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Girls excel in swim meet

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LEWISBURG — The PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships came to an end Saturday night at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium.

The second day of the Class AA competition was a good one for Sentinel-area girls. East Pennsboro's Leah Gingrich won her second gold medal of the meet and set her second record. Gingrich broke her own 500 free record

to register the third fastest girls' high school time in the country this year, according to Swimming World Magazine.

Trinity girls' won silver in the 400 free relay, while the Shamocks' Steph Kinney also took a bronze in the 100 back.

Although no boys swam in finals or consolation finals Saturday night, East Pennsboro's David Magaro won the silver medal in the diving completion, while Big Spring's Tyler Dunsmore finished 11th.

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CAB assails EPA rules

◆ New air standards are not tough enough, watchdog group says.

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The federal Environmental Protection Agency has enacted more

stringent standards for ground level ozone, but state and local officials say it's not enough.

The EPA revised the standards this week for the first time in more than a decade by signing the most stringent eight-hour standard ever for ozone in order to meet its requirements of the Clean Air Act.

The Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania expressed disappointment with the new standard.

The CAB was formed in the fall of 2005 after more than 100 Cumberland County physicians expressed concern about the growing danger of ozone and particulate pollution.

CAB President Jennifer McKenna said the modest change in the ozone

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A family's wishes come true



Matthew O'Haren/Special to The Sentinel

At top, Peggy Coover holds her daughter, Ariel, 2. Ariel, who has Canavan disease, which is a rare, inherited, degenerative brain disorder, was recently given a gift to vacation in with her family in Disney World courtesy of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They will be going with Mandy Mixel her son Jayden, 3, shown above. Jayden suffered a seizure during his birth.

Make-A-Wish family going to Disney

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For Peggy Coover, when her 2-year-old daughter Ariel meets the mermaid of her namesake, it will be something she'll never forget.

Some goes for the help it took to set up this magical meeting for the Shippensburg residents.

A trip to Disney World is not exactly something she could have done on her own.

There's the airfare, the paperwork for formula and medicine and the wheelchair, oxygen tank and other hefty equipment that Coover wouldn't be able to lug around an airport.

That's where the Make-A-Wish Foundation

To donate

Those who want to donate to Make-A-Wish Foundation can go online to www.wish.org and specify the Susquehanna Valley chapter if you want to keep the money local or donate by mail by downloading the donation form off of the Web site and mailing it to:
Make-A-Wish Foundation of America
Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 29119
Phoenix, AZ 85038-9119

stepped in.

Ariel, who suffers from a rare, degenerative brain disease, was granted a wish to visit Disney World

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Battle brewing to boost borough

◆ Supporters say DID vital to save downtown; opponents say current plan is not even working.

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Justin Walters measures success differently from supporters of a Downtown Improvement District.

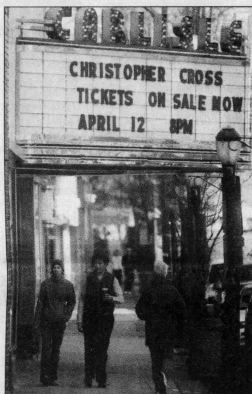
To him, having only one new business in over a year sign a lease to locate in Carlisle is a failure. Walters said he needs thousands of customers annually to sustain J.W. Music at its two locations.

That is why he is skeptical about a proposal to have commercial property owners pay for a retail coordinator position.

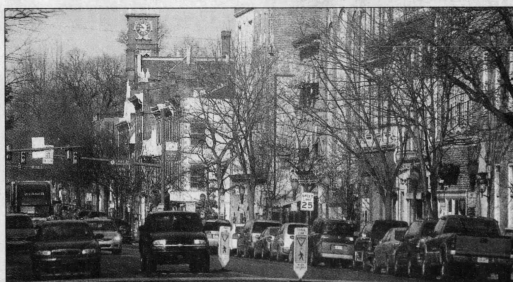
Walters and Jamie Wolf are members of DONT, short for Downtown Property Owners against New Taxation. The group left council chambers Thursday disappointed but determined to carry on opposition to DID.

Council decided it was premature to stop the DID review process despite a petition by DONT

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Above are scenes from downtown Carlisle this week. Two groups are solidifying their positions on how best to revitalize the borough.

Prostitution stings effective, DA says

◆ Crackdowns several years ago seem to have discouraged prostitution rings.

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Several years ago Cumberland County law enforcement officials started cracking down on prostitution at area truck stops.

The effects of those stings are still visible today, according to Cumberland County District Attorney David Freed.

"I can state firmly that we had a positive effect on the supply side," Freed said.

Prostitutes are now less likely to come to the truck stops, he said, noting that much of the problem was in Middlesex Township, where the proximity of the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Interstate 81 draws large numbers of long-distance truckers.

But, Freed said, that doesn't mean there's not still a market for them.

"We had a somewhat lesser effect on demand," he said, noting that police still conduct anti-prostitution operations from time

to time and usually nab several men.

Problem

The crackdown began, Freed said, while Merle "Skip" Ebert, now a county judge, was serving as the county's district attorney.

"We have had several very serious incidents over the past several years related to prostitution, and mainly truck stop prostitution," Freed said. "To those who call this a victimless crime, I would point out that we have at least two murders and one near murder directly related to truck

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