15,000 secured bond.

Assault at diner

Newark police are investigating an assault that was reported to have taken place about 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 17, outside the Eagle Diner, 136 Elkton Road.

The victim told police he was "head butted" over an alleged debt; the suspect said he was grabbed first.

Student, 20, punched

Newark police were told on Saturday, July 16, at 11:19 a.m., that a student, 20, of Newark, had been punched in the face with closed fists as he walked near East Cleveland Avenue and Wilbur Street the evening before.

Alcohol overdose

Newark police and Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company ambulance personnel rushed to the unit block of Benny Street on Friday, July 15, at 9:30 p.m. after being told of a possible alcohol overdose.

A man, 22, was transported to Christiana Hospital for treatment, police said, and may have mixed alcohol and prescription drugs.

Hungry thieves

Newark police reported that five containers of cheese balls, six bags of party mix and a stereo tape player were stolen from three trucks parked in the 1400 block Interchange Boulevard.

Windows were shattered to gain entry into the delivery trucks, it was reported to police on Sunday, July 17, at 8:53 a.m. Damage was estimated to be \$1,200.

Other incidents

■ **Domestic:** On Sunday, July 17, at 2:15 a.m., Newark police investigated a domestic assault that took place in the 200 block



Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR JULY 3-9, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK
PART I OFFENSES						
Murder/manslaughter	1	1	0	1	1	1
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	1	1	0	2	4	0
Rape	8	10	0	26	2	1
Unlawful sexual contact	5	6	0	4	3	0
Robbery	30	29	1	24	19	0
Aggravated assault	14	20	0	6	12	0
Burglary	101	98	3	37	41	2
Theft	516	463	7	149	157	4
Auto theft	46	58	0	6	8	0
Arson	6	3	1	2	1	1
All other	--	32	0	--	50	0
TOTAL PART I	728	721	12	257	298	9
PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	204	227	6	175	153	4
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0	12	12	0
Criminal mischief	373	341	13	291	42	0
Weapons	7	10	0	51	54	0
Other sex offenses	9	5	0	6	9	0
Alcohol	212	187	9	405	335	6
Drugs	48	66	2	159	241	5
Noise/disorderly premise	345	402	10	149	179	3
Disorderly conduct	484	453	20	89	87	0
Trespass	83	115	1	28	58	1
All other	414	310	5	163	102	2
TOTAL PART II	2179	2116	66	1528	1272	21
MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	753	800	27	0	0	0
Animal control	421	271	13	25	0	0
Recovered property	165	131	4	0	0	0
Service	4951	4718	144	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	548	923	13	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	6838	6843	201	25	0	0

	THIS WEEK 2004	2004 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2005	2005 TO DATE
TOTAL CALLS	631	15972	489	15737

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Council to interview its lobbyist...again

THE Newark City Council will be forced to answer some questions on July 25.

Last month, the Attorney's General office ruled that the city violated the Freedom of Information Act in the hiring of lobbyist Robert Maxwell. The complaint was filed by city resident Al Porach in April.

Porach argued that by meeting in private twice on March 7 to discuss and compare applicants for the lobbyist position, that the council had violated FOIA.

The council first met on that evening for a special meeting, which listed "Executive Session re Personnel" on its agenda. The minutes of that session showed that council interviewed Maxwell and another candidate separately and returned 50 minutes later.

Council then voted to amend the rest of the meeting's agenda to go back into executive session, where minutes show that they discussed each candidates' qualifications. The second session

lasted seven minutes.

The AG office and Porach agree that the hiring of a lobbyist, a position that had been budgeted \$25,000, was not just a personnel issue. It was the act of hiring a contractor. Rules outlining how contractors are hired stipulate that the city must open the bidding process to all interested applicants and accept the lowest responsible bidder.

There is some dissent within the city about the ruling. City Manager Carl Luft said that he does not believe that anyone consciously violated rules.

"They did not intend to do anything wrong," he said. "No one saw this as a bid contract."



Maxwell

However, the AG office disagrees, and now the city will have to repeat its interview process at the July 25 council meeting, this time with open doors.

Maxwell, who has been serving as the city's lobbyist for several months will be at the meeting, while the other candidate who was considered, Joseph Fitzgerald, will not.

"Fitzgerald did not provide a reason for why he would not be coming, but I've surmised that it's because Maxwell has already been chosen," Luft said.

The open-air, single-candidate interview will be a first for the city, Luft said.

"We will ask some basic questions, but I'm not quite sure how it will work," he said. "We are not accustomed to open interviews. There are some states, like Florida that do them, and that's fine. But to throw that out at the last minute causes some confusion."

Legislators review '05 session

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HAVE you ever wanted to know what's going on in Dover, but were turned away by looking into the issues yourself? State legislators from Newark know how daunting that task can be. That's why on July 14, state representatives and senators from Newark met with residents to talk about the 143 meeting of the General Assembly and what happened.

The state's wallet seems to be pretty full, according to local representatives. That money has filtered its way into public education and corrections facilities. State schools have been the biggest benefactor, receiving an additional \$80 million, which ups

the education budget to a grand total of 42 percent of the state's funds. The corrections department also did well this year, receiving an additional \$16 million. That will provide raises for corrections officers, who haven't seen much of a pay increase in recent years.

"To hire and maintain a staff of corrections officers, we have to be able to pay them well," said Sen. Steve Amick. "And that is important because we must maintain a certain level of safety."

Residents may have heard that Rt. 1 will not see a toll increase this year. That has been made possible by an increase in the I-95 toll.

"It's a trade off," Rep. Pam Maier said. "It comes up time and time again. The toll more than pays for the road, it's a very big cash cow."

Like the saying goes, a spoonful of sugar makes the medi-

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Newark area State Senators Steve Amick, left, and Liane Sorenson answer constituents' questions after a panel of local legislators reported on the 2005 General Assembly session in Newark City Council chambers last week.

FOR THE RECORD

Due to confusing information from a source, it was incorrectly reported in the July 15 edition that the office buildings on the MBNA Deerfield site would be included in a sale to the state. While the sale will not be finalized until September, office buildings are not part of the parcel to be transferred to state ownership. We regret the error.

Enjoy food and brew, hops and shops here

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

BEER is here, or on Main Street, at least. This weekend marks the second anniversary of the Food and Brew Festival. This still-young celebration of food and drink pairs the downtown's favorite names in dining with some beer labels you may have not heard of yet. Bottles from the likes of New York's Ommegang and Washington state's Redhook Ale Brewery are taking Newark classics like Iron Hill and Shaggy's, respectively, out to lunch. Taps start pouring at noon, and keep going until the brews are gone.

Newark's Mayor Vance Funk said that bringing in beer from around the country is expected to have the same drawing power on people. He said that almost as many out-of-towners are expected for the evening as Newark residents.

"Probably about 40 percent of people will be from more than five miles away," he said. "We're expecting people from Philadelphia, Cape May, Baltimore and Rehoboth." The idea is that these smaller breweries offer a sense of novelty, which will attract beer lovers like ants to a picnic. And every time visitors are encouraged to visit the downtown, the city's businesses thrive.

"If you limit your restau-

rants to people from the surrounding area, you limit the business," Funk said. "The philosophy is develop a new base of customers and that will support the restaurants we already have, and attract new ones."

According to Jan Hall, owner of How Do You Brew, Elkton Road's own home brewery shop, the fury for unique beer is a growing one. A boredom of Bud has fueled beer drinkers to seek out something original. Something with taste. Something from barley.

"A lot of the famous American beers are made from rice and corn," she said. "That gives some people a headache, while a lot of people just don't like the taste. For some people who've traveled overseas and had the beers that are made from 100 percent barley, famous American beers just don't have the same flavor."

Beer lovers will have the chance to try some of those unique flavors on Saturday. In all, 17 breweries will pour their prizes at 13 different locations. They include:

- Dogfish Head from Milton at Caffé Gelato;
- Maryland's Fordham Brewing Company at Cuccina De Napoli;
- New York's Pete's Brewing and California's Sierra Nevada at the Deer Park Tavern;
- Stewart's Brewing Company from Bear, at East

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Patty Statler at Klondike Kate's gets ready for the Food and Brew Fest, which begins at noon on Saturday, July 23.

In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Professional development continuous

IN Christina District, professional development is seen as a continuous activity, not as an event.

Teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals and administrators attend professional development offerings during the day, in the evening, and during the summer.

In August, teachers and staff have four days of training during the week before school opens. In addition, the District designates several days per year for in-service training.

These days are used to extend and supplement ongoing professional development.

Analyze this

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

Federal programs in Christina

The Christina School District receives federal funds through various grants.

These monies fund supplemental programs in student relations, reading and mathematics, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, and special education.

Some non-public schools in Christina share in some of these programs.

The largest federal program is the Title I grant, which provides supplementary educational services to students who are one or more years below grade level in achievement.

The Title I Parent/Teaching Center helps in meeting the goal of increasing parental involvement.

For more info, 454-2400.

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SCHOOL'S never really out in the Christina District. "That's true," said Margaret Sharp, executive director for curriculum and instruction. "The school year ended on June 15 and we started our summer sessions the very next Monday!"

In the summer of 2005, children from pre-school to 12th grade are spending up to five weeks in classes throughout the District. "Every school is represented in the programs," said Sharp, "but some buildings are closed during the summer for renovations, so their classes are held elsewhere."

Summer Academies meet Monday through Thursday for grades 1 to 6 from 9 a.m. to noon, while secondary students start at 7:30 a.m. and leave at 10:30 a.m. "The teachers try to make it fun and interesting," said Sharp. "and it's only three hours."

Walter Lloyd, teaching math at Kirk Middle School's Summer Academies, uses a lot of enthusiasm to encourage his sleepy students. "I tell the kids that if they bring 50 percent to the table, I'll meet them with the other 50 percent," Lloyd said. "Everyone has peaks and valleys in their learning so I try to give them a strategy or two to help them over the low places in their abilities."

Teachers seize any chance to spark their students' interest. Patricia Gizzi at Wilson Elementary School had her fifth grade students write papers for a reporter to read and critique while interviewing the class. "We also worked on a list of questions the reporter would ask them about summer school," Gizzi said, adding,



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Left: Victoria, a rising 10th grader at Newark High School, could be earning more by babysitting if she wasn't in the Summer Academies. Right: Tamen and Milly, both 8th graders at Kirk Middle School last year, are in the Summer Academies.

ing, "They are a good group of kids."

Many students are up by 6 a.m. on these summer mornings to board buses that arrive as early as 6:30 a.m. "I get up at 5:45 to get on the bus on time," said Milly, a 14-year-old eighth grader at Kirk Middle School.

Needless to say, the students did not plan to spend their summer in school. "If I wasn't here I'd be sleeping or talking on the phone," said Milly with a laugh.

Fourteen-year-old Tamen, a dancer who has performed in shows at the Delaware Theatre Company and the Grand Opera House, goes to a job in Philadelphia as soon as he leaves

summer classes at Kirk each day. "I teach 5 to 11-year-olds at a performing arts camp," he explained.

This is Tamen's second summer in school and he doesn't want to do it again. "I think I'll pass (DSTP math) this summer," he said. "I messed around in school this year and that's why I'm here."

Newark High School lead teacher Stewart Dotts said some students in the Summer Academies are taking the DSTP eighth grade tests for the second or third time. "I've had students taking it for the fifth time," said Jennifer Mayer, lead teacher for Christiana High School's Summer

Academies.

Dotts and Mayer explained that the middle and high school Academies share a common bond. "They are still trying to get a passing grade, a 3 or higher, on the eighth-grade DSTP test," Dotts said. "They took it in eighth grade and then in the summer, if they went to summer school, and during the (school) year and they still did not get the score they need."

For the high schoolers, this means they may finally pass the eighth-grade level of DSTP, and immediately face the 10th grade DSTP test. "But there are also

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Traditional summer school draws hundreds

THANKS to a boost from the Christina District, it's boom times for traditional Summer School this year.

Four days a week, from June 20 to July 28, traditional summer schools have two class periods from 7:30 to 10:15 a.m. and from 10:15 to 1 p.m. for grades 7 to 12. "These classes are for middle school students who cannot be promoted to the next grade or high school students who need credits to graduate on time," Sharp said. "We've seen a huge increase in the numbers

attending Traditional Summer School because, in most cases, there is little or no cost to the families."

In the past, these students were required to pay a fee to attend a summer school class or make up a credit by taking an extra course during the regular school year. "But that's very difficult to do," said Sharp. "And few took the summer courses, so they got behind."

This year, 850 students are in traditional Summer School compared to less than 200 in 2004.

"The numbers of students needing to go aren't a great thing, but it is great that they are taking advantage of the opportunity that's there," Sharp said. "We reduced the cost to make sure they had opportunities to earn credits and pass the courses they need so they can stay with and graduate with their peers."

The district also offers additional help and support through the summer for Special Education students and students with disabilities. Extended School Year summer programs

are offered four days a week for three hours to children ages 3 to 6 who currently receive pre-school Special Education through the District. "These IDEA-eligible students get help with speech and language and occupational and physical therapy," said Sharp. "Students with disabilities in all grades also take ESY classes in the summer to provide instruction based on goals in each student's IEP (Individualized Education Program) or related services beyond the regular school year."

AP testing doubles at Newark High

Principal Emmanuel Caulk, assistants all new at NHS in '04-'05

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ONE of the most notable accomplishments at Newark High School this past year is the number of students who took AP courses and sat for the exams. "We had 603 students sit for AP exams this year," said first-year principal Emmanuel Caulk. "In 2003-04, Newark had about 300 students sit for the AP exams."

Caulk and his assistant principals, Michael Epler, David Jezyk and Noreen Lasorsa, were all new to their positions when the school year started. "We arrived on different pathways," explained Lasorsa. "But then we became a team and coalesced."

The team felt that there was an under-represented population among junior and senior NHS students who could succeed in AP courses. "We decided to ratchet up the expectations for all the students," Caulk said. "We invited more parents and convinced them that their children were able to do this."

About 50 families came to that meeting when a half dozen was the average in the past. Jezyk said that NHS offers more AP courses than any other school in Delaware and they are adding human geography in 2005-06. "The numbers sitting for exams also increased because the District paid for students to take the AP exams this year," Jezyk said. "We had students accepted at Princeton and Cornell universities and the University of Pennsylvania this year - that's occurred in the past but not that often."

The emphasis on more rigorous learning is multifaceted. This past year, NHS eliminated the general courses and put all entering freshmen in college preparation courses. In addition, Caulk and his assistants are already exploring the possibility of offering AP coursework to NHS sophomores, and in 2005-06 they will give the PSAT to all eighth to 11th graders

at the school. "That's brand-new news," said Jezyk.

The landmark AP numbers at NHS resulted from Caulk's determination to reach out and maximize interaction with parents and the community. "We also started putting site council minutes on our Web site for parents who could not attend the meetings," said Caulk. "We started an arts Boosters' Club for parents who coordinated events with the Newark Arts Alliance, raised funds to offset the cost of the arts program and gave us supplies."

An NHS alumnus coordinated lunchtime Career Speakers at the school. "Every Thursday throughout the year, we had a different speaker in a different career here," Caulk said, "and we didn't have to do a thing - Harvey McClary ('75) took care of it all."

Speakers in 2004-05 included trial lawyer Mark Sisk ('70), landscape architect Alexine Cloonan ('72), registered nurse Carol Abel ('75), professional clown Chris Shelton ('75), and Delaware State Treasurer Jack Markell ('78).

The school administrators worked out an arrangement for parking with College Square's Fusco Management, a perennially troubled relationship. "We know there have been problems with them in the past because students park across the road at the shopping center," Jezyk said.

In 2004-05, the school was given 40 spaces for overflow student parking in a graveled area near the shopping center. "We understand that will not be available this year," said Jezyk, "but we're going back to Fusco to see what can be done."

Since the high school serves two communities - Newark and Wilmington - Caulk decided to take interaction to the school's city families. "We entered into a partnership with Neighborhood House in south Wilmington and held quarterly meetings there," said Caulk. "We publicized the meetings at the off-site location and about 20 families attended each time."

The parents at the city meetings had the same concerns as parents in Newark. "It's not that

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SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST BY SEAN KANE

Newark High School principal Emmanuel Caulk (center) said his assistant principals, (l to r) Mike Epler, Noreen Lasorsa, William Brunson and David Jezyk, make a good team. Brunson arrived July 1.

Learn to 'read the question first'

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students here who got a 1 because they were absent the second day of the testing," said Dotts, "or even a zero because they were out sick that week."

Some of the elementary students are a little unclear about why they are in a Summer Academy. At Wilson's Academy, 10-year-old Jose, Diantae, Zachary, Alexis, Nelson and Jaye either did not know or thought they did not do well during the school year. They were pretty good at reporting the benefits, however. "I learned to read the question first," said Nelson, a native of Kenya.

And Diantae ventured, "I think I'm reading a little better."

Sixteen-year-old Hanadi, a rising 10th grader at Newark High School, is taking both math and reading courses. "Everything I'm learning this summer, I already learned years ago," she admitted. "I love math and I love to read but I didn't do well - I was just lazy this year."

Milly, on the other hand, did well in school, getting a B in math for her final grade. "I shouldn't be here," she complained. "It's only because of my DSTP score in math."

Dotts likes working with students like Milly in the Summer Academies. "I find there's some motivation with these students," he said, "because while they didn't pass the DSTP, they probably got good grades in their



PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

The students in Patricia Gizzi's group of 5th graders at Wilson Elementary School were working hard to take advantage of Summer Academy.

classes.

There is also a social stigma involved. "The ones in high school don't want to be in ninth-grade homeroom again," Dotts said.

Victoria, a 15-year-old at Newark High School, knows where she went wrong and wants to score better on the math portion of the DSTP at the end of summer school. "I think you learn more (in summer school) because classes are smaller," she said. "And I kinda slept in some classes this year. I wasn't trying

and I had trouble keeping up."

Students and teachers agree that students learn more in summer school because of the smaller class sizes. "There's more one-on-one time for the students," said Elyse Houton who teaches math summer courses. "We don't let them put their heads down (on their desks) and it's harder to get lost in the smaller class."

In her two summers in the program, Houton has found most of her students are "extremely"

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Gauger-Cobbs council honored

FOR the 12th year in a row, the Gauger-Cobbs Student Council won the Standards of Excellence Award presented at the Christina District School Board meeting. Student honorees included: Monica Hackett, Council president; Lauren Wolfe, vice-president; Ali Kowalski, treasurer; Paige Kley, secretary; and Michelle Albrecht, Historian.

The Gauger-Cobbs Student

Council advisor is Stacy Heller. "Service on a school's Student Council is one of the most important responsibilities a student can have," District spokesperson Wendy Lapham said. "Student Councils serve as true demonstrations of the democratic process in action, giving students a voice in decision making in their school and among their peers."

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AMUSED, BEMUSED, CONFUSED

All that was left for mother

By MARVIN HUMMEL

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

I brought home Steve Behunik to play ping pong and my mother clearly didn't like it. The moment he was gone, she said, "That boy is never to come here again."

And I knew why: he was Polish. We weren't.

We all lived in ethnic conclaves on separate hills, and the adults easily avoided and ignored each other.

We guys had broken the unspoken ethnic "law." There was one little ball field between our hills and we, perforce, had to share it and play ball together. To our great amazement, we liked each other. No fights. No bitter rivalries. Just fun.

Then we went too far — we invited each other into our homes. To a woman, our mothers stopped our naïve malpractice (Our dads worked together in the mills and were more tolerant). All over Protestant and Pollock hills, the feminine cry went up: "It's bad enough that you play with those boys, but you are not to bring one of them home."

Now, our mothers all knew that they were wrong, technically. We were all church people and Americans, but centuries of European prejudice would not end on a neutral ball field in Pittsburgh anytime soon.

I challenged my mother's fiat — I wanted to make her admit her anti-Polish prejudice: "Why can't Steve come over here?" (Just say it. Use words.)

She strained for an answer that she and I could accept, then came up with, "He has pimples."

"Mother, so do I." (Normally I wouldn't have admitted my Clearasil complexion under torture.)

■ A retired clergyman and a teacher since 1972, Hummel has contributed to the Newark Post for more than two decades. He has lived in Delaware since 1959.



Hummel

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...Then we went too far — we invited each other into our homes. To a woman, our mothers stopped our naïve malpractice.”

“He's dumb.”

“No, he isn't, mother. He makes straight ‘A's’ at St. Mary's. The guys all said so.” (Just say, “He's Polish” and I'll go clean my room or do something else useful.)

But she couldn't. Finally she choked out, “He's left-handed.” And that was that.

For several years I was puzzled over that weird excuse-reason. Left-handed?

Years later, in Latin I, I learned the Latin word for “left” — “sinister.” What? And the word for “right” in Latin is “dexter” as in “dexterity.” “Left” is bad, “right” is good. (How did my mother know that?)

First-year French confused me more: “left” was “gauche,” and in English “gauche” means “crude.” The word for “right” in French? “Droit” as in “adroit” or skillful and resourceful. Once again, “left” is bad and “right” is good. That's nuts.

But the real kick in the head came when I was learning what “bar sinister” means: “the fact or condition of being a bastard.” Originally, it was a heraldic term for being of illegitimate birth and the “bar” of that family's crest is “left” while the legitimate heir's bar is “right.”

My mother knew none of these facts, but somehow she knew that accusing Steve of being left-handed was excuse enough to ban him from our home.

Her disposal of him as a guest has a precedent of at least 2,000 years and sources in at least three major languages.

(This essay is dedicated to my left-handed friends, none of whom are sinister or clumsy — and all of whom joyfully celebrate their parents' wedding anniversaries.)

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, “Out of the Attic” features a photograph from May 1994 when Daughterty Hall was razed to allow construction of the Trabant University Center. The Main Street building was acquired by the University of Delaware when the First Presbyterian Church moved to a new building in the 1960s. The main sanctuary portion of the building was not destroyed and remains today as part of a quiet study area of the Trabant center. “Out of the Attic” features historic photographs from Newark's history, recent and long ago. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

July 24, 1930 Newark airport a possibility

S. E. Dameron, owner of what was formerly the Huber farm just east of Newark, has announced that he proposes to establish an airport on the property and work on the proposed landing field will be started shortly.

Mr. Dameron admits that one of the largest American air transport lines is negotiating with him to make his proposed air port one of the regular landing places both for passengers and mail on a proposed Canada-Cuba air route.

The field where the landing place would be established was used for a number of years by Herman R. Tyson, noted horse trainer and driver, to work out his string of horses. There is a half-mile track on the property,

but this would probably be done away with in the interests of the airport.

Legislators will be busy

While chief interest in Delaware's coming political battle seems to be centered in the nomination and election of a United States Senator and Congressman, some attention is also being given to

the selection of legislative candidates.

The next session of the General Assembly, which will convene here on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1931, will be a very important one largely because of some of the proposed measures that will be presented to that body.

Pre-election information places the repeal of the Klair law, Delaware's act ratifying the Eighteenth amendment, as one of the most interesting pieces of legislation to be placed before the next session.

July 23, 1980 Waste site debate continues

“It could be another Love Canal,” said New Castle County Board of Adjustment member Ed Rush.

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Songs they may be listening to on their iPods

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tenership.

I belong to High Energy The Gym on South Chapel Street. Sweaty people on treadmills now have the trendy little units, with tiny white wires that lead to earpieces, strapped or stapled to their bodies as they huff and puff.

When the UD students rejoin us in a month, notice how many of them have the tell-tale white wires to their ears.

Most radio listeners do so in their cars. But iPod owners are turning the car radio off.

The guys and girls at the gym and in their cars have abandoned what has become known as terrestrial radio (as opposed to satellite radio) for some of the 15,876 songs loaded into their iPods.

Hence, the Jack flip.

The new format seeks to regain listeners by emulating the iPod - lots of songs, nere a repeat, and

eclectic variety.

The jury is still out on Jack. (Radio survives on commercials and I just don't believe you can fool people with music mixes to get them to listen to ads. Unless you download Britney Spears' classic "Now And Then" Pepsi commercial into your portable player, there are no commercials on iPods and I believe that's a big part of their appeal.

A Macintosh loyalist, I've been thrilled to see Apple's fortunes boosted by the iPod. Both of my kids - ages 20 and 26 - have them.

Examining my kids' toys, I began clicking through their music libraries. Just what I thought I'd find, I did. But what surprised me greatly were the songs in their personal players that I did not expect to find.

Amid the heavy metal and bass-thumping rap offerings, my 20-year-old son had loads of Beatles MP3s in his iPod includ-

ing non-macho, WJBR-FM-like favorites such as "Michelle" and "Yesterday." He also had a Peter, Paul and Mary tune stored; he clearly would have no idea where we were going if I told him we're heading to a hootenanny. I also discovered Frank Sinatra and Barry Manilow.

A similar surprising mix of tunes appeared in my daughter's iPod, including Bill Conti's "Theme From Rocky."

I'm not sure if some prominent Newarkers have bought iPods yet. Taking into account the variety one discovers in others' music libraries, here's a sampling of what MP3s we might find in certain persons' iPods:

- In the music player of Newark City Councilman Dave Athey, who unsuccessfully pushed for a Memorandum of Understanding between the city and University of Delaware, you might find the 1967 song by The Seeds "Pushin' Too Hard."

- And in the iPod of UD government relations dude Rick Armitage, who broke the bad news to the council last week, you might discover a copy of the 1973 Gilbert O'Sullivan hit, "Out Of The Question."

- New New Castle County Executive Chris Coons, who is transforming county government

from the chaos of the Gordon-Freebery administration, might be listening to Sam Cooke's 1965 single "Change Is Gonna Come" and Ray Charles' 1961 classic, "Hit The Road Jack."

- On iPods of some Newark police officers who strictly enforce the city's alcohol and noise regulations, you might encounter Gene Pitney's "Town Without Pity."

- On his way to a committee meeting for the second A Taste of Newark event this fall, you might see Mayor Vance Funk listening to Lesley Gore's '63 classic "It's My Party." (We already know his MP3 player carries Lipps, Inc.'s "Funkytown.")

- Newark City Councilmember Jerry Clifton's iPod surely would contain Whitney Houston's historic version of "The Star Spangled Banner" sung at the 1991 Super Bowl; he works for the Delaware Guard. Clifton, who bowed out of a bid for reelection this spring, then was catapulted back into office by a grass root-write-in campaign, may also listen to "Don't Call Us, We'll Call You" by Sugarloaf featuring Jerry Corbetta.

- In the iPods of those who must spend a lot of time with Clifton you might find Joe Jones' 1961 hit "You Talk Too Much."

- Those working in state government to alleviate the daily congestion on I-95 probably listen to Zaggar and Evans' "In The Year 2525." Everyone needs a goal.

- Jim Baeurle, owner of the Stone Balloon and proponent of the Waterstone condo project on Main Street, may be listening to Paul Simon's "Slip Sliding Away" after downsizing the unit count with hopes to gain council approval.

- I betcha workers on the reservoir listen to Gene McDaniels' great 1961 song "Hundred Pounds of Clay."

- All of us in Newark this week should have two songs on our iPods: Kool and the Gang's "Too Hot" and Jerry Reed's classic, "When You're Hot, You're Hot, When You're Not, You're Not."

- Finally, readers of this column might suggest I add the 1966 song by The Hollies to my MP3 player. The title: "Stop, Stop, Stop."

When not reshuffling his songs as often as his excuses why he can't walk the family dog during the hot weather, the writer is publisher of this three other newspapers headquartered in Newark. Streit has been a community journalist for more than three decades, 13 years in Newark.

2000: New street signs

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"Criminally negligent!" say some residents of Scottfield and Breezewood.

"Seriously endangers the health of Newark residents," says physicist J. Sullivan of Hewlett-Packard, a Scottfield resident.

In spite of these outcries, the New Castle County Board of Adjustments approved Monday night a proposed strong acid and heavy metal waste conversion plant, which is to be located directly over Newark's main aquifer.

The site in question is in Delaware Industrial Park about one-half mile south of Newark off I-95 and only yards behind Scottfield.

Bids started for road

Bidding for construction contracts on the first section of the Newark connector opens next week, according to Perry Smyth of the state's Department of Transportation.

Debated for years, the 1.2 mile connector will eventually connect Elkon Road with South College Avenue.

The first section will not physically contact South College Avenue, however.

Smyth estimates a two-year construction period for the first section of the connector. Actual construction couldn't begin until spring, so the road wouldn't be open to motorists until the spring of 1983.

■ July 21, 2000

New signs a hit

Cruising down Main Street may be a little like traveling back in time since he installment of brand-new street signs at every intersection.

All cross-sections on the Main Street drag from Washington Street all the way to South College Avenue are now decorated with taller and larger, easy to read black signs bearing bright gold lettering and a fancy pineapple embellishment.

Pat Bartling, of the city's office of public works, said the old-time signs date back date back a quarter of a century. We are going back about 25 years or so with this particular design and we picked this style because it fit in nicely with some of the new projects going on on Main Street," said Bartling.

Downtown efforts continue

Some businesses folded, some were in a holding pattern, and some evolved under new owners as Newark entered the second summer under the scrutiny of the Downtown Newark Partnership.

According to assistant city planning director Maureen Roser, Einstein Bagels at 36 E. Main was forced to close its doors because the company is in bankruptcy under Chapter 11.

The vacant Newark Diner and Happy Harry's are still awaiting economically viable plans which can get approval from the city. Adequate parking is an issue at both those locations.

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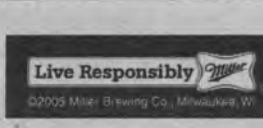
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OUTLOOK

You'll love the state fair

By MARK MANNO

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

THE 86th Delaware State Fair starts July 21 and runs through the 30th, but it's just for farm folks, right? Wrong. The traditional livestock shows, horse events and vegetable exhibits—the staples that make the fair a reflection of America at its best—have changed little over the last 80 some years. What has undergone amazing transformation is the kind of people who now crowd the exhibits and walkways, eager to see what's new.

A little history is probably in order. When the Harrington

Fair (now called the Delaware State Fair) began, farmers and nearby citizens were the primary and usually sole participants. Even today, Harrington is a bit out of the way for New Castle residents. Sixty years ago, it was even more so. Thus, the fair appealed primarily to those who lived closest. Not today. Fair visitors are as likely to live in a two-story colonial in Newark as in a farmhouse in Felton or Milton.

Agricultural technology has fueled the trend. In the last 30 years, advancements in effectiveness and efficiency have decreased the number of people who make their living from production. Nationally, only 2 percent of the population is engaged in production agriculture, and the figure for Delaware is only slightly higher. For some states, this has spelled the death of the traditional state fair, which has been reincarnated as a big carnival. Delaware, however, has weathered this drastic demographic shift without a hitch.

New Castle County 4-H members still show sheep,

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

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Yasik celebrates a century

By MARIBETH HARKINS

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

DURING the past century, a lot has changed, but for one Newark family it is still business as usual. Back in 1905, Stanley S. Yasik established the Yasik Funeral Home across the street from St. Hedwig's Church in Wilmington.

Now located in Newark, this month marks the funeral home's 100-year anniversary. Stanley S. Yasik initially became involved in the funeral business by building cabinetry and caskets; the original hutch is found in the home today.

Joseph Yasik, Stanley's great-grandson, is now the head undertaker. He chose to follow the family business for two reasons: family tradition and the rewards he experiences each day. "The ability to help people during such a difficult and tragic time" is what Yasik says is his calling.

He said that the Yasik Funeral Home separates themselves from the competitors because they are one of the few family-owned

funeral homes left today. They pride themselves by using personal touch and placing emphasis on detail for each service. "We focus on families and nothing else," says Yasik. Being a family business helps those in their grieving process because people remember Stanley and reminisce about the days spent in Wilmington. According to Yasik, "Having a connection with our family helps families heal."

The Yasik's business plan revolves around families; thus, it is always changing. Although they are a small business, they are still able to offer the same services as the larger funeral homes, such as traditional services, cremation, pre-planning, and the ability to customize for loved ones. "We must fulfill individual family's needs to be successful. We realize that everyone is different and customs have changed. For example, cremations used to be taboo, but we now offer mixed traditional services and cremations," says Yasik.

Since this is such a distinct and changing occupation, the Yasik's



Yasik

have run into some unique funeral services.

For example, there have been families who request that the body be sent to a foreign country. The Yasiks then have to go to the

embassy and fill out the necessary paperwork in order for the body to be sent overseas.

Another family had a loved one pass away suddenly who did not want a funeral, so instead of mourning the deceased, the Yasik's held a memorial party. "It was very festive and upbeat," says Yasik. "Although I had never done anything like that before, we have to adapt to every situation. I am always here for the families."

Yasik's main goal in life is to help people, something he learned from his parents, which he believes is one of the things that has helped the business hit 100 years. "My parents were always there for us. They taught me how to forge relationships with people in which they instilled in me as a child," says Yasik. Joe's gift is understanding and helping people go through difficult times with great ease, which makes for an excellent funeral home. The Yasik's dedication shows by providing heartfelt service to families that walk through the doors.

Poetry in motion: Word Dancers head for Albuquerque

It's a first - twice!

WORD Dancing, which sponsors the Tuesday night poetry events at the Newark Arts Alliance, is sending a team to the National Poetry Slam in Albuquerque, N.M., on Aug. 10-13.

This is not only a first for the group, it's the first time Delaware has been represented in team slam competition at the national level.

The team members are Liam Coughlin, Brian Smith, Elizabeth Smith-Boucher, Fran Lazartic, and Matt McDonald. Word Dancing coordinator Beverly Wilkinson will serve as the team's coach.

A \$2,500 opportunity grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts is going a long way toward defraying fees and travel costs. To support other slam-related expenses, the poets are holding a fundraiser on Saturday, July 30, from 7-11 p.m. at the NAA, 100 Elkton Road, in downtown Newark.

The evening includes the NPS Team Showcase, with the poets performing pieces they have prepared for the national event; a

feature performance by Johnathan Brown of South Carolina; a silent auction; and beverages and hors d'oeuvres. The suggested donation is \$5. Community members can also support the team by buying raffle tickets or sending direct donations c/o the NAA.

Word Dancing was known as the Tuesday Night Poetry Reading, Open Mic, and Slam when the Newark-based poets' group began about a decade ago. The group found a home with the Newark Arts Alliance and moved with the organization from the Delaware Avenue site to its current location.

Word Dancing is currently the only group in Delaware certified by Poetry Slam, Inc. The idea of sending a team to the national slam had been floating around for a couple of years. Wilkinson, who represents the poetry group on the NAA Advisory Committee, made a proposal this year, and the NAA agreed to assist with the search for funding.

Terry Foreman, the NAA's chief grant writer, worked with

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The members of the first team from Delaware to compete in the National Poetry Slam are (from left) Liam Coughlin, Brian Smith, Elizabeth Smith-Boucher, Fran Lazartic, and Matt McDonald.

Adopt-a-bike path kicks off

THEY say that imitation is the most sincere form of flattery. If that's true, the adopt-a-highway program should be pretty darn flattered.

The department of transportation announced its newest program -- adopt-a-bike path. Modeled after the original program, which keeps roadways litter-free, the newest creation makes local bike paths its focus.

The concept is the brainchild of Newark's rep. Stephanie Ulbrich.

It gives folks around the state the opportunity to actively support DelDOT's anti-litter efforts by allowing them to adopt a state-

owned and maintained bike path. More than just a clean-up program, it works to educate citizens of all ages about the responsibilities of land stewardship and about bicycling as an alternative form of transportation.

The first group signing up for the program calls Newark home. Chrysler A.M. Consortium is the first adopter to enroll. The company's charge is the bike path along Christina Parkway from Elkton Road to Route 896. Participants agree to care for a designated bike path three times per year (additional cleanups are optional). After each clean up, groups are required to complete

an activity report noting the number of hours it took to complete the cleanup, the number of people participating and the number of bags of trash collected along the path.

"I welcome and encourage Delaware businesses, individuals and organizations to participate in Delaware's Adopt-A-Bike Path Program," said Secretary of Transportation Nathan Hayward. "This is a program that allows everyone to truly impact Delaware's environmental future."

To adopt a path in New Castle County, call 326-4462.

Keep shot records

STAYING up on your dog's shots is important, but it's not the only concern for pet owners. Now, a change in the Newark Police Department's rules requires owners to keep documentation of their pet's rabies vaccination on hand - or risk quarantining their dog.

City rules have always stipulated that a dog reported for biting a person had to be quarantined if their rabies vaccination could not be proved immediately. But in past years, that quarantine could happen in the home. Rules in the city's new contract with the

Kent County SPCA require that dogs must go to either a local veterinary, kennel or to the Kent County SPCA, located in Dover. In addition to the drive to Dover, pet owners will also be saddled with the cost of kenneling their pet.

The Newark Police Department is urging pet owners to keep these new rules in mind and be sure to keep vaccination documentation in the house at all times. If not, it could mean fees, driving time and separation from your pet. For more information, call the Rabies Control Hotline at 744-4545.

Newark sends team to National Poetry Slam

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Word Dancing to draw up a proposal to submit to the Delaware Division of the Arts.

"It was a challenge because the request didn't fall easily into any of the organization's grant categories," Foreman said. "The DDOA worked with us and was very generous, flexible; and supportive."

"It's exciting to help make a first-time-ever event happen,

especially since it's direct support to a literary effort. There's not much of that around," Foreman added. "Word Dancing has just gotten stronger and stronger. There's a slam or featured poet every Tuesday night, and it attracts a crowd - all ages."

The NPS team was selected through a series of special slams. Judges awarded points at each session, and the poets who racked up the highest totals earned a spot on the team.

The NPS is an annual competition that grew out of the slam events, "a gimmick developed in the '90s to get crowded rooms of bar patrons to actually listen to poetry events," according to Wilkinson. Some 80 teams, each with three to five members and each representing a different city in the U.S., Canada, or a European country, will compete to win the title of National Poetry Slam Grand Champion for 2005.

Newark kids show pigs, goats, sheep at fair

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swine, goats, cattle, horses and rabbits just as kids from this end of the state have been doing for over 80 years. While in the past kids raised their own animals on the farm, today's 4-Hers lease them from farmers who are interested in encouraging kids to learn about agriculture. A good example of this is right here in our own backyard.

Newark will be well represented at the fair. 4-Hers Ashley Gouge, Kaitlin Klair and Seth Klair of Newark will be showing

pigs they have raised at nearby farms. Goats will be shown by Brandon Gouge, MacKenzie McCracken and Jackie Testa--all Newark 4-Hers. The 4-H sister and brother duo-Jordan and Jack Reardon--hope the sheep they've been raising all spring and summer will pay off in the show arena. Then there is Ben and Sarah Somers and Tara and Jenna Morris--all Newark kids and 4-Hers--who will be competing with their swine projects.

The fair isn't all about animals, of course. Where else can you watch kids compete in a Lego contest or adults show off their best recipes using that distinctively American concoction, Spam? This year at the Delaware State Fair, 4-H will have more than 6,500 exhibits. So come on down to Harrington and see for yourself. The trip is easy via Route 1. Take a look at the exhibits, and say hi to a Newark neighbor. See you there.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.

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FRIDAY

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EVENING OF ONE ACT PLAYS 8 p.m. Also on July 23. Reedy Point Players will perform. \$5 adults. \$3 children and seniors. Delaware City Community Center, 250 Fifth St., Delaware City. Info., 838-9228.

BINGO 5 p.m. doors open. 6:55 p.m. games begin. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Mill Creek Fire Company sponsoring event. \$20 for 20 games. Mill Creek Fire Company, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy. Info., 998-9685.

PERFORMANCE 7 p.m. Also available July 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, August 5 and 6. Love's Labour Lost will be performed. \$7. Archmere Academy, 3600 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. Info., 764-0113.

TAG AND BAG SALE 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Also on July 23, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. To raise funds for programs and activities. Tables can be rented for \$10. Wilmington Senior Center, 1901 N. Market St. Info., 651-3400.

ART GALLERY 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday. 12 - 4 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. Runs till August 13. NAA Teachers Show. Newark Arts Alliance, 100 Elkton Rd. Info., 266-7266 or visit www.newarkartsalliance.com.

BEEF N' BEER 7 - 11 p.m. Fundraiser for Delaware Federation of Families For Children's Mental Disease. \$25. Delaware Association of Police, 2201 Lancaster Ave., Wilmington. Info., 1-866-994-0000.

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Christopher Gordon, playing jazz and rock, will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.

CELEBRITY KITCHENS 6 - 8:30 p.m. Demonstration titled "Sweet, Sweet Summer." \$65. Celebrity Kitchens, Independence Mall, 1601 Concord Pike, Wilmington. Info., 427-2665 or visit www.celebritykitchens.com.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs through September 5. An exhibit that celebrates a collection of American literature. \$8 adults. \$5 seniors, students, children 6-12. Free for members and children under 6. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

ANIMAL SCULPTURE IN THE FOLK TRADITION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till July 24. An exhibit of folk art and sculptures. \$8 adults. \$5 seniors, students, children 6-12. Free for members and children under 6. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS 8 p.m. Runs through July 23 Thursday through Saturday. Story of love and art set in a college town. \$8. Chapel Street Players, 27 N. Chapel St. Info., 529-9330.

DELAWARE STATE FAIR 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Runs through July 30. Rides, food, animals and entertainment. Open to all. Delaware State Fairgrounds,



RUTHIE FOSTER AT LONGWOOD

Ruthie Foster and her blues, gospel, country and folk music blend will please the ears of listeners at her July 26 concert. Her critics have compared her to giants such as Ella Fitzgerald and Aretha Franklin. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at Longwood Gardens. The performance is included in the cost of admission for the Gardens. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$6 for children. For more information, call 1-610-388-1000.

Route 13, Harrington. Info., 866-335-3247 or visit www.delawarestatefair.com.

SQUARE DANCE 8 - 10:30 p.m. 2x4 Square Dance Club will hold a mainstream level dance. \$6, free to new students. St. Marks United Methodist Church, 1700 Limestone Rd. Info., 738-5382.

SATURDAY

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FLEA MARKET-CAR WASH 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Community Hope of Delaware is having fundraiser. Includes BBQ chicken dinner. Space available for rent. 750 Otts Chapel Rd., Newark. Info., 738-1530.

CAMPFIRE AND SING-ALONG 7 p.m. Enjoy a campfire and fun nature songs and stories. For families with young children. \$4. Under 2 are free. White Clay Creek State Park. Info., 368-6900.

NIGHT CRITTERS 7 p.m. Enjoy a full-moon canoe ride. Observe night scky and nocturnal animals. \$6. Lums Pond State Park, 1068 Howell School Rd., Bear. Info., 836-1724.

GRANDFAMILIES DAY 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Organized for grandparents and other relatives who are raising relatives' children. Free. Asbury United Methodist Church, Basin Road, New Castle. Info., 225-1040.

5K WALK/RUN 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. To benefit Blood Bank of Delaware. Party at Kahunaville will follow race. \$20. Kahunaville, Wilmington Riverfront. Info., 737-8405 or visit www.delmarvablood.org.

CELEBRITY KITCHENS 6 - 8:30 p.m. "Kids Cook With Parents." \$40. \$15 each additional child. Celebrity Kitchens, Independence Mall, 1601 Concord Pike, Wilmington. Info., 427-2665 or visit www.celebritykitchens.com.

COMEDY CABARET 9:30 p.m. Terry Gillespie, Ken Lynch, Andy Nolan and Dave Rose will perform. \$15. Air Transport Command, 143 N. du Pont Highway, New Castle. Info., 652-6873 or visit www.comedycabaret.com.

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

■ SUNDAY, JULY 24

COLLECTIBLES SHOW 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Comics, toys, artwork and much more will be available. \$3. Mill Creek Fire Hall, 3900 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. Info., 559-7962.

■ MONDAY, JULY 25

JUNGLE ADVENTURE 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Runs through July 29. Vacation Bible School. A jungle adventure theme with games, crafts and treats. Grades 4-6 grade. Faith Baptist Church, 4210 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info., 998-4105 or visit www.fbcwilmington.com.

THEATER PRESENTATION 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. "Rumplestiltskin" will be performed by the Summer Children's Theatre. \$4. The Grand Opera House, 818N. Market St., Wilmington. Info., 652-5577 or visit www.grandopera.org.

MASSAGE SERIES 7 p.m. 4-part series runs through August. Bring a towel and learn basic massage techniques to unwind after a stressful day. Pre-registration required. \$20 a couple per session. \$75 a couple for the series. Lums Pond, 1068 Howell School Rd., Bear. Info., 368-6989.

CINDERELLA CAMP 9 a.m. - noon. Runs through July 29. The Mid-Atlantic Ballet will offer half-day camps for children, ages 4-5. Activities

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■ FRIDAY, JULY 22

STRENGTH TRAINING 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays; 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Tues. and Thurs.; 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Wed. and Fri. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ SATURDAY, JULY 23

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. \$5 donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info., 738-1536.

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

POST-POLIO SUPPORT 10 a.m. - noon. Easter Seal Independent Living Center, Reads Way, New Castle. Info., 369-3905 or 764-1714.

WOMAN'S MINISTRY Meeting to unite and share fellowship. Dale United Methodist Church, 143 E. Lake St., Middletown. Info., 378-9744.

■ MONDAY, JULY 25

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Support group spon-

sored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

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, ext. 260.

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

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

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Ave. 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, JULY 26

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MEETINGS

p.m. A support group that meets at Grace Lutheran Church, Graves Road, Newport Gap Pike, Hockessin. Info., 994-3897.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 East 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., 834-4772.

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

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. Free and open

to the public. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Roads, Wilmington. Info., 475-1880.

CANCER SUPPORT 6:30 p.m. 405 Silverside/Carr Executive Center, Wilmington. Info., 733-3900.

ADULTS WITH AD/HD 7:30 p.m. Support group meets at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 737-5063.

UNSCHOOLERS & OTHERS 7 p.m. Parents meet. Group also holds activities for homeschool families. Kirkwood Library. Info., 322-5950.

■ WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

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

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

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

765-9740.

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

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m. Meeting for men who are survivors of and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society Office, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle. Info., 234-4227.

BINGO 12:45 p.m. Lunch available for \$2.50 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ THURSDAY, JULY 28

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

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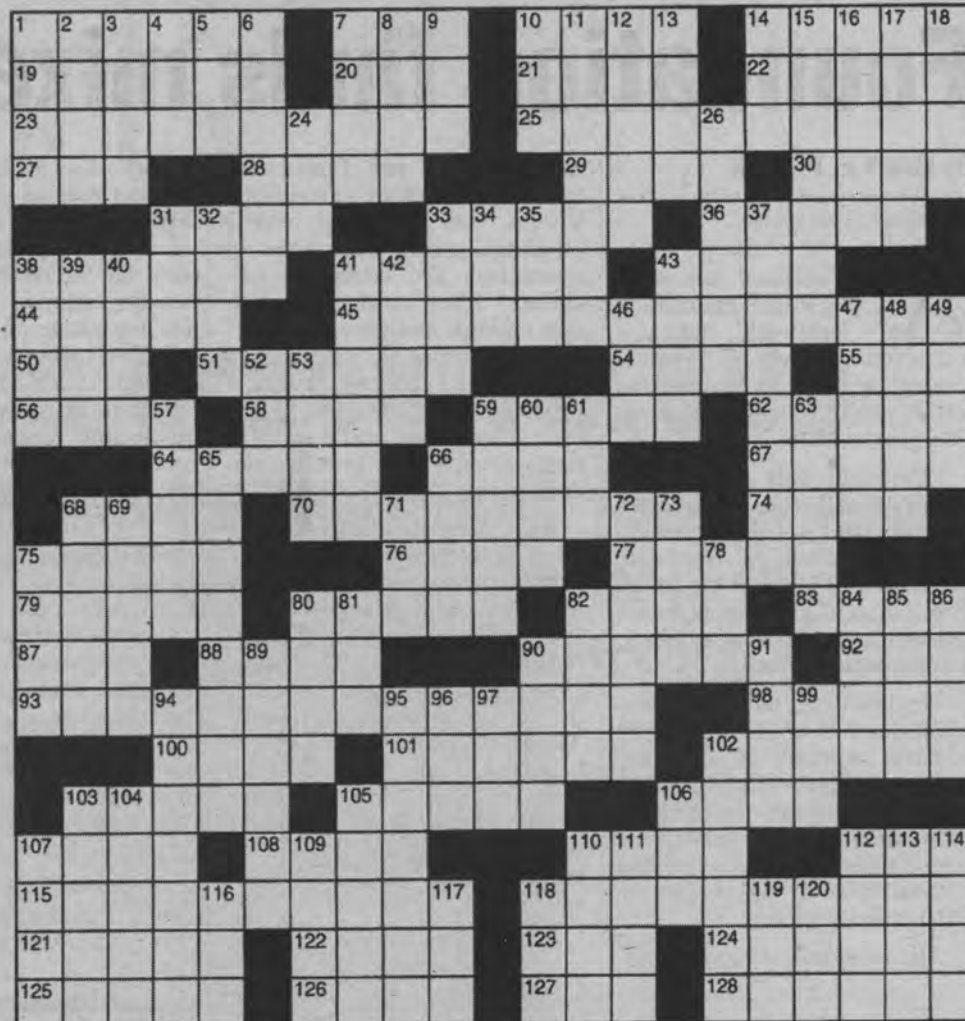
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locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

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.

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include two pre-ballet classes per day, plus costuming, crafts, music and. No previous experience is necessary. \$100. Info., 266-6362.

FISHING FUN Runs till August 22, every other Monday. Learn techniques and ethics of good fishermen, then go into park to find best fishing spots. 16 and older must have fishing license. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 368-6900.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 6:30 - 8 p.m. Series runs through August 31. Libby McDowell Jazz Band will perform. Carpenter Recreation Center, White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 368-6900.

■ TUESDAY, JULY 26

EXHIBITION DEADLINE 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Runs through July 28. Entries for Male Art exhibit must be dropped off in this time period for show taking place Aug. 5 - Sept. 2. \$4 a piece or 3 for \$10 for members. \$6 per piece for non-members. The Elkton Arts Center, 135 E. Main St., Elkton. Info., 410-392-5740.

FOLK CONCERT 7:30 p.m. Ruthie Foster will perform blues, gospel country, and

BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:30 - 10 p.m. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue.

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

NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7 - 8:15 a.m. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue

& Gold Club, Newark. Info., 737-1711 or 737-0724.

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

TOASTMASTERS 7 p.m. Develop

folk music. \$10 adults. \$6 ages 16-20. \$2 ages 6-15. Free under age 6. Conservatory Terrace, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE 7 p.m. Lyle Lovett will be in concert. \$41-45. The Grand Opera House, Wilmington. Info., 652-5577 or visit www.grandoperahouse.org.

■ WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

ASTRONOMY IN THE PARK 8 - 10 p.m. Bring your own equipment or share ours, plus something to sit on and insect repellent. Free. Fair Hill, Appleton Road North Parking Lot. Info., 410-398-4909.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 6:30 - 8 p.m. Series runs through August 31. Adrienne will perform folk-pop music. Carpenter Recreation Center, White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 368-6900.

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

■ THURSDAY, JULY 28

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Anna Christie and the Sisters 3 will perform. No cover charge.

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

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST 8 - 11 a.m. Open to all. \$5 adults. \$2.50 children under 12. Cape Henlopen Senior Center, 11 Christian St., Rehoboth Beach. Info., 227-2055.

MUSIC ON MAIN IN ELKTON 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Runs till September 15. The Larry Tucker Band will perform R&B music. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a evening of great entertainment. Food available. Elkton Chamber and Alliance, Main and North Streets, Elkton. Info., 410-398-5076.

MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE 8:30 p.m. The Brandywinners will a large scale musical production. \$25. Open Air Theater, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

BOATING SAFETY COURSE 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. DNREC-approved course is an 8-hour class. \$30. Registration required. Smyrna Rest Area, Route 13. Info., 654-7786.

BACKYARD HABITAT SERIES 1 p.m. Learn how to transform your backyard into a wildlife haven for birds, insects and animals. \$3. Registration required. Lums Pond, 1068 Howell School Rd., Bear. Info., 368-6989.

potential and overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Check info desk for room location. Union Hospital, 106 Bow St. Info., 443-553-5358.

BRIGHT FUTURES 1 p.m. Breast can-

cer support group. Medical Arts Pavilion 2, Christiana Hospital. Info., 733-3900.

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7 p.m. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. Info., 994-2869.

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Foundation finds mixed progress in state

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A report released this week by the Rodel Foundation indicates a "mixed picture" on progress toward the goal of making the state's public school system the finest in the nation by 2012.

"Currently, only one in three Delaware high school graduates is ready for a college education," said Paul A. Herdman, president and CEO of the Rodel Foundation. "The percentages are much lower for African-American and Hispanic students."

Herdman said the report forecasts a shortfall of 115,000 highly educated workers in the labor force by 2010. "Currently 61 percent of the jobs available in Delaware require at least some postsecondary education and that will increase to 66 percent in 2010," Herdman said.

The independent report, com-

missioned by the Foundation to assess Delaware's education system, was developed over a 10-month period by a team of researchers and education specialists. "They conducted extensive national and state research," said Herdman, "interviewed more than 80 educators, business people, government officials and civic leaders, and held a series of focus groups with parents, students and teachers."

Herdman noted that in the last 10 years, Delaware has improved elementary reading scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) faster than any other state. However, performance slips in the middle and high school years. "Students also begin to drop out of school at rates that are far too high. Making our graduation rate the 39th in the nation," Herdman said. "We need to do more to create a culture of success in our schools."

Among the conditions the

report cites for change is attracting and keeping the best teachers. "We rank 27th on a national index of teacher quality despite the fact that we have relatively high teacher salaries and the highest percentage of National-Board certified teachers in the region," Herdman said. "[One problem is] more than two-thirds are not hired until August of the school year, which limits our ability to compete [for the best] with other states that hire in the spring."

The report also points to an opportunity to increase the talented leadership in schools and many superintendents and principals approach retirement age. "Today, as our student population becomes increasingly diverse, the vast majority of our district and school-level leadership does not reflect this shift," Herdman said. "Delaware could set the standard for the nation, if we get it right."

Sound data and high standards also are essential for school progress. "Our system of standards

is ranked 12 best in the nation," Herdman said. "But the state standards would be strengthened by more specificity and a better framework for the last two years of high school."

In the area of finances, the report notes it is difficult to evaluate which investments are adequate or working in the state's schools. "The unit count system that links staff to student enrollment does not allow school principals the flexibility to allocate resources to their greatest needs," Herdman said. "And given the rapid development in the past 20 years, many believe it is time for a property reassessment."

Delaware ranks third in the nation in the percentage of students in charter schools and School Choice has long been available. But the Foundation believes parents could have more and better choices. "The opportunity to establish new schools is underutilized," said Herdman. "Many existing charters have

waiting lists and many parents do not fully know about all the options available."

Finally, Herdman notes that Delaware appears to have the same challenges facing other states when it comes to community engagement in public education.

"Parent engagement declines after elementary school," Herdman said. "We need better data to measure the level and variety of participation, and we need to involve other community members in supporting students."

The Foundation plans to host public forums with other organizations to gather input and generate solutions. "We will work with a cross-section of education, business, grassroots and government leaders to create a collaborative Call to Action that presents clear solutions on how we can prepare our young people to excel in the worlds of work and college," Herdman said.

Newark carpenter takes first place

Bill Janes, of Newark, a 2005 carpentry graduate of the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Media, Pa., took first place in the recent

SkillsUSA national championship in Kansas City, Mo.

He competed in the post-secondary carpentry category.

State funds additional math teachers

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exceeding the standard in both subjects. "One point is not super-significant," Woodruff said, "but I would prefer to see an up trend."

The district-wide scores in reading for Christina's Grade 10 went up four points to 67.6 percent of students meeting or exceeding the standard. And math scores barely moved with 42.1 percent of Christina 10th graders meeting or exceeding the standards — a quarter percentage point increase over 2004.

Scoring for Delaware stu-

dents in the writing section of the 2005 DSTP is all over the board. "Because there are only two questions on this section and they are different each year, you see more fluctuations," Woodruff said. "And you see more fluctuations in third grade which is all new students each year."

This year, the percentages of students meeting or exceeding the standard in writing went down in Grades 5-8-10. Grade 3 saw a whopping 17-percentage-point increase for students statewide.

"We're now seeing schools saying they want kids to be able to write well no matter what the

subject," said Woodruff. "That's something we're pleased with."

Christina appears to be onboard with this trend. Grades 5-8-10 all had small increases in the number meeting the state writing standards; but the score for Grade 3 zoomed up 23.5 percentage points to 83.5 percent of the district's students meeting or exceeding the writing stand in 2005.

Woodruff said that fewer Delaware students are well below the standards at all grade levels in reading. In mathematics, Grades 8 and 10 still have 20 percent or more of students well below the standards. "That's pretty significant," Woodruff said, "they each have a good number (13 percent each) at the Distinguished level in math."

Woodruff noted that the Delaware Legislature approved 22 math specialists in middle schools for the funding year 2006. "They will go to the districts with the lowest scores in the 2004 DSTP," she said. And the governor is working to expand that to more schools in the next funding year."

An accidental change turned out to be a benefit. "We added some color to the state tests this year," Woodruff said. "We thought it might be a distraction, but we got a lot of e-mails from parents saying that their kids like the color because it's less boring."

■ Next week: A closer look at the scores in Christina District schools.

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Hens will keep getting large crowds

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Delaware football is as healthy as it ever was.

The Blue Hens should once again be one of the top teams in the Atlantic-10 and among the best in the country. And fans of Delaware football have recognized that.

Once again this year, they are sucking up large amounts of tickets before the season even gets here.

As of last week, over 10,600 season tickets have been sold. It's a good bet that number will continue to increase as the kickoff to the 2005 season approaches.



Valania

Coach K.C. Keeler has had an amazing first three years at the helm of the program.

He has more than continued the success that Dave Nelson and Tubby Raymond started before him.

Yes, it's early. But I wouldn't bet against anything but continued success for this football program under Keeler. He's a proven winner and has a great university, great football program and great tradition to sell.

When you size Delaware up against any other I-AA school (and some I-A programs as well), it looks pretty impressive. Any player that is thinking of the Villanovas, James Madisons and William & Marys of the world, will surely consider Delaware.

The school matches up with them all in almost every way possible.

It's not surprising that the Hens are expected to be good again. It's also not surprising that local fans are eager to see if this team can make another run at a national championship.

Ticket sales crack 10,600



Hens on track for another record season

Last year, more than 125,000 True Blue fans of Delaware football passed through the turnstiles at Delaware Stadium to watch the Fightin' Blue Hens go 9-4, enroute to a second straight Atlantic 10 Conference championship and NCAA I-AA Tournament appearance.

Attendance for the five regular-season home games averaged 22,324 per game, and season ticket sales topped the 10,000 mark for the first time in UD football history.

All this translates into an increased demand for 2005 season tickets, which already have reached 10,600 as of July 12.

With seven home games slated for 2005, including Lehigh, West Chester, Holy Cross, Hofstra, Richmond, James Madison and Massachusetts, Tubby Raymond Field is the place to be for Fightin' Blue Hen football fans, friends and supporters.

The UD football team will return a strong nucleus from the 2004 Atlantic 10 Conference co-champions, including a large contingent of skilled offensive players led by senior quarterback Sonny Riccio, sophomore running back sensation Omar Cuff and senior wide receivers David Boler and Brian Ingram. Heading the defense will be All-American defensive tackle Buck Buchanan, National Defensive Player of the Year candidate Tom Parks, veteran linebacker John Mulhern and senior co-captain Roger Brown at cornerback.

The season kicks off at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, against Lehigh University.

Season-ticket packages are available at the Delaware Field House season ticket office, or by calling (302) 831-2257. Season-ticket packages range from \$84-\$175. UD employees can pay through payroll deduction.

Season-ticket holders are winners because:

- They save money (\$1 each game);
- They don't have to wait in ticket office lines;

Delaware quarterback Sonny Riccio hopes to lead the Blue Hens back to the NCAA playoffs this year.

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SUBURBAN SWIM LEAGUE RESULTS

DE Bluefish: 349 Oaklands: 269
 Triple Winners: DE Bluefish: Mark Nelson, S. Demers, E. Hamlin, M. Hamlin, N. Osman, C. Simmons, E. Witman, S. Wollaston; Oaklands: M. Lang, D. DiCarlo, G. Carter, J. Fosselman, C. Tuozzolo, C. Hegedus, B. McCartney Double Winners: DE Bluefish: B. Hughes, B. Moyer, C. Sparks, K. Abbott, R. Binder-Mcleod, L. Dignan, L. Hayman, D. Libert, S. Ringler, M. Tamminen; Oaklands: S. Harper, C. Harper, M. Miller, E. Sawka, A. Giakis, Z. Miller

DRUMMOND HILL 300, NOTTINGHAM GREEN 300 (TIE)

Triple Winners:
 Nottingham Green: Elizabeth Garver
 Drummond Hill: John McKeever

Double Winners:
 Nottingham Green: M. Steeves,
 Heather Fahey, Anna Windle, Caroline Davis, Balin Morrison, Jay Perry,

Grant Otto
 Drummond Hill: Amelia Kruse, Brian Batson, Mike Faccenda, Zach Lee, Sean McClory

Yorklyn 8 Sherwood Park 2

Triples winners Y: A. Diaz, K. Mcshane, Shannon Foreman, Stephan Swift, K. Smith and Brandon Wollaston

Triple winners: Sherwood Park: Emily Smathers, Shane Brinker, Craig Deputy, Brittany Rehig

Double winners: Y: C. Rurak, E. Dougherty, N. Rinschler, Sydney Foreman, Sarah Dryer, Paige Jornlin, Mary Shorey, K. Saltow, J. Malin, E. Dryer, Mark and Mike Aboff

Sherwood Park: Alexis Annone, Jen markow, Ashley Rehrig, Spencer Connell, Mike Crumlish, Corey Foy, Jeremy Hatkevich, Daniel Kraitler, Michael Roman, Chris Sepelyak and Jack Smathers.

July 9: Yorklyn 6 Drummond Hill 4
 Triple Winners Y: Brittany Austin, Alicia Diez, Paige Jornlin, Shannon Foreman, Evan Dryer, Gary Rotsch, Ryan Hartly, Stephen Swift, Devon Shorey
 Drummond Hill: Jamie Short, Amelia Kruse, Zach Lee, Bob Sowden, and Brian Batson
 Double Winners: Y Katherine Mcshane, Kelly Sowtow, Matthew Jornlin, Ryan Malin, Michael Rutz, Henry Kershaw, Scott Jornlin
 Drummond Hill: Megan Batson, Sarah Campbell, Grace Cochran, Marilyn Cole, Elizabeth DeMatteis, Jackie Thompson, Victoria Kruse, Jenny Short, Jeff Park, Mike Faccenda

July 16: Yorklyn 7.5 Oakwood Valley 2.5

Triple Winners Y: Sydney Foreman, A. Diaz, Ryan Malin
 Oakwood Valley: Seth Klair
 Double: Y: Shannon Foreman, Sarah Dryer, K. Mcshane, B. Austin, Greg Rotsch, J. Allender, A. Smith, Scott Jornlin, K. Smith, S. Swift
 Oakwood Valley: Colleen Hulsman, Maria Norris, Megan Owens, Lindsay Stillwell, Willis Wagner, Dan Miller+

Arundal 161 vs Glasgow Pines 132

Triple winner: S. Seifred, C. McHale
 Glasgow Pines: Charlotte Betley

Double winner: Arundel, B. Bachatta, N. Strusouski, M. Perez, R. Bachetta.
 Glasgow pines: Jule Roselli, E. Wohner, Jennifer Shellenberger, Ron Wilson, Ryan Krapf

SCCY 363, Persimmon Creek 276

Home Team-SCCY

Double Winners:

M. Kleespies, B. Betty, M. Casale H. Litchfield, J. Bachman, Rebecca Haegele, Zack Mathews, Nick Manocchio, M. Barboun, Hunter Clark, A. Blyskal, M. Brinton, R. Hausler

Triple Winners

Ciera Runge, Kaci McIlmoyle, Kayla Weisenbach, Jordan Carey, Juston Carey, James Wilson

Visiting Team-Persimmon Creek

Double Winners:

Andrea Grube, A. Horney, J. Brooks, S. Crawford, M. D'Aguiar, T. MacEwen, L. Onisk, C. Shin, J. Shin, C. Young

Triple Winners:

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Blue Hen season football tickets still on sale

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- They have the first opportunity to purchase their regular seats for playoffs;
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- They can order tickets for home and away games without any extra per-ticket charges.

Award-winning media guides,

offering a wide variety of information on UD players, coaches and traditions, as well as facts on opposing coaches and schools, are available in the season ticket office in the Delaware Field House for \$15.

Single game tickets will be available beginning Monday, Aug. 1, at the Bob Carpenter Sports/Convocation Center box office, which will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mondays through

Fridays.

Single tickets also are available, starting Aug. 1, through TicketMaster, by calling (302) 984-2000 or by ordering online at [www.ticketmaster.com]. A convenience charge may apply.

Tickets cost \$18 for general seating in the east and west stands, \$13 in the north end zone and \$6 for children 17 and under.

Hen House and Bird Feeder

An interactive area for kids at Delaware Stadium, the Hen House offers inflatable games, jugglers, arts and crafts and special visits by the UD cheerleaders and everyone's favorite mascot, YoUDee. The Hen House opens two hours before kickoff and closes at game time.

Nearby, designed for children, are cutouts of cheerleaders, YoUDee and a friend and Coach Keeler and a player. Kids can put their faces through the cutouts and have their parents take photos of them. The Bird Feeder, also in this location, is restricted to patrons over 24 inches and under 48 inches tall. The menu items are sized for the junior palate and all prices are under \$1 per item.

Group ticket information

Groups can enjoy Delaware football at a discounted rate. For groups of 20 or more, admission is \$15 per ticket for grandstand seats and \$10 per ticket in north end zone. Special hospitality opportunities also are available for groups.

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Health on state reps' minds

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cine go down, and this time, an improved EzPass lane is sweetening the deal. Legislators have wrangled the funding for a wider, high speed EzPass lane.

"The idea is to have cars moving at highway speed," Amick said. "It will help get a lot more people through there."

Health seemed to be a major issue for elected officials.

Rep. Maier sponsored HB108, which would eliminate mercury from children's vaccines. Sen. Liane Sorenson sponsored a bill that would require doctors who write prescriptions to do in legible handwriting, to prevent a pharmacist's error. Rep. Joseph Miro sponsored legislation that will allow a pharmacist to label a prescription's use right on the bottle, if requested by a patient. "This would let a family member know how the prescription is supposed to be used," Miro said. "If you ask the patient, he may say, 'I take the white pill in

the mornings and the yellow one in the afternoon.' That doesn't help. This will clear that up for caregivers."

Each of the four pieces of legislation have passed both chambers.

In all, the local elected officials proposed nearly 70 pieces of legislation, and cosigned dozens more. While they were only able to address a few issues, residents brought up others that affect the community. Full-day Kindergarten, solar energy credit and increasing utilities to certain areas were some of the hot buttons.

Legislators encouraged residents to continue with their causes, especially by writing letters.

"On a large majority of legislation, we get no calls or emails," Amick said. "One call can change our views a lot. We have a formula that says if we get one call, there are 50 other people out there who have thought about calling, but didn't do it. You have no idea how much a call can have

an effect."

The tally

This is a quick overview of who speaks for Newark in the state's General Assembly.

The count of bills sponsored by Newark-area legislators:

Rep. Maier District 21, the area north of Newark, including most of Capitol Trail (sponsored 23 bills, cosponsored 21)

Rep. Miro District 22, the area northwest of Newark, including the area known as The Wedge (sponsored 12 bills, cosponsored 21)

Rep. Stephanie Ulbrich District 25 (sponsored 11 bills, cosponsored 22)

Sen. Sorenson Senate Minority Whip, District 6 (sponsored 9 bills, co sponsored 40)

Sen. Amick District 10 (sponsored 5 bills, co sponsored 15)

Rep. Teresa Schooley District 23, which covers most of the western half of Newark (sponsored 3 bills, cosponsored 26 bills)

Web-stored data under 'tight security'

► REPORTS, from 1

members."

Hegedus and Rawles said the report cards have been corrected and new ones started going out on July 13. "We focused on the seniors first because this affects transcripts for those going to college," said Rawles. "We still have to do juniors and so forth."

Rawles has spent the past year finding and correcting kinks in the new system. "On last year's master schedule, the courses weren't weighted properly," Rawles said, "so the credit-point calculations were incorrect."

There were also some "training issues" with teachers and administrators learning to use the system. "There were inputting errors and the grade book package used by the teachers in high school did not interface properly with eSchool," explained Rawles. "The real difficulty was sorting through and identifying the mistakes so we could fix all the little

things that caused problems."

In the coming year, Rawles said they intend to separate the grade and attendance data that contributed to inaccurate reports. "I'm responsible for getting all this cleaned up," Rawles said, "so we can eliminate these problems next year."

Using eSchoolPLUS, data can be entered, stored and manipulated to produce a wide variety of educational materials. Reports, presentations and analyses of data can be downloaded directly from the web site at any time.

Rawles said the web-stored information is under "pretty tight" security with limited access. "Eventually we will give parents access to their child's information, but not yet," he said. "And this will make it easier to get student information and reports from other districts - that's more difficult now than people realize. We'll be able to go to the web site and just print them out."

Restaurants offers variety of brews, downtown merchants plan specials

► FEST, from 3

End Café;

■ Pittsburgh's Penn Brewery at Grotto Pizza;

■ Vermont's Magic Hat and New York's Matt Brewing Company at Home Grown;

■ Ommegang, from New York, and Victory from Pennsylvania, at Iron Hill;

■ Dock Street from Bala Cynwyd and Boston Beer Co. from Boston at Klondike Kate's;

■ New Jersey's Flying Fish Brewing Company and Washington's Redhook Ale at Shaggy's;

■ Pennsylvania's Yuengling at Timothys; and

■ Yard's Brewing Company at The Trap.

Each restaurant has a different plan for the day. Many offer a tapas-styled menu, food and drink specials and beer tastings.

"Different restaurants are doing a bunch of different things," said Maureen Feeney Roser, administrator of the Downtown Newark Partnership. "In addition to all of that, merchants are doing sidewalk sales and artists will do chalk art along the street, so that will make walking from restaurant to restaurant interesting."

Show your stuff

While at the Food and Brew Festival, show off a little beer knowledge. Here's some trivial trivia to fill your head:

■ A Heifeweisen is a wheat beer. It is usually light in color, and cloudy as it is typically unfiltered.

■ A lager is fermented cold. Porters and stouts are made from roasted malts and usually have a high alcohol content.

■ A Pilsner is made mostly from hops, and hails from the Czech Republic. This beer, which looks like a lager, has its own glass - the pilsner glass.

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While their parents learn about the steps needed to get into college, students will be engaged in an SAT Essay seminar. The seminar will feature a practice essay run under timed conditions that simulate the actual testing environment.

The seminars will be held concurrently on Monday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. in Kaplan's new Newark Center.



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On Campus

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August exhibits open to public

SUMMER is a good time for Newark residents to enjoy exhibitions on the University of Delaware campus. Few students are present and parking is plentiful. Newarkers are invited to visit the following:

Through Aug. 19:
"Abstract and All That," featuring selections from the Paul R. Jones Collection, includes works by Ellen Banks, Camille Billups, Alonzo Davis, Michael Ellison and Paul Gary. Other artists include Sam Gilliam, Earl Hooks, Evangeline Montgomery, Hayward Oubre and Leo Twiggs. Mechanical Hall Galleries, adjacent to Old College, Main Street and North College Avenue, Newark. Summer hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays; 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays; closed Sundays. For more information, call 831-8037.

Through Aug. 19:
"Vietnam in Their Own Words," an exhibit highlighting personal narratives and works of nonfiction, fiction, poetry and plays by American, Vietnamese, French and Australian writers who were stationed in Vietnam during the Vietnam War, will be on display during normal hours in the Information Room of the Morris Library, on the South Green of UD's Newark campus. For more information, call 831-2231.

Acid rain talk set July 21 in Lewes

Joseph Scudlark, research scientist in the University of Delaware's College of Marine Studies, will give an overview of the status and issues surrounding acid rain in Delaware at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 21, in Room 104, Cannon Laboratory, at 700 Pilottown Road, Lewes.

The presentation, "Acid Rain: Are We Winning the War?" is part of the Ocean Currents Lecture Series.

While the lecture is free and open to the public, seating is limited. To reserve, call 302-645-4279.

UD sets new protocols to prevent identity theft

THE names and Social Security Numbers of 343 students in the Department of Communication at the University of Delaware were included in password-protected information contained on a computer stolen from the department offices in Pearson Hall.

In all, three computers were stolen in the early morning hours of Friday, Dec. 3, from the department's offices.

When it was brought to the attention of the department chairperson, Elizabeth M. Perse, that one of the computers contained students' personal information,

she wrote to all the students involved, notifying them of the theft and urging them to make themselves aware of information on identity theft contained on three governmental web sites.

"As soon as I found out in June there was a potential for identity theft, I contacted the students involved," Perse said.

"While it is possible that the information may lead to identity theft in the hands of an unauthorized person or persons," she said, "the office continues to believe that the computers were taken for their hardware value, and not for the data on them."

Perse said there were two levels of security protecting the data set: one password to log onto the computer and another to open the database.

UD Police continue to investigate the theft, according to Jim Flatley, interim director of public safety, but to date, there are no leads in the case.

Susan Foster, vice president for information technologies, said the department's delay between the theft in December and the notice to students in June is unfortunate.

"The theft of the computers was reported immediately

to University Police," she said. "However, contrary to UD policy, personal information had been recorded on one of them and that fact did not become known until recently."

"University personnel are better equipped today to deal with identity theft and related issues than they were even a few months ago," Foster said.

"The University has recently adopted protocols that will both provide greater security for personal information and ensure rapid notice of any event that may

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UD system monitors regional weather

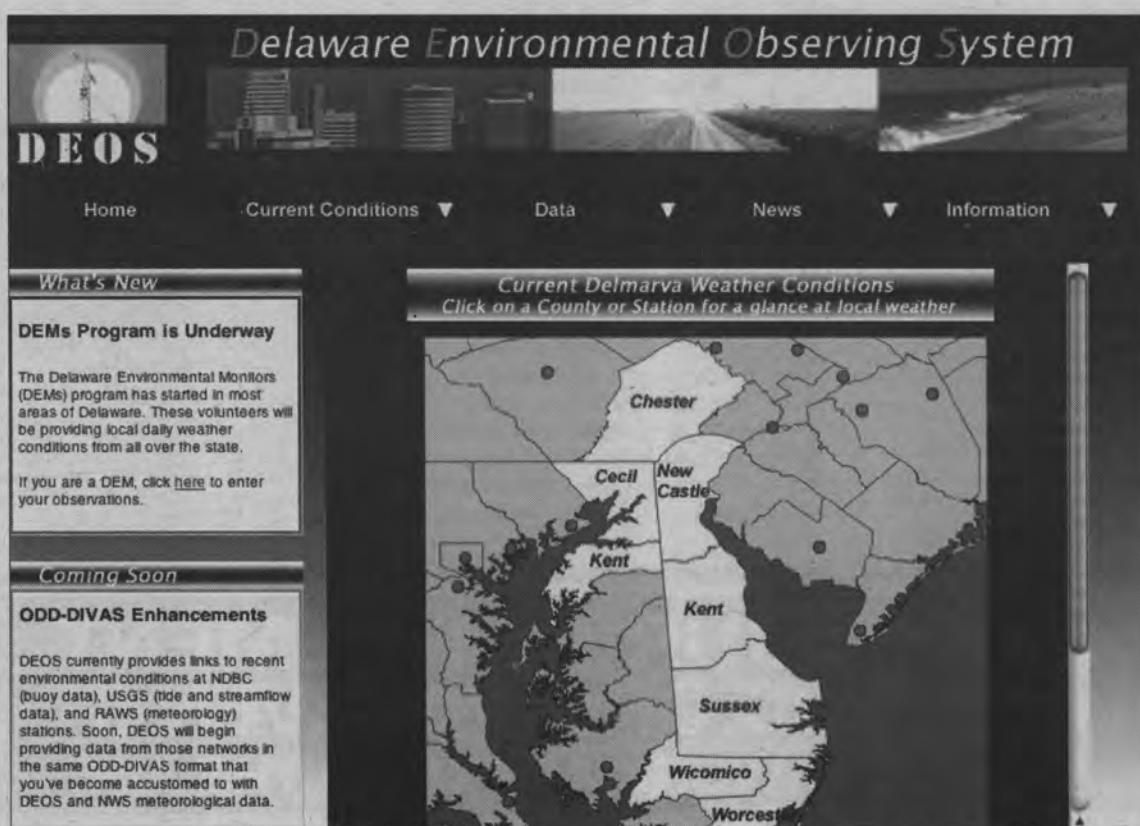
THE University of Delaware's Department of Geography has developed a web site that is sure to brighten the lives of true weather enthusiasts on campus and throughout the region.

The Delaware Environmental Observing System (DEOS), which can be found at [www.deos.udel.edu], is a real-time monitoring system for the entire state that provides a wealth of information on temperature, rainfall, stream levels and tides. It features colorful charts and reams of data presented in ways that are easy to use and understand.

DEOS is managed by UD's Daniel J. Leathers, department chairperson and state climatologist, and David R. Legates, associate professor of geography and associate state climatologist.

They described DEOS as a tool for decision-makers involved with emergency management, natural resource monitoring, transportation and other activities throughout the state and the surrounding region. Two of the biggest users are the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and, especially during potentially dangerous weather events, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA).

The solar-powered DEOS observation stations include wind monitors, pyranometers to measure solar radiation, wetness sensors, relative humidity and soil temperature probes and rain



gauges.

Impetus for DEOS came after Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and increased interest was generated in the wake of the severe flooding in Glenville, Del., brought on by the remnants of Tropical Storm Henri in 2003. From these events, it became apparent there was a need for better information and earlier warning of high waters rushing down northern

Delaware's streambeds.

It also became apparent the state needed a network of weather stations instead of the single one on which it relied at the New Castle County Airport near New Castle, given the wide variety of weather conditions across the state's three counties. "We realized that we really needed a monitoring network across the state to monitor meteorological

and environmental conditions," Leathers said.

Leathers said data on the site is updated every five minutes. Viewers can click on the map of the region to get information boxes that provide them pertinent data. Eventually, they hope to break the map into 2-kilometer by 2-kilometer boxes for more detailed information and analysis.

Putting Newark, Del., on the map

QUANTUM Leap Innovations Inc., a cutting-edge software research and development firm located in the Delaware Technology Park in Newark with close ties to the University of Delaware, has been awarded an important contract by the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory to create, develop, demonstrate and evaluate an intelligence-sharing system designed to better anticipate and preempt

potential terrorist threats.

The contract was announced recently by Delaware's Congressional delegation, which said the system will enable government agencies to more quickly and efficiently share sensitive information, allowing for faster decision-making based on better data in matters of national security.

The Quantum Leap project

team will collaborate with leading scientists, technologists, software engineers and developers from across the country and in a variety of technical fields.

Quantum Leap Innovations was founded in 1999 by Joseph B. Elad, president and chief executive officer, and Apperson H. Johnson, chief science officer.

Both studied at UD, where Elad received a master's degree in chemical engineering and also studied computer science and Johnson received a master's degree in computer science.

The Delaware Technology Park is located adjacent to the UD campus and houses the University's Delaware Biotechnology Center.

Today, Elad said, Quantum Leap is doing the unthinkable and bringing in talent from all over the country. "We have scientists and executives moving from Silicon Valley to Newark," he said.

The new contract is one of many competitive contracts the



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These officials at Quantum Leap Innovations Inc., a cutting-edge software research and development firm in Newark, will create an intelligence-sharing system designed to better anticipate and preempt potential terrorist threats.

company has been awarded. "We are winning a lot of other competitive contracts, as well," Elad said. "We are competing with the best in the world, and we are winning against the best because

we are becoming one of the best. We are putting Newark, Del., on the map in advanced computer software and that is very exciting for me personally."

New procedures in place

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have compromised that security," she said.

"The world is becoming increasingly sensitive to the issue of identity theft," she said, "which has become an issue because of the rapid development of information technology and the growing threat from people sophisticated in technology who have learned the value of certain data.

In September 2004, the Office of Information Technologies launched a campaign to help campus departments protect sensitive personal non-public information (PNPI) such as Social Security and credit card numbers. Through an online survey, they collected information about PNPI use and began assisting departments to develop more secure business processes.

Information Technologies has released a new set of guidelines [www.udel.edu/ssn/guid.html] aimed at helping departments secure PNPI and make sure they are in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as well as other laws that govern the use of PNPI.

The guidelines direct departments to ensure the privacy of PNPI by encrypting electronic transmissions, not storing PNPI locally, and protecting PNPI when working from home or outside the University.

Information Technologies has also assembled a team of staff members who are available to visit University offices to evaluate the processes for handling PNPI and to discuss measures that will help protect computer systems and sensitive information.

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NEWARK POST ❖ POLICE BLOTTER

▶ BLOTTER, from 2

Country Club Drive. Ronald Maccari, 43, was charged with offensive touching, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 20 and released on \$250 bond, police said. A number of firearms and ammunition were seized for storage by the Newark police. The victim was not injured.

■ **Purse gone:** A 22-year-old Pennsville, N.J., woman told Newark police on Saturday, July

16, at 11:29 p.m., that someone stole her purse and wallet from a stool inside Grotto Pizza, 45 E. Main St.

■ **Thefts:** Two fishing rods were stolen and a garden hose was sliced in the unit block Plymouth Drive, police were told on Saturday, July 16, at 7:57 a.m.

■ **Restitution:** The parking gate of a lot off Center Street was damaged about 1 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, at 1 a.m. Police were able to track a suspect who,

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Weekly traffic report

STATISTICS FOR JULY 3-9, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Moving	1897	1996	77	108
Non-moving	1402	1381	58	93
Total	3299	3377	135	201

PARKING SUMMONSES	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Meter tickets	23825	21007	319	310
Parking summonses	4652	5211	70	29
Total	38477	26218	389	339

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Fatal	1	1	0	0
Personal injury	139	154	5	7
Property damage (reportable)	291	238	5	13
Property damage (non-reportable)	289	286	11	11
Total	720	679	21	31
Hit-and-run reports	182	110	2	7
DUI cases	88	87	3	9

when contacted by police, agreed to make restitution.

■ **Assault:** A 19-year-old man told police he was assaulted by two men while he was "hanging out" on the parking lot of Lumbrook Park, 100 Woodlawn Ave., on Friday, July 15, at 9:39 p.m.

■ **\$700 damage:** Intruders caused an estimated \$700 damage to a vacate apartment at 27A Duke St., police were told on Friday, July 15, at 9:32 a.m.

■ **Burglary:** The offices of a business at 136 Sandy Dr. were

ransacked by intruders and a VCR stolen, police learned on Thursday, July 14, at 11:56 p.m.

■ **Domestic:** Police investigated a domestic incident that took place at the Park and Ride lot, 1 E. Chestnut Hill Road, on Thursday, July 14, at 8:10 p.m.

■ **Theft:** A 16-year-old Wilmington girl was charged with shoplifting items at Pathmark, 100 College Square, on Thursday, July 14, at 5:30 p.m. The girl was released to the custody of her mother.

■ **Repeat:** Vandals put Super

Glue in the lock of a business in the 100 block East Main Street, police reported on Thursday, July 14, at 9:23 a.m. It was the fourth such incident in one week.

■ **Gone:** Clothing valued at more than \$5,000 was reported stolen on Wednesday, July 13, at 5:12 p.m., from a unit at the Ivy Hall apartments, 400 Wollaston Ave., while the owner was out of town.

Vehicles hit

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

19 Country Club Dr., Woodmont Garden parking lot, police on Saturday, July 16, at 7:58 p.m., two tires of 1996 Audi were slashed;

69 E. Main St., police on Saturday, July 16, at 1:21 p.m., a man reported his 1996 Oldsmobile stolen from where he parked. Police recovered the car nearby on Choate Street, there were no signs of damage, the vehicle was locked and was parked in a designated spot; and

Parking lot outside 400 Wollaston Ave., on Friday, July 15, at 10:14 p.m., rear window of 2000 Ford F-150 pickup truck shattered.

Alcohol, noise law violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws during the Dog Days of Summer. Some of the recent arrests include:

Amber L. Cole, 20, of Frederica, underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, July 17, at 4:44 p.m., at Paper Mill and Creekview roads, after police discovered a woman laying on the ground and unresponsive, the victim was transported by the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company ambulance to Christiana Hospital for treatment;

William Dudziak, 30, of Newark, maintaining a disorderly premise, police on Saturday, July 16, at 2:33 a.m., at 17 New London Road;

Jesus Ruvalcava, 21, of Newark, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, July 15, at 7:43 p.m., in the unit block Madison Drive;

Patrick Genau, 19, of Newark, underage consumption of alcohol, on Friday, July 15, at 3:38 a.m., after a man was discovered lying in the roadway at South Chapel Street and Lovett Avenue; and

Michael J. Crosby Jr., 20, of Newark, underage possession of alcohol and underage entry into a liquor store, on Wednesday, July 13, at 3:11 p.m., 230 E. Main St.

Police said all defendants were released pending court appearances.

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Council's decision on Waterstone will mark a milestone in the history of Newark. Either the property will remain a nightclub, or it will be transformed into residences with a mix of retail and office uses. That's exactly what Newark's Comprehensive Plan has prescribed for the future of Main Street. How would you vote?



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NEWARK POST ♦ OBITUARIES

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

Catherine A. Beck

Catherine A. Beck, 82, of Newark, died Saturday, July 9, 2005.

Born in Somerset, Pa. on Jan. 19, 1923, Mrs. Beck was the daughter of the late Clifford Beck and Cora Inks Beck. She worked as a professional nurse's aide at Eldercare in Wilmington for 15 years until her retirement in 1988.

She is survived by three children, John Andre Walshinsky, of Texas, Praserta H. Sanchez, of

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

Catherine A. Beck
Sarah Downey
Lottie M. Hylinski
Alice Landau
Agnes Strobel
Nora Williams
Albin Showstead
Ann W. Chalmers
Dora Pacheco

Ann W. Chalmers, 94, teacher for four decades

NEWARK resident Ann W. Chalmers, 94, died on Wednesday, July 13, 2005.

Miss Chalmers was born in Newark on Jan. 6, 1911, daughter of the late David and Mary Chalmers.

A 1928 graduate of Newark High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Temple University in 1932 and began her teaching career in the Newark Special School District.

She continued her studies while teaching and received her master's degree from the University of Delaware in 1940.

A member of both the NEA and DSEA, she was honored as an outstanding teacher and was inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma, an honor society for female educators.

She retired in 1971 after 40 years of service.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of

Newark, where she served as a deacon and taught Sunday School.

She was also a Girl Scout leader and a member of the former Women's Auxiliary of Stockley.

She is survived by her sister, Carolyn Chalmers; one nephew; and four nieces.

A funeral service was to be held on Tuesday, July 19 at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment was to follow in Head of Christiana Cemetery.

Newark and Brenda G. Dunfee, of Newark; brother, Eugene Beck of OH; sister, Velma Hosack of Pittsburgh, PA; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was to be held on Thursday, July 14 in the chapel of Gracelawn Memorial Park. Interment was to follow in the adjoining memorial park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, Del. 19810.

Sarah Downey

Newark resident Sarah B. Downey, 90, died on Tuesday, July 12, 2005.

Mrs. Downey was born in

Camden, N.J. on Jan. 16, 1915, daughter of the late Joseph A. Butler and Mary Ellen Dobson Butler. She was employed for 29 years at Delaware State Hospital before retiring in 1976. Mrs. Downey was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Delaware City and a former member of the Delaware City Senior Center.

Her husband, Charles F. Downey, died in 1985. She is survived by two sons, Stanley S. Skorak and his wife, Annelies, of Newark, and Robert J. Skorak and his wife, Judy, of Dover; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service and interment was to be private.

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tions may be made to Ebenezer United Methodist Church, PO Box 4133, Delaware City, Del. 19706.

Lottie M. Hylinski

Lottie M. Hylinski, 86, of Newark, died on Wednesday, July 13, 2005.

Mrs. Hylinski was born in Lewes on July 14, 1918, daughter of the late Clarence Spencer and Clara Short Spencer. She was employed with the Chrysler Corporation in Newark for 17 years, retiring in 1983. She had been a member of Holy Family parish for many years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter Hylinski, in 1960; her second husband,

Adam Hylenski, in 1996; two children, Ronald Hylinski and Phyllis Hindt; and a stepson, Steven Hylenski. She is survived by a stepson, Gordon Hylenski, of Newark; three grandchildren; four step grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was to be in Gracelawn Memorial Park on Saturday, July 16.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Holy Family R.C. Church, 15 Gender Road, Newark, Del. 19713.

Alice Landau

Newark resident Alice Blanche Landau, 86, died on Tuesday, July 12, 2005.

Born in Newark on Feb. 10, 1919, Mrs. Landau was the daughter of the late Randolph Lindell and Ella Stewart Lindell. She was employed for several years as a stenographer with the Chrysler Corporation in Newark.

She is survived by her husband, John G. Landau; two sons, Gary Landau and wife, Carol J., of Landenberg, Pa. and John B. Landau, of Newark; sister, Elizabeth Taylor, of Newark; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A committal service was to be held on Monday, July 18 in the chapel of Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was to be private.

Summer 'begins' next week

► SUMMER, from 20

receptive. "I've definitely seen a light bulb go on for some," she explained. "The student will say, 'I knew that but I didn't know why to do it and now I do.'"

On DSTP tests, knowing the "why" is very important. "It's easy to make a math mistake in your calculations," explained Houton, "but if the students can show they understand the process, they still get credit for the question on the DSTP."

Summer classes end next week and most students plan to enjoy their shortened vacation time. Milly is going to Puerto Rico. "I go every year to see relatives there," she said.

Hanadi, a Delaware native and Muslim, will be traveling to Yemen. "My whole family lives there except for my mother and father and sisters and cousins," Hanadi explained. "The last time I visited was four years ago."

The halls in the school buildings will be quiet but not for long.

Teachers and staff are back in school Monday, Aug. 22, for four days of Professional Development.

Kids return to school in the Christina District on Monday, Aug. 29.

Caulk, staff doing the right things at NHS

► CAULK, from 5

Wilmington parents are disinterested, but that they have conflicts that prevent them from driving to the school," said Caulk. "They were very appreciative to have direct access to the principal at a more convenient location."

Caulk said the school held a Community and Volunteer Breakfast this year to thank all the alumni, parents and community members who support the

school. "We plan to make it an annual event," he said.

But Caulk said increased community interaction would be useless without a school environment that's improving. "We also had a purposeful focus on student engagement," he said. "In addition to high expectations for academic achievement, we involved everyone in a school-wide focus on student behavior and decorum."

Caulk would not provide too many details about his marching

orders in this regard. "I don't want to give my secrets away because that's what makes me successful," he said with a smile. "I come in to turn schools around."

But he and his assistant principals shared some of the visible results, however. "We established teams for entering freshmen," Caulk said. "We had a quarterly Recognition Award for a freshman, and a Student of the Month from all classes."

Parents were invited to the assembly honoring the Student

of the Month. "These awards were not for grades, athletics, things like that," Caulk said. "We gave awards for 'Doing the Right Thing' or for 'Coming to School and Doing What's Expected.'"

Caulk also believes he and his staff are doing the right things. "We did a survey of parents, teachers and students in the spring and had positive comments from all three groups," said Caulk. "We feel their responses match our perceptions that we are reaching our goals."



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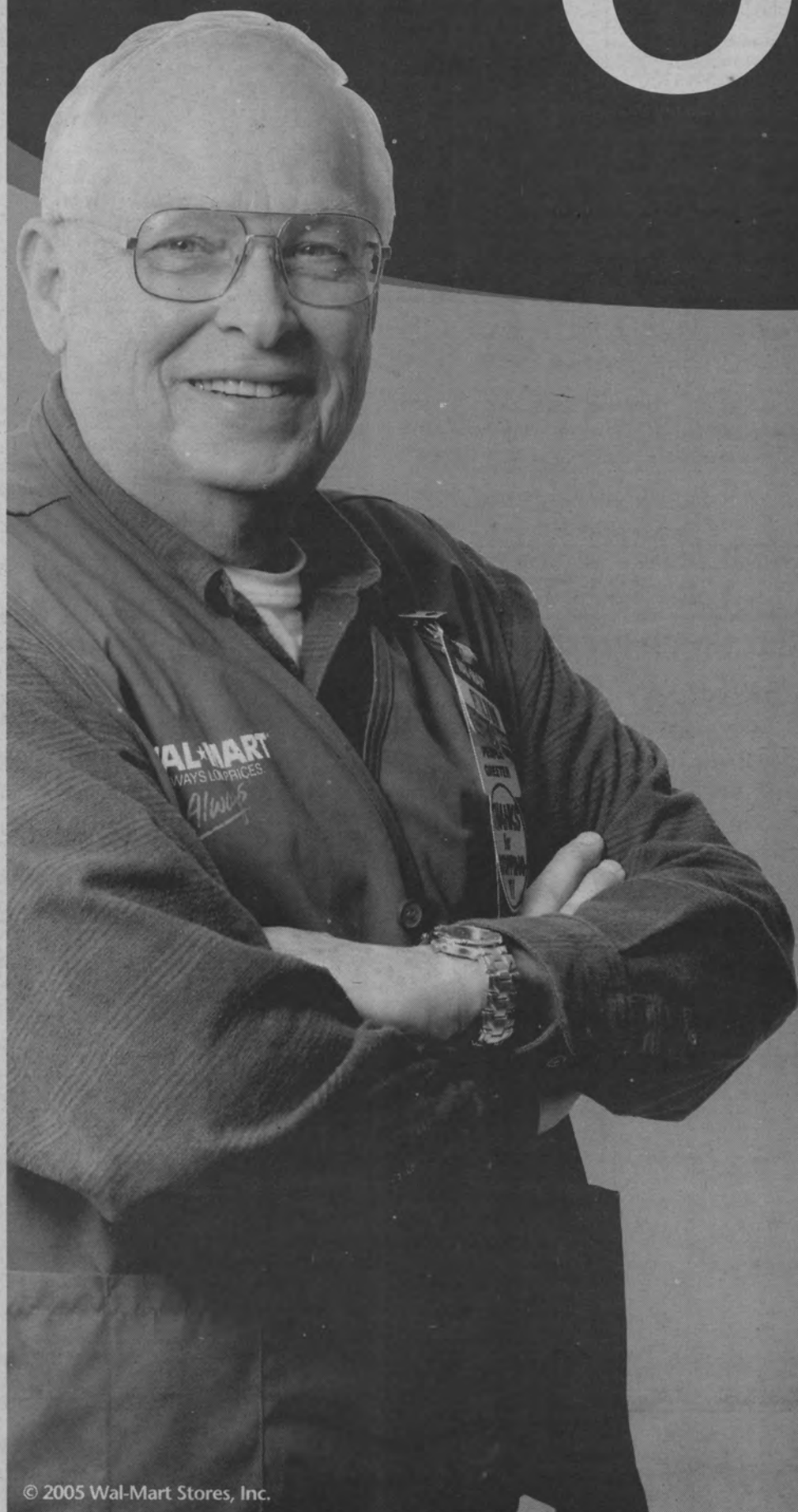
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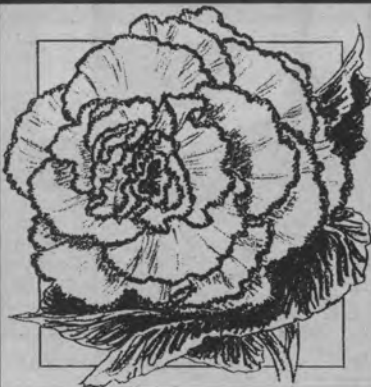
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District 1 residents hear answers, tips from police officials

By KAYTIE DOWLING

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OFFICERS from the Newark Police Department joined residents from District 1 to give safety tips and answer questions from residents about crime. The meeting was hosted by the first district's Newark City

Councilman Paul Pomeroy.

The meeting was the first time that officers from the NPD addressed the public about the April slaying of Lindsey Bonistall.

"I will tell you, this victim was truly picked at random," Conway said. "Most murders are committed by people who know the victim. This is a true stranger."

While Conway was receptive to questions, he limited his answers.

"There are certain details that need to be kept secret for prosecutorial reasons," Conway said. "We got criticized a lot for not revealing more earlier, but there is a purpose for it."

Much of the evening centered around other safety issues - name-

ly preventing burglaries.

Conway told residents that no arrests have been made in the series of home invasions that draped over Newark this past winter like a heavy blanket. However, he did say that he thought the suspects had been apprehended, but for other crimes. A string of Main Street businesses were burglarized around the same time, and several arrests were made. Officers said that it is possible that these suspects were involved in the home invasions.

"They stopped mid-February," he said. "During that time we were making a lot of arrests in other burglaries."

Since the start of the new year, crime in District 1 has been low. Statistics for burglaries and assaults are lower thus far this year than in 2004.

While a sense of safety has

returned to most District 1 homes, officers reminded residents to remain vigilant, and pay attention to their surroundings.

"This is a different Newark then it was 20 years ago," Nefosky said. "There is a drug problem here - heroine, cocaine. You can protect yourself by having good locks and make sure that your home and safety systems are in good working order."

"I have been telling this story to anyone who will listen," Pomeroy said. "The police caught a man who had robbed the Sunoco on Elkton Road, and he ended up having a long list of other charges, including failing to register as a sex offender. These are the things that our police department is doing to protect us. It may not make the news, but it's happening."

No funds, no road work on Main Street

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Williams said.

He explained that the department plans up to six years in advance, but does not necessarily have the cash on hand for projects slated in the future. That money is expected to come from a trust fund, financed from road tolls and gas taxes. However, the fund has not grown in past years as fast as its expenditures.

"We cannot promise that money will be available when we don't have a way for trust fund to recreate that money," Williams said.

Even though things may look grim for Streetscape, Williams promised that this will not be the case forever. "There are delays in many things right now," he said. "But we understand that we have to do them, and we want to do them. Projects aren't going to be taken away forever."

Construction was expected to begin on June 4 of this year, but even before the financial issues were announced, delays pushed the project back a year.

"This issue is timing," explained Maureen Feeney Roser, administrator of the Downtown Newark Partnership. "[DeIDOT and the city Planning Department] had to get temporary construction easements, put it out to bid, and then finally start construction. But by the time that would have been done, it wouldn't have given them enough time to finish before the students returned."

Keeping the work limited to the summer months has always been part of the plan, since the work would require shutting down one lane of Main Street at a time. The idea is to do the work when the town has its smallest population and the fewest num-

ber of cars.

"It is less of a hassle this way," Feeney Roser said.

Some residents have gotten frustrated with continually pushing back the construction. Rod Alpaugh, manager at Flavor, a fashion boutique on Main Street said that the delays had gone on for too long.

"If they said that they're going to do it, just do it already," he said, although pointing out that the work does have time constraints. "It definitely needs to happen while [the students] are out of town. You've got 15,000 students, half of them driving. That's another 7,500 cars on Main Street. Any project has to happen in the summer."

Across the street at Klondike Kate's Leon Barrett, manager, said that he was not looking forward to the construction, no matter when it happens.

"People are going to be less inclined to come down Main Street," he said. "It's difficult to navigate a car here even when all of the stars are aligned correctly."

But what does that mean for business? In Barrett's case, it means innovation.

"We are certainly going to have to think about how to market ourselves to the people already in town," he said. "We'll have to find ways to entice the business people and the people who live here."

So, when will Main Street have its makeover? That question is going to have to go unanswered for now. If DeIDOT has a better year next year, things could start moving quickly. If not, Streetscape could be pushed back for years.

"It's a question that we just can't answer right now," Williams said.

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