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Representative Charles West
Representative George Carey

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PRIZE AWARDS

Mayor Joseph W. Booth
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Music by "Spice"

REFRESHMENTS

Foods of a 1791 Colonial Ball

January 26, 1991
The Armory
Georgetown, Delaware
8:00 p.m.
Heirs of the revolution offer proud salute

By NANCY CLEMENTS
Staff reporter

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — On a drizzly, Sunday afternoon, surrounded by memorials to past heroes, about 50 Delawareans gathered at a special service to praise the legacy of their forebears.

Edward E. Gray of Windsor Hills is descended from "about a dozen people" who supported the American Revolution. One of his ancestors, who hailed from colonial Massachusetts, was captured by Gen. John "Gentleman Johnny" Burgoyne, the British commander who lost the battle of Saratoga.

Betty Homans of Milford traces three of her ancestors — "all soldiers" — to the war that won independence from Britain, for the 13 American colonies.

And Noel H. Kuehn of Alapocas, Wilmington, state vice president for the Delaware Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, counts a captain of Massachusetts militia on his family tree.

All three belong to the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution — two groups which limit membership to those who can trace their lineage to people who served the American side in the Revolutionary War, including farmers, legislators, merchants and ministers.

The Delawareans came by chartered bus and car to the 68th annual Delaware State Sunday Service at the Washington Memorial Chapel. Each state is entitled to a special Sunday service at the chapel, also called the National Shrine at Valley Forge, Kuehn said. Since Delaware is the First State by virtue of being first to ratify the U.S. Constitution, Delaware is assigned the first Sunday in each year.

Around the chapel, stained glass windows bear dedications to such men as the Marquis de Lafayette, the Frenchman who fought on the American side; Robert Morris, the Philadelphia "financier of the Revolution;" and John Paul Jones, the "father of the American Navy."

Under those windows, Delaware Sons and Daughters, representing about 300 and 580 members in each group respectively, heard Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf describe the bitter, snowbound winter days of 1777 when Gen. George Washington's army licked its wounds at Valley Forge.

Wolf praised the Constitution, which he described as "still vital" and "alive in a world far beyond the imagination of its drafters."

The Constitution and the pattern it laid for democracy is achieving new recognition beyond the borders of the United States, in a period when Soviet satellite countries undergo drastic change and South Africa seeks solutions for its problems, he said.

The Constitution, Wolf said, has "been a fountainhead for the United States and [is now] becoming one for the world.... Men like [Iraqi leader] Saddam Hussein will always resist such a document which guarantees freedom and democracy."

With its Bill of Rights, the Constitution is a product "of our truly revolutionary Delaware forebears," who laid aside differences to forge a strong central federal government, Wolf said.

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Millisboro Sen. Richard S. Cordrey listens to the Laurel High School chorus with grandchildren Tom Miller, 6, left, Casey Lee Cordrey, 7, at right, and Christopher Cordrey, 3, front. At rear are Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf and House Speaker Terry R. Spence.
It will be a REALLY BIG NIGHT for WRCW, when at our February 26, 1991 meeting, we will WELCOME both Lt. Governor Dale Wolf and Mrs. Clarice Wolf as our guest speakers for the evening. Lt. Gov. Wolf will discuss the coordination of the State of DE and literacy programs. Through the efforts of First Lady Barbara Bush, Republican Women's Clubs nation-wide are focusing on ways to overcome this monumental problem.
Gov. Castle released an extensive list of legislative initiatives Thursday, setting forth his executive priorities for the 136th General Assembly. Last year, when Castle released a similar agenda, it was believed to be the first time a Delaware governor had done so. Many of the proposals are bills that have already been introduced in either the House or Senate. Proposals not labeled with a number have yet to be introduced.

Gov. Castle fields questions about the upcoming legislative session at a news conference Thursday in Dover.

Research park planned on advanced materials

By TOM CURLEY Staff reporter

NEWARK — Efforts to make the Newark area a "Composites Corridor" comparable to California's Silicon Valley got a big boost in August when state, education, and industry officials announced plans for an Advanced Materials Park on 40 acres owned by the University of Delaware.

Advanced materials — which include composites along with ceramic, superconducting, electronic, and solar cell materials — are considered vital to the nation's defense as well as its global economic competitiveness, said R. Byron Pipes, dean of the College of Engineering.

Composite materials are formed from combinations of two or more materials that combine physically to yield enhanced properties, such as stiffness and strength.

Enthusiasm for the project — which aims to make Delaware the national center to drive U.S. competitiveness in advanced materials — continues to build with the prospect of an additional $10 million in federal funds.

In October, Congress directed the Defense Department to give "high priority" to a $10 million university laboratory for advanced materials research. The recommendation, included in the fiscal 1991 defense appropriations bill, is subject to Defense Department approval.

A final decision is expected in February.

Funding for the laboratory would come from a $50 million Defense Department program to develop technologies with both commercial and military applications.

The state also plans to spend $8 million on the new park that would complement the university's existing research activities, including its Center for Composite Materials.

State officials said they hope ground can be broken in the spring for the new park.

State and university efforts to build the park also are being supported by several private companies, including the Du Pont Co., Hercules Inc., ICI Americas Inc., Lanxide Technology Corp. and W.L. Gore & Associates.

"The field is moving rapidly," said Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf. "If we don't get control of composite technology in the U.S., then ... it will go to another location."

When completed in 10 to 12 years, the park would include eight buildings providing 300,000 square feet of space for research and development, between 700 and 800 high-technology jobs and a satellite community of related businesses, said John J. Casey Jr., director of the Delaware Development Office.

University officials said the park is expected to generate new companies in its "incubator" facilities while providing industry with research, design and testing facilities.

Wolf said a board of advisers for the park would be announced "in the next few weeks."

University President David P. Roselle said the university was well-positioned geographically to take advantage of research collaboration between industry and the university, especially in chemical.
DEDICATION: Lt. Jeffery T. Bassett of the Salvation Army, front center, presided over the dedication ceremony of the organization's new building on Forrest Street in Dover. In the background are, from left to right, Col. Wallace C. Conrath, divisional commander; Lt. Gov. Wolf, and wife, Clarice; and Dover Mayor John "Jack" Richter. Photo by Tony Tiparod.
State officials hooked on fish farming

By STEVEN CHRZANOWSKI
Cecil Bureau reporter

DOVER — It used to be that harvesting fish was something that was left to men who go down to the sea in ships.

But soon, a larger share of that duty could be taken up by a different kind of fisherman — one who raises his crop in carefully monitored ponds and tanks instead of catching it from the ocean's depths.

Delaware and some of its farmers are taking their first steps into the new and hopefully lucrative venture of aquaculture — better known as “fish farming.”

With the passing of recent state legislation placing aquaculture under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture and a steady stream of potential fish farmers calling state offices for information every day, some people are touting this new farming venue as the wave of the future.

Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf, who headed the state's task force on the economic feasibility of aquaculture here, said both the flavor and the variety of farm-raised fish is “excellent.”

Wolf said aquaculture could be a “tremendous” economic boon for the state. He foresees raising certain breeds of fish — such as hybrid striped bass, catfish, crawfish and tilapia — in a move that could possibly be the biggest thing to hit Delaware's farming sector since chickens.

“I look at it as economic development for southern Delaware,” Wolf said. “It could be a $100 million industry, just like the poultry business."

Wolf said his Aquaculture Task Force determined that a number of factors create a "built-in interest" in fish-farming in Delaware's agricultural community.

Like the broiler industry, Wolf said fish farmers would benefit from Delaware's proximity to a number of major highways, enabling their products to be easily shipped to surrounding metropolises and areas beyond.

Small farmers could tap into the potential market by excavating the low-lying areas of their land where rain collects and crops don't grow, and turning them into ponds. Large-scale poultry producers could use their processing and distribution know-how to get fresh, farm-raised fish to market quickly and efficiently.

Already, more than 500 would-be fish farmers have expressed their interest in what state Agriculture Secretary William B. Chandler Jr. has called "the next most exciting evolution that's going to take place in agriculture."

Perdue Inc. has shown some curiosity in raising fish, and Townsend's Inc. of Milford bought a Maryland-based catfish operation last September.

The Aquaculture Task Force concluded in its study that fish farming could become a major growth industry for the state's agriculture community "a means of supplementing their income or diversifying their farm operation."

In other words, fish is one more crop that local farmers eventually could cash in on.

However, the study warned would-be fish ranchers that running an operation takes more than filling a hole with water, dumping in some fingerlings and waiting to net the profits.

Aside from running a gauntlet of federal, state and local agencies to get the proper permits and dealing with high land costs, aquaculturists also would have to compete for ground water and make ponds out of a soil that's considered too porous in some areas.

Also, water quality must be checked constantly to assure the fish live and grow to a marketable size.

Despite its seeming potential for competition and conflict between watermen and farmers, task force member and professional fisherman Willis Hand said that aquaculture would have little effect on the state's fishing industry.

Hand, who serves on the state's newly formed Aquaculture Advisory Council, said the real competition comes from foreign fisheries. Any challenge to the fishing industry — foreign or domestic — won't come until the technology is developed to raise fish more inexpensively.

"I don't think they [local watermen] consider it a problem," said Hand, who fishes for crabs, oysters and fish. "They can't raise them as cheap as they can catch them in the wild."

Wolf said the potential development of aquaculture as a profitable industry in Delaware is "exciting, but it's not going to happen overnight." He said plenty of bugs need to be worked out in such areas as technology, marketing and production before fish farming can be cost effective.

He added that Delaware could never match the production potential of such places as Louisiana and Mississippi, where cheaper land and warmer water make it easier to raise bass, catfish and crawfish.

However, Wolf said he can envision the day when the abandoned chicken coops that dot lower Delaware will be filled with tanks full of critters that don't cluck. He said that once technology provides an economical way to heat ponds and house tanks, aquaculture could become a means for farmers to raise a crop the year around.

Sallies holds sports banquet

It was a long way from his old haunting grounds of New York, but Rich Kotite, Philadelphia Eagles Coach and main speaker at the Salesianum Alumni Sports Banquet, respected and admired the way Salesianum was steeped in tradition and honored their values. He was almost as if he was back in the all-boys high school he attended in N.Y.C.

In addition to Kotite, other dignitaries attending the 43rd annual sports banquet were Delaware Lt. Governor Dale Wolf, New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse, Temple Head Football Coach Jerry Berndt, U. of D. Head Basketball Coach Steve Steinwede and about 750 of the most loving and caring family you will ever see in one place.

The Alumni of Salesianum annually gather to honor those Seniors who have given their all in becoming a Salesianum athlete. According to Coach Mike Gallagher, "self-discipline, teamwork and honor is what a Salesianum athlete is all about."

The various senior athletes who have given their time, energy and education to become a Salesianum athlete were recognized by all of the distinguished guests attending. Words such as family, dignity, education, commitment, and hold-on, were all earmarks that a Salesianum senior should uphold for the future.

Thomas Delucia, President of the Salesianum Alumni Association, said that the school has carried on a commitment since 1949 and the student athletes of 1991 will carry on the tradition. "Tenui nec Dimitam," I will hold on and I will not let go, is a phrase that to many is just incompatible to daily speech, but to the Salesianum graduate that phrase is part of their lives. The 1991 class will be part of the family.
Annual Delaware Mix-Off focuses on non-alcoholic party drinks

Dickie Noles, former Phillies pitcher, and Lt. Governor Dale Wolf concoct one of the non-alcoholic drinks previewed at Delaware's fifth annual Spirit Free Mix-Off.

Celebrity bartenders work hard to prepare drinks for the more than 70 people who attended the Mix-Off co-sponsored by AAA Delaware.
Lt. Governor Wolf Talking Bread And Butter Issues For '92

By TED CLARK

I hear with apologies for saying Lt.-Gov. Dale Wolf doesn't know squat about politics. I was wrong. Boy, was I wrong!

The white-haired 66-year-old greeter is learning to use the politician's favorite - and sometimes necessary - tool: Never give a reporter a direct answer if he's asking, early-on, about Wolf's plans to run for governor next year.

Be that as it may, Dale Wolf will run. How do I conclude that at this early date?

Wolf is talking drugs and prevention, sure; he's Delaware's drug czar. But he's also talking the kind of bread-and-butter issues an ambitious pol talks.

Issues such as education, I'm sure you all noted how much of Mike Castle's State of the State message was devoted to that subject.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS - Otherwise, Wolf's issues have strong emphasis on economic development - which was his thing before Mike Castle said kneel and put the scimitar on his shoulder.

Wolf has chosen his issues well: In this recessionary time and age of social upheaval - was it ever thus? - nothing could be more transcending than education, jobs and drug prevention. On the latter, that's what the one-time Nebraska farm boy comes down hard on - far out ahead of arrest, sentencing and treatment.

ANY CHANGE IN PLANS?

The question was phrased this way: Is he now more or is he less decided than a year ago to run for governor?

"There has been no change in my plans, Clarke [his wife] and I have talked about what we need to do," he confirms. "I got into this [politics and government] business because I wanted to make a difference. That's the way I approach the entire question of will I or won't I."

Actually, the man-uncharacteristically unsmiling when we talked - sounds like he decided all systems were go when, in '87, he became the odds-on choice for Castle's second-term running mate.

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HE'S THOUGHT THIS OUT - That's obvious. And although he sidesteps directly saying he'll be a GOP gubernatorial candidate in '92, Lt.-Gov. Wolf puts it flatly: "I pick issues - drugs, education, jobs - that I think are THE issues and will continue to be the issues uppermost in people's minds."

What about gentle Clarke, who appears to bristle at the rough-and-tumble of politics?

"Clarice? She say's it's up to me."

SHE'S IN TRAINING - Ah, but Clarke already is trying out for First Lady. Wolf comes close to conceding that when he observes: "She's involved in a number of things she wouldn't have done if it weren't for me."

Those things include what one might reasonably expect a First Lady to occupy herself with: The Sojourner's advisory board, the homeless-and-hungry concerns, a court-appointed advocate for children who are neglected or mistreated.

Additionally, Clarke Wolf is past president of Girls, Inc.

KIDS, KIDS - Girls, Inc. is the rechristened Girls Clubs of Delaware and "Clarice, as you can see, is interested in what all of us now call kids'-issues. It's only natural; she once taught third-grade students."

When Dale Wolf became lieutenant-governor, a very large pair of scissors became a linchpin of his traveling tent show.

I get the man's schedule weekly and it looks like a road map to a peptic ulcer - or two of them.

MOST REVEALING QUOTE - Yes, I think this quote from the lieutenant-guy says it all: "When Clarice and I talk about the future we talk about two years from now, four years from now, eight years from now - and what we want to be doing then."

He makes it plain that what has been said up to now is what they want to be doing then.

HE'S GOT CHUTZPAH - In his polite-and-proper way he does. For instance, sitting on the high dais as presidng officer of the Senate on State of the State Day, he (1) introduced Clarke to the jam-packed Senate chamber before Castle's arrival, amid the implied flourish of trumpets and (2) scolded the House lawmakers.

They were behaving somewhat less than legislatively before Castle's entrance. But when he advised them to mind their manners, it was more as a schoolmaster than a gavel-pounder.

Agencies boost vocational ed

By Joyce Mullins

Staff writer

DOVER - Vocational education in Delaware got a boost this year from several state agencies that hope their cooperative efforts will make it easier for students to make the best education and career choices.

On Wednesday, Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf put the finishing touches on a proclamation Gov. Michael N. Castle had signed earlier, declaring the week of Feb. 10-17 "Vocational Education Week" in Delaware.

Noting that Delaware's unemployment rate has gone in one year from 2.8 to 6.2 percent, Lt. Gov. Wolf said, "The kind of skills that were good enough last year are not good enough this year."

He said that students must be better prepared to compete in the face of increasing unemployment levels.

"There's more excitement in vocational education now than ever before," he said.

The signing took place at Kent North Vocational Technical High School and was scheduled to coincide with the release of the second edition of the "Delaware Career Compass," a career planning guide for students and job seekers.

To the students gathered in the room for the event, Lt. Gov. Wolf said, "You must try to pick something you really like to do, something you really want to spend the rest of your life doing."

"Delaware Career Compass," researched, written, designed and developed by Janis P. McCullough and Michael L. Brown of the Delaware Department of Labor, will go to high school students throughout the state, through their career counseling and guidance faculty.

James K. McFadden, executive director of the Delaware Occupational Coordination Committee, which produced the publication, spoke to Delaware's need "for more trained people than at any other time in our history."

He also thanked the Delaware National Guard, which will distribute the 70,000 copies of the publication, despite their obligations during the war in the Persian Gulf.

The publication includes a "career matrix," which lists a wide variety of occupations, job descriptions, annual openings, growth rates and suggested training needed to fill the positions, among other pertinent data.

Dr. Clifton A. Hutton, state supervisory of guidance in the Department of Public Instruction, said of the joint effort with the Department of Labor, the Advisory Council on Career and Vocational Education, the National Guard and professional educators, "This is a prime example of what can happen when we put the effort of a lot of agencies in the state."

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Dr. Manera Constantine, executive director of the state's advisory council on career and vocational education, pointed out that Dr. Hutton had made a special contribution to the publication by designing its cover page.
Carper’s timing comes as a surprise

Frankly Speaking

Frank Calio

Wolfe. Wolfe probably has more money in his war chest from the last election than Carper raised for his congressional race.

Some Delawareans probably think Carper’s run for the governor’s seat is a step-down. Actually, the move is quite an upgrade from being a member of the House. A move from the governor’s chair to the Senate would be the highlight of any politician’s dream.

Pete DuPont went from Congress to the governor’s chair. Bill Roth from being a Congressman to a U.S. Senator, Cale Boggs from governor to the U.S. Senate, and former governor Bert Carvel tried to unseat John Williams twice for the privilege of going to Washington as a U.S. Senator.

And the rumor mill says Castle will cook it for two years and then run for Roth’s seat.

Carper is a family man, and with two young kids, the trip to D.C. every day and coming home late at night gets to be old stuff. He certainly would continue the professionalism of pulling the right people in key positions, and going outside of Delaware to bring in the best, a tradition started by DuPont and carried on by Castle.

Professionalism in government doesn’t always go over well with the old-guard politicians, especially if you go out of state to recruit, but Delaware voters want this type of government, and politicians must adjust to that fact.

Carper certainly has his eyes on the right talent. That’s one selling point he’ll have from his time in Washington.

While Democrats are jumping for joy over Carper’s announcement, and even with Republicans saying he will be a shoehorn, Democrats should remember the story of the turtle and the hare. The turtle in this case being the Republicans, who are not going to stand by and let 16 years of Republican domination in Delaware and the some 2,000 political appointments, which go with the governorship, slip through their fingers without a good fight.

Castle taps Wolf to head ‘greenways’

From the Dover Bureau

DOVER — Gov. Castle has announced the appointment of Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf as chairman of the Delaware Coastal Heritage Greenway Council. The panel planning the governor’s proposed ‘greenway’ connecting historic, natural and scenic points of interest along the coast.

Also appointed to the panel were: Barbara Benson of Hockessin, James S. Roberts of Lewes, Patricia Wagner of Milford, Dennis Forney of Lewes, John Lopez of Wilmington, Sidney Craven of Wilmington, Ernest Harrison of Wilmington, Justin Carisio of Wilmington, Eldon Homsey of Wilmington and Robert Beck of Port Penn, all to serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Castle also announced the following appointments, which do not require Senate approval:
Parents get tips on keeping kids drug-free

By Laurie Webber
Staff writer

DOVER — A group of attentive parents and students went to school Wednesday night on the area's drug problem.

More than 250 parents and their children filled the Modern Maturity Center on Del. 8 to discuss drug usage in the Capital and Caesar Rodney school districts as part of the third annual Community Awareness Night.

Parents watched intently as nine speakers from the law enforcement and counseling communities explained current drug-related problems in their school districts and how they can help their children avoid falling prey to peer pressure.

Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf spoke to the group before the speakers began.

He told the group about his son’s addiction to drugs and alcohol and how his family overcame that crisis. Lt. Gov. Wolf’s story was one example of a success story.

“Don’t think that it will always happen to someone else,” he said. “It’s not true.”

Cpl. Jeffrey Horvath of the Dover Police Department passed around a vial of crack cocaine while he discussed Dover’s drug problem.

“Cocaine is our biggest problem in Dover,” he said. “We have an open-air market downtown.”

He said most of the problem lies in the New Street area.

“There’s no other reason to be on New, Kirkwood or Queen streets,” he said.

He said the popularity of marijuana decreased several years ago, but has been making a comeback.

He said drugs are rampant in area high schools, and he has, on several occasions, arrested high school students. He said he finds that some parents refuse to believe their children are involved in drugs.

“Parents don’t want to hear it when their kids are involved,” he said.

Dover attorney James E. Liguori told the parents that they were not the ones he needs to reach. He told the parents that they showed that they cared by attending the program.

“We need to talk with the parents who aren’t here,” he said.

He explained to the parents that when a child is arrested on drug charges, the humiliation can cause rifts in the family.

He said in some cases, the rifts cannot be repaired and the parents divorce.

He told the parents to find out what the signs of drug use are and to watch for those signs.

Children who are convicted of drug offenses are not accepted into the military and some jobs, Mr. Liguori told the group.

Susan Buckley, director of guidance services at Caesar Rodney High School, said parents must start building their children’s self-esteem when they are young.

“If a child wants drugs, he can get them,” she said. “If you can build his self-esteem, it’s much easier for him to say no to his peers.”

She said it is important for parents to actively show their children they love them and to always listen when their children want to talk.

Most of the speakers stressed education for families.

This year, Capital and Caesar Rodney school districts implemented the DARE program — Drug Abuse Resistance Education. DARE is a national program operated by police officers to educate children about the dangers of drug abuse.

“Education, I think, is going to be the only thing that stops it,” said Cpl. Horvath.

Dover City Police Officer Robin Case exhibits drug equipment and explains its usage Wednesday at the third annual Community Awareness Night at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover.

Sign draws line for dealers

By Laurie Webber
Staff writer

DOVER — Warning signs will be posted 1,000 feet from Dover schools, marking a boundary for drug dealers, said Robert F. Neylan, Capital School District’s Drug Free School and Communities coordinator.

Suspected drug dealers who are arrested behind a Drug-Free School Zone sign will face a mandatory one-year prison sentence, said Delaware’s U.S. Attorney, William C. Carpenter.

The signs were unveiled by Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf Wednesday night during the third annual Community Drug Awareness Night.

“I hope the signs will keep drug dealers at least a thousand feet away from our schools,” said Raymond Taralla Sr., president of the Capital School Board. “I always hoped there would be drug-free zones.”

“They know that when they put the sign in, there is going to be a stiffer penalty,” Mr. Carpenter said.

A federal law for drug-free school zones was passed in 1986, requiring all offenders to serve at least one year in prison, Mr. Carpenter said.

Last year, the General Assembly passed a state law that can require offenders to serve even longer terms in prison, he said.
Small towns welcome tour
Cyclists will race through New Castle, Delaware City, Smyrna

By CRIS BARRISH
Staff reporter

WILMINGTON — The Tour Du Pont’s glory will shine mainly on the city for three days in May, but smaller Delaware towns will also grab some gusto.

On May 10, 150 riders will depart Wilmington at 10 a.m. on the first stage of the tour, a 100-mile road race. They’ll wind their way down and back up scenic Delaware 9 along the Delaware River. New Castle, Delaware City and Smyrna will get a glimpse of the racers as they breeze past Augustus Beach, Blackbird Landing and the outskirts of Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.

“I’m very delighted,” New Castle Mayor John F. Klingmeyer said Wednesday. “Biking is great for the environment and it’s good for young people to see this and encourage them.”

Klingmeyer wasn’t sure which route the tour will take through his town before continuing to Route 9, but it’s likely the town’s famous colonial buildings will be featured.

“We think it will add a certain historic ambiance,” Klingmeyer said.

Because racers will be in town for only a short time, Klingmeyer doesn’t expect any economic windfall for the town of 4,000 people.

“Don’t think any of the bikers will be stopping to buy a sugar cone,” he joked, “but I imagine we’ll have a good lunchtime trade that day. And I’m sure the New Castle Visitor’s Bureau will meet the challenge.”

Carol Boyer, Delaware City’s town clerk and acting city manager, predicted her town’s 1,700 residents would rise to the occasion.

“I think it’s great,” Boyer said. “Our Recreation Committee has talked about putting flags out and getting the people out to cheer them on. And it could draw a few people from out of town who might buy sandwiches and sodas.”

Boyer said Delaware City might hang a banner across the road promoting activities such as a flower mart the next day and Delaware City Day, held June 28.

Smyrna Town Manager C. Donald Hodge couldn’t forecast a big turnout of the city’s 5,500 residents because the race will only pass the perimeter of town for two miles.

“We’d be very much happier if they were coming through town,” Hodge said. “But I’m sure persons in Smyrna will make an attempt to be out there if it’s a nice day and all.”

Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf said the state will develop a commercial about Delaware to be televised eight times on ESPN and CBS.

“It’s a great opportunity to show Delaware and its quality of life to high-tech companies that would like to move here,” Wolf said. “It will send the message of the attractiveness of Delaware. The race should be very beneficial to tourism.”

Wilmington will ante up more than $200,000 for rights fees, and lodging and meals for about 700 athletes and race officials, but its downtown businesses should reap the bulk of the economic benefits.

As it did last year when only the prologue time trial was held in Wilmington, the city will seek corporate and private sponsors to help defray costs of hosting the race and other activities in its Summerfest ’91 series. The state and New Castle County are not expected to contribute, but will provide support services such as police.

“It’s very difficult to be too precise and I don’t want to be held to an absolute dollar figure, but the impact on tourism cannot be underestimated,” Mayor Daniel S. Frawley said.

“Last year about $450,000 to $500,000 was generated in tourist dollars to our community. This year’s it’s going to be a longer stay, more activity, more people, we can see something on the order of $1 million from the tour. It takes money to make money. You have to invest dollars today for what this tour could become in terms of a Kentucky Derby of an Indianapolis 500.”
The challenge of Delaware’s greenways idea

Delaware is faced with a unique challenge and opportunity in the 1990s – the preservation of our environment. This challenge has become increasingly critical as our open space and wilderness continue to diminish.

The Delaware Coastal Heritage Greenway Council, established by Gov. Castle, will develop a guide for creating the coastal greenway. This initiative will preserve the essence of the outdoors Delawares enjoy most. The DCHGC is only the second group in the nation to attempt to link, through a ribbon of green, a variety of special places statewide.

The DCHGC will link parks, historic sites, animal refuges and other precious resources. As chairperson of the DCHGC, I will work with a group of exceptionally qualified people who are committed to the challenge of linking cultural, coastal and historic sites from Fox Point to Fenwick Island.

I imagine most people would receive if asked if they would like to: Have opportunities for walking or bicycling, protect water quality, conserve plants that cleanse the air and enjoy with greater ease Delaware’s historic cultural and historical sites and protect floodplains, wetlands and steep slopes. Delaware’s greenways accomplish all of this and more.

The time is now for the Coastal Heritage Greenway. If we wait any longer it might be too late. Our council will begin to develop a plan of action in our first meeting on April 9. The council will include:

- Evaluate the cultural, historical and scenic elements of the Delaware coastline
- Promote public awareness
- Encourage public agencies, non-profits, private organizations and individuals to create physical linkages
- Analyze and recommend to the governor what organizational structure is needed to establish the coastal greenway.

An important element in creating a greenway system throughout our state is the public. Residents may have a profound impact on greenway development by recognizing potential resources in their community and participating in the greenway’s design and maintenance. Those who would like to play a role should contact the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in Dover. Together we can create a wonderful legacy for tomorrow.

One of America’s founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson, called Delaware “a jewel of a state.” Our council will assist in the effort of combining Delaware’s individual diamonds along the coast into one continuous string of priceless resources. Through the efforts of Delawares of today and tomorrow will also enjoy what we and previous generations have enjoyed, a magnificent jewel of a state.

Wolf's Old School Ties Snare Republican National Chairman

By TED CLARK

How come I'll be going around as the new Republican National Chairman, Claytor Yeutler as keynote speaker May 4 for the annual GOP state convention at Delaware State College?

"First," said Sussex Chair Everett Moore, "let me tell you that this may be the first time our new chairman leaves D.C. to go on the road for a state convention. We're pretty proud of that. We think it is an outstanding coup for Delaware."

And, I've got to tell you that the spade work required to get a commitment from such an in-demand speaker, Mr. Moore continued, "has just been fantastic."

Spade work by whom?

"Mainly, State Chair Basil Battaglia and Lt. Gov. Dale Wolf, and the fact those two started to work on their project early."

THE REAL STORY - Actually, the coup transcends that. It's a case of old-school ties being the best kind: Chairman Yeutler and Lt. Gov. Wolf are fellow cornhuskers from the University of Nebraska.

If you think the old school ties of the Ivy League are a big deal, you've never been to the Midwest.

From Ohio State to Columbus to the Rockies, the Old Boys will quickly tell you that the ties that bind are a second language.

Chairman Battaglia, pointing out that '92 will see a new governor and new congressman, said Mr. Yeutler's "decision to come to Delaware reflects the tremendous interest being generated in Washington over the upcoming election cycle here."

THE IRON WAS HOT - The RNC unanimously elected its new leader January 25. On March 18, the GOP here announced its coup.

PLAYING HARDBALL - Meanwhile, you can take this to the bank: Mr. Yeutler will burn some Democratic feet and fingers with partisan references to that peace-loving party. Democrats, he's already suggested, had they been the White House party-in-charge just now, would cause Kuwait still to be under Saddam Hussein's hotheaded boots - even today.

What a ravaging indictment! Will the GOP, through November '92, take that pumped-up ball and run with it? Is the Pope Catholic?

HIS CREDENTIALS - Mr. Yeutler, George Bush's agricultural secretary, was Ronald Reagan's trade representative, deputy special trade representative, Gerald Ford and chief executive officer of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

These last two years his occupation has been farm legislation and opening new export markets for American farm products.

The two farmboys will have a lot to discuss: The lieutenant-governor was the DuPont Co.'s vice president for sales of agricultural products before he joined Delaware Development Office.

The new chairman has three degrees, including one in law,

Literate strategy for Del.

Plan aims to help with reading skills

By NANCY KESLER

DOVER — Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf released a strategy Monday for improving literacy in Delaware. The target: 31,000 people in Delaware who don't read well enough to fully function in society.

A fourth-grade education was once considered adequate, according to Wolf and his Adult Literacy Task Force. The demands of technology now make it evident that a high school education is the minimum realistic level needed.

The problem is that one of three adults in Delaware doesn't have a high school diploma and one out of six reads below the eighth-grade level.

Wolf and his group want to make everyone literate by 2000. The ability to read is essential to survival and success in today's world," he said.

To meet the goal, the task force believes the state needs to set up a group to oversee implementation of a plan to attack illiteracy, including marketing programs and collecting data on progress.

Wolf will lead this interagency group. But it hasn't been decided whether the existing task force will ultimately become the interagency group or whether another group will be appointed.

Meanwhile, the task force is working on an implementation plan, which includes solutions for making sure people are literate before they leave school and identifying adults who need assistance and linking them to literacy programs.

The task force also believes it's important to recognize excellent literacy programs.

Wolf made his announcement at sites of literacy programs in all three counties. The three programs received certificates of merit.

In Dover, Wolf and task force members stopped at Liberty Court, a Delaware Housing Authority apartment complex for low-income people that has its own classroom.

Joseph DiSalvo, who lives nearby and is principal of adult education in the Appoquinimink School District, said he has concluded that transportation and child care are the main impediments to people attending literacy programs. He suggested that the education program be brought to the people.

The Liberty Court program, which began nine months ago, has had 40 students.

Beverly McLeish, a 28-year-old mother of three children, had been out of work for six months after leaving a fast-food job. She recently passed the exam for a nursing assistant and has a job in a nursing home. She's now working toward her GED.

Literacy program, she said, "is helping me and I'm not going to stop until I get it." Eventually, she wants to be a registered nurse.

Earlier in the day, Wolf visited an adult training program at Townsend's Inc., a poultry processing near Millsboro whose program is a model for corporate involvement. In Wilmington, Wolf stopped to recognize the Friendship House program for the homeless.
Officials present literacy strategy

By Denise Pajerowski
Staff writer

DOVER — Just a year ago, Beverly V. McLeish, 28, was an unemployed mother of three children. Her inability to read seemed like a huge brick wall separating her from the employment she needed to support her children.

Today, however, her life is changing. With help from a literacy program at her housing development, Liberty Court, Ms. McLeish has been able to pass the test to become a certified nursing assistant.

"I like my job — no, I love my job because I like helping elderly people out," she said, "Now I am after my GED and I'm not going to stop till I get that."

Ms. McLeish was one of several adults who joined Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf on Monday when he presented "An Action Strategy to Achieve a Literate Delaware."

The cornerstone of that strategy is to encourage more partnerships between teachers and illiterate adults, and to bring adult literacy programs directly to the people who need them.

According to Delaware statistics, one out of six adults in Delaware — 51,000 adults — cannot read well enough to function fully in society. And, for each 1,300 adults who are earning a GED annually, 2,000 students are dropping out of Delaware schools.

"Not being able to read is a crisis. Sometimes it's a little crisis, sometimes it's a big crisis. Sometimes it's not being able to read the directions on a medicine bottle or not being able to read enough to take the cap off the bottle," Mr. Wolf said.

Children from low literacy families have been found to be five times more prone to illiteracy, as their parents were, than any other population, "Mr. Wolf said.

In presenting the literacy strategy, Mr. Wolf visited three locations where innovative programs had been developed.

His first stop was at Townsend Inc., a chicken processing plant in Millsboro.

More than 13 people are currently enrolled in a GED program that began at the plant last fall. The instructors are provided by Sussex Vo-Tech and sessions are held twice a week.

"There is so much more which needs to be done. This is just the beginning. I hope the teachers taking (early retirement) would volunteer to get in our literacy program," he said, "We have a real opportunity now to put together a real group of volunteers who will come out and say 'This is something I really want to do.'"

Over the past year, the literacy program has been funded with some state funds, as well as a federal grant. In July, Delaware is expected to receive another $100,000 in federal money to continue the program, Mr. Wolf said.

Some new money will be put into it which we have already been granted in the state of Delaware, but mostly we're going to call on mobilization of the troops that are already out there to better deliver the services," he said.

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for two hours per session.

The second stop was at Liberty Court, where a literacy program has served about 40 people.

Joseph DiSalvo, an educator from the Appoquinimink School District who lived in the area helped to initiate the program.

"I often wondered why more adults didn't participate in adult education programs when there were so many people out there who needed those services," Mr. DiSalvo said, "After a couple years of research, I determined that the primary factor for non-participation in adult literacy programs were child care and transportation. They were the two major factors that influenced that trend.

The solution to the problem has been to bring the programs to the people.

Ms. McLeish said she had to quit school so she could care for her children, not because she didn't want an education.

"All I ever thought about was getting my GED and I don't care if I'm 80 years old, I'm going to get it," she said. "I enjoy being in the class and it's helping me to better myself and I'm not going to stop until I can get my GED. Then I can help my children."

"This was a trailblazing effort. It hadn't been tried before in the state that we knew of," instructor Lorraine D. Butcavage said.

We found we had some needs in terms of children wanting to be with their parents while they attended school, so we have had people come in and provide activities for the children," she said.

That same theme was carried through in Mr. Wolf's last stop, which was the Friendship House, a homeless shelter in Wilmington.

"Last September, the Adult Literacy Task Force was formed to put together the action strategy for achieving a literate Delaware by the year 2000."

With the strategy in place, the real chore will be to continue putting literacy programs in place to reach everyone in need of help, Mr. Wolf said.

"Some new money will be put into it which we have already been granted in the state of Delaware, but mostly we're going to call on mobilization of the troops that are already out there to better deliver the services," he said.
Overcoming the crisis of illiteracy

Lieutenant Governor lauded as former 4-H member

Delaware's Lt. Governor Dale Wolf has been named a national winner in the 4-H Alumni Recognition Program. 4-H is the youth education program of the Cooperative Extension System of the state land-grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Wolf is one of eight former 4-H members who will receive the Gold Key Award during the 60th National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 1-5. The award is funded by the late George W. and Mary Duke of Duke University. Wolf was active in 4-H for five years. He participated in an essay project in addition to winning a 4-H essay contest. The lieutenant governor currently serves on national 4-H Council's advisory council and is a member of the board of directors of the Delaware 4-H Foundation.

"4-H influenced me greatly by teaching me the value of teamwork and the necessity of maintaining high standards if my project was to be successful," Wolf says. "4-H gave me opportunities that I would never have had otherwise and gave me experience that helped in many ways throughout my life."

Wolf has served as Delaware's lieutenant governor since January 1989. Prior to public service, he was director of the Delaware Development Office and an assistant professor at the University of Delaware. Wolf has been elected or appointed to numerous leadership positions in industry and community organizations including chairman of the National Agricultural Chemical Association and five years as chairman of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's Council for Attracting Brighter Talent to Agriculture.

Two recent news articles about fighting illiteracy and spending cuts at New Castle County libraries were clearly incongruous.

Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf's Adult Literacy Task Force plans to target 51,000 Delaware residents whose reading problems interfere with their ability to function in today's high-tech world.

One of three adults in the state lacks a high school diploma, now considered the barest of personal educational needs. One out of six reads below the eighth-grade level.

The task force wants to eliminate illiteracy in Delaware by the year 2000 — an admirable and arduous endeavor, We hope the project succeeds.

Meanwhile, the 12 libraries in New Castle County are facing a 1991 cut of about $33,000 from a total $3.6 million operating budget. The cut would mean closing more libraries on holidays, cutting back night hours and setting the book-buying back to 1982 levels.

County Councilman Michael S. Purzycki of Newark, who chairs the library committee, told a public hearing that he's confident the money can be found to put back into libraries.

"My sense is when we get through this [the budget process] we'll find a way to fund them... There's strong support for libraries," Purzycki said.

The $33,000 is a paltry sum to keep the libraries operational at least at their current levels and until we emerge from this government budgetary crunch.

If the county can't come up with funds it sends the wrong message to those Lt. Gov. Wolf's group is trying to help.

Transportation is key to tourism

By Lisa Scott Scrceton
Staff writer

DOVER — The task of making the First State visible and appealing to tourists was the subject of the 1991 Lieutenant Governor's Tourism Conference held at Dover Downs on Tuesday.

Gigi L. Windley, director of tourism marketing with the Delaware Development Office, said the relationship between tourism and transportation is a key issue in the success of both industries.

"I think one of the most important areas is getting the facets of transportation and the tourism industry talking to each other," Mrs. Windley said.

"Then, while they're talking, they're learning from each other," she said.

Governor Michael N. Castle and Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf jointly proclaimed May 5-11 as National Tourism Week in Delaware, National Transportation Week for the state is May 12-18.

Mrs. Windley said communicating progress in tourism with industry is also important.

"It's critical that all phases of the industry work together to promote Delaware," she said.

Information provided by the Delaware Development Office indicates that the tourist industry is responsible for more than 16,000 jobs in the state, and that tourist-related jobs grew 42 percent between 1980 and 1987.

Mrs. Windley's office also provided a fact sheet stating travelers spent $725 million in Delaware in 1987, based on studies by the U.S. Travel Data Center in Washington, D.C.

A 1987 Delaware visitor profile compiled by the Delaware Public Administration Institute of the College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware showed most overnights travelers spend an average of $1160 per day in the state. Day visitors to Delaware spend an average of $857.

Kermit H. Justice, Delaware Department of Transportation secretary, said Tuesday he was delighted with progress made by the conference.

"The single most important thing to tourism is transportation," Mr. Justice said.

"Transportation is important to everyone," he said, "but the transportation system is taken for granted."

Mr. Justice said making the joint efforts of transportation and tourism successful rests in part on safeguarding transportation systems.

Regarding roads and highways, Mr. Justice said he must know when and how they need to be improved.

"Public awareness is important in addressing the problem" of promoting tourism as an industry, he said.

"We need good, broad coverage of the industry," he said. "If that system will respond to a 'good finished product.'"

Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf said an important part of tourism is return business.


"Our ambassadors are in our people," he said, "and you go back to a place because people are nice and make you feel welcome."

About 200 people attended the conference.
Adult ed committee 'flies in the face of Lt. Gov. Wolf's initiative'

By Constance M. Hastings

President Bush referred to the James H. Groves Adult High School last Tuesday as a "shining example for innovative education," and called for a consensus in the nation that education does not end and that learning is a life-long process.

However, though the president has recently praised the only state-wide, fully-accredited adult high school in the country, changes are being planned in the Delaware legislature that could affect the funding for the program, according to adult educators.

According to William T. McLain, president of the Delaware Association for Adult Community Education (DAACE) and principal at the New Castle County Groves Career Center located in Newark Senior High School, when this legislation appeared no one in the adult education community was consulted.

"If there are concerns, let's sit down together," stated McLain.

The Delaware Coalition for Literacy and DAACE would be glad to talk, but it's premature to set this in legislation, McLain added. We would have more confidence to talk on it, the wheres and whys and that sort of thing, if we knew where it was coming from.

HB 92, the budget bill, is planned to be voted on by the joint finance committee early next week. The bill calls for $2,073,800 for adult education and work force training block grant. In past years the state Groves school system was listed as a line item under adult education.

The bill also calls for a committee to be formed consisting of the state superintendent from the Department of Public Instruction or the deputy state superintendent, the secretary of the Department of Labor and the chairman of the State Job Training Coordination Council. Funding for individual programs would be determined by the State Board of Education on the recommendations of this committee.

According to Wayne Meloney, principal of the Groves High School located at Sussex Tech in Georgetown, this contradicts the Literacy Task Force Action Plan by Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf. This plan calls for the formation of an interagency council made up of literacy trainers, work force sites and adult education programs.

Meloney stated that this committee 'flies in the face of the plan.' It looks as if the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing.

McLain also criticized the committee because two members of a are "outside the area of education and specialization of the adult education community."

The committee, according to HB 92 would "assess adult secondary education needs, identify program standards and performance measures and evaluate and recommend non-profit provider and school district program contracts and advise the State Board of Education on program performance.

This contract performance is a concern to adult educators because McLain described the situation, in adult education it is often difficult to predict how fast a student will learn and exactly what numbers will be achieved. "Many do not make jumps quickly," he pointed out, "They plod along for some time before the light turns on."

HB 92 also calls for incorporating "into every contract the right to cancel any such contract with at least 60 days prior written notice.

In a letter to state legislators, McLain stated, "HB 92 removes the multi-year sub-granting process allowable under the federal Adult Education Act for Adult Basic Education and the continuing nature of the James H. Groves program. The 60-day program shut-down clause increases instability for adult students, could leave students hanging with no course credit and inhibits that programs are not presently obtaining needed student outcomes."

McLain also noted that the program recently successfully completed evaluations from the Middle States Association. In addition, each of the six Groves sites is examined on a three-year rotating schedule.

McLain noted that the bill assumes that adult education is primarily a work-force issue, but adults go back to school for reasons that can be unrelated to job performance. McLain said. These can include personal growth, setting an example to their family or to improve survival skills.

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Another inconsistency in the bill, according to McLain, is that though the alternative programs for high school students at risk of dropping out of school are taught at the Groves centers, these programs have remained a line item and are separate from the block grant.

"The governor is anxious that this receives full funding because the dropout rate has been reduced," pointed out McLain. "But if Groves is doing such a good job with the alternative program, why such a change for the other?"

At the graduation ceremonies held for Groves students in Seaford this week, Joint Finance Committee members Sen. John Sills of Dover and Rep. G. Robert Quillen of Harrington stated, that they were not aware that members of the adult education community were not consulted on HB 92 which came from the governor's office.

Sills stated the committee will be studying the bill and there is the possibility of restoring adult education to a line item or of modifying the bill in some way.

Quillen noted that the plan was written to save funding. In that respect, Sills stated that the legislature would be putting proposals in the hands of those who were most close to the issues, in this case the State Board of Education.

Gov. Michael N. Castle, commenting on HB 92 at the 100 Days event held Wednesday on the south lawn of the White House, also stated that funding proposals would be "better administered by education."

Though the Groves High Schools would be competed with other programs for funding, the governor stated, "They can compete and compete very well. We will continue with support and there will be minor cuts, if at all."

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Dale Wolf, Lieutenant Governor, with a representative of Delmarva Power and Light at Earth Day 1991 Expo.

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Resort Area Businesses Score Big At Lt. Governor's Awards Presentation

By MICHAEL SHORT

Perhaps the Lieutenant Governor should give his tourism awards more often.

Coastal Sussex businesses and festivals were three of the five tourism award winners at Lt. Governor Dale E. Wolf's Tourism Conference on Tuesday. Coming away as big winners were a pair of first-time local festivals, Rehoboth's Sea Witch Festival and Milton's Balloon Festival.

Also honored was Brighton Suites Hotel in Rehoboth Beach for its new 3,000 square foot conference and meeting facility.

The Sea Witch Festival last fall and the Milton Balloon Festival last spring were both first time local festivals which packed people in and are likely to attract even larger crowds this time around.

The pair finished in a first place tie for the Lt. Governor's Tourism Award for Special Events. The Sea Witch weekend, designed to promote tourism in the fall shoulder season, drew an estimated 20,000 people who generated some $970,000 in spending.

It was sponsored by the Rehoboth Beach/Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Executive Director Sandy Ards said the Sussex County Convention and Tourism Commission and Rehoboth Beach also helped a great deal.

"It was a further attempt to lengthen our shoulder season further to let people know we're not just a summer resort," she said.

Plans are already in the works to make the two-day festival a three-day affair this year.

The Delmarva Hot Air Balloon Festival in Milton also found a ready audience. Sponsored by the Milton Medical Associates and the First State Hot Air Balloon Team, the festival is the brainchild of balloon enthusiast Dr. Charles Wagner and Pat Wagner.

There is just something about the sight of a hot air balloon, or a half dozen hot air balloons, as visitors to last year's festival will attest. Despite poor weather, thousands of visitors attended the weekend and were rewarded when the weather settled long enough for the balloons to take flight.

"It was a creative way to attract visitors to the Milton community," said Gigi Windley, director of tourism marketing for the Delaware Tourism Office.

The third local winner was Brighton Suites, Joe Callahan, Brighton Suites general manager, said the business saw a need and filled it. He said Rehoboth had little in the way of facilities for the mid-size conference market. "Everybody had smaller facilities."

The resulting 4,000 square foot conference and meeting facility and some good marketing prompted more than a 500 percent increase in business for the hotel in that market share.

That helped promote the shoulder season and helped other businesses by attracting visitors to the resort town, Mr. Windley said.

Chamber board member Jeff Petrizzi chats with Lt. Governor Dale E. Wolf and Clarice Wolf.
April 9, 1991

The Honorable Dale E. Wolf
Lieutenant Governor
of the State of Delaware
80 North French Street, 12th Floor
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On behalf of the people of St. Andrew’s and the wider community, I want to thank you for your participation in our 1991 Lenten Series: BEYOND BUSINESS AS USUAL. You brought personal faith insight into the work place and shared with us your faith and hope in a God who calls us to respect the dignity of all people and to seek justice for all. In the words of a recent letter I received, “It was especially gratifying to this elder citizen who often feels naive when the conversation somehow includes faith.”

My thanks and hope for God’s peace for you in this joyful Resurrection Season.

Sincerely,

(The Rev.) Robert Alan Schiesler
Rector

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**Dragon Run marshes eyed for preservation**

**Natural area part of greenway plans**

By NANCY KESLER
Dover Bureau chief

DELAWARE CITY — Snowy herons motionless at the edge of the marsh, spawning carp churning the water, and red-bellied turtles soaking up the sun—all scenes in the Dragon Run Natural Area, just south of the Delaware City industrial complex.

Many more people will be able to enjoy these sights, along Dragon Run’s northernmost intact freshwater marsh system, because of a partnership announced Monday by Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf, chairman of the state Coastal Heritage Greenways Council.

Star Enterprise, which owns the majority of the land along the Dragon Run marshes, and the Delaware Nature Society plan to develop the area as part of the state’s new Coastal Heritage Greenway. Plans include nature trails and expanded canoe trips.

The greenways program, announced earlier this year by Gov. Castle, links valuable natural areas with historical and cultural sites. Dragon Run will be a segment of the greenway linked to Fort Delaware State Park on Pea Patch Island, which includes the historic union fortress and the summer home of herons and ibis.

The society has already obtained agreements from several property owners along the marsh to preserve the area. Star, then known as the Getty Refining and Marketing Co., first pledged to preserve and protect Dragon Run in 1979. Robert C. Muffin, assistant plant manager, said Monday that agreeing to designate and improve the area as part of the greenways program is part of the natural progression of preservation.

Star, the first corporate sponsor of a Delaware greenway, also has given $5,000 to the council to coordinate the activities of the state and local groups in creating a greenway along the entire coast.

Star is already cooperating with the society in operating canoe tours of Dragon Run. “You quickly float out of sight and sound of civilization,” said Susan W. Welles, who heads the society’s land stewardship program.

The refining company is also working with the state Division of Fish and Wildlife in an experimental wood duck nesting box program.

“If you were a wood duck, would you like a cedar box or a plastic box?” Muffin asked. “We don’t know. But ducks are now nesting in both.”

The area is already used by fishers, hunters, trappers. Gunning Bedford Junior High School, which backs up to the marsh, has a school environmental laboratory in the area.

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many state government agencies are faced with. Mrs. Windley said her department is “doing the best we can with what we have.”

Mrs. Windley said the plan “forms a structure” for introducing industries to one another and stresses the importance of communication between industry members.

“It’s critical that we communicate with one another,” she said, and for agencies and businesses to realize “they’re really interdependent.”

“This conference is really for industry unity and education,” she said.

“This plan provides us with a vehicle to work together, and I’m delighted to see it come about,” Mrs. Windley said.

Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf said one of the biggest challenges to tourism over the next few years is to “tie precious natural assets” to other tourist attractions.

“We have more history, culture, coast and environment than many other states,” Lt. Gov. Wolf said, “and we need to make people aware of those things.”

“Protecting the environment is not only a quality of life issue,” he said, “it’s a quality of tourism issue, too.”

He said Delaware is making efforts to safeguard the environment with clean air issues and measures like emission control standards for automobiles.

“You can’t be isolated when it comes to pollution,” he said, adding that Delaware is in compliance with national standards on clean air.

“We must learn to minimize waste, learn what can be avoided,” Lt. Gov. Wolf said.

He said the tourism conference gives members of the industry and state agencies a chance to learn from one another and “take a good, hard look at how we can do better.”
1991 State Tourism

Delaware? State Searching For More Of An Identity As It Sets New Policies

By MICHAEL SHORT

Very few people have anything bad to say about Delaware. The problem is that many people don't have anything to say about Delaware.

Speakers at Tuesday's Lt. Governor's Conference on Tourism told the audience that Delaware does not have a bad image. Unfortunately, it sometimes has no image at all.

One speaker said his office in the Boston area did a quick, random survey, asking 17 people to name the first thing that came to mind when they heard Delaware was mentioned.

Two said it was a city in the south, one placed Delaware in the Midwest and one person simply said "wha." "That's what you're dealing with," said speaker Ed Camara.

A lack of image is one problem Delaware's tourism industry must overcome, according to speakers. Beyond its beaches and ocean, people surveyed in a survey in the Southeastern Pennsylvania and Baltimore/Washington area often had trouble getting a clear picture of the first state.

But there are efforts being made to reverse that. The biggest news to come out of the day-long conference was the announcement of a tourism development plan for Delaware, a sort of master plan, if you will.

"It's a road map for Delaware's future in terms of tourism," said John Korbel of Price Waterhouse, which helped prepare the plan. The five-year development and marketing plan includes 25 initiatives in the areas of product development, marketing, constituent and government awareness, research development and management strategy.

Recommendations run the gamut from development of tour packages and preservation of natural resources to training programs for employees in contact with visitors, expanding the Delaware Tourism Coalition and doing more market research.

"The plan recommends that Delaware expand its efforts to make its image one of a diverse, easily accessible vacation place, using the appeals of outdoor recreation, cultural and historic sites and events and unique selling points such as the Brandywine Valley, taxfree shopping, open beaches and being the first state," according to a press release on the plan.

Even with very limited tourism promotion spending (the city of Asheville, North Carolina spends more than on tourism than the whole state of Delaware), tourism still has a major impact on Delaware's economy.

In 1987, visitors to the state spent $725 million, helping create 17,500 jobs and were responsible for tax revenues of $92 million. One of the advantages of boosting tourism is that it is seen as a way of giving Delaware a major economic shot in the arm.

Last fall's Sea Witch Festival took off, earning the Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce a first place tie for the Lt. Governor's Tourism Award for Special Events. Some 20,000 people came to the beach for the festival, generating $870,000 in spending. Pictured (L to R) are Chamber President Donald Derrickeon, First Vice President Nancy Sharp, Executive Director Sandy Ardis, Event Coordinator Carol Everhart and Lt. Gov. Dale Wolf.
Delaware has much to offer, study finds

Five-year plan unveiled on tourism policy

By JANE BROOKS
Staff reporter

DOVER — Delaware is suffering an identity crisis. The state has a "high-quality tourism product" but even its closest neighbors "have no clear image" of what the state has to offer, John Korb of Price Waterhouse told the 1991 Lieutenant Governor's Tourism Conference at Dover Downs Tuesday.

Korb and the Delaware Tourism Office unveiled a new "tourism policy" and a five-year master plan for development and marketing.

The plan recommends that Delaware "expand its efforts to make its image one of a diverse, easily accessible vacation place, using the appeals of outdoor recreation, cultural and historic sites and events and unique selling points such as the Brandywine Valley, tax-free shopping, open beaches and being the First State."

The formal policy: "To develop tourism as an industry that contributes to economic growth, while fostering the preservation of natural and cultural resources that improve quality of life for the State's citizens and those who travel in Delaware."

The five-year plan follows a two-year Price Waterhouse study and is designed to promote Delaware's cultural, historical and natural attractions while maintaining a balance between development and environmental concerns.

The plan would include educating service station attendants and waitresses as tourist information ambassadors and forming a joint partnership to coordinate the efforts of public, private and non-profit agencies to stretch advertising dollars.

Delaware beaches continued to be the top attraction, drawing about half of last year's 5.4 million visitors, Eric Jacobson of the Public Administration Institute at the University of Delaware told the conference.

The total number of visitors fell by 3.1 percent, according to the Delaware Travel Barometer, but this was directly attributable to the closing of Brandywine Raceway, 1989's third most attended attraction. Attendance at other attractions actually increased by 3.9 percent, Jacobson said.

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of those questioned, 26.7 percent listed the beaches as Delaware's main attraction; another 6.9 percent listed water activities; 8.6 percent thought the state was best known for its "smallness" and 11.7 percent had no idea what attracted visitors to Delaware.

When asked what they thought would most likely encourage more tourism to the state, 60.8 percent of survey subjects suggested "better information." Another 12.5 percent listed organized trips.

The daylong conference focused on the theme, "Getting There Together: Travel and Tourism Finish First." About 150 representatives also heard discussions on "Ecotourism: A New Way to Package Delaware," promoting rural tourism; the state's scenic byways and greenways; and "Creative Marketing in a Weak Economy," pooling resources and cooperative advertising.

"Tourism in Delaware is in good shape," said Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf, host of the conference. "Beach reservations are up, there are new accommodations and restaurants opening."

The Tour du Pont, an international bicycle race this weekend, will expose "106 miles of the most beautiful parts of Delaware" to national and international television audiences, Wolf said. It's an advantage the state should build on, he said.

Show Our Support' wins acclaim

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Schoolchildren listen to the facts from prisoners

By Paul Flood

I witnessed a group of about 30 schoolchildren visiting Sussex Correctional Institute last Thursday, as part of Lt. Governor Dale Wolf's Mist Youth Summit on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. This is in preparation for the statewide Youth Summit in June, where these children and others will tell legislators about problems with substance abuse.

The kids toured the prison, and talked with four inmates about being in jail, and about how bad things are.

It was no surprise that the children were supposed to learn that drugs are bad, and no surprise to hear that drugs are one reason many people end up in jail. But being there, seeing where the inmates live and how they spend their time, and listening to them talk about it, is moving, nevertheless.

The kids saw where prisoners were brought when they first arrive. What happens to the prisoners was described (strip search, shower, new clothes).

The kids saw the "tiers," the rows of cells where the inmates live. And the recreation yard. And the library. I went with them, squeezing into spaces because the doors behind us had to close before the doors in front of us would open.

And then we went to a room, a cafeteria where we were introduced to four inmates, who spoke briefly about themselves and then answered questions.

Paul (no real reason to use last names) has served eight years of a 62-year sentence for charges including rape. He is a Vietnam veteran, which is where he picked up his drug habit. He also announced that he was once a member of an outlaw motorcycle gang.

Bruce is in for armed robbery, a 24-year sentence with 21 mandatory.

Paul is on a 20-year sentence, eight mandatory. He started doing drugs in Vietnam.

Walt is serving a 45-year sentence for rape. He was in the Navy for five- and-a-half years.

The inmates did not talk about the evils of substance abuse as much as they talked about how dreadful it is to be in prison. A typical day was described by Walt:

"You get woken up in the morning and you have 30 minutes to get Chow, whatever they have, not what you want. Then you're on the tier for two hours before lunch. You do a lot of reading. Mainly, you think about what you're doing here."

"Everybody has Moms and Dads, but that all stops when you get here."

"You have one hour in the afternoon in the yard. You get rid of most of your frustrations then."

"At 4, they start serving dinner. Then you're on the tier for the rest of the night."

"It's like being home on a rainy day."

"They talked about victims ("if someone did that to me, I'd be scared to death"). They talked about the kind of life they used to lead ("if I hadn't come to jail, I'd probably be dead now").

Did you know inmates make their own wine in jail, and that it's common to do drugs? Sounds strange to me, but I'd heard that before, and these four inmates confirmed it.

George explained that he had recently gotten into trouble because he'd gotten rowdy while drinking.

"I was fired from a job in here for drinking jallhouse wine. There was a whole lot of wine on the tier. I figured what the heck, my problem was being not alchol. One drink won't hurt. So we got to drinking, having fun."

Things went from bad to worse. Before long...

"It was a madhouse in here. The police came in, I lost my job, put in a holding tank."

Paul's been in S.C.I. for eight years. He asked one of the kids how old he was. He was 11.

"I've been here eight years, and you're 11. Think about where you are when you were three, and where you've been since then. I've been here."

"Mostly, these four men had advice for the kids about how to live their lives.

"You got to have a dream. No dreams, no aspirations - you'll never amount to nothing. You got to have a dream," said George.

Paul told them to go to school, to go to college, to make money.

"I really hope someone listens. All I'm asking is for one person to listen," said Walt, at the beginning.

It was hard not to.

Townsend's on-site program gets approval

Townsend's, Inc. of Millboro recently was recognized by Lt. Governor Dale E. Wolf's leading a campaign to achieve a literate Delaware by the year 2000. A recent report by the Lt. Governor's adult literacy task force found that 51,000 adults in Delaware cannot read well enough to function fully in society.

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Wolf unveils drug program

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committee members are relying heavily on the testimony of the experts in the intervening departments.

"You don't want to spend a lot of money on programs that aren't going to be successful," he said. "You pick in the areas that you're comfortable in."

On Friday, the committee was most comfortable in treatment programs and allocated $583,300 for residential drug and alcohol treatment and continuing care for women inmates.

The committee approved $568,600 on Thursday for treatment and counseling services.

Under Mr. Wolf's proposal, about $1.9 million would be targeted for treatment services because that was the council found the greatest need, Mr. Wolf said.

"We have found we have more people wanting to get into the programs we operate," said Thomas P. Eichler, secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services and a member of the council.

The proposed budget approved by the JFC gives 2,200 more for outpatient treatment, which should expand the program by 30 percent. Up to 275 more clients could receive treatment, eliminating the waiting list of 200.

A new program will offer intensive counseling services to patients who participate in a 28-day residential "drying out" program, but then have no services to reinforce their new behaviors when they are released. The $800,000 appropriated could serve 75-100 people.

It could entail counselors going into the clients' homes and job sites to help them adjust to their new lifestyles, Mr. Eichler said.

Mr. Wolf did not budget any of the drug initiatives passed by the Senate this month, including drug-sniffing dogs to check the schools, a $1 million fund to assist local law enforcement agencies, and a proposal to increase the hours of drug education in the school.

He plans to meet with the Senate bills' sponsor, Majority Leader Thomas B. Sharp, D-Pinecrest, to discuss the Senate drug bills, but said he did not see them as the top priority for funding.

His proposal also allots 87,500 for downstate non-profit agencies to set up programs to keep children away from drugs. The program would be similar to the Wilmington Cluster Against Substance Abuse.

In March, President George Bush saw a karate demonstration that was part of the Wilmington program.

Prison inmates would receive more services than now available with a $200,000 request to increase outpatient counseling services and $135,000 to continue services when federal funds expire.

Federal funds will be used to pay for seven new undercover troopers who could begin their work by this summer, said Patrick J. Murray, secretary of the Department of Public Safety.

Delaware's drug programs will total $12.3 million, combining state and federal funds, if all the new initiatives are approved, Mr. Wolf said.

"I really believe we have opportunities to make Delaware a real model state with what we should do in treatment, prevention and law enforcement."

-- Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf

Drug initiatives

By Virginia Kirk
Staff writer

WILMINGTON — Treatment for more than 300 adults addicted to drugs or alcohol was included in an expansion of the state's drug program proposed on Friday.

A comprehensive "drug budget" for fiscal 1990 was presented by Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf, head of the Governor's Coordinating Council on Substance Abuse. Mr. Wolf called for 83.1 million in state money for drug treatment, enforcement and prevention initiatives — $1.7 million more than Gov. Michael N. Castle recommended in the budget he presented in January.

But the final say in the budget, which takes effect July 1, rests with the General Assembly. This week the Joint Finance Committee of the legislature approved many of the new drug initiatives in corrections and health and social services that Mr. Wolf requested.

In all, about $1.3 million was approved for drug programs by the JFC on Thursday and Friday over and above the governor's request, and the committee chairman, Rep. Philip J. Corrozi, R-Tybrook, said more new money could be added to the budget.

"Everyone has been focusing on the drug problem," he said. "We'd like to get the resources started. We need these resources."

He added that it is difficult for the committee to decide which programs should be funded, and

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Wolf sets 'drug budget'
Reading is a right for all Delawareans

If you can read this, then you can help. Lt. Gov. Dale Wolf's Adult Literacy Task Force released its Action Strategy at the end of April. Its findings were that 51,000 Delawareans could not read well enough to function fully in society.

The Action Strategy sets an agenda to wipe out illiteracy in Delaware by the year 2000.

The ability to read is essential to survival today. Reading directions, helpful information, even the comics are things most people take for granted but are nothing more than frustrating reminders of social ineligibility to those without the gift of literacy.

The cycle of illiteracy seems to trap people in unending maze of barriers where tasks and employment become virtually impossible.

By the year 2000, 90 percent of all jobs will be in service industries (business, health care, social services). A strong economy requires an educated, well-trained, adaptable work force. The level of education and skills is the primary component of long-term economic health.

Economic development is contingent upon our rate of human resource development. To many employers it is difficult if not impossible, to expand due to the low skill levels of their employees.

As businesses become more and more technical, the need for most semi-skilled positions is eliminated. Many workers with only basic skills are finding it very hard to work through available retraining programs.

Some have problems with day-to-day instructions such as memos, handbooks, signs and other written directives. Most of the time this frustration leads to a dissatisfied, unhappy work force, resulting in low productivity.

Lack of basic skills can also cause inefficiency, mechanical breakdowns, accidents and higher production costs.

The same people who now cannot qualify for much of the work of our technological economy represent a major loss of potential customers for products and services. In many ways a vicious cycle is created that only literacy can break.

To help our illiterate citizens, the task force has outlined an adult learning system linking a variety of programs with the existing public education system.

There are already innovative programs that involve learning for people on the job, in public housing, and for the homeless as well. Congratulations committee members were given out in conjunction with the release of the Action Strategy to noted programs at Townends Inc. in Millsboro, Liberty Court in Dover and the Friendship House in Wilmington.

Through promotion and similar program recognition for achievement in adult education and literacy, the task force hopes to inspire volunteers to teach and many others to seek their teaching.

Building bridges to these existing programs and taking advantage of the newly coordinated effort will expedite the process of making our the "First Literate State."

An Interagency Council on Adult Literacy (ICAL) will oversee the implementation of the initiatives and make recommendations to achieve the literacy standard in Delaware.

For the illiterate population, the strategy will begin to level the playing field. Some are just embarking on tasks that were once just embarrassing reminders of one's lack of skill. Our task is to give every Delawarean the opportunity to read.

Hockessin steps out with parade

By JOANNE SULLIVAN-SILVA
Special to Brandywine Crossroads

HOCKESSIN — If it doesn't rain on their parade, the Fourth of July should be quite festive in Hockessin this year.

Some 65 units are scheduled to march the one-mile route from St. Mary of the Assumption Church to the reviewing stand at Hank's Country Store on Old Lancaster Pike.

John J. Jones of Limestone Hills, who received a Silver Star while serving in Vietnam War, will be grand marshal of the parade, which starts at 10 a.m.

The celebration will end with a fireworks show at Swift Park, starting at 9 p.m.

Among the dignitaries expected at the parade are Gov. Castle, Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf, New Castle County Executive Dennis E. Greenhouse and state Sen. Patricia Blevins, D-Esmer, whose district includes Hockessin.

Among the marching units will be the award-winning Alexia I. du Pont High School Band, Hockessin Fire Company, Mill Creek Fire Company, complete with its competitive marching unit, and three antique trucks from the Kennett Square Fire Company, said Janet Kirkpatrick, a member of the parade committee.

The Air National Guard will provide a color unit and a marching unit. Jen Kaczmarczyk, 16, and a June graduate of Alexia I. du Pont, will sing “The Star Spangled Banner” from the reviewing stand.

After the parade, there will be a craft show and fair in the parking lot of the Hockessin Corners shopping center.
**Delaware Kids... “For Keeps”**

Years ago, a two-year-old boy was playing in his grandparents' backyard. In the blink of an eye, he disappeared and was found floating face down in a nearby pond. Although today the child has grown into a healthy, intelligent, young man, the childhood tragedy inspired his grandfather, Lieutenant Governor Dale E. Wolf, to take a very personal interest in the safety of all children in Delaware.

Lt. Governor Wolf's concern grew over the years as he visited hospitals throughout the state and witnessed the large number of children hospitalized because of careless accidents. He realized that children's safety was an important issue that wasn't being addressed. So in 1989, with cooperation and strong encouragement from the A.I. duPont Institute, Du Pont, and the Delaware Safety Council, Wolf embarked on the “Safe Kids” campaign.

“It seemed to me that in Delaware we ought to be able to put together a coalition of people—businesses, local communities, hospitals—that were really interested and would try to do something about the prevention of accidents,” he explains. “And that’s what the Safe Kids coalition is all about.”


To illustrate the importance of safety to youngsters, Lt. Governor Wolf brings SAFE & SORRY, the program's two lovable, cartoon-like mascots, to schools and hospitals. The children seem to relate to the big, green, friendly characters, he observes. “The SORRY guy has bandages all over, and the SAFE guy looks great,” he says. “That’s something kids remember.”

Preparing children for everyday dangers is the best way to avoid them, says Wolf. The success of this endeavor will not be evident in concrete numbers, but rather in the lack of negative statistics. Adds Wolf, “I won’t be satisfied until there are no accidents or loss of life for children in Delaware.”

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**Panel wants more money for drug war**

By Nancy Kesler

A state committee studying Delaware’s drug abuse problems recommended Friday spending an additional $1.7 million next fiscal year to combat drug use.

Priority would be given to drug treatment programs, according to Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf, chairman of the Drug Abuse Coordinating Council.

The additional money would bring the financial commitment to drug abuse problems to $3.1 million in Gov. Castle’s proposed budget. The state is also scheduled to receive $2.2 million in federal money next year.

Wolf said funds exist in all aspects of the drug problem — prevention, treatment and enforcement. “But our primary need today is to bolster residential, outpatient and follow-up services, reduce the backlog of necessary treatment programs and address the problem immediately in a substantial fashion.”

Thomas P. Eichler, secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, said the additional money should clear the state’s backlog of people who need to get into community-based, outpatient treatment programs and programs for people in Delaware’s prisons.

There should still be some waiting list for residential treatment. But Eichler said some of those people might do just as well in outpatient programs. He said studies are showing there doesn’t seem to be much difference between the effectiveness of residential versus outpatient treatment.

The council, which represents all state agencies involved in the drug problem, has been meeting for about four months.

Friday’s recommendation was the group’s first major proposal. The recommendations would add $100,000 to the $1.02 million in Castle’s proposed budget for treatment, for a total next year of $1.93 million. Enforcement would get $147,500 added to the existing proposal of $424,900, for a total of $572,400, while prevention would receive $675,000. There is nothing now in the budget for prevention.

Eichler said the General Assembly’s Joint Finance Committee approved the additional treatment money.
Wolf Leads War Against Drugs and Illiteracy

By TED CLARK
Political Correspondent

If they packaged and sold excess energy, Dale Wolf would have a monopoly on the market. Putting it another way, Delaware's lieutenant-governor, the odds-on Republican favorite for governor in 1992, had better have energy to burn, because:

- He is the czar in the state's drug war. He freely concedes that war is not won, but he reports seeing promise.
- His patron, Gov. Mike Castle, also has named the Second Banana to wage war on adult illiteracy. (Is there a connection?)

The problem: 51,000 Delaware adults can't read beyond the eighth-grade level. The goal: By the year 2000, every adult Delawarean will be literate.

- He presides over the state Senate when the General Assembly is in session.
- He is chairman of the State Parole Board.
- He cuts ribbons, makes speeches, hands out awards and shakes hands from Naamans to Delmar.
- He says he's our first full-time lieutenant-governor.

Pew! NO SWEAT FOR HIM - But his enthusiasm and optimism are bottomless. And the tell-tale crow's-feet around the eyes seem to have vanished.

"In the autumn... that's when we (with wife Clarice) will make the decision: Do we go for governor next year?"

It should be an easy decision:

No line of GOP opponents stands behind him - or in front, either.

Mr. Wolf sidesteps questions about Secretary of State Mike Harkins, Mr. Castle's political brain-truster. Mr. Harkins runs campaigns for GOP pols.

It's doubtful Mr. Harkins - not now a folk hero as he covets $125,000 to run the River-Bay Authority - will direct Mr. Wolf's campaign.

HOW THIS STARTED - The writer addressed letters to Mr. Wolf and his press secretary, Carolyn DelPew, wondering:

- Did the illiteracy battle mean the drug war, won or lost, would get less attention? Negative.
- Is public-relations-speak the latest cruel assault on state government?

Examples:

- "An Action Strategy to Achieve a Literate Delaware." and, on a Dale Wolf schedule: "Attend Showcase Performance on Substance Abuse, Grand Opera House, Wilmington."

Sounds like pure, original Madison Avenue.

(Before coming to Sussex, the writer had a press-relations job at a Philadelphia public-relations agency.)

THE ANSWER - "Action Strategy is mine," the lieutenant-governor shot back. "Mine because I don't ever want to be that person in government who urges a study of widget production or whatever then receives a thick report after weeks or months and sticks it in a file drawer - promptly forgetting the whole issue.

"No, sir; not me. So, therefore: Action Strategy.

On Showcase Performance:

"That wasn't my idea and I don't especially like it."

ENTER CLARICE WOLF - As the nearest thing we've had to a First Lady since Elise du Pont, and because Mike Castle is a bachelor, Clarice Wolf has embraced her unofficial role with obvious relish.

Is she practicing for '92? Again, obviously - as is the fact that this gives Mr. Wolf a leg up for next year's expected run against Tom Carpenter.

Approaching her formal duties with grace and charm, Clarice Wolf fits the job in tailor-made fashion. It hasn't hurt one bit - as she has made the rounds of government-after-hours - that she has found the power-doors wide open.

ON THE DRUG FRONT - In early May, Mr. Wolf reports, "I took 26 Kent and Sussex kids, age 13-17, to Sussex Correctional Institution (Georgetown). (Tina Street of Georgetown, the Sussex community prevention coordinator fighting child substance abuse, chose the teens.)"

"Two weeks before that," he added, "I took some of these same kids to Delaware Correctional Center (the "Big House" at Smyrna.) It was the first time they had ever been inside a prison. Prisoners held back nothing, saying openly it was they who had messed up their own lives with drugs. Now, some of them were long-termers, as a result of crimes committed while on drugs - or while seeking money to buy drugs."

OLD STUFF TO HIM - Of course, Mr. Wolf - who has gone undercover, patrolled drug neighborhoods with cops, and at first-hand inspected the infamous Aramingo Avenue-Philadelphia open-air drug supermarket - found none of this surprising.

"But whereas the kids were overwhelmed," the drug czar continued, "I found that they wanted to know about the horror stories: The jail, the suicides - yes, the murders - the drug crimes, homes, families and lives utterly destroyed. And they reassured me of this even as their eyes bugged-out at the horror tales the convicts told."

A LARGE DOSE - The kids were there two hours. Very honestly, the convicts told how the "cool" drug culture deteriorated into stupidity and doing time - all of it their own fault.

"The kids were aghast - me, too - at how people just like them could end up facing long years behind bars. The kids told me: We don't see or hear these real-life stories on TV. They're exactly right, of course, no question."

THREE WAYS TO GO - The subgroups in a drug war still are (1) education and prevention (2) treatment and (3) law enforcement.

Mr. Wolf emphasized that Step One is the way to go - with awareness and local participation in the smallest towns - in schools, churches, clubs, with the police, in the communities. He says police believe that, too.

And he adds: "What I try to do is motivate others. I find that they are eager to help. I see progress for this reason: Kids are now talking to parents. I can show you 110 letters from kids who insist 'I am not going to use.'"

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It won’t be politics as usual next year

Delawarea would be wise to take a deep breath before they automatically vote for the familiar candidates in the 1992 elections.

With few exceptions, voters in our state have given tremendous margins to the elected officials with whom they are familiar. This time, however, those big winners are running for new jobs - and that should not automatically guarantee victory for them.

Voters should ask where Mike Castle or Janet Rzewnicki would stand when Congress gets into new pitched battles with President Bush and the Supreme Court, both of whom are far less sympathetic to individual rights.

Delaware voters should also wonder whether Tom Carper’s experience in shaping banking legislation or Dave Levinson’s direction of the insurance industry qualifies them to battle with the always independent members of the General Assembly.

Leaders of both parties seem ready to concede an even split of the two top offices on the ballots. Republicans sometimes talk as if Carper had already been elected governor and Castle had succeeded him as the state’s lone member of the House of Representatives.

Such assumptions are dangerous. It’s that kind of attitude that has allowed members of the General Assembly to keep their seats as long as they want them because often no or only token opposition is mounted to their candidacies. And this year’s alleged redistricting will merely reinforce that.

The Republicans are actually in a worse position than the Democrats.

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THEMAL

No strong GOP candidate has emerged for governor and the two strongest Republican vote-getters, Castle and Rzewnicki, seem to be heading for a showdown.

In such a primary, Castle will almost certainly have the party machinery behind him because, as governor, he is the head of the Republican Party. (Sorry, Basil Battaglia, but you only have the title.)

Rzewnicki knows that, but can say with justification that her own popularity and success at the polls gives her pulling power and a right to shoot for higher office. Perhaps her announcement is a ploy to get the nomination for governor. Although she recently denied her interest in the top spot in Dover, she has in the past sounded like someone who would like to be the state’s chief executive.

By now the GOP knows it has a gaping hole at the top of its state ticket. Dale Wolf, mysteriously selected by Castle as his running mate and eventual successor, is said to have no stomach for a statewide race for governor.

Wolf himself has not disclosed his ’92 plans. The story about his

South who bring their instructional materials to their newest pupils.

“Look at it this way,” Mr. Wolf suggested. “The teachers, the schools and the employers - the plants - are making it comfortable and easy to learn.

“Now let me say to you, fighting drugs and illiteracy, these are issues where government can and should make a difference.”

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THE COKE BABIES - "I absolutely shudder at the crack babies who now will be entering kindergarten programs - the offspring of cocaine- and crack-

addicted mothers. Where are we? Right back at prevention/education."

The interviewer wanted to know: But if drugs are as easily available in prisons as we’re told, doesn’t this defeat in-prison substance-abuse programs?

HE’S UNDER PRESSURE

"Right," Mr. Wolf agreed, "and I’ve been and am under pressure to get our prisons drug-free... a monumental job on which Corrections Commissioner Bob Watson is helping me. And, yes, there is no doubt that drugs and alcohol are in the prisons."

But, transcending all of this, are Mr. Wolf’s other three-pronged, unofficial watchwords (1) yes drugs are out there, the demand is there and (2) it’s up to us to dry up the demand through education/prevention and (3) we

women. We have the 75 best people in Delaware involved, many of whom have a stake in literacy through their own businesses."

What really turns him on is how two Sussex chicken processors - Townsend’s and Mountainaire - are bringing adult-literacy-betterment right into their Millsboro and Seaford and other plants. They are doing it with teachers from Sussex VoTech and Del Tech

must do this "because society can’t afford to continue to lose the kids we are losing."

TURN ON TO READING - On the adult illiteracy war, Mr. Wolf asked rhetorically: "Who do you know who dropped out of school and who loved to read or loved math and science?"

He said his attitude is that, "reading is survival in today’s
33 state jobs saved

Money again dominates as Assembly recesses

By Joanne Veto and Lee Ann Walling
Staff writers

DOVER — Thirty-three jobs in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control were probably saved early Monday morning in the final moments of the 1991 session of the Delaware General Assembly.

A package of permit fee increases in the natural resources department passed in both the House and the Senate shortly before 1:30 a.m. Money raised through the package will fund the jobs that might otherwise have disappeared. Only 10 of those positions are currently vacant.

With virtually all business completed by 1:30 a.m., both chambers had approved a number of bills to be sent to Gov. Michael N. Castle for signature into law. The governor also can veto any bill.

There were a few lighter moments during the night of the session when the budget must be passed. Scott R. Douglass, addressing the state House of Representatives identified himself as "secretary of defense." Mr. Douglass is secretary of finance, but given the harsh reception he received on a proposed tax package, his gaffe might have been accurate.


Hammer time

Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf shows his grandson, Max Lingo, 3, of Nashville, Tenn., the correct way to swing a gavel during a break in Senate action Sunday. As lieutenant governor, Mr. Wolf is the president of the Senate.
Campaign:

Candidates off and running for ’92

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Another reason there is so much activity so early is that nobody controls politics anymore. Since there aren’t any nominating conventions to winnow out candidates, politicians decide themselves whether to run. Nor are there powerful brokers who can make or break candidates.

The premature political flurry has helped the Republican Party hide an embarrassing problem: The GOP doesn’t have a candidate for governor.

The Republicans have won four gubernatorial elections in a row, beginning with Pierre S. du Pont IV in 1976 and 1980 and continuing with Castle in 1984 and 1988. Lt. Gov. Wolf was designated to try to keep the streak going, but it is becoming increasingly clear that he isn’t willing to challenge Castle, the winningest statewide candidate in Delaware history.

Publicly the GOP is preserving the fiction that Wolf will run. “I’ve still got my bets on Dale Wolf,” said state Republican Chairman Basil R. Battaglia.

Privately Republican leaders are conceding more and more freely that Wolf won’t run and they don’t know who will. “I now know how the Democrats felt for 16 years,” said one GOP official who asked not to be identified.

What has not emerged in the early jockeying is a philosophical vision unifying either major party. Carper hasn’t started discussing state issues yet. Castle’s focus still is on gubernatorial matters. Rzewnicki’s announcement speech listed her priorities — government waste, the environment, health care and education — without giving them definition.

Levinson has some ideas — voluntarism, health care cost containment, economic development and others — but hasn’t located a political party receptive to his brand of leadership.

The most provocative speech to date was delivered by Glenn C. Kenton, a lawyer who was the secretary of state under du Pont. Kenton electrified the Republican state convention in May when he called on the party to hold fast to its principles, particularly its stand against taxes and its commitment to keep government out of people’s lives.

Kenton nearly got himself drafted for governor but said he wasn’t interested.

Here is a rundown of the statewide races:

Governer. The governorship with its prestige, its dominating role in state affairs and the jobs it can bestow, is the promised land of Delaware politics. After 16 years of wandering in the wilderness, Democratic Party leaders believe Tom Carper will lead them to glory.

“Carper’s willingness to engage in rebuilding the Democratic Party has brought about a sense of purpose and of destiny,” said Farley, the state chairman.

Carper actually began this particular political odyssey two years ago when he orchestrated a dramatic reform movement in the party. His loyalists control the Democratic hierarchy as completely as Castle controls the Republican apparatus.

Levinson, the two-term insurance commissioner, also wants to be governor but faces serious obstacles. Not only is Carper in his way for the Democratic nomination, but Levinson also is suffering from self-inflicted wounds.

Earlier this year Levinson hurt himself with other Democrats by talking to Republicans about running on their ticket. The GOP said no.

Then Delaware NAACP leaders charged that Levinson had tried to muscle them into giving him an award. Levinson denied the NAACP accusation, saying his ouster had been misunderstood, but the political damage was done.

Levinson also faces a review by the General Assembly, which is setting up a bipartisan committee to examine the Insurance Department’s operations. Its report is due on June 30, 1992, roughly a month before the filing deadline for governor.

Levinson still plans to run, although he hasn’t settled on a party. If the Republicans can’t find a strong candidate to replace Wolf, there would be nothing to stop Levinson from switching parties, seizing the nomination and running against Carper in the general election.

Lieutenant governor. Voters love to devil a new governor by choosing a lieutenant governor from the opposing party. The governor and lieutenant governor are elected separately in Delaware.

It happened to Castle, who was elected along with Democrat S.B. Woo in 1984; it happened to du Pont in 1976; and it happened to Democrat Sherman W. Tribbitt in 1972.

Without a strong gubernatorial candidate and with the hope that history will repeat, Republicans are scrambling to win this one. At the GOP state convention in May, two politicians already were trolling for votes: Philip D. Cloutier, the New Castle County Council president; and Dennis J. Rodford, the Iowa director for du Pont’s 1988 presidential bid and a former New Castle County chief administrative officer.

The Democrats’ front-runner is Ruth Ann Minner, a state senator and national committeewoman.

U.S. House of Representatives. The enticing sight of a vacancy in Delaware’s lone House seat hasn’t occurred since du Pont left the Congress to run for governor in 1976.

Republicans want the seat back the same way the Democrats want the governorship. Carper has kept the seat in the Democratic column since the 1982 election.

“The Republican Party has a chance at capturing that seat,” said Battaglia, the GOP state chairman.

GOP eagerness has produced the unusual spectacle of two candidates willing to battle for the nomination. Delaware Republicans typically prefer to sort out their differences in private, rather than squabble in public as the Democrats tend to do. The party hasn’t had a serious statewide primary since David P. Bukson challenged Gov. Russell W. Peterson in 1972 and the GOP subsequently lost the governorship.

For Rzewnicki, the congressional race is a chance to move up. She has gathered anti-Castle dissidents and longtime allies in the state’s women’s clubs to help her. Now in the middle of her third four-year term as treasurer, she doesn’t have to resign to run.

For Castle, the race is an opportunity to keep his political career going. Among his assets: control of the party hierarchy and the demonstrated popularity of racking up the highest percentage
Campaign '92:

BY CELIA COHEN
Staff reporter

U.S. Rep. Thomas R. Carper set up a campaign committee months ago to prepare for the governor's race.
State Treasurer Janet C. Rzewnicki declared her candidacy for Congress last week.
Gov. Castle is expected to commit to a congressional bid, too, before the summer is out.
This is July 1991, but it's already prime time for the 1992 election cycle. Voters who don't normally pay attention until after the World Series — an election-year World Series may think it's absurdly early, but Delaware politicians don't.
"We have been talking 1992 since January of 1990," said state Democratic Chairman Joseph P. Farley Sr.
Why? One reason is that so much is at stake. There will be four statewide races — for governor, lieutenant governor, U.S. representative and insurance commissioner — and not one is expected to have an incumbent running for re-election:
- Castle is barred by the state constitution from seeking a third term.
- Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf could be getting out of politics.
- Carper wants to run for governor.
- Insurance Commissioner David N. Levinson wants to run for governor, too.

They're off and running

The politics are so highly charged and the offices so alluring that statewide officeholders appear willing to compete against one another, instead of taking turns as they usually prefer to safeguard their careers.
Castle and Rzewnicki are all but certain to vie for the Republican nomination for U.S. representative. Carper and Levinson could square off in a Democratic primary for governor, although Levinson is considering a bid as either a Republican or independent.
"It's the first time I can think of that two popular statewide officeholders have indicated they would come to a primary," said James R. Soles, chairman of the political science department at the University of Delaware.

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Councilman: Drug funds misdirected

More money needed for education, Pitts says

By Tom Davis
Staff writer

DOVER — Dover Councilman John W. Pitts says too much money is spent on drug enforcement and not enough on education.

Councilman Pitts, whose district includes some of Dover's most crime-ridden areas, said federal and state agencies have been "throwing" too much money at drug enforcement while underfunding drug education.

"We've got to convince the people that we cannot continue to indulge in that one area," he said.

Councilman Pitts said he believes that hardly any of the money that is spent on law enforcement programs trickles down to the inner cities and actually helps people.

"It doesn't get down to the streets or the level that is needed," he said.

He added that government needs to put some of the money it spends on law enforcement into other areas that need emphasis, such as drug education and rehabilitation.

"We need to put more emphasis on health and more funds to help the school system do their jobs," he said.

But Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf, chairman of the state-wide Substance Abuse Coordinating Council, defended the state's efforts in attempting to curtail drug and alcohol abuse.

He said his committee targets three areas — prevention and education, treatment, and law enforcement — and added that "we have increased our money for those areas greatly."

Lt. Gov. Wolf said the state budgeted $20 million on antitoxic-oriented programs in fiscal year 1990-91. He estimated that about two-thirds of that money went to prevention and education and treatment programs.

"The greatest emphasis is on how do you prevent it," he said.

But Lt. Gov. Wolf said he doesn't think law enforcement should be eliminated from antidrug efforts because it serves as a deterrent.

"Until you solve the problem of drug usage, you have to have the law enforcement component," he said.

He added that some of the law enforcement funds go toward education, such as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.
Castle, Wolf get new offices
Tatnall awaits top Del. officials

By NANCY KESLER
Dover Bureau chief

DOVER — The governor and lieutenant governor are moving this month from Legislative Hall into new quarters in the renovated Tatnall Building on William Penn Street across from the legislature.

The 50-year-old, three-story red brick Georgian building, renovated at a cost of $3.3 million, has retained its period flavor with wall panels and wainscots — stock molding pieced together to give the effect of custom woodwork.

The interior design was done by Design Partnership under the direction of Architects Studios, which has the renovation contract.

Colors throughout the building are primarily tan, blue, rose and white. Although the building has some elegant features, many parts are quite simple, with an eye on costs. "There's not a lot of bells and whistles," said George P. Donnelly, director of the Division of Facilities Management.

The building first housed the predecessor of the Department of Transportation, which outgrew the space in 1971. The next occupant was the predecessor of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, and the building was named after Edward Tatnall, a pioneer Delaware botanist and conservationist.

The state's expanding regulation of the environment outgrew the 22,837 square feet of space, including the basement, in 1984 and moved to the historic Richmond-Robinson Cannery building, which had been renovated in a contemporary design.

Tatnall has been vacant while lawmakers and the governor wrangled over plans to use the building in connection with the renovation and expansion of neighboring Legislative Hall.

Meanwhile, the Tatnall interior was gutted, a new elevator was installed and roof, heating, air conditioning and drainage improvements were made.

Keeping the building's original architecture includes preserving the 13-foot-high ceiling on the first floor. "I think that's the nicest thing about the building," Donnelly said. "There's all sorts of angles in the building."

The legislature and governor decided on a master plan two years ago, which includes a renovation of the crowded interior of Legislative Hall, construction of hall wings and the Tatnall renovation. The foyer on the first floor of Tatnall is dominated by a large brass-plated chandelier over a large black-and-white checkerboard marble floor. Tan wainscots and wall panels lead to hearing rooms for lawmakers, opening off the foyer.

The governor will keep his office in

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Renovation:
Tatnall ready for governor

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Legislative Hall for some ceremonies along with a limited amount of staff space for the periods when the General Assembly is in session. But Castle's main office and staff for most of the year will be on Tatnall's second floor.

The governor's office is done in cherry wood wall panels, and floor-to-ceiling credenza behind the desk. It has a wood floor with tan, teal and blue area rugs.

The lieutenant governor's quarters seem to catch most people's fancy. Tucked away on the third floor, it has an uneven attic ceiling that puts Lt. Gov. Wolf's mahogany-colored desk in a cubbyhole section of the room. The blue carpet, tan wainscot and wall panels look out on a foyer with a skylight.

The basement is what Donnelly calls "swing space." The state's tight revenue situation caused the General Assembly to halt work on Legislative Hall wings once they are enclosed.

But when work resumes, including renovation of Legislative Hall itself, some hall offices such as the controller general's office will have to move temporarily to Tatnall's basement.
Fireworks Are Dazzling But Can Be Dangerous

By LT. GOV. DALE WOLF

For millions of Americans the Fourth of July means parades, picnics, barbecues and time with family and friends. It is also the busiest month of the year for fireworks. According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, more fireworks are used for America's celebration of independence than for any other holiday in the world. For every commercial display, many more fireworks are exploded by people in back yards, fields and streets across the country. Unfortunately, these festivities can lead to tragedy.

Each year, approximately 9,000 people are injured in fireworks-related accidents. Almost 50 percent of those treated in emergency rooms are under age 15. Fireworks usually cause burns to the eyes, face and hands and most often happen when a firecracker either explodes in someone's hands, is dropped on a foot or explodes in a pocket.

"The Fourth of July can be one of the most dangerous times of the year," said Lt. Gov. Dale Wolf, chairman of the Delaware SAFE KIDS Coalition. "Each year we see kids seriously injured because they mishandle fireworks. That's why we teach fireworks safety."

Across the country more and more fire departments are conducting education classes that address the dangers and demonstrate the safe handling of fireworks.

"Kids need to be taught that matches are tools. We need to explain what fire is and what it can do," said William Mathews Jr., chairman, Fire Prevention Committee of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. Establishing rules for fireworks before the Fourth of July is a good way to reduce the threat of injury, according to the Delaware SAFE KIDS Coalition.

"By discussing fireworks rules early, you can go over them with your child several times before the excitement of the holiday takes over," said Wolf. "You also have time to consult other parents and support one another's efforts."

Fireworks are not toys. Even seemingly harmless fireworks such as sparklers can cause serious injury. For example, in 1987, of the 9,000 fireworks-related injuries, sparklers were responsible for 6.5 percent and other miscellaneous devices including model rockets, party poppers and blasting caps, 3.2 percent.

Laws pertaining to fireworks vary across the country. Twelve states ban all Class C fireworks. These 12 states are: Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia. (According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Class C fireworks include "cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, roman candles, sky rockets, firecrackers, mines and shells, helicopter-type rockets, certain sparklers and revolving wheels.") Seven states allow only sparklers and other novelties. These include: Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The Delaware SAFE KIDS Coalition and the National SAFE KIDS Campaign recommended the following fireworks and safety plan for this year's holiday:

- Attend official fireworks celebrations. This is the safest way to enjoy fireworks.
- Establish a safe viewing area outdoors. The best and safest view is at least 500 feet away from an official display site.
- Discuss guidelines with your children. Review your safety rules together. If you do choose to purchase and ignite fireworks, establish yourself as your child's only source of fireworks.
- Establish emergency procedures. Teach children to "stop, drop and roll" if their clothes catch on fire; make sure they know how to call your local fire department and ambulance service; demonstrate how to extinguish fireworks by using water or an extinguisher.
- Never give fireworks to a small child.
- Have water handy - especially if children are using sparklers.
- Read labels and follow directions.

Parents need to take a leadership role when dealing with fireworks in order to make the holiday both festive and safe.

LT. GOV. DALE WOLF

For more Information, contact the Delaware SAFE KIDS Coalition which is part of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, a long-term effort to prevent childhood injury - the number one killer of children. More than 90 national organizations and 111 local coalitions in 41 states and the District of Columbia are taking part in the campaign. Mrs. Barbara Bush is honorary chairperson and former U.S. Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop, M.D., is chairman of the campaign.
Lifer's goal: keep former inmates out for good

"Since I've been here, the people are (the same) ones I met when I first came here, and they are coming in and out like a revolving door," said Fatir, who has so far served 16 years of a life sentence.

“We found that most people aren’t prepared for what they are going to face out there, so we tried to develop programs from an inmate perspective.”

The inmate perspective has become embodied in a 2½-year-old prison program called in institutional jargon, Pre-Release Class or just PRC for short. It does a lot more, however than the institutional-type name implies.

With a workbook entitled “Time After Time,” the PRC acts as a handbook for life, giving lessons for convicts on everything from their responsibilities as fathers, finding employment and staying off drugs to coping with the biases of the outside world.

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In a meeting with Fatir Wednesday, Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf was briefed on a program that, according to its advocates, has slowed the recidivism rate and in the PRC's 2½-year history lays claim to virtually halting the short-term rate of felony offenses by its graduates.

Wolfe said, “I found out he had been involved with drugs and alcohol. I was fortunate to find out. What a difference his life has been since then. It has turned around and he has been straight for seven years.”

“Most people who are arrested today are arrested trying to get money to buy drugs or they are arrested selling drugs,” he said.

“There are people in prison today who could be chairman of the board of big companies. You’ve got to say there must be something I could do to better myself ... the one thing you’ve got is time.”

The lieutenant governor, who came to public service from the executive offices of Du Pont Co., said the men before him had problems — like those of his own son — that had brought them down.

But, they could make a comeback, he said.

As Lt. Gov. Wolf spoke to the t-shirt- and work shirt-clad prisoners, each shod in heavy work shoes, the reality of prison life went on in the recreational yard outside the visitor center windows.

Surrounded by high fences topped with barbed wire, most shirtless in the heat on plastic tables, staring vacantly into space or tossing threatening objects at each other.

However, for many of the men sitting before the lieutenant governor, their hard time was almost over and they would soon be out.

“We’re good at locking you up, jail,” Lt. Gov. Wolf said. “My question is how do you enter society constructively again.”

On August 14th, Lt. Gov. Dale Wolf was the principal speaker at a "English as a Second Language" course sponsored by Perdue Farms for their Georgetown employees. The nine graduates attended a 25-week course at Vo-Tech on their own time, at great personal sacrifices," and Wolf warmly congratulated each graduate.
Eager shoppers flock to Wanamaker's

Customers like what they see on first day

By PETER OSBORNE
Staff reporter

CHRISTIANA—Sonja Curran of Newark dusted off her Wanamaker's card and showed up Wednesday for the grand opening of the new John Wanamaker store in Christiana Mall. She ducked out of work at Upjohn Healthcare Services to join more than 1,000 people who packed the mall's main atrium, eagerly waiting for the speeches to end and the store's gate to open at 10:02 a.m.

But she wasn't worried about getting in trouble. Her boss, Barbara Stevenson, was right next to her.

It took 15 minutes to get everyone through the doors — shoppers also packed the side entrances — once the waiting was over and the trumpet fanfare began.

But where was Clarice Wolf, wife of Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf? She had wandered off carrying a speech her husband would deliver later in the day.

After a frenzied search, she was asked by a store official if she wanted to join her husband on the helicopter taking him to his next appointment.

"Nope, I'm staying to spend some money," she answered.

Many people were spending money, feverishly filling out credit-card applications and contest entry blanks and wandering around the $25 million store.

"This store is the very best of the past, present and future of our company," said Wanamaker's Chairman Arnold Aronson with a smile as he watched customers pour in. "Everywhere there has an identity and yet everything flows."

He downplayed concerns that long-time shoppers at the old store on Augusta Cut-off wouldn't make the trip to Christiana Mall.

"People get used to things," he said. "They'll have to make an extra investment in time, but I think they'll feel the tradeoff was worth it when they see this."

Lois Morris and Gladys Moore, both of north Wilmington, said they were partial to the old store but added the mall was more convenient.

"It's a lovely store," Moore said. "And so well organized. It's easy to find what you're looking for."

Curran and Stevenson said they've been disappointed with the selection at the old Wanamaker's since the company said it would close the store. But they were pleased with what they saw Wednesday, praising the store's elegance, sight lines and traffic flow.

"This is exciting," Curran said. "I grew up with Wanamaker's. But I didn't go up there much anymore because there was no other retail to attract me."

"This is better than I expected. It's back to the Wanamaker's I grew up with."

Delaware

Lieutenant Governor Dale Wolf, father of four and grandfather of eight, is a family man. As Delaware's lieutenant governor, Wolf has focused on the family by bringing the issues of education in adult literacy, substance abuse and child safety to the forefront of public awareness. As chairman of Delaware's Drug Abuse Coordinating Council, the Inter-agency Council on Adult Literacy, and the Delaware Safe Kids Coalition, Wolf links many of Delaware's socio-economic problems to the disintegration of the American family. Wolf has made a difference by raising people's awareness about the many problems that afflict young Americans that lack guidance at home.

The destruction of the family support system has led to an under-educated, highly at-risk generation. To slow the trend, Wolf initiated mandatory drug education in Delaware schools. Programs like D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) have taken root and made an immediate impact on the children of the First State.

The lieutenant governor's annual Adult Literacy Awards have highlighted Delaware's outstanding literacy programs and in doing so have inspired many others.

Wolf's Safe Kids Coalition targets parents and children while serving in all aspects of injury prevention to help reduce the number of avoidable childhood injuries. Wolf believes that these programs can only be most effective with interest and involvement from those at home.

As chairman of the Delaware Coastal Heritage Greenway Council, Wolf has stressed the integration of family involvement in much of its planning. "Any help we can lend in creating opportunities for family activities helps provide a better atmosphere in which American kids can excel," said Wolf. Promoting family experiences like the heritage greenway is only one way government can help build stronger communities through stronger families.

According to Wolf, it is necessary for families to provide more guidance and support to their children. "In the long run, a concerted effort to "refund" the American family may be as important to our economic and social recovery as today's tax credits and interest rates." Providing leadership on many issues, Lt. Governor Wolf always looks for opportunities to promote family ties while remembering to enjoy his own.
First town Cotillion was a success

The Federal Cotillion, held at the Armory on January 26, attracted a large crowd. Sue Barlow was the chairman for the event where participants dressed, danced and ate just like the first inhabitants of Georgetown 200 years ago. Many politicians travelled to Georgetown to take part, including State Treasurer Janet Rzewnicki and Lt. Governor Dale Wolf.

Many who attended would like to hold more Cotillions in the future, having had so much fun at this one.

Inmate ready for outside

By Timothy K. Maloy
Staff writer

SMYRNA — Elmo V.T. Quiover, who has nearly completed his three-year sentence for robbery, has a checkered past that includes drug peddling. He also has an uncertain future when he gets out of Delaware Correctional Center next month.

But it may be a little more certain than other inmates who are about to be released. The 28-year-old convict, one of approximately 1,000 inmates at the prison, has been part of a unique inmate-created program that has given him lessons in how to survive on the outside — without crime.

He is a graduate of fellow inmate Amir M. Fattir's Pre-Release Class.

"The program has helped me into taking a self-evaluation at the inner man that is inside of me. I have taken a look at my priorities in keeping me out of here," Quiover said. "That desire is based on the life I had to live in here. I wouldn't wish that on my worst enemy. It's been tough."

With his release date approaching fast, Quiover has taken part in a social experiment that was the inspiration of those who have spent time between prison walls and those on the outside who want to see an end to repeat offenders.

Quiover listened to Lt. Gov. Dale Wolf say to inmates Wednesday that they could still be a positive force in the world.

The lieutenant governor is one of a long list of public officials who have come to speak to inmates, including U.S. Rep. Thomas R. Carper, Delaware Judge Bernard Balick and Deputy Attorney General James A. Rambo.

"I plan to speak to kids. One of my goals is to keep somebody else from making the same kind of mistakes I made," Quiover said. "It's a different ball game behind these gates, behind these walls."

SUSSEX SCENE

By Mike Hession

"WOLF JOINS THE PACK"

It took them over a year, on foot and bicycle, to blaze a recreational trail across the United States. And 5,000 miles and 12 states later, they jumped into the Atlantic Ocean at Lewes like high school kids on a graduation outing.

Along the way, the two men and one woman met with floods and snow storms and the President of the United States. Lt. Gov. Dale Wolf represented the First State the last few miles.

The route scouted by the team will become the AMERICAN DISCOVERY TRAIL - the Route 66 for the non-motorized traveller.

American Discovery team members: Ellen Dudley and Bill Strotte, flank the Lieutenant Governor on their way to the Atlantic Ocean at Cape Henlopen Park.

WOLF BACKPACKS IN LEWES
The Delaware Coalition for Literacy cordially invites you to join us and Lt. Governor Dale Wolf at an Autograph Reception to honor the adults recognized in the Delaware ADULT STUDENT SUCCESS BOOK

Friday, the twenty-second day of November nineteen hundred and ninety-one 3:30 in the afternoon Foyer of the Tatnal Building Capitol Complex Dover, Delaware

The Board of Managers and The Friends of the Wilmington Library welcome you to their

Fall Cocktail Party Tuesday, October 15, 1991

Schedule of Events:
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Refreshments, music
7:00 - 7:15 p.m. Presentation of award
7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Refreshments, music

The purpose of this gathering is to recognize and thank Lieutenant Governor Dale Wolf for his continual support and participation in Literacy in Delaware. One of Lieutenant Governor Wolf's concerns is the need for quality education for all Delawareans. Out of this concern, he instituted the Adult Literacy Task Force in December, 1990, of which he is the chairperson. In Delaware one out of every six adults has less than an eighth grade education. In order for Delaware to continue to grow and develop into the next century, we must make sure that every adult has the ability to fully reach his or her potential. In order for this to be accomplished, every Delawarean must be literate. The goal of Lieutenant Governor Wolf's task force is to ensure that every adult Delawarean is literate by the year 2,000. This is a goal shared by the Board of Managers and the Friends of the Wilmington Library Board; and it is with this mind that we wish to thank Lieutenant Governor Wolf.
Wolf Honored at 2nd Annual Cocktail Party

The Board of Managers and the Friends of the Wilmington Library hosted a cocktail party on Tuesday, October 15, 1991, in honor of Lieutenant Governor Dale E. Wolf.

David A. Burdash, Director of the Wilmington Library, presented Lieutenant Governor Wolf with a pair of solid brass bookends in appreciation for his longtime dedication to the promotion of literacy in Delaware.

Guests gathered in the reading room of the Library where they enjoyed an open bar and hors d'oeuvres, and were entertained by jazz musicians.

Adult literacy programs recognized

BY NANCY KESLER
Dover Bureau chief

DOVER — Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf's Adult Literacy Task Force gave out awards Monday in the first statewide recognition of outstanding efforts to improve adult literacy in Delaware.

"Every literacy program in Delaware merits an award," said Wolf, who heads the drive to achieve full adult literacy in the state by the year 2000. The awards were made in the Senate chamber in Dover.

The outstanding organization service award went to IBM for its computer literacy lab for Literacy Volunteers of America working through the Wilmington library on a program teaching English as a second language. IBM volunteers monitor the lab and train tutors in this one-to-one tutoring program.

The outstanding individual service award went to Samuel Latham and Michael Dimucci of the UAW-Chrysler Region Eight Center in Newark. The men are co-administrators of a wide-ranging program to improve the literacy of its members. Center programs are open to family members.

Christina Even Start was recognized as the outstanding new program. An initiative of the Christina School District, the program targets families with an adult functioning below the high school reading level who has a child between 1 and 7. The aim is to help the adult and assure a successful education for the child.

The award for the most innovative program went to the Liberty Court Adult Education Center in Dover. The program is a partnership between the Delaware Housing Authority and Appoquinimink School District that brings educational opportunities to a public housing project. Children are involved in learning activities while their parents study for their high school diplomas.

The commercial driver's license program of the Groves Adult Education High School in the Appoquinimink School District and Parents Actively Reading to Youth, a project of the Sussex County Department of Libraries, tied in the incentive programs category.

The license class is for people whose reading skills must improve so they can pass the new mandatory federal licensing exam.

All of those who didn't have a high school diploma stayed in class after passing the license exam to continue developing their reading skills.

PARTY encourages parents to participate in reading-related activities with their children and familiarizes parents and children with libraries.

The award for best collaborative/pioneering program went to the Delaware Technical & Community College program in Sussex County. The program serves people 16 and older who have dropped out of school. It works with variety of agencies and takes its programs into the workplace and to prison.

Many of these groups need volunteers. Lorraine Buttavas, an instructor at Liberty Court, said her group is looking for people who can read to children at the housing project from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteer can contact her at 678-9127 or 739-5521.
一九八一年十二月，當時的杜邦潤滑油處副總裁Mr. & Mrs. Dale Wolf (中) 訪問龍潭廠。

一九九一年九月三十日，沙文超總經理（左四）和 Dale Wolf (右六) 美國德拉瓦州州長於十年後再訪龍潭廠，並與全體員工合影留念，對本廠之進步，特別嘉勉。
Thinking of you.

Best wishes from

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Literacy organizers rewarded

Individual, group participants earn recognition

By Joyce Mullins
Staff writer

DOVER — About a year ago, 75 people met with Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf and decided they were going to do something about adult literacy in Delaware.

Organizations and individuals statewide who had done much to achieve that goal were honored at ceremonies held in Senate chambers of Legislative Hall.

Mel Stout, chairman of the State Review Panel, told his audience that the first to be honored would be those who planned the awards ceremony.

After they were recognized, Lt. Gov. Wolf and Mr. Stout conducted the balance of the program as if it were the Academy Awards.

“The nominees for the Outstanding Organization Service Award are IBM, MBNA America Bank and United Way of Delaware. The envelope please,” Mr. Stout said, in the tones of a Hollywood emcee.

“And the winner is — IBM!” he continued.

IBM’s program established a Computer Literacy Lab for Literacy Volunteers of America at the Wilmington Library.

There were 13 nominees for the Outstanding Individual Service Award: Page Bristow, Phyllis Chambers, and Carmen A. Knox, of Literacy Volunteers of America; Wilmington Library Affiliates: Andrea Hedgecock, Albert James Jones, and Oly MacMillan, of Delaware Technical and Community College—Georgetown; Samuel and Michael DiMucci, U.A.W./Chrysler Region Eight Center, Newark; Judith Marshall, Delaware Coalition for Literacy; Ethel Sproul and Herbert Martin, of James H. Groves School, Wilmington Center; Betty Wilbanks, Sussex County Vocational Technical School District.

Frances Tracy-Mumford, Delaware Department of Public Instruction, received the Outstanding Individual Service Award.

“I feel great. I am truly appreciative that I’m recognized,” Dr. Tracy-Mumford said.

Dr. Tracy-Mumford said she has had an unusually fine year, citing the recent decrease in the public school drop-out rate and President Bush’s visit to the James H. Groves High School commencement this spring.

The drop-out rate has been attributed to the success of the Secondary Alternative Program for At-Risk Youth that Dr. Tracy-Mumford established.

The Outstanding Achievement Award for a new program was won by the Christina Even Start Program.

The Outstanding Achievement Award for Innovation went to Liberty Court Adult Education Center on Walker Road in Dover.

Joseph DiSalvo Jr., of Dover, is the administrator for the Liberty Court program. He said the program started in a vacant apartment of the newly renovated complex for low-income families and has moved permanently to the apartment complex’s community center.

Teacher Lorraine D. Butavage said to 15 adult students come regularly twice a week to work on literacy and prepare for high school diplomas or equivalency diplomas.

Mr. DiSalvo is also the administrator for another winning program — the Commercial Driver’s License Preparatory Program, which tied with P.A.R.T.Y. (Parents Actively Reading To Youth) for the Incentives award.

Sadie S. Keen teaches as many as 30 students in the driver’s education program, which seeks to keep adults employed and employable.

“We have had a 100 percent success rate. Everyone has passed their tests,” she said.

The award for Collaboration/Partnering programs went to Delaware Technical and Community College’s Southern Campus in Georgetown for its adult literacy program.

The program includes on-campus child care with Seaford Community Action, student recruitment and enrollment efforts with Adult Career Training Center and student tutorial and library card registration with Sussex County Public Libraries.

“...A strong network of libraries and information services is essential in ultimately providing new minds needed for America to continue to compete in a growing international economy and demonstrate strong world leadership.”

Dale Wolf
Del Tech, PARTY Receive
Lt. Governor's Literacy Awards

By MICHAEL SHORT

If Lieutenant Governor Dale Wolf had a bit of magic, he'd make annual literacy awards sit like Christmas cookies out on a platter.

"If you could wave a wand and do one thing, it would be to make everybody able to read," he said.

The lieutenant governor said that one thing could perhaps do more than improve the productivity and quality of life for Delaware's residents than anything else.

It's an area he has been actively involved in, presenting his annual literacy awards earlier this month. There were a pair of Sussex winners among those honored, Delaware Technical and Community College and Parents Actively Reading To Youth (PARTY).

Del Tech was honored for its literacy partnership work with a whole host of groups. Among them are: Sussex County Community Action, Seafood Community Action, the Delaware State Housing Authority and Mountaire.

Programs range from adult literacy classes at housing authority sites like Burton Village in Rehoboth to a workplace literacy program which is being developed for Mountaire.

"It has to be a team effort," Wolf said. Years ago you imagined what it would be like not to be able to read," he asked.

PARTY was also a literacy award winner. The group has worked out of the Milton library, reaching a total of about 20 families with a series of workshops. Read aloud, Casa San Francisco

in Milton and the County Department of Libraries worked with PARTY on the Milton project (the group is now working on a Laurel program).

Goals including giving parents the confidence to share books and reading with their children, spurring children's interest in stories and familiarizing people with libraries.

Participants received books, magazine subscriptions and cookbooks, all in an effort to turn them on to the magic of reading. "If kids grow up reading, they're going to read as adults," said Christel Shumate of PARTY.

"What we're trying to install is a love of reading.

These are the kind of people the lieutenant governor intended to honor with his literacy awards, people on the front lines of Delaware's was on illiteracy.

"I think we're making progress and making progress because more people can read this year than last year," he said. "But we still have far too many people in Delaware who can't read.

There are an estimated 51,000 Delawareans who do not operate above an eighth grade scholastic level and an estimated 125,000 who do not hold a high school diploma, according to the 1990 census.

The problem of illiteracy is pretty immense," said Dr. MacDonald.

While Delaware is doing better, it's still not doing well enough, according to the lieutenant governor.

"There's no reason Delaware can't be number one in literacy."
Del. wetland trail opens its first link
Greenway envisioned to run state's length

By MOLLY MURRAY
Sussex Bureau reporter

PORT PENN — The governor, lieutenant governor, two cabinet secretaries and a host of other state and local officials walked along a panoramic wetland trail Wednesday, thanks to the efforts of the muskrat.

The ceremonial hike was designed to launch the first link in Delaware's Coastal Heritage Greenway.

But the critter that may be responsible for saving these wetlands was nowhere to be seen.

Early Dutch settlers tried to pump the water out of the marshes around Port Penn by building earthen dikes along the Delaware River.

"But the maintenance was so great," said Bob Beck, president of the Port Penn Historical Society. "They blamed it on a small furry animal ... the muskrat" that kept poking holes in the dam.

The wetlands and the network of earthen walls remain. The old dam walls — now maintained by the state Department of Transportation — form an eight-foot-wide path that winds through marshes, crosses a sluice gate and offers panoramic views of the Delaware River, Reedy Point Bridge and ship traffic just off shore.

"This is an incentive for the rest of the state," Beck said.

By mid-November, hikers will be able to park at Augustine boat launching ramp and walk along a path that runs 2½ miles along the Delaware River, east of Port Penn, through the Augustine Wildlife Area and out to Delaware 9. State officials would eventually like to see the trail link northern New Castle County with the coastal beaches in Sussex County.

Portions of the Port Penn link will be closed to hikers during waterfowl and upland game hunting seasons.

An estimated 200,000 acres of open space are slated for acquisition or protection from development under greenways and other state programs. Greenways link parks, historic sites, preserves and trails or other corridors to form networks of open space.

The first bonds that will help pay for the state's latest land protection efforts will be sold in New York today.

"So many people in Delaware have embraced this program," said Gov. Castle. "You can see the tidal marshes. You can see the natural beauty." He said that most people in Delaware can no longer afford to buy large tracts of land to surround themselves with open space. And rapid growth means that more and more land in the state is being developed, he said.

"For us to enjoy the outdoors, ... the only way we can do that is through public ownership of land," Castle said. "We are opening up Delaware to all Delawareans."
Wolf family to share stories of drugs' effects

By Joanne Veto
Staff writer

DOVER – Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf said he is an example of how drug and alcohol abuse affect all families.

Lt. Gov. Wolf and his son, James Wolf, are the featured dinner speakers at the Second Annual Teens Above the Influence Conference, set for Sunday and Monday, Nov. 3 and 4, at the Sheraton Inn-Dover.

The conference is designed to encourage student leadership in the fight against abuse in their schools and to give them ideas for programs and activities to promote a drug-free environment.

The lieutenant governor and his son will speak Sunday. James Wolf, 33, works for the Du Pont Co. and overcame an addiction problem seven years ago, his father said. Since then, Mr. Wolf has been speaking at seminars and schools about his problem and the way it affected his family.

"Most people don't think a drug or alcohol addiction can happen to them, and if it does, they sure aren't going to tell anybody about it," Lt. Gov. Wolf said Friday. "We were very honest about it from the beginning, beginning with the campaign. We made no bones about the fact that it happened."

The conference will mark the first time the lieutenant governor has heard his son speak publicly about his addiction. Lt. Gov. Wolf said he is not concerned that his son's speech may contain a few surprises.

"I'm more worried about how I'm going to follow that," Lt. Gov. Wolf said.

The conference will help high school students develop “action plans” of drug-free activities and

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programs to bring back to their schools, said Christine H. Sudell, conference co-chair.

"There are positive action plans to change ideas in their schools about the use and presence of drugs and alcohol at school events and programs," Mrs. Sudell said.

A series of workshops are designed to help students become positive role models for their peers, she said.

Each student will attend two workshops that cover self-esteem, enabling and co-dependency, peer leadership and how to say "no." There also is a special workshop for school advisors to learn the "keys to successful leadership."

The opening address will be given by Thom Stecher, executive director of Thom Stecher and Associates, a national training and consulting firm near Philadelphia. He has worked with about a dozen states in their planning, development and training of student assistance efforts and is a consultant to Chester County (Pa.) Council Addictive Diseases.

Mr. Stecher will discuss "Wellness: Taking Care of the Caring." But the two-day conference isn't all business. There are "fun and fitness" times built in, and a DJ will provide entertainment Sunday night. Monday's morning program is billed as a "fast-paced, fun session of activities to generate healthy belly laughs."

The conference will conclude with students drafting their action plans, Mrs. Sudell said.

The Second Annual Teens Above the Influence Conference is set for Sunday and Monday, Nov. 3 and 4, at the Sheraton Inn-Dover. Reservations still are available and can be made by calling 571-6975. Although there is a fee, financial arrangements can be made.
Wolf recognized desperate cry for help

Lieutenant governor, son share horrors of drug use at seminar

By Tom Davis
Staff writer

DOVER — With a pistol pointed at his head, James D. Wolf thought he'd give his father, Dale E. Wolf, one more try.
He telephoned his dad and said, "I need help." Dale Wolf, who is now lieutenant governor of Delaware, said he knew.
So the younger Mr. Wolf soon checked himself into a rehabilitation center after leading a life of shooting, smoking and snorting cocaine, alcoholism and other drug use. He stood 6 feet, 2 inches tall but his weight was down to 129 pounds.
When he checked in, he was told he never had to live like that again. Since then, he has lived the best seven years of his life.
Mr. Wolf, 33, made his life center stage during the Teens Above the Influence Conference at the Sheraton Inn-Dover on U.S. 13 Sunday. His parents, Dale and Clarice, heard some of the details of his drug use for the first time.
"We've had a lot of discussions about this, no doubt about that," Lt. Gov. Wolf said. His speech highlighted a day of educational speeches, workshops and activities at the two-day conference, which is to conclude today. It kicked off with an emotional keynote address by Thom H. Stecher, head of a national training and consultation organization based in Pennsylvania.
Mr. Stecher sought to inspire the audience mix of Delaware school teachers and students with a commanding speech about having goals, objectives and a clear vision in life.
Mr. Wolf's presentation, on the other hand, was more subdued. But his bleak and frank story silenced the audience of about 200 people, and at times caused them to gasp. With every mention of a drug that he took, there was reaction.
It also was the first time his father heard him speak publicly of his addiction. But Lt. Gov. Wolf, who sat passively during his son's speech, said he hoped the students got something out of it.
"We hope that they take the things they've learned in this conference back to school," he said. See Seminar — Page 2


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Mr. Wolf first tried alcohol when he was 8 years old, pouring Jim Beam into a peanut butter jar and drinking it straight.
He tried marijuana for the first time when he was 12. He then moved on to LSD and speed and eventually to his favorite, cocaine.
"I felt like a different person," he said. "Every time I did it, I liked it."
Mr. Wolf dragged himself through school, getting average grades in high school before moving on to the University of Delaware. There, the partying caught up with him, and he was asked to leave after one quarter.
"Cocaine picked up in his life once he was on his own. He said he would get high one night and wake up with a hangover before work, which speed and coke helped alleviate. Mr. Wolf said he would buy cocaine for the weekend on Thursday, and sometimes have it all snorted by Friday.
He brought cocaine with him to his sister's wedding, noting that he didn't know what types of liquor would be there. "Probably the cheap stuff," he said, drawing laughs from his parents.
But details of his story became more gruesome, and there were few laughs. There were gasps when Mr. Wolf mentioned that he started smoking cocaine because he was rolling a hole in his nose.
There were more gasps when he spoke about shooting cocaine into his vein. He had done that prior to putting a gun up to his head and contemplating suicide.

That's when his father stepped in and helped him, he said.
"He knew, and it hurt both my mother and the rest of the family," Mr. Wolf said. "There were a lot of signs."
Mr. Wolf concluded his talk to a standing ovation, hugged his father, took one look at him and smiled. Lt. Gov. Wolf, who appeared a bit shaken, then walked up to the podium and addressed the drug problem as a whole in Delaware.

"There's no reason why we shouldn't be the first real drug-free state," he said, adding, "In the end, it's got to be education that will make the biggest difference in Delaware."
State leaders bike new Port Penn Trail

PORT PENN - Gov. Michael N. Castle joined Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf and others to bike a portion of the newly opened Port Penn Trail Wednesday morning to mark the first portion of a statewide greenway that links parks and wildlife areas.

The Delaware Coastal Historic Greenway is part of a state-sponsored push to preserve open space throughout the state, and the Port Penn Trail is the first such trail to be designated under the greenways program.

"We depend on Delaware's beaches, wetlands and rivers to supply us with valuable resources such as drinking water, as well as provide homes for wildlife and places for recreation and tourism," Gov. Castle said in a prepared statement. "The Coastal Heritage Greenway allows us to preserve and protect our coastal environment for future generations to enjoy."

The Port Penn Trail begins on Del. 9 north of Port Penn, then winds through the Augustine Wildlife Area and finishes along the Delaware River at Augustine Beach. The trail is about two miles long.

Also on Wednesday, Gov. Castle's press secretary Elizabeth A. Bingham said the state Department of Finance plans to sell the first in a semi-annual series of bonds under the Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund program.

Bulldozer operator and natural resources department employee Art Loveless leads, from left, Gov. Michael N. Castle, Natural Resources Secretary Edwin H. Clark II and Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf, to the opening of the Port Penn Trail Wednesday.

The program was established to raise up to $50 million over 10 years, partly through the state sale of bonds, and the proceeds are to be used to fund the greenways program and other land acquisition and preservation projects.

Delaware Lt. Governor Dale E. Wolf and Miss Delaware 1991, Beth Ann Jones, two of this year's judges with the difficult task of choosing the Mix-Off's best drinks.
Report shows alarming rise in Delaware drug deaths

By NANCY KESLER
Dover Bureau chief

DOVER — Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf believes drug abuse is going to demand the full attention of Delawarians based on a recent study that shows the problem is worsening.

"The alarming and sad increase in drug deaths must be reversed," he said. "From 1984 to more than 30 last year requires everyone to redouble our anti-drug efforts."

The data producing such grim picture come from a "Delaware Drug Success Indicators" report prepared by Jack O'Connell, director of the state's Statistical Analysis Center and reviewed last week by the Drug Abuse Coordinating Council, chaired by Wolf.

The report lists data from 1984 until the present on a variety of drug-related items, including deaths, arrests and need for medical treatment.

Among the most dramatic increases are the number of people in prison for drug offenses. The increases started in 1988, then nearly doubled by 1990, O'Connell said. The increase is the result of more criminal justice resources directed at the problem and harsher sentences for drug offenses.

The tougher laws were aimed at discouraging drug sales.

"The numbers suggest that it is not the deterrent that people had hoped for or not a deterrent at all," said Samuel McKeeman, new council director and the governor's special assistant for corrections. "If you keep increasing the size of the club and the club doesn't work, maybe you have to conclude that isn't the way to go."

A shortage of adequate drug treatment facilities is another problem. "Unfortunately, early increases in treatment capacity have now plateaued while demand continues to rise," Wolf said.

A group has been formed by Wolf and chaired by Superior Court Judge Richard S. Gebelein and Carl Schnee, chairman of the state Criminal Justice Council, to find ways to improve the use of existing treatment.

McKeeman said improvements are needed when it comes to matching people coming out of prison with treatment programs. The group will write a "cookbook on how to match them up and get them there within hours — not days and weeks."
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Dear Lieutenant Governor:

As the election year progresses, I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you."

Thank you as a parent, thank you as a citizen, most of all thank you on behalf of all our children.

Your dynamic support of our all our children truly earned you a place in history.

May your work always be blessed and supported by the people of Delaware, First & America - "our" future!

My sincere thanks & appreciation!

Catherine M. Scott
Time ‘to become partners rather than enemies…’

Why is Delaware — never a hotbed for Japanese investment — suddenly throwing down the welcome mat?

Courting Japanese business is a ritual, long on foreplay and not to be rushed. It took a year to negotiate a sister state agreement between Delaware and the prefecture of Miyagi, for instance, four years for the Orient Chemical plant in Seaford to become a reality.

And development officials considered it a coup recently when they convinced 20 senior business executives from Osaka to take a two-day detour in their tour of major American cities to visit research facilities at the University of Delaware and the Du Pont Co.

But those responsible for Delaware’s business future say the overtures will pay off. The time has come for Americans to put an end to Japan-bashing and for the two nations to become trading partners rather than enemies in the global market. By Kenneth R. Biederman, dean of the College of Business and Economics at the University of Delaware.

Biederman represented the education community in a trade mission to Japan led up to the signing of the sister state agreement Nov. 14, opening the door to closer cultural, academic, economic and tourism ties between Delaware and Miyagi.

It is the first such agreement between the rapidly developing prefecture north of Tokyo and a U.S. state, said John J. Casey Jr., director of the Delaware Development Office.

He is optimistic that the sister state status will mean more “high quality Japanese business” for Delaware, such as the $17.5 million Orient Chemical plant, the first Japanese “greenfield” investment in Delaware.

Casey came home from his first trade mission to Japan in October with “one very viable prospect,” two companies with “moderate” interest and two in the very formative stages.

A return visit by Miyagi officials was “very positive,” Biederman said.

For a reception for the visitors, Lt. Gov. Dale E. Wolf hailed the signing of the sister state agreement as “something our children and grandchildren will look back upon and say we did a good thing.”

His counterpart, Osamu Wako, vice governor of the Miyagi Prefecture, promised to return to Delaware next year with a trade fair.

What we are building is a long-term dialogue between two important cultures,” said Wolf, who had 25 years experience with the Japanese in his former position as head of the Du Pont Co.’s agricultural products division.

Another former Du Ponte, Yoko Nakajima, retired director of electronics for Du Pont Japan Ltd. is Delaware’s “man in Tokyo.” In the Japanese class system that requires meetings between those of equal station, Nakajima — because of his high ranking at Du Pont — has been able to open many doors for Delaware.

Nakajima is credited with convincing the Osaka-based Orient Chemical to build its plant in the Seaford Industrial Park.

Compatibility with existing chemical manufacturers, including Du Pont’s Seaford nylon plant, also were factors, said Larry E. Windley, DDO’s international trade specialist.

And Akihiro Takahashi, son of the Orient Chemical president, who moved to Delaware to manage the project, added one more factor in the site choice. “It is nice here.”

That may be one of the major attractions for Japanese companies looking to locate in the U.S. in the ’80s. Following large manufacturers like Toyota and Honda — of the ’80s, will be smaller companies looking for smaller localities where they feel they and their families will be welcome. The new watchwords are infrastructure, work force and enthusiasm.

Biederman is encouraged by the prospects for academic exchange. “They are looking for individuals with undergraduate degrees to spend three to four months in Japan to learn their business techniques.”

There are also proposed exchanges of high school and college students. All present opportunities to learn more about Japanese productivity, management and competition, said Biederman. “Trade barriers are not the answer. We are falling behind and we may have more to gain (from an academic exchange) than they do.”

Miyagi, an hour and a half north of Tokyo by bullet train, is Japan’s fastest growing prefecture and many leading companies, such as Mitsubishi, Sony and Fuji Films, are expanding there. There is an emphasis on chemical and high tech industries, a growing port at Sendai, Tohoku University with majors in engineering, business and agriculture.

Miyagi is a major growth area and the sister state relationship should give Delaware “a leg up,” Biederman said.

Three million Japanese visitors contributed an estimated $1 billion to the U.S. economy in 1990, more than was spent by 17 million Canadian tourists during the same period.

Delaware is going after its share of the market. A “Welcoming International Visitors to Delaware” recently paid particular attention to making Japanese visitors feel at home.

That can be a difficult task. The United States’ huge trade imbalance with Japan — including a $30 billion deficit in the auto sector — has strained trade relations.

The Japanese “do not understand the Japan-bashing that goes on in the U.S.,” said Biederman. “It is to both our advantages to put old feelings behind us and become partners.”

Wolf releases Delaware’s Literacy Plan at UAW/Chrysler Center

Lieutenant Governor Wolf recently introduced the members of the newly-created Interagency Council on Adult Literacy (ICAL). The Council was formed upon the completion of an action strategy and carried out by the Adult Literacy Task Force.

“It is now the responsibility of ICAL to develop policy and implement the most advantageous approaches in achieving our goal of a literate Delaware by the year 2000,” stated Wolf. CAL was developed for the purpose of assuming ongoing responsibility for the implementation of these plans. Both the Adult Literacy Task Force and the newly-created Council (the result of an executive order) are vital elements of the Governor’s DELAWARE 2000 plan.

Delaware’s sister state arrangement with the Miyagi Prefecture of Japan could open the door to closer cultural, academic and economic ties between the two states.
Poll Shows Carper With 83 Percent Voter Approval

By TED CLARK

The title of this week's miracle might be "A Tale of Two Polls and Two Politicians," President Bush and Tom Carper. The findings for Mr. Bush are as desolate - from 81 percent popularity in March to 53 percent in mid-November - as they are sensational for Mr. Carper: 83 percent favorable and 10 percent unfavorable among all voters.

The Carper figures are the latest available, were taken by Hickman-Brown Public Opinion Research, and a copy was obtained by this reporter.

The survey is based on the responses of 418 likely voters, during telephone interviews, with a 4.8 percent margin of error. Interviewing was done by persons recruited by the Carper 92 Committee who identified themselves as part of an independent polling program. The sample and questionnaire were designed by Hickman-Brown of Washington, D.C.

TOPFLIGHT COMPANY - That's where Mr. Carper, who has won seven straight state-wide elections without a loss, finds himself, as Hickman-Brown reports:

"Tom Carper continues to be in an extremely strong position to be elected governor of Delaware in 1992. He has solid advantages in personal popularity ratings and vote preference over his most likely rivals in both the Democratic primary and General elections. He has maintained his commanding position since our last poll in February and shows no sign of weakness."

THE FIGURES SPEAK - Mr. Carper is viewed favorably by more than eight out of 10 Delaware voters, and only 10 percent have a negative evaluation of him. More impressively, almost half of the state's voters (47 percent) give him the highest possible rating - very favorable.

In fact, the young Democrat's ratings are even stronger than those of incumbent Republican Gov. Mike Castle, who posted 74 percent favorable rating (78 percent) and his very favorable rating (37 percent) exceeds Mr. Wolf's (72 percent and 17 percent) even among Republicans.

"It is remarkable that the Democratic candidate for governor would elicit more than twice the percentage of very favorable ratings among Republican voters than his potential Republican candidate," said Wolf. "Mr. Carper's advantages over Mr. Levinson in personal popularity are even more pronounced among registered Democrats."

PERSONAL POPULARITY - Mr. Carper's strong advantage over Mr. Levinson in personal popularity translates into an overwhelming advantage in the Democratic primary matchup, the survey found. "Mr. Carper is the choice of 74 percent of registered Democrats compared with only 11 percent who chose Mr. Levinson," plus 15 percent undecided.

While Mr. Carper's ratings, including the intensity of his positive ratings, are higher among Democrats than all voters, Mr. Levinson's ratings are about the same. In fact, Mr. Levinson's negative rating among Democrats is almost four times Mr. Carper's - 19 percent to 5 percent.

"Mr. Carper also fares well in the potential General Election matchups. Mr. Carper leads Mr. Wolf by more than a two-to-one margin among all voters, 47 percent to 22 percent. The possibility of Mr. Levinson running as an independent does little to affect Mr. Carper's prospects, as his 35 percent advantage over Mr. Wolf stays constant over Mr. Wolf with Mr. Levinson in the race."

Wolf appoints new drug coordinator

Lieutenant Governor Dale Wolf recently announced the appointment of Samuel S. McKeeman, Jr. to succeed Bonita Byrd Williams as Director of Delaware's Drug Abuse Coordinating Council (DACC). Wolf made the announcement this morning at the Coordinating Council meeting at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall in Newark. "We are excited and confident that under Sam's direction the DACC will continue to increase awareness and promote leadership in Delaware's fight against substance abuse," said Wolf. McKeeman has played an integral role in both the planning and administration of the Council since its inception. McKeeman has most recently served as a special assistant on criminal justice and corrections to the Governor. Formerly he worked as a planner and trainer with the Criminal Justice Council. He is a graduate of Millersville State College in Pennsylvania and did extensive graduate studies at West Chester State College.

"Sam's experience in various topics in the public, non-profit and private sectors along with his work in goal setting and problem solving for such groups as the Criminal Justice Council, and departments such as Services for Children, Youth and Their Families make Sam the facilitator we need to continue our progress in the DACC," stated Wolf.
Three of Delaware's most handsome gentlemen, Ed DeSeta, Lt Governor Dale Wolf and Keith Stoltz, display their excellent taste as they select from the exquisite lingerie at Le Papillon.

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