LOGISTICS

The Diamond State Port Corporation in Wilmington announced that Frank Vignuli has accepted the position of director of operations. Vignuli is a supply-chain and logistics executive. For more than 24 years, he held various logistics leadership positions with Chiquita Brands International Inc. For the past eight years, he directed both the discharge and loading during the Great White Fleet's weekly container ship calls, as well as the company's major fresh-fruit distribution center at the port. As DSPC director of operations, he will oversee 308 acres of port operations. Wilmington is the world's top banana hub and the nation's largest gateway for imports of fresh fruit and juice concentrates.

REAL ESTATE

Ruth Lyons joined Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors' Pike Creek office as a sales associate. She brings over 25 years of sales, marketing, business development and management to the position. Lyons, a member of the New Castle County of Realtors, will serve New Castle County.

TRANSPORTATION

AstraZeneca announced that for the second consecutive year, Doris Pudlo, transportation specialist, has joined a nationwide group of 19 employee transportation experts and Best Workplaces for Commuters network members to earn a Gold Level award in the 2006 BWC Race to Excellence. Pudlo, of Hockessin, has worked at AstraZeneca for 27 years. She achieved a Gold Level Award for her efforts to provide AstraZeneca employees with a variety of options and services for commuting to and from the company's headquarters in Wilmington. During her tenure, the
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company has received recognition from the EPA as a Best Workplace for Commuters for the past three years. She won the Association for Commuter Transportation international "Leadership Award for Non-Elected Individual" category in 2004. In addition, she serves as treasurer for ACT Mid-Atlantic Chapter. The Race to Excellence is a national challenge developed by the Environmental Protection Agency to encourage, recognize and highlight dedicated professionals throughout the country who promote commuter benefits, transportation choices, and the BWC standards in their workplaces and their communities.