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Rep. Oberle resigns leadership position

by Suzanne Frangia

Last Tuesday, State Rep. William A. Oberle, Jr., R-Newark, formally announced his decision to step down as House majority leader, a position he has held since 1984.

In a prepared statement, Oberle said that he wanted to dedicate more time to his family and the constituents he represents in the 24th District, including his home community of Scottfield.

"It has been a long and arduous five years in leadership," he said in the announcement.

The past several weeks have been no less difficult, with allegations circulated by the Wilmington News-Journal papers questioning Oberle's personal conduct both on and off the House floor.

The allegations involve drinking alcohol while on the House floor, the carrying of a licensed firearm, and use of a muscle relaxer prescribed for a neck injury.

The political arena in Dover has exerted additional strain and pressure on the 11-year General Assembly member.

See RESIGN/6a



State Rep. William A. Oberle Jr.

Harried legislator tells side candidly

by Suzanne Frangia

Bill Oberle's eyes darted, looking nowhere, sometimes looking urgent. His brows lunged together as if trying to calm his eyes and his swirling words.

He spoke strongly, saying it has been a frustrating year as a legislator and that it was time for him to resign as the state's House majority leader.

"When he made the announcement to us," said State Sen. Myrna L. Bair, R-Foulk

Woods, "it was like seeing an enormous weight lifted off his shoulders; he raised his head and his eyes opened up for the first time in many weeks."

Like the legendary Sisyphus, who had to carry a boulder up a steep mountain, Oberle shouldered his own trials, often putting in 16-hour work days. "The work is continuous," he says. "And it's the kind of responsibility that doesn't go away on the weekends, either, or when the legislature is out of session."

See OBERLE/6a

Summer jobs

Pool of available workers shrinking

by Suzanne Frangia

Phil Van Roden, general manager at Roy Rogers on Main Street, has cut back on his summer help. During the fall and winter he keeps a staff of 50, mostly high school students. In the summer that number drops to about 30. He says, however, he's in a "unique situation" because the fast-food chain is so dependent on the ebb and flow of the University of Delaware.

Most chains, he says, are porably hiring additional staff. He right. One mile across town, a sign on the door of McDonald's attempts to attract summer help. McDonald's doesn't demand of its applicants either experience or skill — it has a special training program to acquaint new employees with company procedures and policy. To



Mindy Miller works as fee collector at Carpenter State Park during the summer.

McDonald's employers, the overall impression and availability of the job-seeker are the most important considerations in the hiring process.

Fast-food chains are not the only industry looking for summer employees. And more and more employers, both locally as well as throughout the country, are having a tough time finding seasonal, entry-level help.

There are several reasons for this trend. First, there are fewer teenagers. during the late 1960's and into the 1970's the nation's birth rate fell significantly. Time magazine (July 20) reports that in 1980 there were 37

million people between the ages of 16 and 24. In 1986, the number dropped to 34 million.

So today, while the nation's economy has steadily expanded over the past five or six years, the number of young people in the summer labor force has stayed about the same.

Also, some college students off for the summer look for jobs in the corporate environment hoping the payoffs include better salaries and, perhaps most important, experiences that will look golden on resumes.

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The wall at the Malt Shoppe on

Main Street is filled with all sorts of notices: summer sublets, car sales, musicians wanted, and yoga workshops.

Summer job opportunities are also advertised. One woman is looking for an "energetic, enthusiastic person" to care for her two boys. Alex is looking to do odd jobs like cut lawns, wash cars or windows, and clean garages.

The Newark YWCA needs lifeguards for the summer months. Actually, they still do.

Lynn Anderson, aquatics director at the Y, says that she

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Newark on verge of becoming high tech center

by Neil Thomas

Critical mass, says Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo, chairman of the Governor's High Tech Task Force, are two words essential to Delaware's future.

And, the Fairfield resident could have added, to that of his hometown, Newark.

Woo points out in a recent Task Force report that the Silicon Valley in California has been "showered with defense and commercial contracts" after achieving critical mass — literally, the material necessary to sustain a chain reaction — in academic and industrial resources for electronics.

Delaware's aim, said Woo, is to achieve a critical mass in composites.

The state, he said, "already possesses the nation's number one concentration in industrial and academic strengths in composites."

Industrially, Delaware is home to DuPont, Hercules, ICI Americas, W.L. Gore and Lanxide, among other companies.

Academically, the University of Delaware's Center for Composite Materials is the nation's only center of excellence for composites supported by the National Science Foundation. The UD, Woo noted, won the Center in competition with such schools at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of California at Berkeley.

And, governmentally, US Sen.

William V. Roth has introduced legislation to establish a \$45 million Institute for Composite Development and Application in Delaware.

"If this or similar major new investment happens," Woo said, "Delaware will indeed become the Composites Valley of the nation, if not the world."

All this is important to Newark, because the city could well be the capital of Composites Valley.

Already, Newark is home to the University's Center for Composite Materials, a center which may well serve as a magnet to attract other new ventures.

The University is interested in stimulating research here, having announced in May plans for a 42-acre research park adjacent to White Chapel. The park would enable corporations to pursue commercial applications for UD research.

All in all, the remaining years of the 1980s could well spur a local economy that is already quite healthy, according to Ruth Mankin of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce.

Mankin said the state's business community is "very excited" about prospects for a high technology center here, especially since the introduction of Roth's bill.

"This could be a big breakthrough in high tech for us," she said, pointing out that because of the presence of the University, Newark stands to reap the greatest benefit.

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FACT FILE

Events for young, old

Events for young and old are planned this week in Newark. Senior Awareness Day, a special program for the Newark area's senior citizens, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 24 at the George Wilson Community Center on New London Road (Del. 896).

The event, sponsored by the Newark Department of Parks and Recreation, will feature guest speakers, health screening and activities geared for seniors. Also, the Wilson swimming pool will be open to visitors.

On Tuesday, July 28, the Newark Free Library will hold its annual Teddy Bear Picnic in cooperation with area preschools. The special event will feature games, refreshments and a Paddington film. Sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Children are invited to bring along their favorite teddy bears.

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UD skaters set exhibition

The University of Delaware Ice Arena will host an ice skating exhibition from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, July 26. The exhibition, sponsored by the UD Summer Skating School, will feature national level and lower ranked skaters in freestyle, ice dance and pairs routines. Admission is \$1.

NEWARKERS

Harry Shipman

University of Delaware professor

takes look at future of space exploration

by Suzanne Frangia

The web is transparent but the spider is clearly visible. It's working hard, legs spinning like those of a cyclist. Suddenly it goes limp. A spider in free space, dangling like a satellite.

Dr. Harry L. Shipman of the University of Delaware has probably made the connection between spiders and satellites as he freely spins the most complex theories into creative insights.

This man is a space science junkie.

His recent book, "Space 2000: The Challenge of a New Era," has brought material that could be potentially obscure to all but the most astute scientist down from the heavens.

Shipman admits to covering a lot of ground in "Space 2000." The 391-page text begins with the Challenger disaster, moves into communications satellites, superbubbles, comets, black holes and the possibility of extraterrestrial life, then shifts into warp drive for a chapter on space stations. He concludes with comments on America's space program in the 21st Century.

"The first thing that strikes you about Harry," says Dr. James MacDonald, professor of astronomy at the University of Delaware, "is his energy."

That may be an understatement. It's more like an intense solar flare.

Shipman has been teaching astronomy at the University for 13 years. He says 1986 was a busy year, one in which he published his book and 10 research articles, as well as taught 270 students.

Before the beginning of his class on extraterrestrials, Shipman was questioned by a pro-

spective student, "Is there going to be a lab? Any specimens?"

This afternoon, months later, the remark still got a roar of laughter out of Shipman.

Shipman is also part of the Education Resources Association program which links professionals with various school systems. "Some of these elementary school students amaze me; they know more than I do."

He talks about children growing up in the Nuclear Age.

"There is less anxiety now. Krushchev, the Cuban missile crisis, Hiroshima and Nagasaki are a long ways away in everybody's past. Today, children are more concerned about the environment and pollution."

Shipman is not particularly a "Star Trek" fan. He believes the show's mass appeal stems from its enthusiastic intentness in space exploration and the quirkiness of its personalities. It also symbolically offers us hope of continued opportunities in space travel and discovery, "evoking the name of Columbus."

Glenn, Armstrong, and Aldrin are modern day voyagers, like Balboa, Magellan, and deSoto before them. Their pursuits, while stretching us forward technologically have no less aligned us, historically, with the past, he says.

"Exploration of space," says Shipman, "is like reaching for a new frontier and new lands. People forget that we do things because we have to, we must, as human beings. Like music and art, we are driven to do things. This is partly why we explore space."

The journey can often be perilous and defeating. No less perilous than the 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle



Harry Shipman relaxes with a cup of "industrial strength" coffee.

disaster.

Shipman feels that NASA officials attempted to create the aura that the American space program was invincible and space flights routine.

"NASA declared that the shuttle was operational after four flights, that getting together a space shuttle was like a 747 — but it's not the same. It takes commercial jets hundreds of flights before it can be considered above standard. "NASA was trying to run a trucking company," says

Shipman, stressing the words.

"And of course there is still some residual paranoia on the part of some people about this highly visible disaster that claimed the lives of seven people. But wait a minute."

Shipman turns his back and does some calculating at his desk.

"The number of people who died in Challenger is the same as the number of people who die in automobile accidents in one hour." He pauses. "Makes you realize public perceptions

of risk, and that we really need to put things in greater perspective."

Shipman says that the space station is perhaps America's next major thrust in the space agenda. Still, "the real thing is to get the Challenger flying again."

Shipman admits that in the classroom as well as at academic conferences he is a "bit of a ham." His classroom escapades — like riding a bicycle in class to prove a theory — have already become legen-

dary. "Students aren't going to learn anything in their sleep," he says grinning.

But students and colleagues would concur that Shipman is an intent and dedicated scholar.

"Every conference or article I do opens up more questions. There are innumerable questions, both possible and probable, that must be probed."

Questions. For Dr. Shipman these are his frontier, the parameters of a web that is continually expanding.



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Legislature fails to reappoint Newark judge

Magistrate fears politics led to 'nay' vote

by Suzanne Frangia

Delaware Magistrate Vivian "Vicki" Kleinman of Newark doesn't remember whether it was a year ago, or even two years ago that she was approached by State Sen. Thomas B. Sharp about a case that was to come before her in court.

But she says she does remember the call, and believes it could have led to her fall as a magistrate in the state's Justice of the Peace courts.

The legislature last month failed to reappoint Kleinman to a third term as magistrate, rejecting her by an 8-7 margin.

State Sen. James P. Neal, R-Newark, said the negative vote came in spite of the judge's outstanding record on the bench.

Kleinman believes the vote was a direct response to the telephone call allegedly placed by Sharp, a Democrat who represents a district which includes southeastern Newark.

Sharp could not be reached for comment by the Post despite repeated telephone calls. He told the Wilmington News-Journal that he does not remember speaking with the magistrate about such a matter.

Kleinman recalls she was certainly pleased the senator expressed interest in the case, but that she was otherwise uncomfortable discussing it or any other case with a legislator.

"I've heard from second and third sources that there was rumor that I refused to talk to legislators and wouldn't accept calls from them," Kleinman said. "Now, I am obviously not reluctant. But the judicial code of ethics mandates that judges not discuss court cases."

"I do want to be fair so let me add that I know the magistrate screening committee is non-partisan; that is my impression of the governor's appointments. I don't know, however, what happens in the Senate, whether it was my non-partisanship or not."

Kleinman was first appointed judge in 1979 by then governor Pierre S. duPont IV, a Republican, and was reappointed in 1983.

Then came the vote. "We (fellow Republicans) were flabbergasted by the vote," said Neal. "Most people would agree that Vicki has a good record on the magistrate court. She's the type of person you want to have on the bench. She's intent and she follows the book, sometimes overly cautiously, but in her position I think that's good."

There is still some hope that Gov. Michael N. Castle will resubmit Kleinman's nomination when the legislature reconvenes in the fall, and that she will be reappointed.

But Neal appeared skeptical. "If the community was aware of the issue, or the legislators become more understanding, there might be some serious contention to this. Otherwise, there won't be much incentive to change the vote."

Kleinman admitted her disappointment about the decision and added that "the message for the system is not good."

"People who are judging cases should not be made to feel that someone is staring down over them. There should be some separation of power between the judicial and legislative branches of government," she said.

Prior to serving as magistrate, Kleinman was a member of Common Cause and the League of Women Voters.

Rita Smith, president of the state League said Kleinman was "very active and dedicated."

Kleinman's participation in the League began with the Newark branch where she concentrated on local issues. She later became active at the state level, where she worked as the League's "action chair," responsible for making state legislators aware of the League's position on current issues affecting New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties.



Sean Collins catches air during skateboard exhibition Friday night at Wooden Wheels on Main Street.

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NEWS

Ulster Project promotes peace

by Suzanne Frangia

The photographer peers through the lens, eyeing the two teenage boys who stood side by side. They wear identical red t-shirts.

One is American, the other Irish. But the photographer can't tell which is which — nationalities aren't human billboards which display themselves outright.

Stephen Ward's brogue finally gives him away. It's charming but, until one is accustomed to it, it's like a heavily sauced blur. Stephen is 16, with soft, innocent-looking eyes. He is one of 18 teenagers who have come to the States from Banbridge, Northern Ireland as part of Ulster Project Delaware.

Since 1976, the project has brought more than 250 Catholic and Protestant youths, as well as adult leaders, to Delaware in hopes of promoting tolerance and understanding among the two religious groups.

Each Irish teen is placed with an American host teen for a month-long, carefully scheduled program which includes numerous outdoor activities as well as trips to Philadelphia, New York, and Washington, D.C.

Stephen's "host" is 15-year-old George Taylor. George admitted to being "a little jumpy" before Stephen arrived, especially because the bus bringing the Irish youths and their leaders was late.

Stephen remembers "shaking and feeling a bit queasy" as he peered out the bus window, anx-



George Taylor and Stephen Ward

ious to see what the American families looked like.

The boys can laugh now about the nervousness of the first meeting. They've quickly become friends.

Both of them admit the experience is worthwhile and exciting. As Stephen said, "brilliant." That, translated, means "awesome."

Christina school board bans smoking

by Jonathan Hirsch

It's lights out for smokers in the Christina School District.

The Christina Board of Education has approved a policy which prohibits smoking and the use or sale of tobacco products during school hours in district buildings and on its grounds.

Smoking is also prohibited on school buses and at all indoor school-sponsored activities held in district buildings.

The smoking ban was approved during the board's monthly meeting, held Thursday in Newark.

Students will be prohibited from smoking effective Sept. 1. The ban for Christina staff will not take effect until Jan. 1, 1988.

The policy takes state guidelines, which prohibit smok-

ing by students, one step further in encompassing district employees. That aspect stirred some controversy among staff members.

However, the district board approved the more stringent policy to promote a smoke-free environment and advocate wellness for youths attending Christina schools.

In other action, the board voted to approve higher academic standards for students interested in participating in extracurricular activities.

In the past, students had to achieve a minimum 1.5 (of a possible 4.0) grade point average to take part in after-school athletic and arts programs.

The board has raised the minimum necessary grade point average to 1.75. That average

will apply to all students in grades 9-12.

School officials believe the higher standard is necessary to put emphasis on academic achievement.

For students having difficulty meeting the standard, summer school classes will be available during which grades can be improved off-season.

Also Thursday, the board re-elected Dr. James W. Kent of Newark as president. Cynthia E. Oates of Wilmington was re-elected vice president.

Kent is a professor in the University of Delaware's College of Physical Education, Athletics and Recreation.



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Baltimore Pike hearing Aug. 19

A public hearing on proposed improvements to Old Baltimore Pike will be held 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at Glasgow High School, according to the Delaware Department of Transportation.

DelDOT plans to reconstruct the highway from Del. 896 just south of Newark to the Christina Bypass (Del. 273).

Old Baltimore Pike is a historic route which since the 1700s has carried traders, travelers and, once, British troops. The highway crosses the Christina Creek at Cooch's Bridge, site of a Revolutionary War battle in which legend has it the Stars and Stripes first flew under fire.

Today, the highway lies in the middle of a major housing con-

struction boom area and is often choked with commuters.

The state has proposed one lane in each direction with improvements to the shoulders and left turn lanes. Also, some intersections will be realigned.

During the hearing, new alignment alternatives for the roadway will be provided.

DelDOT will make records of all oral statements made during the meeting. It will also accept written statements until Sept. 4. Those should be sent to the Community Relations Section, Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903.

The public can review preliminary plans related to the proposed project at the DelDOT office on Del. 7 in Bear. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

City Council meeting to be held Monday

Newark City Council will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, July 27 in the Newark Municipal Building, 220 Elkton

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NEWS

Safety Town

86 youths
learn safety rules

by Jonathan Hirsch

If you think the elfin drivers you see behind the wheels of automobiles these days look younger and younger, you are either aging or paying a visit to Downes Elementary School.

At Downes, the student drivers range in age from four to a ripe old six. Of course, the cars are pedal cars and the student drivers are enrolled in the Newark Safety Town safety education program.

Last Friday, July 17, a class of 86 children graduated from the Newark Safety Town.

The youngsters completed the 20 hour course two hours per day for two weeks) with a small ceremony in the auditorium of Downes Elementary School on Casho Mill Road, where Safety Town is located. The children received certificates of graduation at the ceremony which was attended by all of the parents.

Safety Town, now in its eighth year in Delaware, is an early childhood safety education program designed to introduce all types of safety conditions to four, five, and six year olds according to Donna Draper, coordinator for Safety Town.

This safety training course, offered by the Newark Department of Parks and Recreation and the Newark Police Department, teaches children to cross streets, read signs, watch out for strangers and what to do in a crisis, as well as many other



Kate Farrell drives down Safety Town's Main Street.

safety topics, according to Charlie Emerson, assistant director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

"We've constructed a miniature town with painted streets, sidewalks, cross walks, road signs and buildings," says Emerson. "These aids enable the kids to get a real life situation and obtain the knowledge that will hopefully protect them from the dangers of accidents."

"The children have a much better appreciation of safety being out on the streets and hopefully will be able to deal with some of the problems on the

street," says Ellsworth Lynn, mayor of Safety Town representing the Newark Senior Center, who made all the name tags and cut outs used at Safety Town.

The Safety Town children are learning the rules of the road through first hand experience of on-the-road training. Each child drives his own, pedal-powered car through Safety Town and is taught to obey all the traffic signs and watch out for pedestrians, while others walk through the town watching out for the tiny cars driving by.

"Daniel came home and repeated different things he

was taught in class," says Liz Gano, Daniel's mother. "He even uses his seat belt in the car and is very aware of street signs when I drive."

"This age group of kids is just coming into the age when they will be riding bikes and walking by themselves," says Emerson. "If they get into situations where they need help, they can now identify the help they need by either understanding the signs or recognizing the people who can help them."

Assisting the miniature town are local safety personnel such as Sgt. Donald Graham, of the Newark Police Department, known to the kids as Officer Don. Graham assists in teaching the kids and enables them to realize that the people in the uniforms are friendly and can help them.

"One of the things we really stress is safety around the street and walking," says Graham. "At safety Town we try to teach

them as much as we can, and then the kids go home and get reinforced by their parents."

Dealing with strangers, or as Officer Don refers to it, "Stranger Danger," is also an integral part in the learning experience.

The second part of the daily session is in the classroom, where children watch safety film strips, make safety related crafts, and learn what to do when they are lost or invited to go riding with a stranger.

Also home safety, such as the

medicine cabinet and what shouldn't be touched under the sink, is another aspect of the Safety Town experience. "We have doctors and different safety personnel come in and talk about the different hazards in life and how to avoid them," says Emerson.

Safety Town was founded 30 years ago in Cleveland, Ohio, by a mother who wanted something to educate her children in safety, according to Draper, and has

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Two Newarkers — Rita L. Dalecki and Thomas H. Humes — have earned commissions as officers in the Delaware National Guard.

Both Dalecki and Humes were commissioned after graduating from a 14-month Officer Candidate School.

US 13

Relief for route

How does Delaware spell relief? This week, it's U-S-D-O-T.

The state has been provided financial relief in its efforts to ease the heavy traffic flow on US 13, a major route to the beaches and to points south on the Delmarva Peninsula.

The US Department of Transportation announced Thursday that it has approved the state's request that the US 13 relief route be a toll road pilot project.

Until this year, the agency has refused to allow use of federal money in toll road construction for fear that state tolls might restrict access to federally-funded highways.

However, the 1987 Surface Transportation Act eased restrictions on use of federal funds and paved the way for two specially-designated toll road pilot projects.

Ten states nominated 19 projects for special designation.

Because US 13 was selected, the Delaware Department of Transportation can use up to 35 percent of its annual federal highways funds for construction of the new highway.

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RESIGN/from 1a

Oberle was not forced out of his position as majority leader; nor was there a fall from power, said State Sen. Myrna L. Bair, R-Foulk Woods. And his decision to resign was not made quickly.

State Rep. Roger P. Roy, R-Arundel, said that it was "a personal decision that has been on his mind for a while. We talked about it in mid-June during a land-use conference held in San Francisco. The leadership position was taking more and more of his time."

"Also, when you're in a leadership role you're a target, and commonly the target of the media. If anything goes wrong, it's leadership that goes down."

OBERLE/from 1a

In his role as majority leader, Oberle was charged with carrying out the governor's programs and ideas, responding to statewide propositions by caucus members, and keeping up with the attitudes and needs of residents in his own district.

That's a hefty load to carry. But Oberle admits that even as a young civic association member, he discovered that politics can be a creative endeavor, that social changes can occur at so many levels of government and lead to legislation that can directly help people.

Oberle says that he never initially wanted to be in higher office. When the leadership opportunity presented itself, all he expected of himself was to be the best leader he could be. "And now I'm back to where I want to be, and that's being a representative, and spending time with my family."

"I don't want to be involved in the trappings any longer. I've learned that the system eats its young—and eats if for all the wrong reasons. You just can't make everyone happy all the time."

"And maybe I've been too goal-oriented, and maybe my style is a bit gruff and offensive

Everyone else can walk away. For Bill it was very demanding."

"He has been a good leader," said State Rep. Steven C. Taylor, R-Heritage Park, "but there has been undo pressure on him from all of us — from members of caucus and from other legislative administrators. It just wore him down."

"The press doesn't make it better for any of us. And the stories about Bill could have been blown out of proportion. But you enter politics knowing that and you've got to be able to take it; it's part of the game."

Senate Minority Leader Bair said that although leadership puts one in the middle of action, which can be "fun," it has its liabilities. "Leadership is

to some people. But I've paid a price for the truth I've told. And maybe that's why I have so much hurt and anger, because I responded truthfully and I got burned."

When Oberle talks about the "truth" he is referring to the allegations which have appeared in the Wilmington News-Journal papers, and, specifically, to the reporting of Jeff Montgomery, the Journal's Dover Bureau reporter.

The allegations link Oberle with liquor, a firearm, and drugs. Oberle talks in short sentences, moving slowly from one issue to the next.

"I was injured in a basketball game four years ago. I cracked three vertebrae and have two dislocated discs. I've taken a muscle relaxer for three or four years now. When I'm under a lot of pressure, especially, I experience pain."

"Rumors started that I was taking drugs in Legislative Hall. Maybe I should have left it alone. But I addressed the issue."

"I do carry a concealed weapon for which I have a license. I don't like it, but it was done on the recommendation of detectives because there have been threats on me and my family."

Oberle pleads guilty to drink-

highlighted. Anything we do is noticed far and above," she said. "It puts you in a glass house within a glass house."

Bair praised Oberle's capacity to deal with tough issues and decisions throughout his tenure as majority leader, adding that "this year, in particular, he did an excellent job."

State Rep. Charles L. Hebner, R-Indian Field, said the Oberle went from a maverick to a concerned leader for his party and his community and "has a great deal of political talent and personal integrity."

Oberle's constituents would agree.

Up and down the suburban Scottfield blocks they are like loyal troops, rallying to the side of their leader. They perceive

ing a beer of the House floor. "From a decorum standpoint it probably was not a correct thing to do. But I did it. I was thirsty."

He says that he'll accept responsibility for the things he's done, even the things he's done wrong.

"From a public perception standpoint, legislators should try to set an example and that's what I've tried to do and I think that's what I've done."

"I told Jeff that there was beer in the Pepsi can. I could have denied that, but I told him the truth."

Oberle feels that there has been a "redefinition of a shift of power" between the legislative and executive branches of state government.

"I have carried the message—and the message very strongly for my caucus—to the administration that there has to be more focus placed on the legislative branch; not that the legislative branch should dictate to the executive, but there has to be some balance of power."

"And I suppose not too many people in the administrative level were upset when I decided to step down. I'm surprised I didn't hear champagne corks popping in some offices."

Oberle as a strong, popular legislator who is capable of handling issues at the grassroots level and effectively responding to citizen needs.

"Bill is a very dedicated and up-front individual who has worked very hard in the community," said Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rector, of 275 Scottfield Dr., almost unanimously. "We know him as a neighbor and have worked on his campaign."

"It's a shame," Mrs. Rector added, "that the press brought out what it did because it could have possibly been ironed out within the party."

"Our reaction was that if the allegations were true then he must have changed quite a bit since we've known him, or maybe the pressure was too

much for him, because we had never seen any of this before."

"We don't take it all for gospel either," said Mr. Rector.

Another resident, who preferred to remain anonymous, said, "I think it's gotten out of proportion. Everyone is prone to making mistakes, if that's what they are. And there are few legislators who don't have something to hide."

"All of this could be political hype," said Karen Gilbert of 201 Scottfield. "It sounds real petty to me."

Hebner said of Oberle, "I can't see anyone else in that district doing the kind of work Bill has been doing. He gets very high grades."

Many 24th District residents would agree.

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NEWS

'Writing is hard,' Zinsser tells University audience

by Suzanne Frangia

After hearing William Zinsser (pronounced Zin-zer) speak on writing well, one wants to be able to summon him up whenever a writing assignment calls. Or press a computer key marked "Zinsser" so that the text on the screen is magically transformed into one of clarity and wit.

Zinsser is the author of two books on writing, "On Writing Well: An Informal Guide to Writing Nonfiction" (1976), and

"Writing with a Word Processor" (1983).

In a lecture at the University of Delaware's Kirkbride Hall, Wednesday, Zinsser drew on material from these texts, his 13-year experience as writer, critic, and drama editor for the *New York Herald Tribune*, his teaching experience at Yale University, and information relayed by educators across the country to enlighten his audience on effective writing and writing across the curriculum.

He mystified his listeners as he urged a demystification of the writing process.

"If you find that writing is hard, it's because it is. A clear sentence is no accident, and it hardly ever comes out right the first time," Zinsser said.

He explained that writers must possess a reverence for words, a logical and active curiosity about their fate. In the tradition of E.B. White, Thoreau, and Red Smith, writers must strive for simplicity and clarity.

Humanity, warmth and humor are essential intangibles. "Humor is part of the mixture," said Zinsser, "because readers are desperate for some

brightening element in their day. A writer must be 20 percent an entertainer. And the student who displays humor must be encouraged because it is a sign of intelligence and risk-taking."

When speaking of writing "across the curriculum" — from physics to mathematics to philosophy — Zinsser read lucid letters from educators in those fields that drove home a point: good writing is not the exclusive property of the "gifted" or "humanities-oriented" thinkers.

In any field, said Zinsser, writing is a way to learn and organize and clarify thought.

Zinsser used three examples to illustrate how even short messages can be misunderstood.

In an airport, he saw this sign mounted near the electronic luggage check: "Passengers may be subject to a physical search if desired."

He received this notice from the telephone company: "Next month we will upgrade our phones so it will be difficult to reach us."

A corporate executive sent a memo requesting "a list of employees broken down by sex."

Zinsser summarized the condition children in America face: "Kids are growing up today, hearing adult authority, hearing all the garbage in the air."

"Parents don't read aloud to their children these days. It's hard to find the time and energy; it's easier to turn on the television set. Earlier generations had the luxury—I should say necessity — of the cadences and rhythms of the English language put into their ear. We've lost that, and that's what we do desperately need."

Enough said. Enough written.

Newark youths attend School for Excellence

Twenty-three Newark area students are among 122 young people who have been selected to attend the 1987 Governor's School for Excellence, being held this week on the University of Delaware campus.

The students were selected from among several hundred tenth graders statewide who applied for the week-long program.

The focus of this year's School for Excellence is individual values and personal decision-making, with particular emphasis on the special influence of the Constitution.

"This year, as we celebrate Delaware's historic role as the First State to ratify the Constitution and commemorate the vision of the great leaders who drafted the document, we also look forward to the next century," said Gov. Michael N. Castle.

"Our future — both Delaware's and the nation's — is in the hands of tomorrow's leaders, like these 122 young men and women," Castle said.

Activities include a trip to Philadelphia, a mock Constitutional Convention and a discussion of censorship and the media by Chuck Stone, a Philadelphia Daily News columnist and University of Delaware faculty member.

This is the ninth year for the School for Excellence.

Area students attending are: Josie Mazzaferro and Allison Hedges, both of Caravel Academy; Jeffrey Katris, Karen Reese, Leslie Minor and Jennifer Ogradnick, all of Christiana High School; and Heather McClurg, Daniel Sheridan, Kris Hull and Michelle Henderson, all of Glasgow High School.

Also, Jennifer Jones and Steven Lahoe, both of Hodgson Vocational Technical School; Steven Franks, Sarah Beth McGee, Tom Chiu, Elizabeth Barron, Benjamin Bushman and Jennifer Langsdorf, all of Newark High School; and Tina Faulkner, Stephanie Traynor, David Brinley, John Fulham and Laurie Distefano, all of St. Mark's High School.

State presents stone to We The People

In keeping with the spirit of 1787 and the unification of the United States under the Constitution, termed by its author James Madison "the cement of the Union," a stone wall is being erected in Philadelphia.

We the People 200, Philadelphia's official bicentennial committee, has asked each state to send a piece of native stone to be "cemented" symbolically in a wall flanked by the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.

On Tuesday, Delaware Gov. Michael N. Castle joined representatives of We The People 200 and Hagley Museum as Delaware's contribution to the wall, a one-ton piece of Brandywine Granite from the Hagley Museum's original 1802 quarry, was scooped up by backhoe and placed aboard a flatbed truck for transport to Philadelphia.

Once erected, the wall will include large bronze replicas of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Each stone in the wall will be engraved with its state's name and date of ratification.

The cornerstone of the wall will be laid on Sept. 16, 1987, the day before the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The project is being funded through a grant from the Knight Foundation of Akron, Ohio.

The Delaware stone for this monument comes from the site of the original du Pont mills, estate and gardens, now a part of the Hagley Museum and Library. It is the site of the earliest black powder mills built in 1802 by E.I. du Pont, from whom the Du Pont Company takes its name. The mills were made of Brandywine granite, as is the Delaware stone.

This gray and black granite provided a sturdy foundation for the powder mills which were constructed of three heavy stone walls with a fourth wall facing the river. The purpose of this design was to channel the force of an explosion across the water, away from employees and powder-laden buildings.

Hagley Museum has taken an active role in celebrating the bicentennial of the ratification of the Constitution in Delaware by dedicating its annual fireworks display to this theme as well as undertaking the restoration of two roll mills with the assistance of a Bicentennial Community Improvement Fund grant.

Hagley, located along the Brandywine River in Wilmington, relates an important chapter in American history to over 80,000 visitors annually, many of whom are school children.

BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR

• "The Road to Philadelphia," a bicentennial exhibition, will be on display through Sept. 20 at the Delaware Museum of Natural History in Greenville. The exhibition includes 18th century books, journals and maps, and specimens of animals which lived in Delaware circa 1787. It provides a glimpse at Delaware's natural landscape and the challenge it posed for the state's delegates and ratifiers. The museum is located on Del. 52. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.75 for senior citizens, students and children six and older.

• "After Ratification: Material Life in Delaware, 1789-1920," a bicentennial exhibition, will be on display through Aug. 14 in the University Gallery in Old College. The exhibit examines how material life reflected social, economic

and cultural relationships in Delaware during the Constitutional era.

• Sept. 18-20 — The Delaware Saengerbund will incorporate its annual Oktoberfest into the bicentennial celebration. Oktoberfest will be held in the Saengerbund clubhouse on Salem Church Road, and will feature a tribute to the memory of Baron Friedrich von Steuben who was invited by Benjamin Franklin to leave Germany for America to help train the colonial army.

The NewArk Post, in conjunction with the Newark Bicentennial Commission, will be publishing a bicentennial calendar regularly. If your school, church or organization is planning an event to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the Constitution and would like to have it included, please call 737-0905 or write: Editor, The NewArk Post, 153 E. Chestnut Hill Rd., Newark, DE 19713.

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COMMUNITY



The Western Branch YMCA on Kirkwood Highway

Western Y expands

Kirkwood Highway facility adds fitness center

by Jonathan Hirsch

After 21 years of existence, the Western Branch of the YMCA of Delaware has undergone an expansion project as a result of a generous gift from the Longwood Foundation.

The Western Branch, located at 2600 Kirkwood Highway, opened its brand new \$250,000 fitness and strength center on June 22.

"We needed to expand to better serve our members," says Wendy Carr, physical director for the Western Branch. "We want to enrich peoples lives. When they are healthier, they feel better."

The 2,600-square-foot, 30-station, air-conditioned facility was funded solely by the Longwood Foundation. This charitable act was done in order to increase the services for the people in the area, according to Carr.

The Cam II equipment by Keiser used in the new facility will be used for cardiovascular training, general toning, and conditioning, according to Carr.

"It is all non-threatening equipment that is not hard to use. People are able to get themselves into shape without being intimidated," she says.

"I'm looking forward to training in the new facility," says Chris Lane, who has been at the YMCA for eight months. "I really think they were due for the change. It's the size, the new equipment and the air-conditioning that makes the difference."

The non-profit 4,000-member Western Branch, which is one of eight YMCA's in Delaware, encompasses 56 acres of land, including 13 acres of soccer fields. The facility includes an indoor pool, free-weight room, gymnasium, sauna, club rooms, and all purpose rooms.

Construction of the new facility began in January. The architect for the project is Victorine & Samuel Homsey, Inc., of Wilmington, and the general contractor was Snyder Crompton, also of Wilmington.

The official grand opening dedication for the fitness and strength training center will be held on Sept. 13.

"We try to cater to families

where mom, dad and the children can all come at once," says Carr. "There is something for everyone, as opposed to a profit organization."

Education and safety is the big emphasis at the YMCA, according to Carr. "Everyone is taught what they are doing and why they are doing it when they are training."

"We don't want people to come in here blind with out help," says Eric Ferguson, fitness coordinator. "We are going to start classes to get people structured towards the facility, so we can give them some direction."

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Newark Parks & Rec

The Newark Department of Parks and Recreation has scheduled a variety of activities in coming weeks.

For more information or to register for programs, call 366-7060 or visit the department's office in the Newark Municipal Building, 220 Elton Rd.

Activities

• **Senior Awareness Day** — A day filled with activities and presentations for Newark's senior citizens will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 24 at the George Wilson Community Center on New London Road (Del. 896). The event will feature presentations by the Newark Police Department, the Senior Employment Service and the Golden Eagle consignment shop. Free health screening will be conducted by the Visiting Nurses Association, and the Wilson swimming pool will be open.

• **Youth soccer** — Registration is being accepted for the Department's youth soccer leagues. There are three leagues, divided by age: A, for youths 6-7; B, 8-10; and C, 11-13. Youths must meet the age requirements by Nov. 1. The program's philosophy is to teach soccer skills in an enjoyable setting. Every player takes the field in every game, and no stand-ins are kept. Practice will commence the week of Aug. 24, and games will start Sept. 12.

• **Bicentennial exhibit** — The Department is planning an exhibit of items depicting life in Newark through the years as part of the state's celebration of the bicentennial of the Constitution. Persons or organizations with ideas on participation, or with time to volunteer, are asked to contact the Department.

• **Tot Lot** — This is a recreational program for preschoolers ages 3-5. Activities will include arts and crafts, games, music, story telling and special events. Times and locations are available by calling the Department.

• **Aqua-tone** — This is an exercise class which will provide a stimulating morning workout while helping you stay cool. It will meet 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, July 29 to Aug. 28. Fee is \$20 for city residents, \$22 for the general public.

• **Tennis** — Classes are being offered for youths and adults. For times, dates and locations, call 366-7060.

Senior Center

Weekly schedule

The Newark Senior Center, located at 300 E. Main St., has scheduled the following activities:

• **Thursday, July 23** — 9 a.m., ceramics; 10 a.m., choral group and discussion; 11 a.m., Blue Cross representative; 12:30 p.m., membership meeting and duplicate bridge; 1:30 p.m., dancing and Scrabble.

• **Friday, July 24** — 9 a.m., bowling at Blue Hen Lanes; 9:30 a.m., shopping; 10 a.m., Signing Group; 1 p.m., Senior Players rehearsal.

• **Monday, July 27** — 10 a.m., knitting instruction; 11 a.m., exercise; 12:30 p.m., canasta, movie; 12:45 p.m., bridge.

• **Tuesday, July 28** — 10 a.m., enjoyment bridge; 12:30 p.m., Tuesday After Lunch program by the Roving Jesters, a clown troupe sponsored by the Newark Department of Parks and Recreation, and 500.

• **Wednesday, July 29** — 9 a.m., chess; 10 a.m., art class; 12:30 p.m., pinocle; 12:45 p.m., bingo.

Newark Library

Teddy bear picnic

The annual Teddy Bear Picnic will be held at Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave., on Tuesday, July 28.

The event, held as part of the library's preschool story hour, will feature games, refreshments and the film "Paddington Helps Out."

Children are invited to bring their own teddy bears to any one of the three picnic sessions at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sponsoring the program in cooperation with the library are the Newark Cooperative Preschool (10:30 a.m.), Newark Methodist Preschool (2 p.m.) and Our Redeemer Preschool (7 p.m.).

For more information on this or other programs sponsored by Newark Free Library, call 731-7550.

Discussion

Caring for Elderly

Families Caring for Elderly will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 at the University of Delaware Adult Day Care Center in Newark Hall, Academy and Lovett streets.

The program will be an open discussion of concerns, and the meeting is open to anyone who cares for or is interested in care of the elderly.

Clowns

Newark Free Library

The Roving Jesters clown troupe will perform Thursday, July 23 at the Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave.

The presentation is part of a series of programs sponsored by the library for youths ages 6-12. It will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Next in the summer series will be a theater program by the Sundance Players at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30.

Both the Roving Jesters and the Sundance Players are sponsored by the Newark Department of Parks and Recreation.

Breastfeeding

Nursing Mothers

Nursing Mothers will sponsor a class on "Breastfeeding Your Baby" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4 in the Conference Room of the Newark Emergency Center, 324 E. Main St.

Trained members of Nursing Mothers will discuss the advantages of breastfeeding, getting started, helpful hints and working while nursing. The class is free and open to the public.

Nursing Mothers is celebrating its 21st year of service to the community. It is a non-profit organization which offers support and non-medical advice for those mothers who choose to breastfeed their babies.

For details, call 368-2330.

Workshop

'Make a Rainbow'

The Newark Free Library will sponsor a craft workshop for children ages nine and older from 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 29.

The session is entitled "I Can Make a Rainbow." It will meet in the conference room of the library, located at 750 Library Ave.

Advance registration is required and each workshop is limited to 15 participants.

A workshop entitled "Look Out, Hollywood" will be held Aug. 5.

All workshops are free except for a few minor props that the children are required to bring with them. For more information call 738-9876.

Reunion

Christiana '72

The Christiana High School Class of 1972 will hold its 15-year reunion from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 at Christiana Fire Hall.

Cost of the event is \$22.50 per person, and the deadline for registration is Thursday, July 30.

Also, a family picnic for class members will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16 at Carpenter State Park on Del. 896. Participants should bring their own food and beverages.

For more information on the reunion events or to register, contact Josie Weikel Adams at 737-7603, Debbie Griffith Lloyd at 731-4340 or Karen Knight Pyle at 737-6395.

Paper drive

Glasgow Lions

The Glasgow Lions Club will hold its monthly paper collection on Saturday, July 25.

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Newarkers

Research papers

Two Newark residents — both recent graduates of the University of Delaware — presented research papers at the 1987 Intercollegiate Student Chemists Convention held in Newark.

Leia M. Jackson presented a paper entitled "Fast Analysis Through Laminar Flow and Diffusion," and Todd A. Kennedy presented a paper entitled "Purification of Riboflavin Binding Protein from Alligator Egg Yolk."

This year's ISC convention included papers by 49 students from 15 colleges and universities.

Seminars

Law enforcement

A series of law enforcement and security seminars will be offered in October by the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Delaware.

Topics for the two- and three-day seminars include dispatchers' stress and burnout reduction; recognizing and identifying hazardous materials; hazardous materials incident analysis; perspectives on modern police supervisory practices and decoy stakeout and surveillance operation.

Also, residential security; robbery/burglary investigation; premises survey and security planning; drug abuse in the workplace; understanding body movement in the interview/interrogation process;

perspectives on federal contract fraud; and intrusion detection systems.

All seminars will be held at the Wilcastle Center, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington.

For more information or to register, contact Jacob Haber in the University's Division of Continuing Education, telephone 573-4440.

Appointed

Resident assistants

Five Newarkers are among 111 University of Delaware students who have been appointed resident assistants by the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

The five are: Dawn E. Bailey, Paper Mill Road; Julia E. Edwards, Thorn Lane; Barry Fausnaugh, Rock Lane; Rona S. Haberman, Clemson Court; and Vicki K. Tarburton, White Clay Crescent.

The students were appointed after completing a 10-week training seminar.

Vasilas

Joins faculty

Dr. Bruce L. Vasilas, an agronomist specializing in corn and soybean production, has joined the plant science faculty and research staff of the University of Delaware's College of Agricultural Sciences as an assistant professor, effective July 1.

Vasilas holds a doctorate in soil microbiology from the University of Minnesota.

Bartlett wins
\$2,000 grant

Gene Bartlett, a graduate student in the department of entomology and applied ecology at the University of Delaware, has received a \$2,000 James W. Sinden scholarship to study the molecular basis for pesticide resistance in the mushroom fly. The scholarship, which is administered by trustees of the American Mushroom Institute, is named in honor of a leading mushroom scientist and is available nationally to graduate students conducting mushroom-related research.

Larvae of the fly (*Lycoriella mali*) feed on mushrooms and spread a fungus disease, *Verticillium*, costing the industry about \$20 million a year in damage to the crop. The flies are reported to become resistant to the chemical used to control them. Bartlett and his advisor,

Dr. Clifford B. Keil, a Delaware agricultural experiment station researcher, are trying to discover how this resistance develops. Keil is an insect physiologist/geneticist.

With the aid of his scholarship, Bartlett will conduct a two-year study of flies taken from a number of area mushroom houses, calculate changes in their susceptibility to the insecticide permethrin, and attempt to link these changes to genetic/biochemical changes in the fly — specifically, changes in an enzyme that is believed to be the detoxifying agent.

After completing his doctoral studies at the university, Bartlett hopes to continue working in the field of insecticide resistance, probably at a U.S. Department of Agriculture research center.



Gene Bartlett studies mushroom fly.

24 teachers attend Taft Seminar at U of D

Twenty-four area teachers are seeking to gain a better understanding of the United States Constitution and the role of political parties in the American political system during a Taft Seminar, being held for the first time in the state, hosted by the University of Delaware through July 24.

The seminar, which is also designated to increase teachers' working knowledge of state and local government, is cosponsored by the Delaware Public Administration Institute in the

University's College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy and the Taft Institute for Two-Party Government, a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational organization, named after the late Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

Entitled "Teaching Government and Politics: American Democracy and Two-Party Government," the University program is one of 32 scheduled across the nation.

Speakers on the Newark campus will include faculty from the University and Delaware State

College, as well as several government, political and judicial leaders and media representatives.

A wide range of issues on state and national levels will be addressed to improve the participants' abilities to instruct students in the area of government and to develop positive attitudes toward civic responsibility, politics and politicians.

Dr. Jerome R. Lewis, associate professor of political science and urban affairs and public policy and DPAI direc-

tor, serves as seminar director. Newark residents attending the Taft Seminar are:

• Brian Feeley, 1 Fleming St., who teaches social studies at Howard Career Center.

• Thomas Neubauer, 11 Ravenworth Ct., who teaches social studies at Middletown High School.

• Lou Nicoletti, 1009 Summit View Dr., who teaches social studies at Delcastle High School.

• Joyce Trainer, of Hockessin, who teaches third grade at Etta J. Wilson Elementary School.

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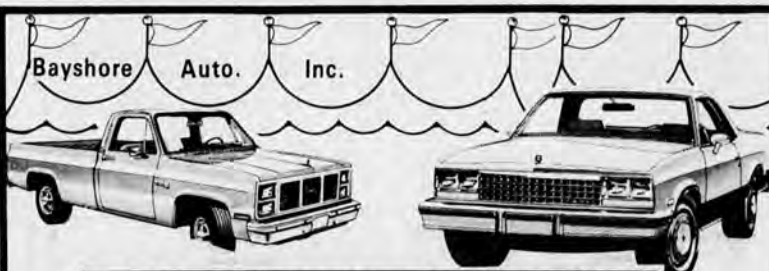
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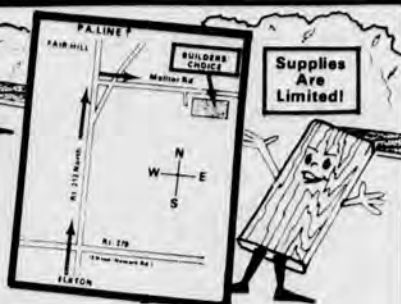


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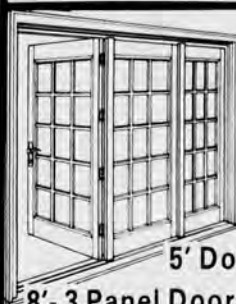
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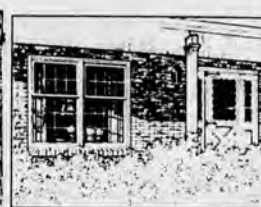


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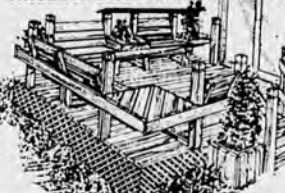
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CHURCH

Glasgow Ref'd to construct new home

Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church has announced plans for the construction of a new church on a 15-acre parcel on Del. 896 about one and one-half miles south of Glasgow.

The Rev. Charles F. Betters, pastor, said the new building will serve the needs of the church's growing congregation in the Glasgow-Bear area.

The parcel, located west of the highway, was selected based on the demographics of the church's current congregation and the rapid rate of population growth being experienced in southern New Castle County, Betters said.

Engineering is currently underway on the building and the site, with groundbreaking planned later this year.

Planned is a colonial-style two-story structure. It will provide an expandable 800-seat sanctuary, as well as educational and office facilities.

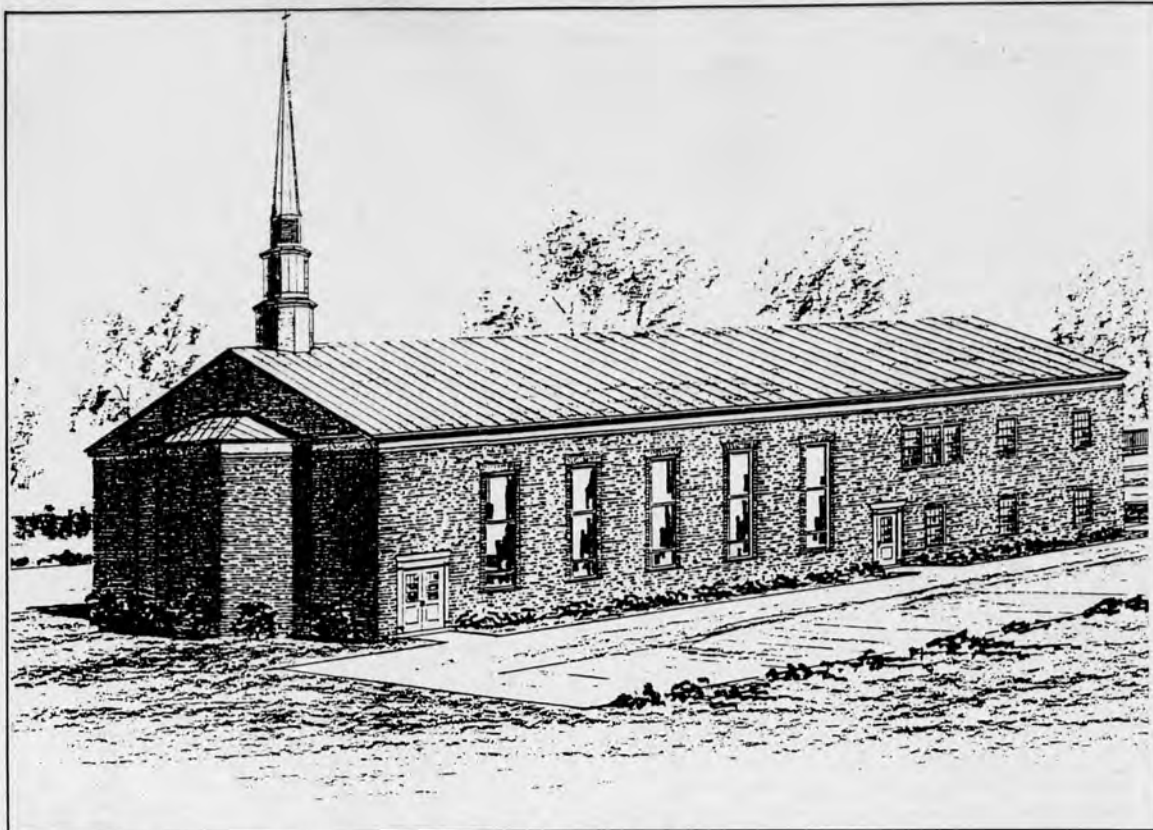
Currently, the congregation meets at Caravel Academy Sundays for morning and evening worship.

Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America, a rapidly growing protestant denomination.

The church began as a Bible study extension of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark and became recognized as a particular church by the PCA on June 29, 1986. In September 1986 the congregation called Betters as its first full-time pastor.

Over the past year, worship service attendance has grown from 80 to more than 400.

Betters said the church provides strong Biblical-based teaching and seeks to develop a close sense of Christian community as it ministers in the Glasgow area.



A sketch of the proposed home for Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH FILE

VBS

Episcopal parish

St. Thomas and St. Nicholas Episcopal churches will sponsor a vacation Bible school Aug. 17-21.

Classes are designed for youths four years through sixth grade, and will meet from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Thomas, 276 S. College Ave.

Registration forms are available at both churches.

VBC

Pencader Presbyterian

Pencader Presbyterian Church of Glasgow will hold vacation Bible school Aug. 3-7.

The program is designed for children age four through grade eight. Classes will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. nightly.

Pencader Church is located on Del. 896 at US 40. To preregister, call 368-4565.

VBS

Ebenezer Methodist

Vacation Bible School will be offered Aug. 3-7 at Ebenezer Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Hill Rd., by Ebenezer and Resurrection Catholic Church.

Registration is now being accepted for the program, and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 12. For details, call 731-9495 or 731-9492.

Housing

Interfaith effort

The Interfaith Housing Task Force, the product of an interdenominational commitment to provide decent housing for low-income families in Delaware, has been granted \$35,000 by the Campaign for Human Development, an ad hoc committee of the U.S. Catholic Conference, to implement a project to provide 1,000 low-cost housing units in Delaware over the next five years.

After two years of planning, a \$1 million pledge from the leaders of the major religious denominations and faith groups, and the support of the Enterprise Foundation — a national organization involved in the development of low and moderate cost housing — the program is ready to embark on the first stage of its plan.

In the first phase, the Task Force plans to produce 365 units at a cost of \$10 million. Total cost of the project over the next five years is expected to be over \$25 million.

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BUSINESS



Dawn Purse will head WSFS offices in Newark.

Purse to manage two WSFS offices

Wilmington Savings Fund Society has announced the promotion of Dawn Purse as branch manager of the College Square and Newark offices.

As manager, Purse will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Main Street branch in Newark and the College Square branch, which opens in August. Her responsibilities also include customer service and business development in Newark and its surrounding communities.

Purse has been employed with WSFS since 1982. Most recently she managed the New Castle branch. Prior to that she managed WSFS' King Street branch and was assistant manager at Branmar and Pike Creek.

Purse is a member of the National Association of Bank Women, and the Soroptimists of Newark. She is a graduate of the University of Delaware and has completed the Foundations of Banking course through the American Institute of Banking.

Import tax no solution to deficit, Roth says

WASHINGTON — "An oil import tax would drill holes in consumers' pocketbooks, not make a dent in the federal deficit," U.S. Senator William V. Roth, Jr. said last week.

Roth spoke in support of an amendment, which passed the Senate 55 to 41, to strike a provision in the trade bill encouraging an oil import fee.

"Those concerned about the welfare of the average American must reject this provision of the trade bill," Roth said on the Senate floor. "It could trigger the imposition of an oil import tax without the usual Congressional action. This raises grave Constitutional

questions. Furthermore, this tax will directly reduce the American standard of living by boosting the prices of home heating oil, gasoline, petrochemicals and petroleum byproducts including consumer goods made of plastics."

"An oil import fee will mean consumers will pay more for cars, tires, household appliances, chemicals and a myriad of other products," he continued. "To what purpose? So domestic oil companies make more money and so Congress has more money to spend."

"According to a Congressional Research Service study which I requested, a \$5 per bar-

rel oil import import fee would cut the rate of economic growth in this country by about one third in each of the three years following its adoption. Slowed growth would result in the loss of many jobs throughout the economy. In fact the study estimates that by 1990, an estimated 1 million jobs would be lost because of an oil import fee."

"Northeastern states would be hardest hit. Delaware, for example, consumes petroleum for heating oil, gasoline and manufacturing. In addition, the Delaware Valley refineries are heavily dependent upon imported oil," Roth said. "Conse-

quently, the economy and citizens of Delaware could be seriously harmed by an oil import fee."

"In our free enterprise system, the oil companies have had their ups and downs as market conditions have changed. While there is nothing wrong with earning a fair profit, they should not look to the U.S. Treasury when market conditions are adverse."

"Those who support the fee argue that it is needed to reduce the deficit... What is truly needed is for Congress to reduce spending, not raise taxes," Roth concluded.

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Prettyman

Dodge sales award

Harold B. Prettyman Jr., new vehicle salesman for Rittenhouse Motor Company in Newark, has earned the Dodge Gold Award, the highest level of achievement in the Chrysler Corp. division's sales professionals club.

Prettyman, a Newark resident, earned the award for individual performance in selling Dodge vehicles.

Dodge recognizes sales achievements through three awards — Bronze, Silver and Gold. The program will continue throughout the 1987 model sales year, and the top 50 sales personnel will win trips to the national sales convention.

Piser

Century 21

Kern Piser of Newark, an associate with the real estate firm of Century 21 Goldsborough, has completed the Century 21 2 & 1 real estate course at the national company's regional headquarters in Norristown, Pa.

Piser works out of the Century 21 Goldsborough office in College Square shopping center.

Piser is a graduate of Smyrna High School, Delaware State College and the University of Delaware. He is assistant professor of management at Neumann College in Aston, Pa.

Bradlees

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SBA

Tax workshop

A tax workshop sponsored by the US Small Business Administration will be held Wednesday, July 29 in the Boggs Federal Building, 844 King St., Wilmington.

The workshop will cover business organizations, accounting methods and record keeping, state individual and corporate income tax laws and estimated tax withholding.

It will run from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$6. For reservations, call the Wilmington SBA office at 573-6295.

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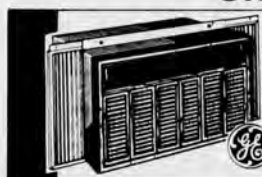
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'Stray Dogs' well acted

Izard gambles pay off for U of D audiences

by Michael Neary

Director Barbara Izard gambled twice in her production of "Stray Dogs" at the University of Delaware.

Choosing the play itself was a risk. Although it won an award for best new American script in a contest at Washington Arena Stage, the play is untested in front of a general audience.

But perhaps the more formidable gamble Izard took was putting her own stamp on the production. She added music to the play, and she recast the central character to inject a touch of realism she found lacking in the Washington performance.

These gambles work. They work specifically in this play, and, more importantly, they set a precedent for experimental theatre at the University.

Writer Julie Jensen tells the 90-minute, one-act "Stray Dogs" with gritty realism. The play, set in a tiny 1958 Utah town, revolves around Nyda, a mother trying desperately to hold her family together in the continual absence of her wild, profligate husband Myers.

With help from Myers' brother Wells, Nyda seems to be succeeding in raising her two sons, the 12-year old J. Ross and the

eight-year-old Reese. Then Myers returns, angrier and wilder than ever, and what began as a conversation play explodes into a confrontation.

Sharon Baker, as Nyda, speaks with a raspy southern voice and displays a tough, gum-chewing manner that makes her the most realistic character on stage. When director Izard saw the play in Washington she felt the casting of Nyda was all wrong. The actress was too soft. "I wanted someone who could play it down-to-earth," Izard said. Baker does just that.

She fuses speech and movements brilliantly and naturally, spitting out lines roughly as she irons clothes impatiently. She also has the luxury of playing with her son, Ned Baker (J. Ross) and her husband Frank Baker (Wells). The genuine intimacy of this trip enhances the play.

Although Frank Baker plays Nyda's brother-in-law, the pair must, at times, show subtle affection for each other. The real-life mother-son relationship of Sharon and Ned Baker translates effectively on stage also, especially when the two sing to each other.

Singing is another of Izard's touches, along with her casting of Nyda as 12-year-old J. Ross and Nyda sing a song, written by

Izard, repeating the lyric, "I don't look like me, do I?"

Izard uses the song with restraint. Because its surfaces in the play only twice, it serves to provoke thought rather than to dominate the performance. The song meshes well with the play's dialogue since carving out one's identity, and formulating beliefs, is a major theme in "Stray Dogs."

Nyda has undergone a long psychological battle with the Mormon Church and has evidently abandoned religion altogether. She tells J. Ross, "I've had to forget more about the mormon Church than you'll even learn." The precocious J. Ross, on the other hand, thinks often about religion and occasionally alludes to a "spirit world."

The most dramatic identity crisis leads to what might be the best performance in the play. L.S. Bullock, whose track record includes performances in the movie "Heaven's Gate" and the television shows "Guiding Light," "Search for Tomorrow," and "One Life to Live," summons practically all of his acting skills in his portrayal of Myers.

The emotionally taut, unstable Myers shouts angrily, cries bitterly, and cajoles shamelessly within a period of seconds, bin-



Actor L.S. Bullock is featured in "Stray Dogs."

ding the audience in a spell of tension with his presence. What crux of identity lies behind these actions remains a mystery throughout the performance.

"He is not evil," said Bullock. "He is lost. He has never had to take responsibility in his entire life. And he's at a point where he doesn't know how to live." Bullock's performance stands out saliently thanks to Frank Baker's subtle portrayal of Myers' brother, the easy-going, nice guy Wells.

Let these themes become too grave, the young sons J. Ross and Reese supply comic relief. Both Ned Baker (J. Ross) and Bill Fanjoy (Reese) reveal a flare for deadpan delivery. Baker for lines beyond his age and Fanjoy for lines completely apropos to his age. If J. Ross is a genius in a 12-year-old body, Reese is an accelerated version of a typical 8-year-old kid. The audience quickly learns to anticipate the clucking of chased chickens as soon as he steps off stage.

The only major problem with the play surfaces at the end. I won't give away what happens, but the final scene departs from the earthy realism of the rest of the play. For the first time the playwright, and perhaps the actors seem bent on leaving the audience with a direct message. Sharon Baker, however, said that no single message was intended for the audience. "There

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B'winers offer 'Plain and Fancy'

A colorful, happy romp in the Amish countryside called "Plain and Fancy" is the offering this year of the Brandywiners. It opens tomorrow night at Longwood Gardens, a perfect setting for the Albert Hague-Arnold B. Horwitt musical comedy. The show ran for almost 14 months on Broadway and has been around the world several times. It will be performed in the open air theater Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and next.

The delightful musical introduces two sophisticated New Yorkers into the area around Lancaster, Pa., and then the contrasts and comedy get going — not to forget a love story, too!

Two Brandywiner debuts will mark the opening tomorrow night. Debbie Field will bow in the role of Katie and Claudia Kaiser in the role of Hilda.

Some familiar faces — and voices — will be on stage tomorrow evening as well: Jacqueline Hoesy will sing Ruth; Bruce Lee, Dan; Jim Smith, Papa Yoder; Kevin Marceau, Peter; Ruth Jackson, Emma; Andy Zimmerman, Isaac and Charles McCloskey will sing Ezra.

"Plain and Fancy" came to Broadway in January, 1955. Its tunes are still very much with us today, or at least they will be very much with us for the next two weekends. In addition to the popular hits "Young and Foolish" and "Follow Your Heart," the score includes the rousing chorus "Plenty of Pennsylvania," the witty "City Mouse, Country Mouse," which

THE ARTS

by Phil Toman



contrasts the life of women on farms and in cities, the lilting "In Wonders Me" and the song during which the cast actually builds a barn, "How Do You Raise A Barn?" That's what I call a real production number.

Remember "This Is All Very New To Me?" That's the song the Amish girl sings when the mystery of love begins to unfold for her. She also does the comedy number "I'll Show Him," when she gets dressed in the New Yorker's clothes and goes to the place of dire evil, a carnival. There was a lot of fun and great songs in "Plain and Fancy." I'm sure you have your favorites.

In a way, I envy those of you who will be going to Longwood to see it for the very first time. What a treat you have in store for you.

The music director of "Plain and Fancy" is Calvin Bourgeault, the stage director is Newark's own Carl Jones and the choreography is by Dianne Meyerman.

The ticket price for a reserved seat is only \$10 and includes admission to the gardens anytime after 4 p.m., the musical, and

then Longwood's famous fountain display. That's quite a bargain.

As if the Brandywiners hadn't done enough with that, they then donate what they make on the musicals to charity. Since they were organized the Brandywiners have given away over a quarter of a million dollars.

Even though the run begins tomorrow at 8:30, there are still tickets for some of the six performances. If you want to make reservations, you may call 478-0595 or 478-3355.

"Plain and Fancy" is entertainment the whole family can enjoy. It is one of those shows — so rare today — with something for everyone.

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ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Theater



King Morton and Ellie Forsberg Young appear in "I Do, I Do!" at the Candlelight Music Dinner-Theatre, 2208 Miller Rd., Ardentown.

"I Do! I Do!" is being staged by the Candlelight Music Dinner Theatre in Ardentown. The show will play every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Aug. 29, with several matinees scheduled in August. It is a story of love and marriage, and is based on the non-musical show "The Fourposter." The Candlelight production features King Morton and Ellie Forsberg Young. For ticket information or reservations, call 475-2313.

"Stray Dogs," the new American play by Julie Jensen, will be staged July 23-25 in Mitchell Hall on the University of Delaware campus. The play tells the story of a young woman's true grit in coping with the capers of her volatile husband, the tender affections of her brother-in-law and the personality differences of her two sons in the poverty and provincialism of small-town Utah in 1958. All performances will begin at 8:15 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 for the general public, \$3 for University students, and will be available in the Mitchell Hall box office. For reservations, call 451-2700.

"Plain & Fancy," a musical comedy based on a book by Stein and Glickman with music by Hague, will be staged July 23-25 and 30-31 and Aug. 1 by the Brandywiners Ltd. at Longwood Gardens' Open Air Theatre. "Plain & Fancy" is the story of two New Yorkers introduced in-

to an Amish Pennsylvania family. Tickets cost \$10. Send a self-addressed envelope and check payable to the Brandywiners Ltd. to P.O. Box 248, Montchanin, DE 19710. All shows will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The Give & Take Jugglers — Dave Gillies, Nick Gregory and Dave Cousin — will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 at Longwood Gardens. The programs is free with regular Longwood admission of \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 6-14.

Music

The Newark Community Band will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22 in Battery Park, New Castle.

Eric Bogle, an Australian singer described by critics as "a social commentator, comic raconteur and earthy sentimentalist all rolled into one," will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23 in Bacchus Theater, located in the University of Delaware's Perkins Student Center on Academy Street. The concert is sponsored by Green Willow Folk Club in conjunction with WXDR-FM. Tickets cost \$7, and are available by calling 731-8832.

The Newark Community Band will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at Bellevue State Park, Carr Road, Wilmington.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band will bring New Orleans jazz to Wilmington's Grand Opera House at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 30. Tickets cost \$10-\$14 and are available by calling the Grand box office at 652-5577.

The Superior Ragtime Duo will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4 at Longwood Gardens' Conservatory Terrace. The duo features the husband-wife team of Harvey Price, University of Delaware percussion instructor and principal percussionist with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, and Linda Henderson, Wilmington Music School faculty member and DSO pianist. The concert is free with regular Longwood admission of \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 6-14.

The Newark Dixie Ramblers, a dixieland jazz group, will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5 at Carpenter State Park, Del. 896.

Hamish Moore will perform on the small pipe at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue, Newark. The concert is sponsored by the Green Willow Folk Club.



Australian folk singer Eric Bogle will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23 in the Bacchus Theater of Perkins Student Center. Tickets cost \$7. Call 731-8832.

Art

The juried exhibition Senior Artists of the Delaware Valley Area is on display through July 28 in Clayton Hall on the University of Delaware's north campus. The show features 84 works by 61 artists from Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The advanced level best-in-show award went to Bonnie von Duyke of Newark.

Works by Judith Schwab and Sutton Hays are on display through July in the Delaware State Arts Council galleries in the Carvel State Office Building, 9th and French streets, Wilmington. Schwab, a University of Delaware graduate, works in multi-media sculpture. Hays' exhibit features drawings and constructions.

Television

A W.C. Fields film festival will air on WHY-TV, Channel 12, at 9 p.m. Friday, July 24. Featured will be "It's a Gift," with Fields as a grocery store owner who heads west, and "Mississippi," a musical which co-stars Bing Crosby and features a Rodgers and Hart score.

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ENTERTAINMENT FILE

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Entries

Delaware Exhibition

The Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington, is seeking entries for the 69th Delaware Exhibition, to be held Sept. 26 through Nov. 8.

Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3.

The exhibition is open to artists over the age of 18. Artists may submit slides of a maximum of three objects in the following media: painting, drawing, graphics, collage, sculpture or photography.

Barry Blinderman, director of the Illinois State University Art

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July 22, 1987

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Oberle: Politics 'eats its young'

It is unfortunate that the special pressures of serving a leadership role in the General Assembly have forced so able a young man as State Rep. William A. Oberle Jr. to resign his position as House majority leader.

Oberle has been a model of constituent service during his tenure as representative for Newark's diverse 24th District.

He has also been an effective majority leader, one completely unafraid to speak his true feelings.

Unfortunately, forthrightness can sometimes become a liability in political circles. And somewhere along the line, you can bet that Oberle became a target.

To the normal pressures of House leadership — which Republican State Sen. Myrna Bair has described as being in a glass house within a glass house — Oberle had heaped upon him at the close of a difficult 1987 legislative session a series of unflattering stories which appeared in the Wilmington News-Journal papers.

Those stories noted that Oberle at times packed a pistol and drank beer from a soda can on the House floor. Oberle admits both charges — he did carry a weapon after he and his family became targets of threats of violence, and he did drink beer from a soda can.

While the incidents are not completely laudable — particularly the consumption of an alcoholic beverage in Legislative Hall — neither are they completely damning.

But the joint pressures of responsibility and continuous negative publicity weighed heavily on Oberle. He decided to resign as House majority leader to better serve both his family and his district.

That Oberle will be a success in whatever role he chooses, we have no doubt. He is a fine human being who has made great contributions to the quality of life enjoyed by Newarkers.

What is troublesome is an observation he made in an interview Monday. The political process in the state, particularly in Dover, he said, tends to "eat its young." And that is quite a pity.

Newark to become high tech center?

The potential impact of the growing support for composite materials research in Newark cannot be overestimated.

Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo, a Newark resident, noted in a recent report of the Governor's High Technology Task Force, that the area is on the verge of "critical mass" in composites research.

Because of the presence of the University of Delaware, major industries interested in application of composites and governmental support, Newark could well become "Composites Valley."

It is an exciting thought.

Making key coastal zone decisions

When it comes to the development of the Delaware coastline, it seems logical to me that the people of Delaware are the best equipped to make such important decisions. We know better than anyone else the aesthetic and recreational pleasures of our coast and the value of its natural resources.

The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 gave states the right to manage their coastal resources as they best saw fit. I have always been a strong proponent of this law and have opposed efforts to infringe on the states' rights guaranteed by it. Over the past years there have been several attempts by the federal government to question the authority vested in the states for the management of the coastal zones.

In an effort to strengthen the states' position in this area and help ensure that such a position is not challenged, I recently cosponsored an amendment to the Coastal Zone Management Act. Currently, the Coastal Zone Management Act calls for states to develop their own programs, and when complete, requires federal approval. To accomplish this, states have to work closely with the appropriate federal agencies.

In exchange for this, in the federal consistency provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Act, it is guaranteed that federal actions affecting a state's coastal zone would not violate the program of that state. However, as history indicates, some have chosen to interpret this section of the law differently.

The amendment I have cosponsored will eliminate any uncertainties about the intentions of the federal consistency section and reinforce the states' position.

I became actively involved in this issue back in 1983 when the federal government and the region's coal industry attempted to overturn Delaware's coastal zone management act. They wanted to establish a coal transfer station in the middle of the Delaware Bay. At that time, I brought the issue to the forefront by writing the U.S. Coast Guard questioning whether there was adequate knowledge about the effects of coal dust on our marine environment.

Fortunately, the Delaware Supreme Court upheld a ruling by Delaware's Coastal Zone Industrial Control Board that prohibited this type of coal transfer operation. However, while appeals were pending in the state court, the companies involved



THE ROTH REPORT

by US Sen. William Roth

proceeded to file suit in the federal district court. Last year, the federal district court rules in favor of Delaware and just recently the fifth circuit court of appeals upheld that decision.

East state, including am pleased that in the case of

Delaware has made a commitment to manage its coastal zone in the best interest of the state itself and the nation as a whole. I Delaware the courts have seen fit to recognize this and I hope that the legislation I am pushing will serve as a dam to any future challenges.

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POSTBOX

North

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To the Editor:

After reading your column concerning Lt. Col. North in the NewArk Post of July 15, I get the impression that you may not have seen and heard his testimony, but that you have read about it in a publication that was not trying to give an unbiased report.

Also I suggest that you read pages 857-903 in the second edition of Thomas A. Bailey's history, "The American Pageant." Those forces trying to set up communistic governments about the world do not appear to be obeying any recognized rules or laws. The reaction of the majority of American

viewers appears to contradict your assumption.

Finally, an article in the New York Times — incidentally, a Democratic newspaper — by Owen Harries, entitled "Why Should Congress Be Exempt From Truth-Telling," discussing the ethics of the current investigation, says: "We see a committee of politicians, mainly opponents of the Reagan Administration who have a vested interest in one outcome, conducting an extended public inquiry into this issue." In other words, if certain members of Congress were trying to conduct a protective, unbiased investigation it would have been conducted behind closed doors.

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 Constance A. Watt
 (parent)
 Petitioner(s)
 DATED: July 21, 1987
 nnp 7/22-3

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE
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 PETITIONER
 TO
 Nicole Lynn Hall
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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF NEWARK
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 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
 July 27, 1987 - 8 P.M.
 1. SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 2. A. CITY SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL:
 1. Regular Meeting held July 13, 1987
 2. B. ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA - Time Limit 20 Minutes
 1. Others
 3. ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING:
 A. Bill 87-24 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 20, MV&T, By Prohibiting Parking at All Times Along the Northern Boundary of Blair Court. (Tabled 6/22/87). 2nd Reading
 4. A. VOUCHERS PAYABLE REPORT
 5. B. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED 1986-1992 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
 6. C. RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS:
 A. Contract 87-25, Purchase of Valves & Fittings
 B. Contract 87-18R, 1987 Street Improvements
 C. Contract 87-23, Purchase of 10,000 RVA Outdoor Type Unit Substation
 D. Contract 87-27, Purchase of Cleaning Services
 7. D. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING
 A. Bill 87-28 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 25, Sewers, By Amending the Sewer Charges for All Customers Effective August 1, 1987 to Equal the Charges Imposed by New Castle County
 8. E. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT:
 A. Recommendation re Minor Subdivision of 274-276 & 280-282 East Main Street for a Retail/Warehouse Facility (Proposed Agreement & Resolution Presented)
 9. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:
 A. Bill 87-29 - An Ordinance Annexing & Zoning to RH (Townhouse) 14.63 Acres Located on the East Side of Paper Mill Road North of Paper Mill Apartments & Adjoining State Right-of-Way. 2nd Reading 6/24/87
 9. ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA
 A. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT
 B. COMMITTEES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:
 1. Planning Commission Minutes of July 7, 1987
 2. Welcome to Newark Sign Contest
 C. Others: None
 10. ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA (As Time Allows & As Council Determines)
 A. Councilmembers:
 1. B. Others:
 11. SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:
 A. Special Reports from Manager & Staff:
 1. Approval of Property Assessment Rolls for Tax Year 1987-1988
 B. Alderman's Report & Magistrate's Report
 C. Request for Executive Session re Labor Negotiations
 *OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
 The above agenda is intended to be followed, but is subject to changes, deletions, additions & modifications. Copies may be obtained at the City Secretary's Office, 320 Elkton Road.
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DOLLARS AND SENSE

By Charles E. Kennard

Question: Last time you discussed some specific investments for my child's education that would defer or avoid income tax. Are there any other strategies to transfer income to my children?

Answer: Numerous strategies still exist to transfer income from a parent (taxpayer) to a child (dependent). Whenever the dependent is in a lower tax bracket than the donor (taxpayer), the family will save on taxes and their assets will grow faster.

- If the child is 14 or older, a couple can give the child up to \$20,000 a year without incurring any gift tax, and the investment income from those funds will be taxed at the child's tax rate (presumably 15%).
- Business owners can employ their children and deduct the wages paid as a regular business expense. The child has to perform reasonable services and receive reasonable compensation, but it is plausible for a talented teenager to earn several thousand dollars a year for after-school or weekend office duties, errands, or tasks related to the business.
- Professional or business-owning families, where the practice or business uses equipment, can have a carefully structured trust own the equipment and have the rental income flow through to the children.
- Parents can establish 2503c trusts, which accumulated income for a minor until age 21, to take advantage of the \$20,000 (\$10,000 for a single parent) annual gift tax exclusions.
- A family can make a joint purchase of investment real estate: If the child owns the land and the parents own the building, the income from the property is split, but the parents get all the depreciation write-offs.

The new tax law aside, the most important consideration in family income shifting is not simply to reap immediate tax savings. Tax savings are fine, but once parents give their children assets or money, it is theirs. So income shifting must make sense as part of a family's overall financial well-being and goals, including college funding and estate planning.

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DH in National League? Say it ain't so, Pete!

I awoke from the nightmare in the dead black of night, heart pounding and back drenched with sweat. It had been a dreadful dream, and its details kept rushing forward. I knew I would never get back to sleep.

The nightmare started no screaming monsters, and no Jack Nicholson look-alikes toting blood-stained axes.

In fact, the key players were rather ordinary men, your basic Chub Feeneys and Bill Gileses and Peter Ueberroths.

But what they had done was so terrible that I hesitate to mention it. The faint of heart may stop reading here and now. What these plotting hairy-armed schemers had done in my dark dream was force the National League to adopt the designated hitter rule. Ugh! There, I've said it. That's a load off my mind.

I hate the designated hitter rule. I hated it when the idea was first proposed, I hate it now and I will hate it forever more. If they wanted to turn major league baseball into a pinball scoring machine to rival the NBA, they should have put the players on roller skates.

Basically, when it comes to sport, I am a purist. I liked the Olympics better before the amateurs became "shamateurs," who begot the Carl Lewises of the world. And I liked baseball better when it was baseball.

As a fan, I find that the designated hitter rule makes the game much less interesting. Sure, scoring is up in the American League, but who cares? A hard-fought, cleanly-played 2-1 ballgame is infinitely more exciting than a 19-16

POSTSCRIPT

by Neil Thomas



slugfest.

When I turn on the television to watch a Phillies game, I am immediately anchored in a specific place in time by the flow of the nine-man batting rotation. Mike Schmidt bats fourth and the pitcher ninth, and from there it is easy enough to fill in the blanks.

Adjusting the set to pick up

an Orioles game, however, I am at a complete loss. The batting order is a floating mass of orange and black without a natural pattern to mark it in my head.

In the National League, it means something profound to reach the "bottom of the order." In the American, the order just keeps spinning

around and around and around with nothing to pin it down.

Perhaps I am just easily confused. Even so, however, the designated hitter rule changes the fundamental nature of baseball — and of a fan's interest in baseball — by destroying much of the strategy involved.

A National League manager must make difficult decisions in the employment of his starting and relief pitchers. Sometimes he must lift a pitcher who is turning in a fine performance for a pinch hitter to generate offense; sometimes he must lift two players at once to alter the pitcher's position in the batting order. There is drama and suspense.

In the American League, a manager might well fall asleep in the dugout for all the real managing he has to do. If the pitcher is getting opponents

out, keep him in; if not, give him the hook. There are none of the National League's messy side issues, the kind over which fans can argue and thereby build interest.

As much as I hate the designated hitter rule, however, I also hate artificial turf and metal bats. Baseball is a pastoral game meant to be played on grass and with wood; those things make the game slightly anachronistic, which in turn lends it a unique charm.

Non-stop scoring, plastic grass and the ping of aluminum Exocets are too "now," too much a product of the industrial age.

For now, the nightmare is ended. And I hope I never wake up, turn on my radio and hear the news that the National League has adopted the DH. Please, Pete, say it ain't so!

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COVER STORY

JOBS/from 1a

hired four lifeguards at the beginning of the summer — a graduate student, a college student, a mother, and a high school student. But she is still short, which means that she must pick up the slack and cover the extra shifts herself.

One of the lifeguards Anderson hired, Sophie Tasoulis, will be a biology major at the University this fall. Tasoulis, seemingly unconcerned about not working in her field, needs her paycheck to cover living expenses. "An internship just doesn't always pay that well," she says.

Deborah M. Wailes, assistant director of Career Planning and Placement at the U of D, will concede that point.

Most field experiences are non-paying, Wailes says, while some University work-study positions only pay minimum wage.

"We just can't find the students. Whether they don't need the money, the money is too low, they're studying or what, it's really difficult to get them."

The University offers an extensive field experience program in areas such as technical writing, mass media, criminal justice, business, finance, counseling, and recreation.

During 1986-87, the placement office listed 1,349 summer jobs within Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland.

On March 17, the office held a Summer Jobs Fair on campus. Twenty-eight companies from the four neighboring states were involved with recruiting students for summer employment. About 750 students participated.

"Still, the problem is," Wailes says earnestly, "the students don't realize the number of services we have and consequently don't take advantage of them."

"Most kids, also, feel the placement office is for seniors — it can't possibly fill their needs as undergraduates."

"Some students, however, know a summer internship is what they need, that it can give them exposure to their field and they can eventually say, 'Yes, I have worked in my field.' But they don't know how to get it, they don't know what's available to them here."

Some young people with particular skills let other people do the job searching for them. Temporary agencies are often a more efficient and expedient way of dealing with summer unemployment. Usually there are no obligations or fees.

Elizabeth Flood, general operations manager at Olsten Temporaries, said that at the beginning of the summer 50 to 100 people, mostly college students — walked into the agency's Newark branch each week.

Most of the positions Olsten carries are secretarial, technical or clerical which pay about \$5 an hour.

The people who use the service, says Flood, often don't know where the jobs are, want to supplement their incomes or are re-entering the work force and want to get their skills back in shape.

Heide Much, a teaching assistant in communications at the University, needed a summer job. She wanted something temporary, to cover her expenses for three months.

DOGS/from 14a

is an element that is feminist, another that is anti-war," she said. "Maybe the strongest message to be found is the family — and that there is a real survival instinct in the family."

A minor problem, but an annoying one, is the absence of quality accoustics in Mitchell Hall. Some lines get lost through no fault of the performers.

Set designer Caty Maxey does a masterful job of luring the audience into the play's world. She designed a kitchen (in which all of the action transpires) that exudes dinginess — real, lived-in dinginess. Flannel wear and linen hang lazily in one corner of the set, an open half-empty bottle of ketchup and used dishes lie on a table in the center, and a grimy refrigerator stands in another corner.

Complementing the set before the play begins is low-playing, souther-drawl music with lines like, "I t-o-o-l-d mah baby that A-h-h-m no good." The tiny county world is carved before the players even take the stage, and they live in it impressively once they do.

"Stray Dogs" will continue this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Mitchell Hall. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

In early June she tried two temporary agencies without luck. She decided to use her own resourcefulness and look on her own.

She is now working her fifth low-paying job.

"A lot of what I've been doing doesn't pay well and is just busy work. Now I can understand why people with college degrees don't want entry-level positions and won't settle for anything less."

Too young for college internships or unskilled for temporary services?

The City of Newark provides summer jobs for young people between 16 and 22 in day care centers, camps, playground, and area pools.

In addition, the Youth Beautification Corps, sponsored by the city's Department of Parks and Recreation, is an alternative for teenagers between the ages of 15 and 18 who come from low to moderate-income families.

The teenagers work five hours a day for minimum wage. They are part of the litter patrol, paint playground equipment, do mulching and weeding, and build small bridges across creeks in park areas.

The federally funded summer program has employed over 200 youths during a ten-year period, offering them a positive work experience and emphasizing responsible work habits.

"There are lots of opportunities in Newark," says Charles Emerson, Assistant Parks and Recreation director. "But we're not experiencing the mass of applicants we used to. Years ago there were always hordes of young people looking for summer jobs. I wonder whether they go now in construction or industry, or that there are just less kids."

There are just less kids. And the situation probably won't get any better for some time.



SAFETY/from 5a

developed all over the United States and internationally. Many celebrities also participate, including Bill Cosby, the honorary national chairman for the past 11 years.

Safety Town was started in Newark as the first in Delaware. A total of 720 children over the eight year period have participated, according to Draper.

"It is amazing how much information we give these little people and how much they are able to retain," she says. "It is very important that they start to develop good safety habits at an early age, but we are just the spark that gets the fire started."

"I think that the kids have a really great time here," says Jeff Lewis, one of the local teenagers involved as volunteers in the program. "The part they like best is when they are out on the town. They really love to drive the cars."

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