

Are there gangs here?



The picture drawn by Bethlehem's police, neighbors, and young people, is one of much fear, some crime, but little evidence of organized gangs.

Photos by Sam White

It's hard to tell gang colors from current fashion on the city's streets. Two young men, who say they're not gang members, pose in bandanna and hooded jacket, clothing usually associated with gangs.

Above, a young man walks by graffiti-marred doors on South Side.



BY MATT COLEMAN

"There's no gangs around here. You want gangs, go to California."

The man was coming from Bethlehem's Pembroke Village public housing project, one of the city's highest crime neighborhoods. He laughed loudly at the joke, then strode away, his long black coat flapping behind him in the cold wind.

But some people remain convinced that organized gangs are moving into Bethlehem.

Neighbors recently reported finding a gang logo sprayed onto a garage door on South Side's Mechanic Street. The symbol — a crown — is the sign of the Latin Kings, a gang with members in Chicago, New York and other cities.

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By GERALD SCHARF

Give us a read, drop us a line

This week, a tour and a request.

First the tour of this, our third, edition:

The Bethlehem Star sent reporter Matt Coleman to roam the streets of South Side in search of the nascent gangs that have been reported there.

His story is on our cover this week. You'll probably be surprised by his findings.

Anyone who's ever witnessed the elegance and power of a Bach Choir concert would not be surprised to learn that it takes immense talent and plain hard work to achieve those qualities.

We went behind the scenes of the Bach Choir to watch Greg Funfgeld and his team of artists rehearse for last week's concerts.

Mark Davis' story is on the cover of Time Out this week, and the Bach Choir in rehearsal is the subject of photographer Michele Szoka's Insight feature.

Elsewhere in the paper, we chronicle the reaction of Bethlehem residents to the arrest of an alleged serial killer in Allentown.

That, and grim reports of murder and mayhem throughout the Lehigh Valley this week, gave rise to a particularly rabid editorial on the Opinion page.

Also on that page is state Rep. T.J. Rooney's rejoinder to last week's editorial on the plan to allow some Pennsylvania cities to create special voting districts to replace some at-large representation.

Few people know it, but a group of Freedom High School students are fielding (rinking?) an ice



Gerald Scharf is editor of The Bethlehem Star

hockey team. What's more, the team is doing pretty darn well in this, its first year. Sports writer Tom Harper has that story.

Our love-hate relationship with gray squirrels is the subject of Arlene Koch's nature column this week.

And last but not least, Calvin drafts several threatening notes to

Santa Claus in this week's installment of Calvin and Hobbes, The Bethlehem Star's one and only comic strip.

And now for the request:

We know you're busy. We're busy, too. Why, just last week we spent an extraordinary amount of time trying to find a Lehigh Valley store with a supply of Power Rangers action figures for our 8-year-old.

Why, in the name of Claus, stores don't stock enough of these wildly popular toys we will never know.

But our request is that you take a moment and write us a note or give us a call to say what you would like to see in The Bethlehem Star.

From weekly features to specific story ideas, we're interested in what you want to see in your community newspaper.

We're also interested in what you have to say about the issues confronting the city and the opinions expressed in this newspaper.

We give you our opinion. And we'd be happy to publish yours, especially if it's an opposing view.

That's all we ask — that you share your thoughts with us.

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editorial

Guns — and fanaticism — kill people

Sorry, but you're dead. You just caught a bullet in the head. Yes, it's unfortunate, but look, you were practically asking for it.

Were you shot in a drug deal gone bad?

No.

Were you shot trying to rob a 7-Eleven?

Not at all.

You were shot to death while sitting with a friend in a nightclub, enjoying a glass of wine and some music.

Or, maybe you were shot while riding a commuter train on the way home to your husband and children.

Or were you operating a sorting machine at the post office when you were plugged?

Or maybe eating a Big Mac and fries for lunch?

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Sorry, but it's worse than you think.

Because we're going to blame you, NRA member, for the lives wasted when a deranged person opens fire in a fast food restaurant.

You, NRA member, are to blame for the deaths of children caught in gang crossfire.

You are to blame because you are feeding money and political clout to a narrow-minded organization that uses scare tactics and perverted patriotism to prevent meaningful gun regulation while protecting and enriching its own industry.

But wait, you say, guns don't kill people, people kill people.

Cute saying. Tell it to Carolyn McCarthy, whose husband of 27 years was killed and whose only child was critically wounded in the Long Island Railroad shooting.

But, you say, when guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns.

Another example of the idiotic logic of NRA sloganism.

When guns are outlawed, only outlaws and the police will have guns. Get the distinction?

We live in the greatest democracy in all history.

We are protected by a Constitution that guarantees our right

to life and liberty.

We elect our representatives to oversee an armed militia to protect our way of life.

No where in the Constitution does it say that every nimrod in the land should be allowed to pack a piece.

While the national death toll increases, the NRA continues to worry its members with cockamamie ideas about revolution and the need for the citizenry to stay armed.

And the membership continues to pay its dues, and the NRA army of lobbyists continues to buy political influence.

And the number of handguns in the country continues to grow.

Here's what we think:

- Let's stop pretending that we live in a Norman Rockwell America where sons learn from their dads about the awesome respect we should have for guns. Legislate training for gun owners. Pay

for it through surcharges on guns and ammunition. You can't drive a car until you've successfully received training. The same reasoning should apply to an instrument that can kill someone in the blink of an eye.

- There should be savage penalties for people who use guns to commit crimes, and for people who allow children access to guns.

- Ban the sale of assault rifles to individuals. Limit their availability to licensed shooting ranges.

- Make gun registration annual and expensive. Guns kept solely for target shooting should be stored at licensed shooting ranges.

The revolution is over. We won.

Let's stop our domestic arms race and help the police keep the peace.

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BY T.J. ROONEY

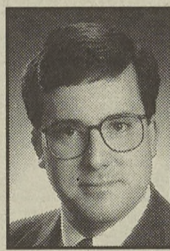
District voting is about choice

Recently, The Bethlehem Star featured an editorial regarding my legislative proposal to allow cities like Bethlehem, Allentown and Easton to change the way city council is elected. Although I applaud and respect the views as presented in the Dec. 9 edition of the paper, I disagree with many of the writer's assertions — particularly the idea that this legislation is racially motivated.

This legislation would provide cities of the third class the option of electing city council members at large, by neighborhood or through a combination of at-large and district seats.

The paper states its opposition to this legislation based on an alleged claim that "the current city council cannot represent all of the city because it consists of seven white men."

This is inaccurate, because, to my knowledge, no one has made



T.J. Rooney is the state representative for the 133rd District, which includes Bethlehem.

the claim that having seven white men on the council has made it ineffective, nor does the legislation suggest that the current city council or former councils were ineffective because the members were all white.

Also, neither this legislation nor the proponents of the bill specifically call for the election of a minority on the council. Who wins the council seats is, and should always be solely the voters' decision.

I also object to the paper's

statement that this proposal would be detrimental to the city because it would "divide the city and narrow the focus of some representatives."

What this legislation would do is allow people equal and fair neighborhood representation in all areas of Bethlehem and in the state's 51 other third-class cities.

It's the same principle we use in the election of the state Legislature. Under the constitution, we provide for a government that equally represents constituents in all of the state.

There exists in the city of Bethlehem a feeling of disenfranchisement.

In the case of the people living in West Bethlehem, which is located in Lehigh County rather than Northampton, there is a feeling of under representation and separation from the rest of the city. In South Bethlehem,

where problems associated with drugs and street crime are alarming, people feel that we can and should do more.

Having district seats would spread the council's power more equally and would not breed parochialism because it would still require four votes to pass legislation.

The bottom line is choice — it is *not* about our officials being white, black or Hispanic and it is *not* about forcing cities to do something they don't believe is beneficial.

It's about beginning a dialogue among our officials to see if the current form of governing is in the best interest of the people they were elected to serve.

It's about choice and about giving people the opportunity to improve their government and their community.

If we don't do something now, when we've heard concern from the people, those residents will continue to be shut out — a sad commentary for government as a whole.

letters

Welcome, and congratulations on first issue

To the Editor:

After reading the first issue of The Bethlehem Star, we congratulate you on your accomplishment. We realize the great potential of your newspaper, which is devoted to our beautiful and distinguished city of Bethlehem, and have great hope that you will truly direct your dialogue with our community based on the admirable values and beliefs that you so eloquently listed in this inaugural issue. We were amazed at how many of your values matched our own.

Mark us down for a yearly subscription, and good luck in your ambitious efforts.

Sincerely,
Nancy and Robert Echenberg
Bethlehem

around the city

Despite a loss, festival promises to only get bigger

BY CHRISTOPHER JUDD

The review phase is under way at the Bethlehem Musikfest Association, the people who presented the city's newest festival, Christkindlmarkt.

Musikfest President Jeffrey Parks said attendance at the festival, which ended Sunday, came up about 20,000 short of the 75,000 needed to recoup its \$325,000 cost. However, he added that not only will it probably be back next year, it will likely be bigger and last longer.

"Originally, it was supposed to be three weeks long," said Mr. Parks of the 16-day event. "But, since we had never done it before we scaled it back. Twenty-four days could help us recoup some of the costs."

Mr. Parks said he'd like to include an additional 25 to 30 craft booths and possibly adjust the hours of the festival, which were noon to 9 p.m.

"We found that people may come out in the evening for Musikfest in the summer. But, I don't think many people want to come out in the evening during

the winter," he said.

"We also miscalculated who would attend," he said. More mothers with children attended during the week, so organizers will likely add more children's activities. "As with all of our events, we'll review things and take comments from both the people who attended and the vendors."

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Jeffrey Parks

Gifts For You, Gifts For Me, paid \$1,125 to rent a booth for the duration of Christkindlmarkt. He said he was pleased with his sales of German nutcrackers, wood miniatures, and ornaments. "Basically, the first day the rent was paid," he said.

"I asked them when we could sign up for next year."

Mr. Brennan usually operates out of a 4,000 square foot store in

Allentown. He said Christkindlmarkt allowed him to tap into a new area.

"It certainly worked out as a promotional thing," he said. "People who had never heard of us got a good idea of what we sold."

Mr. Brennan said the number of people from bus tours turned out to be an unexpected bonus.

"People that came not to be entertained, but to buy something," he said. Especially those from New York. "New Yorkers spend like nobody else."

One problem mentioned by more than one vendor was condensation inside the heated tent. One day, the temperatures plunged outside, making things a bit moist inside, and merchants had to protect their wares from the drops.

"Next year I'll be prepared" by bringing a plastic tarp, Mr. Brennan said.

Things didn't turn out as well for B & M Provisions of Allentown. B & M made giant gingerbread house displays in the Dreamland section. Owner Joan Pacala said the poor location led to poor sales.

"Where we were, we probably



Christopher Judd

Workers break down part of a booth the day after Christkindlmarkt.

missed 50 percent of the people" who came through the main tent, she said. "Our regular customers were asking where we were." Mrs. Pacala said she asked to put up better signage directing people to her display but was denied permission.

"We think it's a terrific idea. But the traffic was not what they said it would be," said Mrs. Pacala.

Rita Baker, of Allentown, rented a booth for the first four days of the festival to display her jew-

elry and called Christkindlmarkt well-run and Musikfest officials "incredibly helpful."

"I did very well, considering it was a community event where people were not coming specifically to buy crafts," she said.

Ms. Baker said she was surprised by the number of downtown Bethlehem merchants on hand, given that people could go to the nearby shops without paying admission.

"There was some resentment to paying four dollars," she said.

city diary

The 18-hole **Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course** will be closed in January and February for what the director of Parks and Public Property calls "a long awaited rest." Charles Brown said the nine-hole course will remain open. "We figure this is a good time of the year to do it. The loss of revenue will not be greater than the cost to maintain it the way it is," Mr. Brown said. The estimated loss of revenue is \$15,000 a month. It's the first time in the history of the course that it has been closed for such a length of time.

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J. Michael Lee, president of Hospital Central Services Inc. and Subsidiaries, has been re-elected president of the board of directors of **United Cerebral Palsy of the Lehigh Valley**.

Mr. Lee has been a member of the board since 1988 and has chaired the nominating committee and has served on the finance committee.

The induction of officers was conducted last week by Lehigh County Executive-elect Jane Baker.

Plans are set for the fifth **Christmas City Caroling Festival** on Saturday in Downtown Bethlehem. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sun Inn Courtyard off of Main Street. (Rain date is Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.) It's free and includes performances by singers and bands, roasted chestnuts and other food, a Kids Craft Korner, a visit from Santa Claus, and a miniature tree display. Unusual craft items will be on sale, as well. To participate as a caroler or tree decorator, call the Bethlehem Recreation Bureau at 865-7081.

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The largest outdoor ice rink in the area, the **Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink**, is open for the season. Machinery problems and warm weather delayed the opening for one week. Rain kept skaters away one more day before the rink, located on Illick's Mill Road, finally opened Saturday. Public skating hours are Thursday through Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$2.50 for youths 17 and under; \$3.00 for adults. Preschool and youth skating lessons are available, as well as hockey clinics.

school diary

Northampton Community College is seeking volunteers to help combat adult illiteracy. Volunteer tutors will be provided free training. Those interested should call 861-5073 or 861-5427.

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The directors of the Bethlehem Area School District nearly voted to end the controversial community service requirement for the district's students at the Monday night business meeting. The vote, tied at 4-4, means

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that a community service requirement for graduation will remain mandatory, at least until January when a new director will be chosen to replace Ruth Prosser, who resigned from the board.

Directors Joseph McCarthy, Barbara Huth, Charlene Koch and board president Lynn Glancy voted to end community ser-

vice. Shirley Bilheimer, John Spirk, William Heske and Edward Gallagher voted that it continue.

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cover story

Are gangs moving in to S. Side?

From the cover page

Bethlehem Police are investigating that possibility, according to Don Sabo, Bethlehem Police crime prevention officer. But Mr. Sabo and others believe that the presence of an organized gang like the Kings is unlikely because symbols for one or two other gangs were also painted on the garage doors. Rival gangs seldom leave their mark in the same place, he pointed out.

Nevertheless, police urged the owner of the garages to paint over the graffiti immediately as a precaution. Graffiti is the way gangs communicate, Mr. Sabo said.

But after spending three days combing the neighborhoods of Bethlehem where reports of gang activity were most common, The Bethlehem Star found much fear, some crime, but little evidence of organized gang activity.

The issue is a complex one, however. And the composite sketch drawn by neighbors, police, and the young people who are most susceptible to the lure of gangs is one of a city with a nascent gang problem, one that could become worse.

Somebody had paint

On Steel Avenue, a young man with a neatly trimmed Vandyke beard was hanging out with two friends near where the graffiti was painted. He said the message behind the crowns on the garage doors weren't about the Latin Kings or any other gang.

It was the painter's way of bragging, he said. "He's the king, he rules ... like that. I think it's stupid."

"Somebody just had a can of paint — it's not really gangs."

Still, this young man, like many of those interviewed for this story, declined to give his name.

Most young people on the South Side refused to share even their first names, even those who said gangs don't rule South Side. A few interviewees seemed to border on paranoia.

Asked to allow a photograph, one young man said, "You ain't settin' me up, are you?" For what? he was asked. "For the cops," he replied seriously.

Another young man, identified by his friends only as



Sam White

Most graffiti on South Side is not gang related, and what is is usually quickly painted over.

"Willy," complained to them, "What did you tell him my name for?"

There's not much graffiti in South Bethlehem. You're more likely to see a homeowner sweeping the sidewalk in front of his house than a kid with a spray can of paint. Here and there you can spot the work of clumsy "flaggers," graffiti "artists" who paint their names on walls.

On South Side, what little graffiti there is bears little resemblance to that which coats nearly every bare wall and boarded window in larger cities.

Whether the graffiti was genuine gangland markings or not, there are hard-core gang members in South Bethlehem, 21-year-old Abby said after shooting hoops at the Atlantic Street basketball courts.

There's not much graffiti in South Bethlehem. You're more likely to see a homeowner sweeping the sidewalk in front of his house than a kid with a spray can of paint.

They beat up people for their money, sell drugs — typical gang stuff, he said. If a gang member gets into a fight, the other members jump in on his side, he said scornfully. His friend, Lorne, 19, said "They're thinking they're all cool."

Altogether, they estimated, there's about 30 members of the Latin Kings on South Side. The gang members spend their time at Five Points (the intersection of Route 378 and Broadway) or at the Lynfield or Pembroke housing projects, they said.

On a cold and windy Saturday night there was no sign of the Latin Kings at Five Points. There

were a few people hanging out, talking in scattered groups, despite the weather.

All seemed peaceful.

But it can be hard to tell. Gang members don't exactly advertise their presence.

It used to be you could tell gangsters from their denim or leather jackets emblazoned with the gang's logo, like the old Hell's Angels. Today's gang members usually signal their affiliation more subtly, typically by wearing a bandanna, or other clothing, in the gang's color.

Often members have no recognizable colors at all, but use complex hand signals to show their affiliation with a particular gang.

Gang fashion

Identifying gangsters is further complicated by the popularity of gang clothing and culture among nongang members.

With the mainstream popularity of "gangster" rappers like Dr. Dre and Snoop Doggy Dogg, clothes associated with gang members — large hooded athletic jackets, oversized pants, baseball caps — are seen on young people just about everywhere, from the street corner to the shopping mall.

A 16-year-old boy and his two friends hanging out on the corner of South New and Fourth streets acknowledged their clothing could lead to a misunderstanding.

Tugging at the hem of his floppy black athletic jacket, one of the boys said, "People see us dressed like this, hanging out, they might think we're in a gang, but we're not."

They're waiting for a friend, he explained, pulling the brim of

his baseball cap lower over his eyes. "I just dress like this 'cause it's warm."

When his friend showed up, he was wearing an oversized flannel shirt hanging loose. Originally a gang style, the fashion is now popular even in the suburbs. Carhartt coats and sweatjackets with huge monk-like hoods are another fad sprung from gang culture.

Telltale signs

Bethlehem Police Officer Jeff Herzog, who is spearheading the investigation of gangs, said one way to tell a gang member is to ask. "Nine times out of ten, they're proud of their affiliation," he said. Those informed about gangs can wean the wanna-bes from the genuine article by checking for gang-related tattoos or asking for information — such as gang ranks, leadership and colors — that only the initiated would know, he said.

Mr. Herzog refused to discuss the ongoing investigation. Since the publicity surrounding the graffiti, copycats have spray-painted the symbols elsewhere. Public notice "enhances the problem by encouraging impressionable youth," he said. "And let's face it, there's a lot of impressionable youth down here."

However, he said that the problem is perceived as being worse than it really is.

Ruben Rosario, a volunteer for the Southeast Neighborhood Center, said all the signs he's seen show that gangs are coming

into Bethlehem. "You see gang colors on people's heads — bandannas, signs."

Mr. Rosario is familiar with gangs from visits to California and Colorado. The 31-year-resident of Bethlehem sees the gang phenomena as cyclical. "It's no worse or no better than it was in the '70s," he said.

Then, gangs grew out of the heroin trade in South Bethlehem, he said.

Today, drugs are responsible for the growth he sees in gangs too, he said.

"What's happening here is Route 78 opened — one hour is the time it takes idiots going to New York to buy drugs."

The newly formed Latinos for a New Lehigh Valley asked the Bethlehem City Council this month to set up a youth task force, partly because of the rumored gang activity. Mayor Ken Smith agreed, but pointed out that the city had such a task force in the past with little effect.

Out-of-towners

A South Side storekeeper, who wanted to remain anonymous for fear of "retaliation," said he believes gangs are moving into Bethlehem from Newark and Camden, N.J., and other high crime areas.

"I've seen them gathering in groups of six, eight, ten, twelve, even fourteen," he said, with a quaver in his voice. His store has been vandalized, he added indignantly. He's taken to closing up shop early.

Fifteen-year-old Michael agrees that outsiders are causing the problem. Walking up Atlantic Street with his friend, Marcus, 16, Michael said there are no gangs that he knows of. He thinks for awhile and adds, "Bethlehem's a really nice city — the law's strict, you know?"

It's a good place to bring up children, so they won't get into drugs, he said. He believes that's why people are moving here from "bad places" like Chicago and New Jersey. He said the kids that move here from those places are causing the trouble. He didn't seem to

notice the irony. Part of the problem in determining if gangs have indeed come to Bethlehem lies in the definition: There are gangs, and then there are gangs.

A 14-year-old boy waiting to be cast in a role for a Nativity play at the Boys and Girls Club looked around to see if anyone was watching and lowered his voice before saying there are gangs in Bethlehem.

"They were going to start a food fight at school, but they didn't do it because someone told the teacher," he said.

on the street

Alleged serial killing puts people on edge

BY CHRISTOPHER JUDD

So, the Lehigh Valley has its first alleged serial killer. New York City has its Son of Sam, Philadelphia has its Gary Heidnik, and the Lehigh Valley has Harvey Robinson.

Mr. Robinson, 19, was charged last week with raping and killing two women and Charlotte Schmoyer, a 15-year-old newspaper carrier, in Allentown between August 1992 and July 1993.

Because it involved several victims, killed in separate locations at different times, it met the definition of a "serial crime." And after years of trying to measure up to the big cities in terms of business opportunities and cultural arts, the Lehigh Valley has entered the more dubious arena of "shocking murders."

And in Bethlehem, many people are scared, but not at all surprised.

"I was relieved that he was caught," said Paula Perez, 41, the Financial Officer at Star Beauty Academy in the Bethlehem Plaza. However, she couldn't describe her reaction as one of "shock."

"With everything else, it's just a matter of time until it hits home. It's getting crazy around here." Mrs. Perez said she belongs to a prayer group on the

South Side. "We've been praying a lot, especially for the young children today."

Julie Tomko, 23, spoke of her reaction with fellow students during a break from instruction at the academy.

"My mom knew one of the detectives who was at the scene (where Miss Schmoyer's body was found)."



Paula Perez

"With everything else, it's just a matter of time until it hits home. It's getting crazy around here."

She was surprised by the alleged assailant's age. "He's so young. I think if it was a 35-year-old guy it may not be as surprising." But, "it's happening all over the place, so, it didn't shock me."

"I t shocked me. I live in the boonies," said Heather Osborne, 18, of Northampton Borough. "Things like that don't happen there."

Didn't look the part

Jennifer Mackaravitz, 18, of Bethlehem and some of the other students said the alleged assailant appeared to be a good-looking young man who didn't look the part of a serial killer.

"He looks like a typical hoodlum. You know, hangs out on the streets, but not a rapist."

Jennifer Fertal, 24, of Bethlehem, said, "It shocked me. But

there's a lot of violence around here."

Cindy Brozman, 20, of Bethlehem said the appearance of a local serial killer was inevitable. "It's everywhere. It happens all over the place. I think they should make him suffer."

"It's scary. But I've always been pretty cautious," said city resident Cathy Folger, who was walking through the plaza with her young daughters, two of five children.

Mrs. Folger said violent crime has been something one usually reads about in stories out of Philadelphia and New York. "But, you can see it getting closer," she said.

"It happens in the big cities, really, like Chicago and New York," said Helen Tone, as she led a group of children to the Indoor Playhouse child care center on East Broad Street.

"It's scary. It happens all over," said her colleague, Tamara Miles.

One 76-year-old man, who did not want to give his name, said the violence won't let up unless the courts react to the murders harshly.

"Not unless that guy's punished," he said. However, the lifelong Bethlehem resident was not about to throw in the towel on civilized society.

"Hell, no. The people are trying to make it a better place to live. I'm trying to make it a better place to live," he said.

An elderly woman doing some window shopping on the plaza was less optimistic about the local trend towards violence.

"The whole world is going that way," she said.

Fear reprisals

Heidi, 27, of Bethlehem, didn't want to give her last name for fear of reprisal from the alleged killer, even though he's locked up and, if convicted, will likely never see the outside of a prison.

"You don't know those serial killers. They're smart. They can get out of prison. Especially that Lehigh County Prison," she said.

"It's getting bad, especially in Allentown. I was housesitting there the night before (Schmoyer's abduction) happened," she said. Heidi has since moved to Bethlehem.

Her friend, Demonica Lee, 22, of Bethlehem, said she assumed the assailant would turn out to be someone from outside of the area.

"It surprised me that he was from here," she said. "The world is getting so much crueler. Personally, I hope they give him the death penalty."

A group of men inside the plaza mall said the increase in local homicides hasn't escaped their attention. However, they said the Christmas City is in better shape than its neighbor to the west.

"They've been having more murders in Allentown than here," said one.

Another said word that the Lehigh Valley may have its first serial killer didn't give him reason to pause.

"It doesn't surprise me that it happened here. For awhile we've been locking doors that we used to keep open. Now, maybe we'll have to double-lock them," he said.

The consensus of the mall-watchers was that the "liberal" media has glamorized violence and the lack of executions in Pennsylvania in recent decades has removed the deterrent to homicide.

"The papers shouldn't put these murders on the front page," said one. "They should put them in the back. Just a few lines."

Colder world

Darlene Deskus, 50, said the world became a little colder with the Schmoyer homicide.

"I think it has instilled a lot of fear in people. It is scary," she said.

Mrs. Deskus said Allentown's crime doesn't always stay in Allentown.

"I was in my car at Fourth and Broadway during the summer, at a red light, and a woman tried to get in my car. She asked me to take her to Lehigh County Prison. She was trying to get in, but I had the doors locked," she said.

Her husband, Jay, 49, was less concerned.

"We live in Fountain Hill and I am very comfortable there," he said.

Becky Hitcho, 31, of Bethlehem, said she followed the search for Schmoyer's killer with interest.

"When it happened, we were hoping no one from Bethlehem was sick enough to do it," she said as she worked in the Antique Red Wagon food cart in the mall. And did the Lehigh Valley cross a line with the designation of its first serial killer?

"You knew sooner or later it was going to happen here," she said. "Nothing surprises me anymore."

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Becky Hitcho

Serial killers are more, and less, than they seem

BY CHRISTOPHER JUDD

The fact that a community may have had its first serial murders doesn't make a second such spree more likely — unless it's someone looking for similar notoriety, according to several criminology experts.

"No, I don't think so," said Professor Jackson Toby, Director of the Institute for Criminological Research at Rutgers University. "There's always a chance of a serial killer."

Dr. Toby said a serial killer is simply a killer who wasn't caught after the first crime. The Lehigh Valley has had its share of murderers over the years, and he said many of them were potential ser-

ial killers.

"The only reason there's not more is because they're caught," said Dr. Toby.

One of reasons most people who commit homicide are caught is because they usually are close to their victim. Serial killers generally are not. Given the opportunity, the killing only gets easier, professor Toby said.

"One of the reasons people become serial killers is because it's always easier to do something for the second time. The question is, 'Why did they do it the first time?' A lot of things have to come together. They don't fit the stereotype," he said.

"These people can be normal on the surface for years before

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committing such a crime."

James McIntyre, a professor of sociology at Lehigh University who teaches a course on murderers, agrees with Professor Toby.

"We don't have any kind of clear idea of what makes a serial killer," said Professor McIntyre. "Their 'M.O.' is not the same every time."

Professor McIntyre said that while serial crimes sometimes include a pattern, it's not always a reliable one.

"The young girl from The Morning Call was out delivering newspapers. The others, I believe he broke into their homes," he said.

Professor Toby said the difference between the average per-

son and killer may not be as great as some people think.

"We all have desires to punch people we don't like, or drive a car too fast," he said. "We all have the motivation. The difference is behavior."

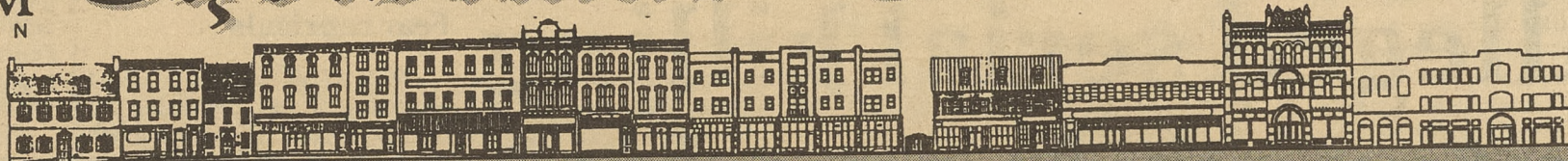
There aren't many accounts of "copy cat" serial killers on record. However, professor Toby said publicity does sometimes make a difference.

"It becomes easier to do something once it is imagined. Once it's been done, and reported in the newspapers, people start thinking, 'Well, it's possible to do such a thing,'" he said. "There is the potential for raising the possibility of it happening again."

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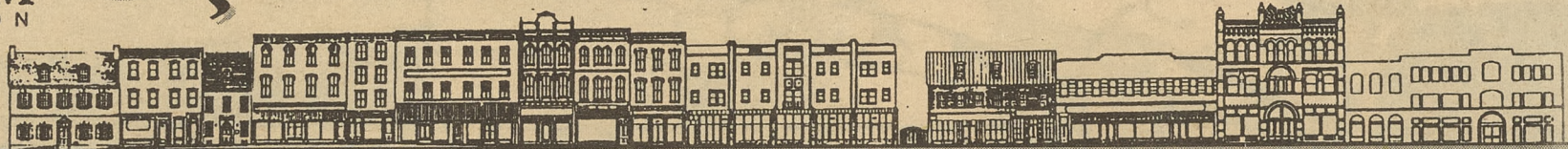
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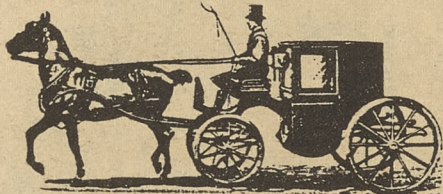


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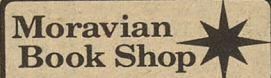
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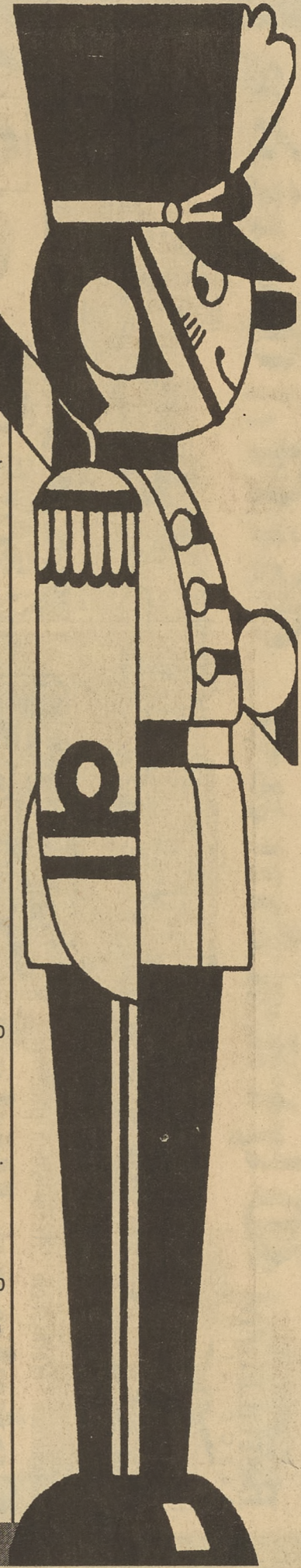
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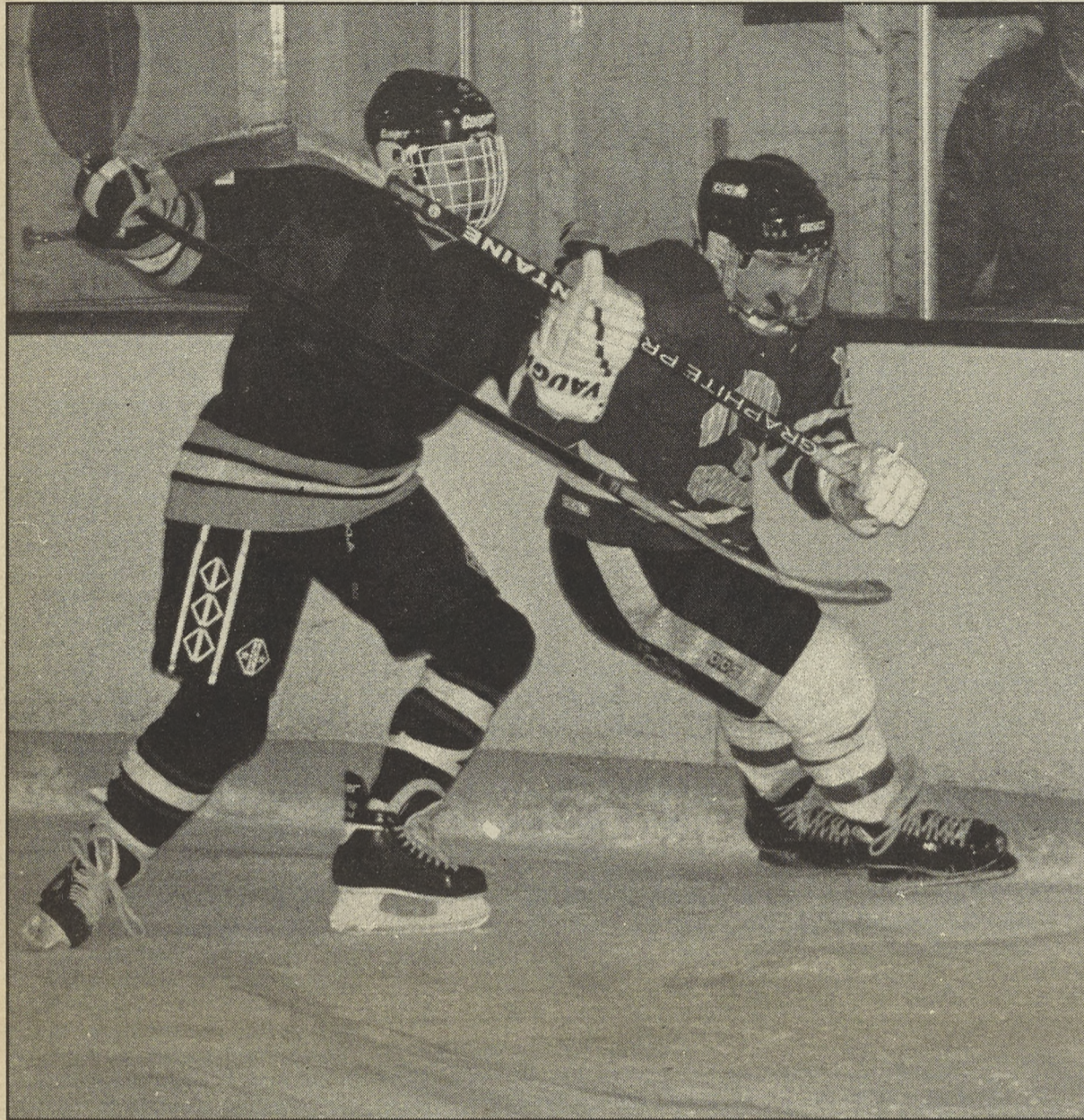
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Kelby Anderko

The Freedom squad is only a few years old, but the players have a combined 80 years of experience.

Pluck with a puck

By TOM HARPER

Freedom had just come off a tough 7-2 loss to a strong Wyoming Seminary team for their first true defeat of the season. Sounds like a story from the Patriots' baseball season, right?

Wrong. The game involved here is not played on a diamond, but on ice. It's hockey, a game few people expect high school kids here to be playing, in a league even fewer people know about.

This is Freedom's first season in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Ice Hockey League, which itself is only 3 years old. The league plays an 18-game schedule and consists of 14 teams, including locals Liberty and Northampton.

So far, Freedom — the team is comprised mostly of students from Freedom High School but is not actually sponsored by the school — has surprised everyone in the league, posting a 6-2

The Freedom team has surprised everyone in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Ice Hockey League, posting a 6-2 record.

record.

Incidentally, the team's only other loss was a season-opening forfeit to Pennridge.

"The schedule had gone through a revision and the game had wound up being rescheduled the night of our Homecoming Dance," said assistant captain Andrew Turner. "We knew it was going to be impossible fielding a team, so we didn't even bother."

Many of the players on the team have played together in summer and youth hockey leagues, on teams like The Lehigh Valley Comets, which

still claims some Freedom players as members.

"We have 11 players who have a combined 80 years of youth hockey experience," Freedom head coach Fred Gilmartin said. "We had many guys play together already, so I brought all the guys together and said, 'Hey, we have all these Freedom players. Why don't we just call ourselves Freedom?'"

Despite functioning independently of the school, the team still decided to wear black and gold as their uniform colors and use the symbol of a Patriot inscribed with an "F" as its logo.

Well, on some uniforms, that is.

"Lynn Beedle, whose son plays for us, has been working on the uniforms in his spare time," said Mr. Gilmartin. "Unfortunately, he hasn't had a whole lot of time, and many of our players often forget to give him the uni-

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Sports

Events and Standings

A week of sports for record books

By TOM HARPER

In the immortal words of Wayne and Garth, "Paaaaaarty!"

That's what sports lovers in the Lehigh Valley were screaming with the multitude of games offered this past week. Not only did the high school hoops action and wrestling season begin, there was the gutsy Central Catholic football squad going after its first-ever state championship. Liberty's Janelle Thomas was vying for a national cross-country title in balmy San Diego while most of us were finding our thermal underwear to keep warm. Add those juicy selections to an appetizer of college action provided by Lehigh and Moravian, and you have a bountiful week that was:

Vi-Kings of the state

Although it seemed like a great mismatch at halftime, Central Catholic pulled out all the stops in shutting out Blackhawk 40-0 in a performance that loyal fans and even casual observers will be talking about for years to come.

The team set or tied 11 PIAA playoff records in Altoona Saturday, including largest margin of victory and most total yards in a championship game (409). The staunch Vikings defense held Blackhawk to a record-low 29 offensive plays and just 65 total yards.

While many will talk about the 20-point second quarter that blew the game open for the Vikings, everyone will remember the incredible play of senior tailback Jose Delgado, who rushed for five touchdowns and scored 30 points, both playoff records. Delgado, who carried 15 times for 117 yards, and teammate Rashonn Drayton (125 yards on 18 carries) keyed the rushing attack that exploded for 339 yards, yet another championship game record.

What makes the feat even more amazing is that quarterback Tim Cramsey, a record-breaker in his own right for the school, attempted only eight passes, completing five for 70 yards.

Coach James Morgans and his staff did an excellent job prepar-

A state champion football, a top runner, nationally ranked wrestlers and intriguing basketball teams compete for fan's attention.

ing his team for Blackhawk. While other teams—and even coaches—could have succumbed to the intense pressure of a championship game, Morgans and his Vikings showed the poise and power to win. And that they did, in impressive style.

Hoopla

Though it didn't have quite the impact of March Madness, the advent of the 1993 basketball season was as welcomed as a summer heat wave would be right now.

The East Penn Conference, even with its controversial realignment into East and West divisions, arrived in full force Friday night. On the men's side, Liberty and Freedom, both considered by many favorites to win the East, came up short in the Bethlehem Area School District Tip-off Tournament this past weekend. But the Patriots' Luis Ortiz, arguably the best guard in the EPC, scored 51 points in the two-day tournament in his quest to become the school's first 1,000-point scorer.

On the women's side, Liberty, who is favored in the East, came away 1-1 in the Greater Baltimore Women's Mixer in Towson, Md., after falling short in upsetting Western High School of Baltimore, ranked 10th in the nation. Their chief competition, Bethlehem Catholic, looked strong in knocking off defending state 2A champion Bishop Hoban.

Just think what will happen when conference play is fully underway. If only Dick Vitale were here.

Wrestling 'elitists'

In a match that could be called "The Rally in the Valley," Nazareth, Northampton and Eas-

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replay

1988

DECEMBER 17

Lafayette football coach Bill Russo, after guiding his squad to a Colonial League title with an 8-2-1 record, receives the second annual Eddie Robinson Award as NCAA Division I-AA Coach of the Year.

DECEMBER 18

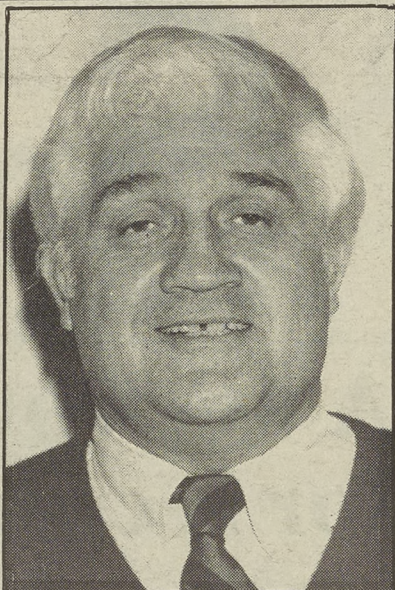
Freedom takes the team title and has two champions (Doug Borse and Mike Villani) at the Pen Argyl Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

DECEMBER 20

Liberty's Alex Sahaydak and Chad Steelman of Freedom are named to the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association's scholastic all-state team. ... Senior guard Billy McCaffrey of Central Catholic is recognized by the Potts' Foundation as Student-Athlete of the Week.

DECEMBER 21

Becahi coach Bob Stem receives news on his way to work that he is named Pennsylvania Small School Football Coach of the Year by the Associated Press.



Frank Gutierrez

DECEMBER 22

Defensive end Tony Iasello, who along with three Becahi teammates received first team All-State honors, is named tri-captain of the Small School All-State Team.

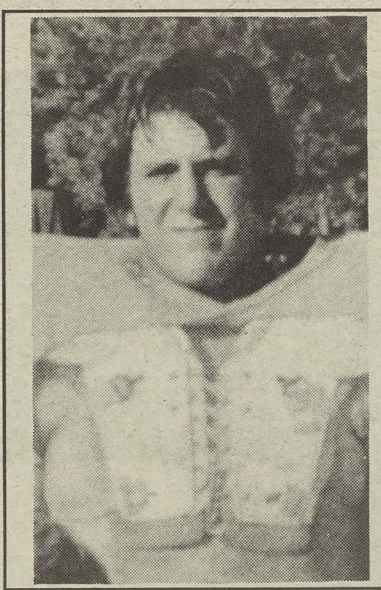
1983

DECEMBER 16

After 26 years in the Liberty football program, Hurricanes coach Frank Gutierrez resigns.

DECEMBER 21

Easton wins the team title at



Danny Fox

the 18th annual J.B. "Pat" Reilly Wrestling Tournament.

1978

DECEMBER 18

Easton tackle Dan Kasperoski joins Becahi defensive tackle Danny Fox and interior lineman Ed Hudak on the first unit All-State AP football team.

DECEMBER 20

Carol Downey of Freedom sets new pool, school and East Penn records in the 200- and 500-meter freestyles, but Emmaus wins the meet 87-85.



Holly Surface

DECEMBER 21

Northampton's Holly Surface sets a new school record in the 200-meter individual medley (2:30.25), but Easton wins the meet 53-30, thanks to a record-setting performance in the 200-meter medley relay (1:59.9).

DECEMBER 22

Former Scholastic All-American Jim Stamalis of Liberty is selected to first team NCAA All America as a Penn State junior.

1973

DECEMBER 18

Central Catholic Jeff McGeehin scores his 1,000th career point in the Vikings' 64-62 upset loss to Pottsville.

1968

DECEMBER 16

Lehigh co-captain John Miller and Northampton grad Denny Onkotz of Penn State are named to the Associated Press All-Pennsylvania college football team.

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Hollawell honored

Moravian senior safety Shane Hollawell, who led the Greyhounds with 108 tackles and four interceptions, was named Middle Atlantic Conference Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Hollawell, who started all four years for Moravian, is also a first team all-star for both the MAC Commonwealth League and the Eastern College Athletic Conference South Region

Lehigh All-American

Lehigh wide receiver Dave Cecchini, who finished his career with the Engineers by leading all Division I-AA receivers in catches (88) and receiving yards (1,318), was voted to the first team Kodak All-America team.

Cecchini tied a school season record with 15 touchdown catches and surpassed the 1,300-yard receiving mark, a feat no other Patriot League player had ever accomplished. He leaves Lehigh as the school's fifth all-time leading receiver in catches (141) and TD receptions (16) and seventh in career receiving yards (1,997).

Players of the year

The Express-Times has selected several local athletes as the best in their respective sports.

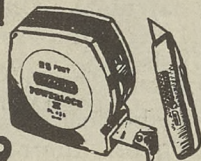
Liberty senior Trevor Hirst was named Soccer Player of the Year by the Easton newspaper, while fellow Hurricanes Janelle Thomas (cross-country) and Kim Luff (tennis) were also honored. Bethlehem Catholic junior Christy Cochran received the title for volleyball.

Several local football players were named to the Express-Times' First Team All-Area squad. Selected from Bethlehem Catholic were defensive lineman D.J. Czaszar and quarterback Dan Kendra, while Liberty placed offensive tackle Brian Skoff, running back Jason Brader, center John Blackwood and defensive end John Maldonado on the team.

Becahi (9-3) finished third in the E-T football rankings, and Liberty (9-4) fourth.

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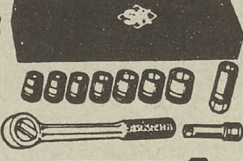
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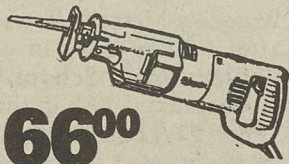
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Freedom squad surprises

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forms back after a game."

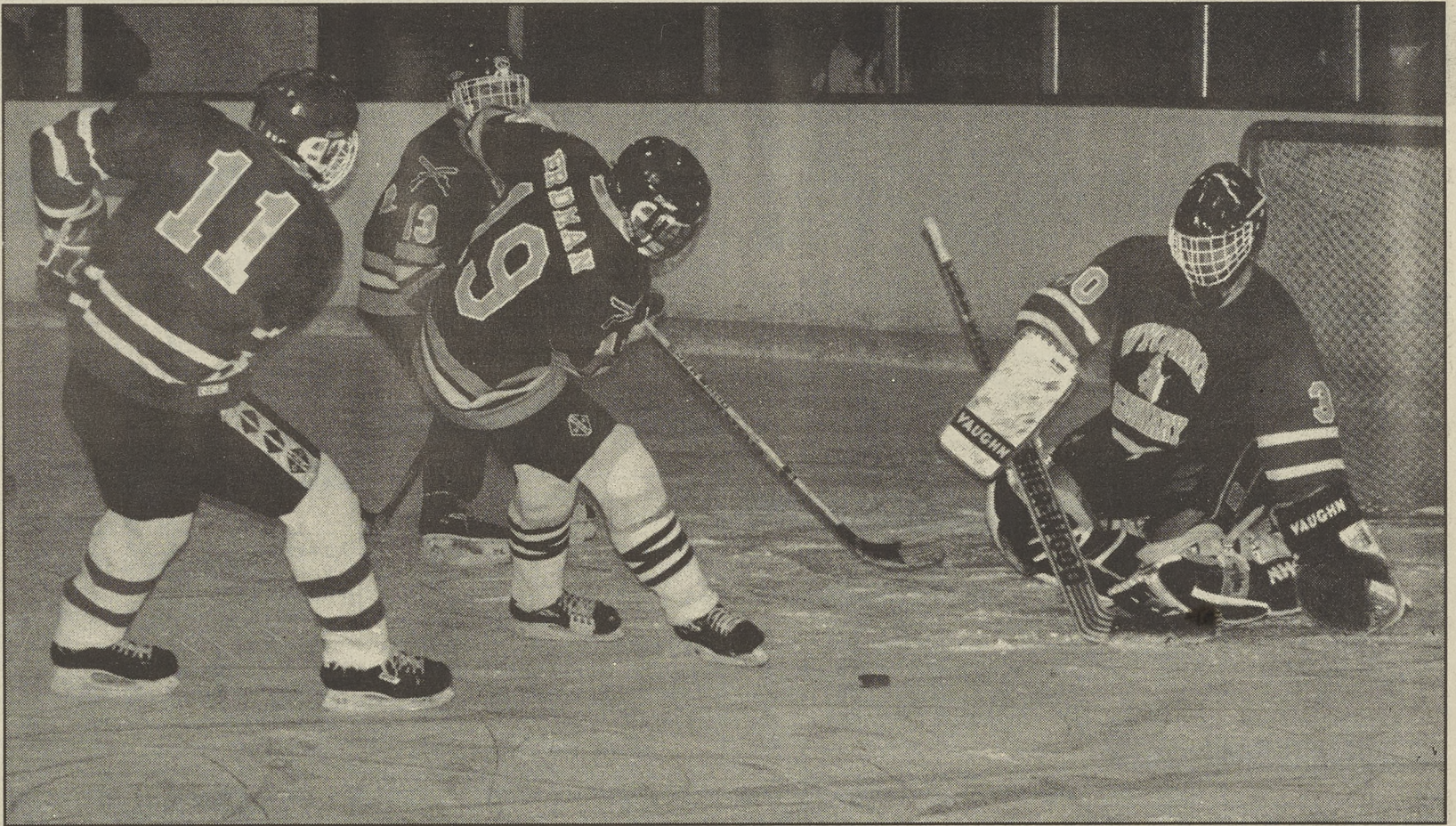
The team couldn't give back any of the jerseys after a practice, simply because they don't have any.

To Russia with sticks

For a team that hasn't been around for long, they certainly have gotten around. The team spent 17 days in Russia this summer, competing against teams in Perm and Yekatrinnburg. Teams from both cities were supposed to have flown to the United States as part of an on-going exchange started by Steve Camerano, owner of the Lehigh Valley Ice Arena — where the team plays half their games when not at the Ice Palace in Allentown. But sponsorship and economic problems forced them to stay home, Mr. Gilmartin said.

"The one thing we learned in Russia was how to pass," said Mr. Gilmartin, who is also an assistant coach with the Comets on the midget level (18 and under). "While our guys could shoot better than any of theirs, they would come into our zone and pass three, four or five times before attempting a shot. Our goalie would be on his back and they would have an easy poke shot in the corner."

Though this is the first season the Freedom team has played as a whole, some of the players — from captain Rob Roll to leading assist man Ryan Collins-Gilmartin — have seen action throughout the area. League rules stipulate that any player whose school didn't



Kelby Anderko

Freedom takes a shot during its game against Wyoming Seminary, the Patriots' only loss on the ice this season.

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Fred Gilmartin

have a hockey squad could be placed into a player pool or draft where they could be picked up by other schools. Turner played for Salisbury, while Freedom's leading scorer Erik Trexler was a member of Liberty's squad.

"He (Trexler) had actually wanted to remain at Liberty because he had been there a few years and his brother played

there," explained Mr. Gilmartin, "But there was a change in high school boundaries and he ended up playing for us."

That decision has been a blessing for the Freedom team ever since. The senior leads the team in goals (21) and points (49) and has already notched six hat-tricks, including two in one game.

"He's played hockey since he

was very little, but he's never scored seven goals in a game. We've tried to get him seven, but we haven't gotten him it — yet," Mr. Gilmartin said.

But the draft also hurt Freedom. Goalie John Suardini, who would be a senior at Freedom this year, transferred to Wyoming Seminary to play hockey. Suardini stopped 36 shots on goal last week to end Freedom's six-game winning streak.

A question mark

The goaltending position — filled by David Long, who was selected from Allen in the draft — has been the one question mark so far this season.

"He's brand new to our team

and it's taken awhile for him to get adjusted. He's come along nicely, but the recent performance (seven goals allowed on 20 shots) may have shaken his confidence."

Sometime down the road, Mr. Gilmartin sees his team competing in the Flyers Cup tournament, which takes the best scholastic teams and puts them in a playoff in the Spectrum. But to qualify for the tournament, the team must draw all its players from Freedom.

For now, Mr. Gilmartin has the rest of this season to worry about.

"Coming into this season, I didn't know what to expect because of our goal-tending. But we have far exceeded most of our expectations."

A week of sports for the record books

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ton showed the country just where the best wrestlers come from. All three teams dominated their respective opponents from the likes of New York and South Carolina in the Valley Youth House Elite Wrestling Duals at Liberty High School on Saturday. The Konkrete Kids came into the match ranked second in the state to the Blue Eagles. Not bad for a team that lost eight starters from last year's team, which just happened to rank the best in the nation.

The real winner, though, was the Valley Youth House. All proceeds from the tournament — figures have not yet been released — went to the House, whose prima-

You can't help but like Liberty runner Janelle Thomas.

ry care goes to abused and troubled adolescents.

The Rocky of Balboa

Liberty's Janelle Thomas just continues to impress. At the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships at Balboa Park in San Diego, Miss Thomas finished fourth overall in a time of 17 minutes, 39.9 seconds, 33 seconds better than last year's performance in California, when she placed 12th.

You just can't help but like Miss Thomas. Not only is she a

fun-loving sophomore who could make Oscar the Grouch laugh, she is an intense competitor on the race course who cares not for the glory but for her own personal success. She is the kind of athlete you would want on your Wheaties box, not like most of today's professional athletes, who seem to play for the green of money, not the gold of victory.

A tale of two colleges

They may not play each other or the same teams, but Lehigh and Moravian are both interesting subjects to dissect.


The Lehigh men's basketball team simply can't buy a break. Case in point: Ivan Wilkins, who hadn't missed a shot all game long, missed a tap-in off a last-second shot that would have giv-

en the Engineers the 'W' against Harvard Saturday. But the ball bounced off the rim, and the Engineers fell to 1-5. Coach Dave Duke must have walked under a ladder while a black cat crossed his path some time before the beginning of the season.

Meanwhile, the Moravian men go into 1994 with an impressive 5-2 record after downing perennial archrival Muhlenberg 68-59. Coach Jim Walker has his team playing aggressive, hard-nosed basketball, and the inside play of Brian McGill, Joe Michalczyk and Chris Bowers have revived an offense that has seemed to struggle the past few years.

Let's face it, you couldn't get any more intriguing sports action than this past week had — well, until this week.

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standings

EAST PENN

Record in parentheses includes conference and non-conference play. Standings include conference play only.

girls basketball

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Becahi (1-0)	0	0	.000	0
Easton (1-0)	0	0	.000	0
Freedom (0-1)	0	0	.000	0
Liberty (1-1)	0	0	.000	0
N'hampton (0-1)	0	0	.000	0
P'burg (0-0)	0	0	.000	0

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Allen (0-0)	0	0	.000	0
Central (0-0)	0	0	.000	0
Dieruff (1-0)	0	0	.000	0
Emmaus (1-0)	0	0	.000	0
Parkland (1-1)	0	0	.000	0
Whitehall (1-1)	0	0	.000	0

boys basketball

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Becahi (1-0)	0	0	.000	0
Easton (0-1)	0	0	.000	0
Freedom (1-1)	0	0	.000	0
Liberty (0-2)	0	0	.000	0
N'hampton (1-0)	0	0	.000	0
P'burg (0-0)	0	0	.000	0

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Allen (1-1)	0	0	.000	0
Central (1-1)	0	0	.000	0
Dieruff (1-1)	0	0	.000	0
Emmaus (2-0)	0	0	.000	0
Parkland (1-1)	0	0	.000	0
Whitehall (0-0)	0	0	.000	0

wrestling

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Becahi	0	0	.000	0
Easton (3-0)	0	0	.000	0
Freedom (1-0)	0	0	.000	0
Liberty	0	0	.000	0
N'hampton (3-0)	0	0	.000	0
P'burg	0	0	.000	0

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Allen	0	0	.000	0
Central	0	0	.000	0
Dieruff	0	0	.000	0
Emmaus	0	0	.000	0
Parkland (2-1)	0	0	.000	0
Whitehall	0	0	.000	0

rifle

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Allen	0	0	.000	0
Dieruff	0	0	.000	0
Emmaus	0	0	.000	0
Freedom	0	0	.000	0
Liberty	0	0	.000	0
Salisbury	0	0	.000	0
So. Lehigh	0	0	.000	0

girls swimming

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Emmaus	1	0	1.000	-
Freedom	1	0	1.000	-
Liberty	1	0	1.000	-
N'hampton	1	0	1.000	-
Parkland	1	0	1.000	-
Salisbury	1	0	1.000	-
Allen	0	1	.000	1
Blue Mtn.	0	1	.000	1
Dieruff	0	1	.000	1
Easton	0	1	.000	1
U. Perk.	0	1	.000	1

boys swimming

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Easton	1	0	1.000	-
Freedom	1	0	1.000	-
Liberty	1	0	1.000	-
Parkland	1	0	1.000	-
U. Perk.	1	0	1.000	-
Emmaus	0	0	.000	1/2
Allen	0	1	.000	1
Blue Mtn.	0	1	.000	1
Dieruff	0	1	.000	1
N'hampton	0	1	.000	1
Salisbury	0	1	.000	1

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

mens basketball

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Leb. Vily. (7-1)	2	0	1.000	-
Susq. (7-0)	2	0	1.000	-
Albright (4-4)	1	1	.500	1/2
Moravian (5-2)	1	1	.500	1
Eliz'town (4-5)	1	1	.500	1
Juniata (3-5)	1	1	.500	1
Messiah (0-7)	0	2	.000	2
Widener (3-5)	0	2	.000	2

womens basketball

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Moravian (6-0)	2	0	1.000	-
Eliz'town (6-2)	2	0	1.000	-
Widener (2-5)	1	1	.500	1
Juniata (3-4)	1	1	.500	1
Susq. (5-2)	1	1	.500	1
Leb. Vly. (2-2)	1	1	.500	1
Albright (1-6)	0	2	.000	2
Messiah (2-4)	0	2	.000	2

OTHER NOTABLES

local boys basketball

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Morav. A. (0-0)	0	0	.000	0
(Independent)				
Not. Dame (1-0)	0	0	.000	0
(Centennial)				
Saucon V. (0-1)	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				
So. Lehigh (2-0)	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				

local wrestling

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Morav. A.	0	0	.000	0
(Independent)				
Not. Dame	0	0	.000	0
(Centennial)				
Saucon V. (0-2)	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				
So. Lehigh	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				
LEHIGH	2	0	1.00	0
MORAVIAN	0	2	.000	0

local boys swimming

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Morav. Acad.	0	0	.000	0
(Independent)				
Not. Dame	0	0	.000	0
(Centennial)				
Saucon V. (0-0)	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				
So. Lehigh	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				
Lehigh	3	1	.750	-

local girls swimming

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Morav. A.	0	0	.000	0
(Independent)				
Not. Dame	0	0	.000	0
(Centennial)				
Saucon V. (0-0)	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				
So. Lehigh	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				
Lehigh	4	1	.800	-

local girls basketball

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Morav. A. (0-1)	0	0	.000	0
(Independent)				
N. Dame (2-0)	0	0	.000	0
(Centennial)				
Saucon V. (1-1)	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				
So. Lehigh (1-1)	0	0	.000	0
(Colonial)				

PATRIOT

mens basketball

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colgate (4-3)	0	0	.000	-
Navy (2-3)	0	0	.000	-
Fordham (2-3)	0	0	.000	-
Holy Cross (2-1)	0	0	.000	-
Bucknell (1-4)	0	0	.000	-
Lehigh (1-5)	0	0	.000	-
Army (1-3)	0	0	.000	-
Lafayette (1-3)	0	0	.000	-

womens basketball

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Lafayette (6-0)	0	0	.000	-
Bucknell (2-0)	0	0	.000	-
Fordham (2-0)	0	0	.000	-
Lehigh (2-4)	0	0	.000	-
Holy Cross (1-2)	0	0	.000	-
Navy (1-2)	0	0	.000	-
Army (0-2)	0	0	.000	-
Colgate (0-2)	0	0	.000	-



SPORTS CALENDAR



THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUN/MON

TUESDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

EAST PENN GIRLS BASKETBALL

7:30 pm: Liberty at Central Catholic

COLONIAL GIRLS BASKETBALL

7:30 pm: Saucon Valley at Pen Argyl; Palisades at Southern Lehigh

EAST PENN RIFLERY

4:00 pm: Freedom at East Stroudsburg; Salisbury at Liberty

EAST PENN BOYS BASKETBALL

7:30 pm: Allen at Phillipsburg; Parkland at Freedom; Dieruff at Easton; Emmaus at Northampton; Whitehall at Bethlehem Catholic; Cent. Catholic at Liberty

EAST PENN GIRLS BASKETBALL

3:45 pm: Bethlehem Catholic at Whitehall; Freedom at Parkland; 7:30 pm: Phillipsburg at Allen; Easton at Dieruff; Northampton at Emmaus

COLONIAL BOYS BASKETBALL

7:30 pm: Pen Argyl at Saucon Valley; Southern Lehigh at Palisades

EAST PENN RIFLERY

TBA: Bethlehem Catholic in Carlisle Tournament

PATRIOT LEAGUE BASKETBALL WOMEN

1:00 pm: St. Peter's at Fordham;

PATRIOT LEAGUE BASKETBALL-MEN

4:00 pm: St. John's at Fordham; St. Francis (NY) at Navy in Navy Classic

EAST PENN GIRLS BASKETBALL

12:00 pm: Pottsville at Easton

EAST PENN WRESTLING

TBA: Bethlehem Catholic in Carlisle Tournament; Allen at Lehigh; 10:00 am: Whitehall at Pleasant Valley; 2:00 pm: Freedom and Liberty at Pittston/Wyoming Area; 6:15 pm: Catasauqua at Northampton; Nazareth at Easton

EAST PENN BOYS/ GIRLS SWIMMING

10:00 am: Pottsville at Freedom

PATRIOT LEAGUE BASKETBALL WOMEN

TBA: W. Carolina or Canisius at Navy in Navy Classic; 2:00 pm: Northwestern at Holy Cross

PATRIOT LEAGUE BASKETBALL-MEN

1:00 pm: Army at Marist

MONDAY PATRIOT LEAGUE BASKETBALL-MEN

7:30 pm: Cornell at Bucknell; 8:00 pm: Holy Cross at Northwestern

EAST PENN RIFLERY

4:00 pm: Liberty at Emmaus; Southern Lehigh at Salisbury; Dieruff at Allen

PATRIOT LEAGUE BASKETBALL WOMEN

7:00 pm: Mt. St. Mary's at Bucknell

PATRIOT LEAGUE BASKETBALL-MEN

7:30 pm: Southwest Missouri St. at Fordham

EAST PENN BOYS BASKETBALL

7:30 pm: Phillipsburg at Central Catholic; Easton at Whitehall; Bethlehem Catholic at Allen; Liberty at Emmaus; Northampton at Parkland; 8:00 pm: Freedom at Dieruff

EAST PENN GIRLS BASKETBALL

3:45 pm: Dieruff at Freedom; 7:30 pm: Allen at Becahi; Emmaus at Liberty; Parkland at Northampton; Central Catholic at Phillipsburg; Whitehall at Easton

COLONIAL BOYS BASKETBALL

7:30 pm: Saucon Valley at Nazareth; Southern Lehigh at Catasauqua

COLONIAL GIRLS BASKETBALL

4:00 pm: Catasauqua at Southern Lehigh; Nazareth at Saucon Valley

EAST PENN WRESTLING

7:45 pm: Freedom at Pen Argyl

EAST PENN RIFLERY

4:00 pm: Freedom at Pocono Mountain

EAST PENN BOYS/ GIRLS SWIMMING

5:00 pm: Emmaus at Souderton

PATRIOT LEAGUE BASKETBALL-MEN

7:30 pm: Muhlenberg at Lehigh; Gettysburg at Navy; Colgate at Canisius

EAST PENN WRESTLING

6:15 pm: Emmaus at Allen; Easton at Central Catholic; Parkland at Northampton; Bethlehem Catholic at Whitehall; 7:45 pm: Freedom at Dieruff

EAST PENN BOYS/ GIRLS SWIMMING

3:30 pm: Northampton at Parkland; Salisbury at Freedom; Liberty at Emmaus; 3:45 pm: Blue Mountain at Upper Perkiomen; 6:00 pm: Whitehall at Allen (Girls only); Dieruff at Easton

EAST PENN RIFLERY

4:00 pm: Northwestern at Freedom; Liberty at Stroudsburg; Emmaus at Southern Lehigh; Allen at Salisbury

deaths

EVA S. BERGER, 93

Bethlehem; died Sun., Dec. 5. Survived by daughters, Doris Miller of Newtown Square and Jeannette Behun of Bethlehem; sister, Pauline Frabel of Kunkletown; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

IVA B. FERRIS, 77

2635 Woodside Road; died Mon., Dec. 6. A former test administrator in the Bethlehem Steel employment office and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. Served as former president general of daughters of the Confederacy, past secretary of the Bethlehem chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution and a former president of the Bethlehem Commandery 90 Ladies Auxiliary. Survived by husband of 47 years, Henry D.; sons, Dr. Henry D. Jr. of Holmdel, N.J. and Wilfred R. of New Tripoli; daughter, Iva B. of Allentown; brother, Lofton P. of Hopewell, Va.; six grandchildren.

JAMES E. JONES, 66

1159 Stefko Boulevard; died Tues., Dec. 7. A delivery man for Dieter Brothers Fuel Co. in Bethlehem for 31 years. Member of Edgeboro Moravian Church in Bethlehem. Survived by wife of 26 years, Larue G.; son, Michael of Virginia Beach, Va.; daughter, Donna Marie Kelly of North Wales, Pa.; brother, Erwin Labar of Bethlehem; sister, Marian Huhn of Bethlehem; six grandchildren.

MILDRED E.L. BRUCH, 77

2714 Linden Street; died Mon., Dec. 6. Member of Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church. Survived by son, Gary L. of Bethlehem; brother, Donald of Bethlehem; sisters, Hazel Osterman and Gloria Seem of Bethlehem and Doris Labar of Hellertown.

CHRISSI NICHOLAS, 82

225 E. Fourth Street; died Mon., Dec. 6. Member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Survived by cousins.

WILLIAM ZUKIEWICZ, 81

1550 Irene Street; died Mon., Dec. 6. Survived by wife, Mary; sister, Lena Santos of Harrison, N.J.

marriages

Laurie Ann Ritter and Brian Michael Iasiello

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Iasiello of Bethlehem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ritter of Bethlehem; married Sat., Dec. 11 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Michelle Leigh Turner and Thomas Lee Mullen Jr.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Mullen of Dumfries, Va., daugh-

GRACE R. BLEILER, 72

1569 Kelchner Road; died Mon., Dec. 6. Member of First Presbyterian Church. Survived by husband of 50 years, Richard S.; daughter, Suzanne of Bethlehem; brother, Roland M. of Mertztown; grandson.

ALBERT W. PARKER, 71

2438 Greencrest Drive; died Tues., Dec. 7. Member of First Church of the Nazarene. World War II Army veteran. Survived by wife of 46 years, Hilda M.; son, Bruce B. of New Tripoli; brother Russell of Leighton; sisters, Margaret Mittman of Levittown and Florence Rhodes of Reading; two grandsons.

ROBERT J. KILPATRICK, 69

399 Carver Drive; died Tues., Dec. 7. Owned and operated Kilpatrick Jewelry Store, 32 Bethlehem Plaza. World War II Army Air Corps veteran and Purple Heart recipient. Served on the Bethlehem Parking Authority. Survived by wife of 49 years, Annabelle H.; daughter, Susan Strisik of Ashburn, Va.; two grandsons.

ROBERT B. "MOOSE" MANTELL, 46

948 East Fifth Street; died Tues., Dec. 7. Survived by daughter, Jo Lene of Erie; brothers of James J., Carl C. Jr. and Stephen B. of Bethlehem; sisters, Jacqueline M. Cressman of Heckman and Rose Marie M. of Bethlehem.

ROBERT C. GRUBE, 85

1825 Center Street; died Weds., Dec. 8. Member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Survived by wife of 68 years, Catherine M.; sons, Robert A. of Palmer Township and William H. of Hong Kong; daughter, Barbara L. of Bethlehem; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MARIE A. MARSTELLAR, 56

860 William Street; died Thurs., Dec. 9. Survived by husband, Edward H.; sons, Glenn of Bethlehem and Michael of Walnutport; daughter, Susan Billy of Bethlehem; brother, Donald in Florida; two grandchildren.

STANLEY LAUDENSLAGER, 82

Of Leader Nursing and Rehabilitation Center II; died Tues., Dec. 7. A retired assembler for Mack Trucks. Survived by a grandson.

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stanley Turner of Bethlehem; married Sat., Dec. 11 at St. John's United Church of Christ, Richmond, Va.

Amy Sue Walkiewicz and John Jeffrey Lynn

Son of Judith Lynn of Wyomissing and Jack Lynn of New Freedom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walkiewicz of Bethlehem; married recently in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Lancaster.

ELEANOR T. KEELER, 61

Formerly of West Broad St.; died Thurs., Dec. 9. Survived by sisters, Beatrice Weaver of Allentown, Grace Cool of Breinigsville and Barbara Myers of Woolcott, Conn.; brothers, Roy and William of Allentown; stepsisters, Dorothy Bove, Blanche McLaughlin and Gertrude Fashion of Bethlehem; stepbrothers, Paul and Robert Bright of Bethlehem.

MARIE CONTAKES, 50

1652 Millard Street; died Thurs., Dec. 9. Member of St. John Capistrano Church. Survived by husband of 23 years, Michael A.; mother, Helen Toth of Bethlehem; sons, Michael and Steven of Bethlehem and Matthew of New York City; brother, Ronald Repsher of Aberdeen, Md.; sisters, Patricia Gerstenberg of Lower Saucon Township and Shirley Repsher of Bethlehem.

ROSE T. PCHIHODA, 83

808 East Morton Street; died Fri., Dec. 10. Member of St. John Capistrano Church. Survived by son, William W.; sisters, Helen Zavec and Clara Derrico; step-sister, Irma Wieder, all of Bethlehem; two grandchildren.

STEPHEN SINICZ, 78

421 West Fourth Street; died Fri., Dec. 10. Machinist for Bethlehem Steel for more than 40 years. Member of St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church. Survived by brothers, Louis of Bethlehem and John of Bath; sister, Ethel Torkos of Salisbury Township.

MARY H. DVORASCAK, 73

Formerly of 2029 Westgate Drive; died Sun., Dec. 12. Member of Sts. Cyril and Methodios Catholic Church. Survived by sister, Anna of Bethlehem.

LEROY F. REIMAN, 77

345 Spring Street; died Fri., Dec. 10. A metallurgical observer at Bethlehem Steel for 40 years and a Navy veteran of World War II. Member of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. Survived by wife of 44 years, Mary; daughter, Mary Beth Fritz of Linden Hall; brothers, Austin and Kermit of Bethlehem; sisters, Mrs. Robert Stauffer and Mrs. Lee Gangwere of Bethlehem, Mrs. Robert Horn in Guam; two granddaughters.

JULIE KRAMER AND JAMES SNEE JR.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Snee of Matawan, N.J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kramer of Bethlehem; married Sat., Dec. 11 in the Chapel at Villanova University.

Sheila Marie Kuhns and Robert Joseph Green

Son of Thelma Green of Bethlehem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kuhns of Bethlehem; married recently in St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Milestones

Bethlehem's Vital Statistics

DEMETRIOS M. KOUKIAS, 62

1922 Catasauqua Road; died Fri., Dec. 10. Member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Survived by wife, Athena; son, Michael of Bethlehem; daughters, Thanasis of Philadelphia and Kostas in Greece; two grandchildren.

STEPHEN A. SHAMENEK, 77

Catasauqua Road; died Fri., Dec. 10. Machine shop supervisor at Bethlehem Steel for 33 years. Member of Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church. World War II Navy veteran and a member of the Elks Club and St. Bernard's Society. Survived by wife of 51 years, Ida E.

CATHY A. LUCENTE, 40

907 Radclyffe Street; died Fri., Dec. 10. Served on St. Anne's School Board. Member of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Survived by husband of 19 years, Larry J.; parents, Daniel and Rose Young of Bethlehem; son, John; daughters, Dana, Gina and Mary; sisters, Marilyn Hollinger of Allentown, Roseanne Misero of Easton, Dianne Elliot and Peggy Edris of York, Betsy Young and Judith Young-Guzman of Bethlehem.

MARY H. BOLEN, 85

Formerly of 728 East Sixth Street; died Sun., Dec. 12. Worked for Wood Food Services at Lehigh University for 17 years. Member of Sts. Cyril and Methodios Catholic Church. Survived by sons, Stephen J. of Bethlehem and John S. of Orange, Calif.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

MABEL IRENE CORNISH, 86

Formerly of Sheffield Street, Bethlehem; died Fri., Dec. 10. Member of St. John's AME Zion Church. Survived by sister, Alice Chapman of Port Deposit.

Wendy Sue Birchall and Kenneth Stark Rummel

son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Rummel of Bethlehem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darle Birchall of Ephrata; married recently at Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lilitz.

Kimberly Ann Rohrbach and Scott Richard Milham

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milham of Bethlehem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Rohrbach of Mertztown; married recently in Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

MARY ELLEN PAULSON, 71

128 Valley Park South; died Fri., Dec. 10. Member of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Catholic Church. Survived by husband of 47 years, C. "Ned" Paulson; daughters, Patricia M. Hurd of Bangor and Judith M. Crompton of Mont Verde, Fla.; three grandchildren.

HOWARD L. PFISTER, 87

Of Bethlehem; died Sat., Dec. 11. A cooper for the defunct True Blue and Old Dutch breweries. Naval veteran of World War II. Survived by nieces and nephews.

MARY ANN YOUNG, 72

13th Avenue; died Fri., Dec. 10. Member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. During World War II, she operated a crane for Bethlehem Steel. Survived by son, Thomas of Freemansburg; daughters, Sandra L. Eichlin of Freemansburg and Barbara A. Kelly of Easton; brothers, John Kalman of Phillipsburg and Paul Kalman of Arizona; sister, Helen Jacoby of Freemansburg; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

births

Ivan Velez Jr. and Felicia Gonzalez

A son born on Dec. 8 at St. Luke's Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Rene Ramirez

A son born on Dec. 8 at St. Luke's Hospital.

Alexis and Nancy Pujols

A daughter born on Dec. 8 at St. Luke's Hospital.

Richie Pacheco and Desiree Ramos

A daughter born on Dec. 9 at St. Luke's Hospital.

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Michele Szoka

A family of voices sings out

BY MARK DAVIS

There was a family gathering last weekend. It's one that's been taking place for almost 100 years, a tradition passed from father to son, mother to daughter, friend to friend. And though the family is large, the thing that keeps bringing this family and its heirs back each year is quite simple: beautiful music.

This family is the Bach Choir of Bethlehem.

Last Sunday, the most recent version of this family came together for a Christmas Concert at the First Presbyterian Church on Center Street under the direction of Greg Funfgeld.

But that day is not what this family is entirely about, much as the substance of a real family can't be gleaned simply by sharing one meal with them.

You'd have to be there each Monday evening throughout the year, when more than 125 gifted amateurs rush from work and children and grocery-laden cars to gather for reasons that are more similar than the diverse group would suggest.



For almost a century, the Bach Choir of Bethlehem has brought together gifted amateur vocalists to perform the finest music. Here they rehearse before Friday's performance. See more photos of the Bach Choir on pages 10B and 11B.

Some fathers and sons play catch. We sing.

**Peter Young
Bach Choir member**

You'd have to have been there last Friday, when the choir was gathered one last time to practice before their weekend concert. Despite the rain and cold outside, the mood inside was warm and cordial, like a family reunion with folks chatting more about their plans for the holidays than about the nuance of this or that musical passage.

There was Music Director Greg Funfgeld, putting the orchestra and choir through their paces, more like a kindly uncle than stern disciplinarian.

Peter Young and his father, Edmund, sing together, a generation apart, on the choir. The younger Mr. Young, who works at

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what's up



New Arrival

Short's Pub, Thursday
 South Side Saloon, Friday

With a recording contract pending, it appears that New Arrival has indeed arrived. As the only band in the area playing in full digital stereo, New Arrival delivers their hot renditions of 90's Club and Top 40 dance music with a punch, also mixing in some of their own original works. The band has often played the South Side Saloon, Mountainville Inn and Short's Pub, and will be putting on a New Year's extravaganza at the Comfort Suites in Bethlehem, complete with a computer controlled light show guaranteed to impress.

Soul Fudge Trio

The Sterling Hotel
 Tuesday, 8 p.m.

After less than a year together, this guitar trio has already begun to make their mark on the Lehigh Valley jazz scene. Harkening back to the days of straight jazz ensembles, Soul Fudge Trio's guitarist Lee Daniels says that the band's main intent is to bring the music to the people. The band accomplishes this through a blend of standard jazz pieces and originals, all interwoven with the unpredictable thread that is jazz improvisation. Soul Fudge has frequently sweetened the air of Hava Java and Cannons, and you can catch them every Tuesday through December at the Sterling Hotel.

star picks



Mary Ann Ardoline

Christmas City Caroling Festival

The Sun Inn
 Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Come join the voices at the fifth annual Christmas City Caroling Festival this Saturday, Dec. 18, in the Sun Inn Courtyard in Downtown Bethlehem. After you're done singing, there's plenty of other yuletide attractions to lift your spirits, including miniature trees decorated with children's homemade ornaments, roasted chestnuts and other holiday foods, a visit by Santa, a free ornament workshop, and framed souvenir photographs. Let's hope there's snow, but if it rains, the event will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, Call the Bethlehem Recreation Bureau at 865-7081.

Bethlehem's family of fine music

From previous page

Nazareth Sporting Goods, said he and his father spent more time sharing songs than tossing around balls in the back yard.

"Some fathers and sons play catch. We sing," Mr. Young said.

Music was also a part of choir member Kristin Kolde's childhood. "I grew up with classical music," said Miss Kolde, a physical therapist with Visiting Nurses of Easton.

And it looks like that musical tradition will stay with the next generation of Koldes — in addition to her parents, Mary-Jo and David, Miss Kolde's fiancé also sings with her in the choir.

Another second-generation choir member is Bethlehem native Jean Donegan-Vrable, whose late mother sang in the choir for 25 years. Like her mother, Mrs. Donegan-Vrable views her involvement in the choir as an opportunity to keep alive the memory of the hundreds of choir members who sung before her.

Joseph Sullivan, who joined the choir in 1960, says he too feels that passion, and he has the test to prove it. As the president of a management consulting firm, one of the tools Mr. Sullivan uses in his consulting work is a standardized test which reveals an individual's interests. When he administered the test to himself, he found that the area he scored the highest in was music.

Though much about the Bach Choir has remained the same, much has changed. Philomena Ackerman, who has sung with the choir for 52 years, said she's seen the devotion of each of the choir's directors shape the quality of music sung.

Through all the changes, how-



The Bach Choir of Bethlehem has long tradition of bringing music to the city, as this 1903 photograph attests.

ever, it's the thrill of singing beautiful music that keeps Mrs. Ackerman — and her Bach Choir family members — returning.

"It's like coming out of the biggest church in the world. It takes a couple of hours to come back down to earth."

The music of the Bach Choir Of Bethlehem will be heard nationally this Christmas Eve on National Public Radio and on NBC-TV on Christmas morning. The choir's Spring Concert is scheduled for 4 p.m., March 20, at the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. For more information call 866-4382, or visit the Bach Choir Office, 423 Heckewelder Place, Bethlehem.

Singing for health



The St. Luke's Hospital Singers, directed by Floyd Schlegel, will be holding a benefit Christmas concert on Sunday for the Transitional Care Center in Fountain Hill, which provides short-term care for the homeless and elderly. The singers, who are nurses, doctors and other employees at the hospital, will hold two concerts, 2 and 4 p.m., at the Doctors Pavilion, Laros Auditorium on the St. Luke's campus. Tickets are \$10; proceeds will be donated to the center. Information, call 868-8617.

on disc

Soulful Christmas collection

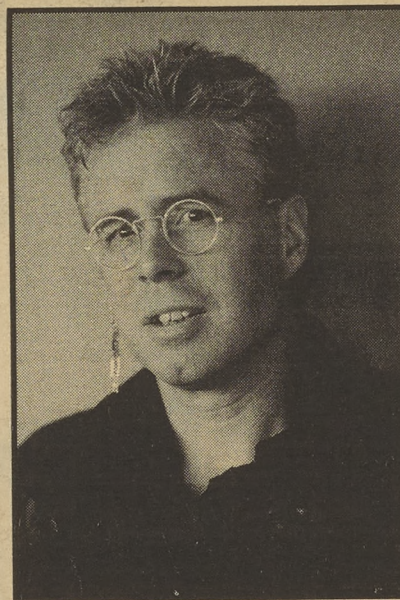
BY MARK DAVIS

"I think I first got the notion to make this record back in the early '70's. I've loved Christmas music, at least the spiritually inspired kind, for as long as I can remember."

So Bruce Cockburn (owner of the most mispronounced surname in music — it's CO-burn, like the actor) states in the liner notes to his excellent new disc for Columbia, "Christmas." Stylistically, his arrangements of these, for the most part, traditional carols do harken back as far as his acoustic roots in the early '70s; but using this as a jumping-off point they take us on an exciting sleigh ride over the vast fields of his musical influences.

The disc opens and closes with "Adeste Fidelis" and "Joy To The World", respectively — short arrangements for steel-stringed acoustic guitar that frame the collection beautifully. They are very reminiscent of the Christmas albums of John Fahey, although on "Joy" Cockburn does attach sleigh bells to his arm while he strums, giving a striking percussive effect.

"Early on One Christmas Morn" is a ragtime version of a gospel song originally recorded in 1929 by The Cottontop Mountain Sanctified Singers. "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" is beautifully simple, featuring a guitar



Bruce Cockburn

and harmonica arrangement that would not be out of place on Cockburn's recent "Nothing But A Burning Light."

"Riu Riu Chiu" dates from the 16th century, and the treatment here gives it a quite ancient feel. The language of the text is archaic and can not be directly translated, but appears to tell the story of the shepherds in the biblical nativity story. Particularly moving is Hugh Marsh's masterful violin playing. "I Saw Three Ships" (with T-Bone Burnett on 'humming') moves along sprightly and is somewhat reminiscent of the Paul Winter consort.

"Silent Night" is described by

Cockburn as "the prettiest tune ever composed" and his straightforward rendering of it highlights the melody in a way few other singers have.

"Jesus A Ahatonnia" was written in the early 1600s by a Jesuit missionary and is considered to be the first Canadian Christmas hymn. It is sung in the language of the residents of the early Huron settlement, who were massacred by the Iroquois, and their language has been all but lost.

The disc climaxes with "Mary Had a Baby," a call-and-response song which originated on the South Carolina island of Saint Helena in the 1800s. The joyous interpretation here gives an indication of the commitment of all the musicians involved in this project, notably Richard Bell, whose accordion and keyboard work are flawless throughout, and the lovely singing of Sam Phillips (who contributed a haunting arrangement of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear").

Cockburn once commented that the "centrality of the song" was what was most important to his performance. This is nowhere as clear as it is on "Christmas." He has taken some of the most beautifully crafted songs of this season and created arrangements that allow the compositional quality of each of them, rather than the virtuosity of the performers, to shine through.

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news & notes

What's being seen

At this time of the year the reports to the birding hotline take a nose dive because just about everyone is getting ready for Christmas. Information becomes sparse until the bird counts take place right before and right after the 25th.

Sharp-shinned hawks and **Cooper's hawks** have established themselves as regular visitors to local feeders, much to the consternation of some. This is normal, however, and part of what should be expected at a well-maintained feeder operation.

Occasionally an extra hungry **American kestrel** will also make a pass. It is a rare sight indeed to see a **red-tailed hawk** ever bother anyone's feeding area, even though I'm sure it does happen. Red-tails feed primarily on small rodents, snakes, mammals, and the like.

A dark-phase **rough-legged hawk** was reported along the stretch of Route 33 north of Route 22. An albino redtail has occupied that territory for years now.

Feeder watchers are now seeing the normal wintering species — **juncos**, **white-throated sparrows**, **downy**, **hairy**, and **red-bellied woodpeckers**, **northern cardinals**, **chickadees**, **tufted titmice**, **blue jays**, **mourning doves** and of course **house finches** and **sparrows**.

Once in a while a **Carolina wren** will make a trip to someone's suet. It will take a good cold snap or snow storm to force any unusual winter visitor into the easy pickings of a feeder area.

Christmas bird counts

The annual Christmas Bird Counts, a census of birds in our area during the winter, will be held as follows:

This Saturday, the Allentown Count will be conducted. Contact Gary Freed at 215-679-8536 for more information.

On Sunday, the Little Gap/Penn Forest Count will take place. For more information on this, contact Rick Wiltraut at 759-5184. On Sunday, Dec. 26, the Bethlehem/Easton/Hellertown Count will occur. Please call Don and Elaine Mease at 346-7754.

Hoot Hikes

The Wildlands Conservancy in Emmaus will hold two "Hoot Hikes" in search of owls at 7:30 p.m. on two upcoming Friday evenings, Dec. 17 and Jan. 7. A short educational introduction in the Pool Wildlife Sanctuary building will be followed by a trip out to the trails. The fee is \$4 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Children are half price. Call 965-4397 for more information.

Bird IDs

On Friday evening, Jan. 14, the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society will hold a program titled "Waterbirds — How to Tell a Gull from a Goose." Speaker will be Dr. Bernie Morris, and he will lead a birding trip to the New Jersey shore the following morning.

All meetings are held in Room 109 of the Muhlenberg College Biology Building at 8:00 p.m. For more information call 435-9134.

Search for bald eagles

The Pocono Environmental Education Center, located in Dingmans Ferry, hosts year-round activities.

On the following dates they will go in search of wintering bald eagles along the Delaware River — Jan. 7-9, 21-23, and Feb. 4-6. On Jan. 28-30, there will be a winter photography workshop with photographer Tim White. Fees are charged for all programs. Call 717-828-2319 for more information.

New Jersey nature

The Merrill Creek Reservoir and Environmental Preserve is located in Harmony Township, N.J., just across the Delaware River, outside of Phillipsburg. A 290-acre wildlife preserve surrounds a 650-acre reservoir. There are extensive trails, a wildlife blind, and cross country skiing in winter. Educational programs are conducted at the visitors center. For more information call 908-454-1213.

Make a date

The Lehigh Valley Sierra Club is now conducting its annual calendar sale. Call Chairperson Mary Schranz at 866-4274 to find out about the club's activities.



Rick Wiltraut

A gray squirrel raids a bird feeder in Whitehall Township.

feeder thief

Nature's gray maniac

We call them suicide squirrels. You know the ones I'm talking about. You're traveling down the road at 40 mph and there in front of you, right in the middle of the yellow line, is a gray squirrel, tail fluffed out and erect.

You glance quickly in the rear view mirror and slam on the brakes, but the squirrel stands frozen. Agitated glances are exchanged but he still doesn't move.

Impatiently you begin to accelerate, slowly at first and then faster and faster until he's at the side of the car. You now feel home free when suddenly the squirrel darts under the car, leaving you exasperated and muttering expletives.

The gray squirrel can be found almost anywhere you go in eastern North America, preferring hardwood forests full of oak, hickory, and other nut trees, but it is abundant in parks and anyplace else where there are trees.

In the woods they're extremely loud, making "kuk-kuk-kuk" cries, and I've heard them make sounds resembling a high-pitched screech, a loud clicking, and a strange kind of barking.

They're tenacious little creatures. A friend recently told me of one in his back yard in Allentown that chased a large, probably female, immature sharp-shinned hawk out of a tree, a classic case of the prey chasing the predator.



Arlene Koch is president of the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society.

And on a recent woodland jaunt I was once again reminded that two squirrels chasing each other through the underbrush can make more noise than a whole herd of deer. They chased each other up the trunk of an old tulip poplar, running slantwise as if following the tilted rings of a barber pole or playing ring around the rosy, finally coming to rest at the top of the tree in the forest canopy with tails pressed up against their backs indicating the game was over.

Most people like squirrels. They evoke thoughts of fall leaves, crisp autumn mornings, and nuts stored away for the winter.

But lots of people with bird feeders do not, and this has spawned a mini-industry within the birdseed world.

Endless energy and countless dollars are being spent in the pursuit of that one perfect anti-squirrel device.

There is the baffle, a kind of rounded shield, which is to be positioned on the pole above and/or below the feeders.

There's a thing called the "Stopper" — which boasts of having a U.S. patent and looks like

something NASA could launch a rocket with — that you attach to a post or pole, and when the four-legged marauder attempts to climb it, it "twists, tilts, and wobbles" and apparently somehow scares the animal away.

It is also, by the way, completely chew proof. There's a whole melange of "squirrels can't get at them" feeders of various shapes, sizes, and textures.

And there's the old-fashioned remedy of greasing up the pole, but that only lasts as long as the next rain.

Some people decide the best way to keep the squirrels out of their feeders is to divert their attention elsewhere. So we now have a wooden merry-go-round device to which you attach ears of corn, the premise being the squirrel jumps onto it and it rotates endlessly. There's a special snack cake called "squirrela," 85% corn and 15% sunflower seeds, which of course comes in its own specially designed cedar feeder.

Or you can choose from the many other feeders designed specifically for squirrels, one of which incorporates a glass gallon jar and another one that looks like a little tea table.

Personally I think that we should just live and let live.

That, however, is real easy for me to say. My home is surrounded by corn fields and the squirrels gorge themselves there. They let my feeders alone.

Profiles

Names and histories

yesterday

1893

DECEMBER 16

The Lehigh Valley Rail Road surgeons are holding their annual meeting and election of officers today in the parlors of the Hotel Wyandotte, South Bethlehem. There are surgeons present from points all along the line of the Valley.

DECEMBER 18

Three different private residences on "the hill" in West Bethlehem were burglarized on Saturday night and all the thieves got were two pair of gold spectacles and between eight dollars and nine dollars in cash.

The South Side police report more drunk and disorderly cases on Saturday night than for a long time. There was a large number of tramps in town, many of them audacious and insulting.

DECEMBER 20

Justice Krauskopf last evening heard the case of John Christine, chief engineer of the South Bethlehem Fire Department, for the borough, against Patrick Quigney, on a charge of trover and conversion. Quigney was believed to have in his possession fire badges and keys to the Protection Hose Fire House, property of the borough, which he refused to hand over to the proper authorities when the company he belonged to was dismissed from service.

Justice Yost's office was crowded last evening by men and women, who strained every nerve so as to miss none of the details of a disgraceful scandal. The case was one of slander, preferred by Mrs. Mabel Geyer against Mrs. Jane Hefillfinger. The women are neighbors, residing on Ontario Street, South Bethlehem. Both are young women. The evidence was spicy and at times of a nature unfit for publication.

DECEMBER 21

The South Bethlehem Board of Trade committee, appointed to meet the Hellertown Board and endeavor to induce one of the electric railway companies to lay tracks between the two towns, reported that the representatives of the two boroughs would meet the officers of the Lehigh Valley

Traction Company at 10:30 o'clock this morning in council chambers.

DECEMBER 22

Not a few people in the Bethlehems are desirous of learning the present whereabouts of one who presented them with the following card: "Dr. J. G. Williams, Emlenton, Pa. Chronic Diseases a Specialty. Office, Gosser's Block." Among those who allege openly that they were fleeced is poor David Gillespie, who keeps a little candy store on North Main Street.

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DECEMBER 16

Bethlehem Steel Company has made a contribution of \$800,000 to St. Luke's Hospital to carry out a program of improvement and expansion.

Charles Szetecz, proprietor of Charles Tavern, Hawthorne Road, was shot through his right hand by a would-be holdup man about 1:30 a.m. today, and according to the police, he is lucky that the bullet failed to hit him in a more vital spot.

DECEMBER 17

James C. Knowles, of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at noon today at the re-organization meeting of the new board.

DECEMBER 18

John Stefanko, of 1126 Furnace Street, is a patient at St. Luke's Hospital, suffering with severe contusions of his chest, fracture of his right knee, and numerous lacerations. In conjunction with the above, the man's tongue was almost severed when the car he was driving north from Hellertown to Bethlehem failed to negotiate a curve at Fire Lane and Hellertown Road and side-swiped a service pole.

DECEMBER 20

With the arrest of two more Bethlehemites, Steve Ballek, of 14 West Third Street, and John Gremza, of 621 Aaron Street, local police believe they have put the quietus on a group of highwaymen, who, they allege, have been preying on drunks in the vicinity of Mechanic and Webster streets, for some time.

15 questions

Pat Holetz



Pat Holetz, better known as the Musikfest Chicken Lady

BY CHRISTOPHER JUDD

Each week, The Bethlehem Star asks a notable city resident 15 questions. This week, we spoke to Pat Holetz, a Bethlehem Steel Corp. employee who is also known for her roles as the Musikfest Chicken Lady and Historic Bethlehem Nightlight Tour Guide.

What do you think of the recent downsizing at Bethlehem Steel?

The changes are done to make the corporation more profitable and the number one competitor in the field of structural products.

When was the first time you did "The Chicken Dance"?

May, 1982, before Musikfest began. I was in Knoxville, Tenn., at the World Fair with a German tour group. Nobody on our tour had ever seen it or heard it before.

If there was one thing you could change about Musikfest, what would it be?

Speaking as The Chicken Lady, I would like to see it not as hot and humid. It gets hot in that suit!

Do you think most Bethlehem residents are interested in the city's rich history?

I think those residents that are introduced to Bethlehem's rich history are interested in it. Peo-

ple are surprised by its history.

What is your favorite TV show?

I don't really watch much TV I guess I like "Cheers" and "Murphy Brown."

Where does health care reform rank on your list of national concerns?

I can't give you a number ranking, but it certainly is a concern of mine when you talk about national concerns.

If Bethlehem ever lands a professional baseball team, would you be available for mascot duty?

I probably would be so busy in August doing the Musikfest Chicken that I'd take a break and let somebody else take a shot at it.

What well-known people have done "The Chicken Dance" with you?

Well, let's start at the top, Governor Casey. He was here to open Musikfest one year.

How did he do?

He did extremely well. Everyone does great when they do "The Chicken Dance."

Should doing "The Chicken Dance" be a requirement for people seeking public office?

No! It's strictly an enjoyable dance that anyone can take part in.

Do kids today have it more difficult than when you were growing up?

No. I think when you give that some thought ... our parents said they had it so tough. In the end, I think it kind of balances out.

Can you name a performer on MTV that you like?

I like Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston. And ... Aaron Neville.

What's your favorite food or event at Musikfest?

It's hard to pin down one thing. I guess, through The Chicken Lady, it's the good will and joy in meeting all of the age groups. Especially the children. You see their faces just light up like when they see Santa Claus.

Would you like to see Musikfest expanded, maybe to South Side?

I think every year, after it's over, Musikfest is reviewed. Certain things are added every year so it appears always fresh. If it would expand to the South Side of Bethlehem I think it would be successful.

Seeing all the work you do on stage, when will you release your "Chicken Lady Exercise Video"?

Oh, I don't know. But keep looking for it. It could be out in the stores any time now.

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NEW CHINA STAR RESTAURANT, 827 Linden St., Bethlehem, 866-5399.

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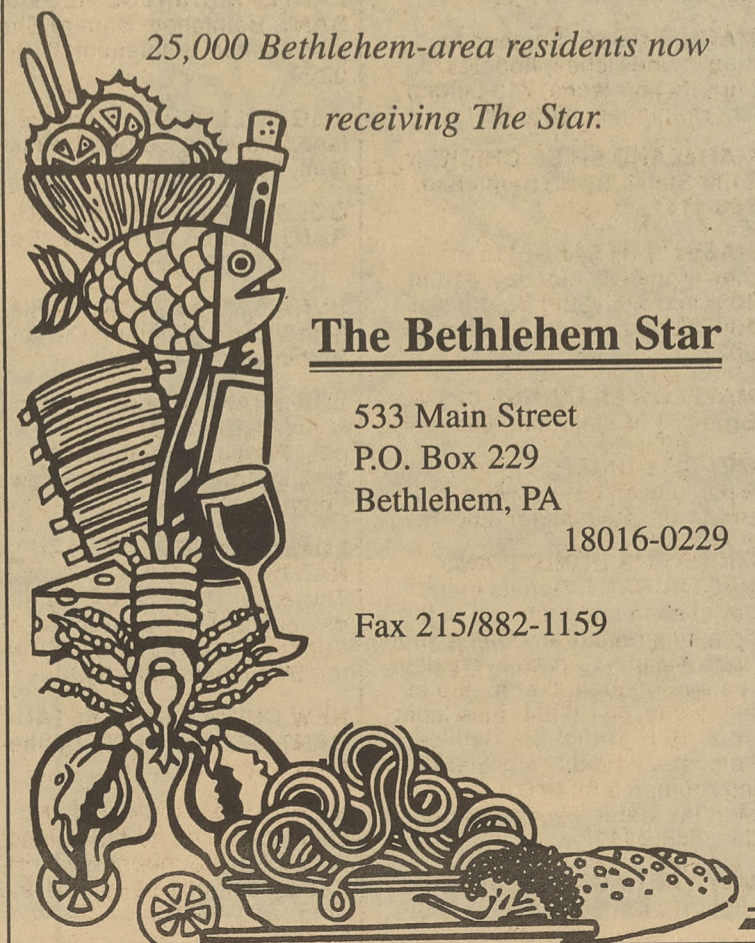
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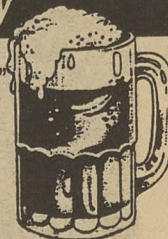
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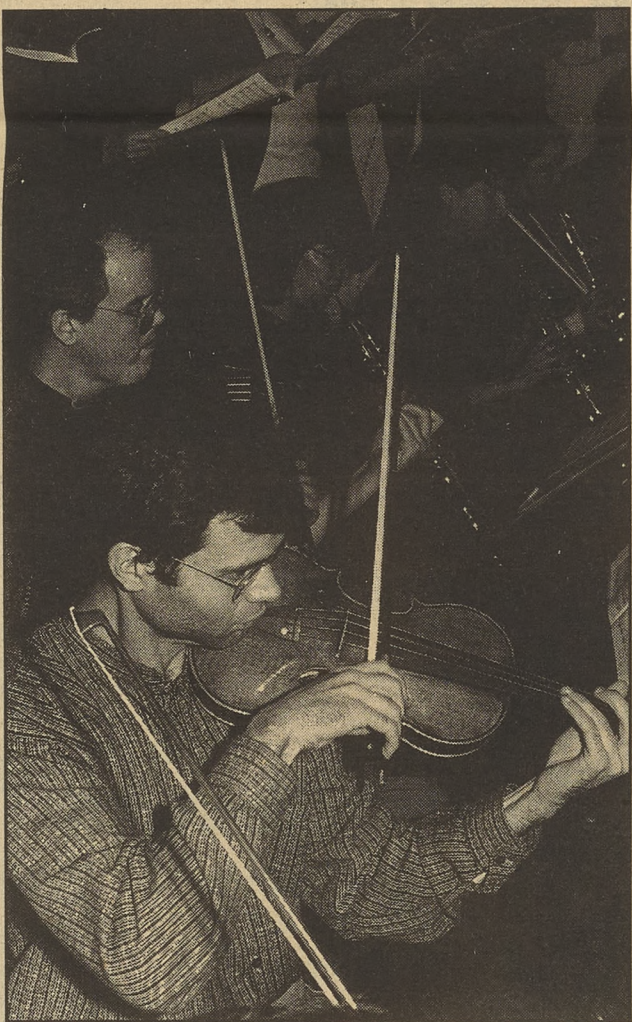
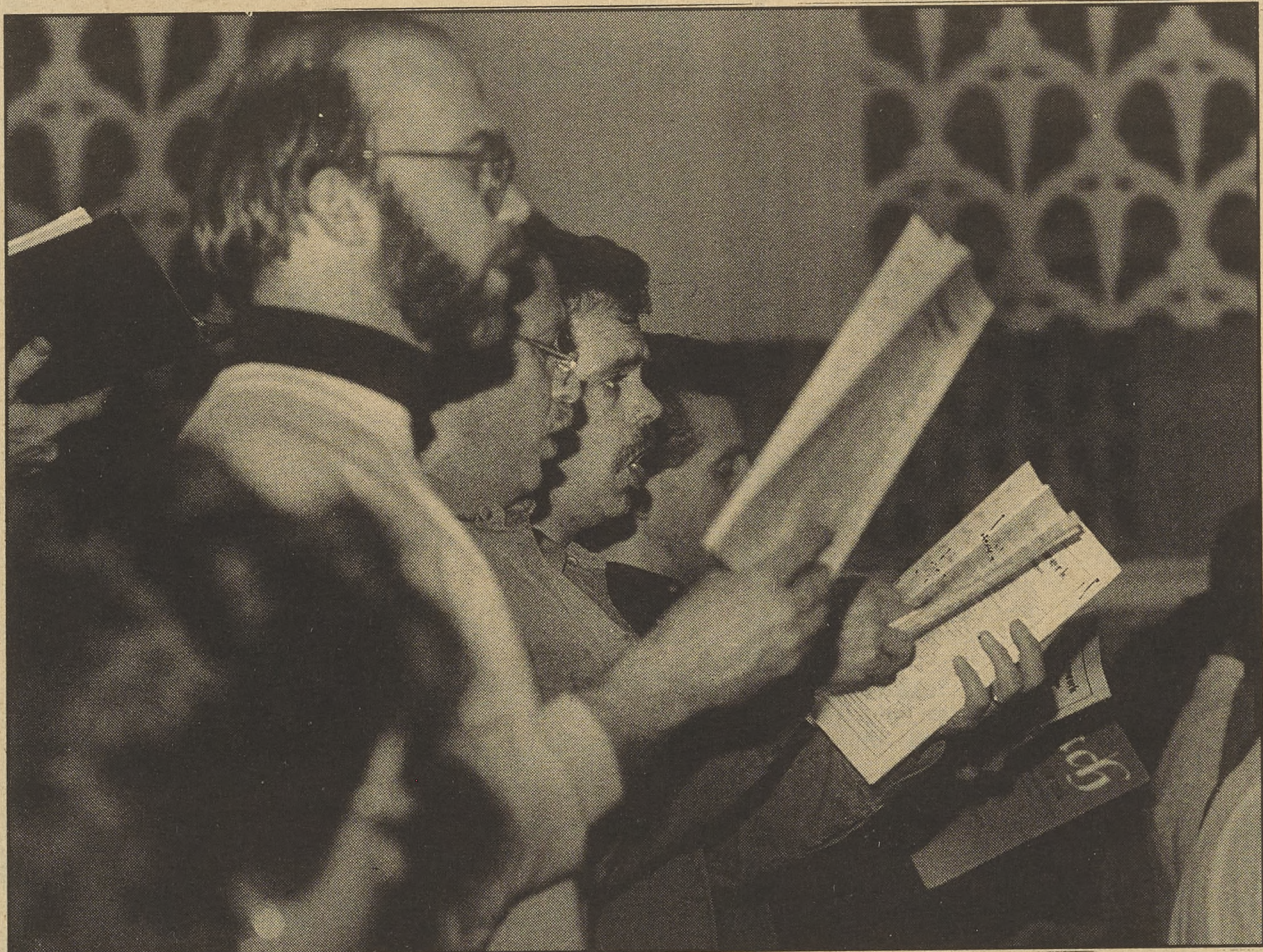


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insight

By MICHELE SZOKA

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▲ Michael Nicholas of Manhattan plays violin while Peter Young leads his row in another passage of Bach.



◀ Becky Braun, of Allentown, makes adjustments to the score she shares with Wendy Rawls, of Bethlehem.



◀ Tina Kennedy of Schnecksville rests between practice sets.

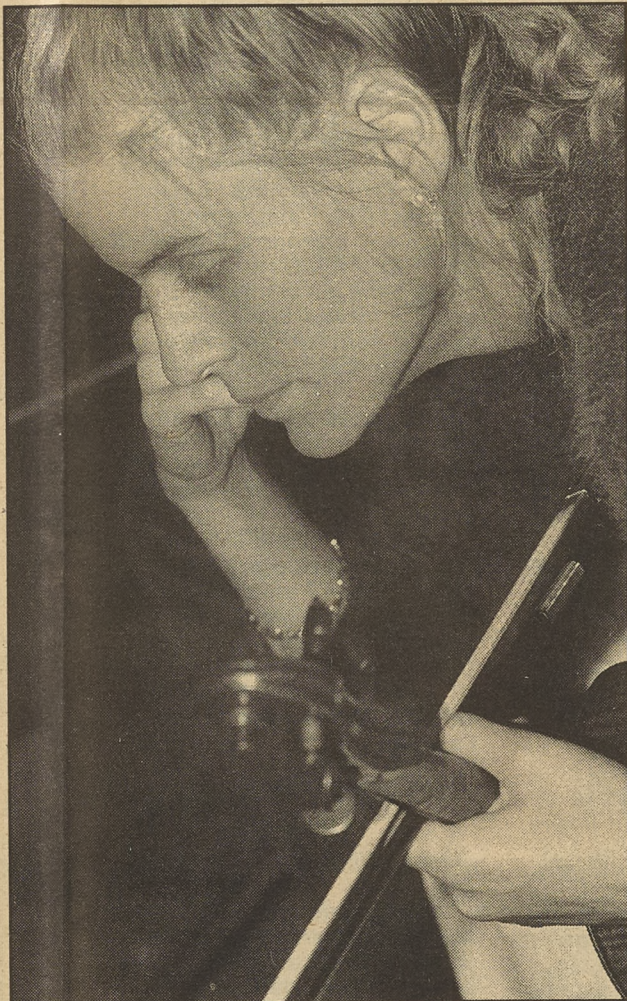
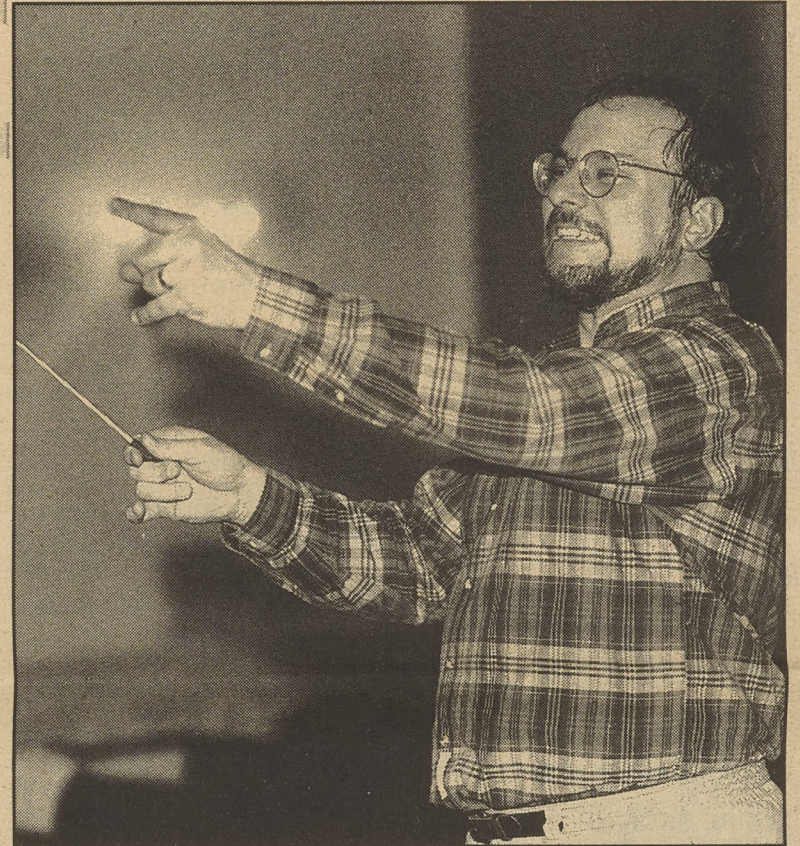
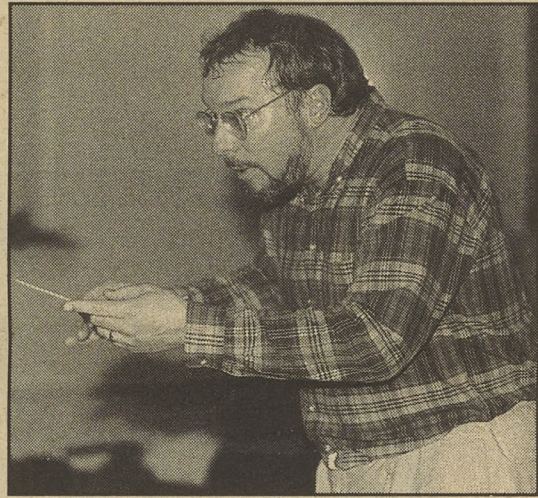
Wendy Rawls of Bethlehem contemplates her next notes, while Kristin Kolde and her mother, Mary Jo (far right), make two voices one. ▶



Bach to Bethlehem

Before bringing their talents to the First Presbyterian Church last weekend, The Bach Choir of Bethlehem rehearsed one last time.

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WE'RE BACK (G), 2 p.m.
A PERFECT WORLD (PG-13), 1:40, 4:20, 10:10 p.m.
ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES (PG-13), 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:20, 9:40 p.m.
MRS. DOUBTFIRE (PG-13), 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 p.m.
THREE MUSKETEERS (PG), 2, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30 p.m.
CARLITO'S WAY (R), 3:45, 6:45, 9:30 p.m.
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GERONIMO (R) Mon.-Fri. 7:10, 9:35 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35 p.m.
DAZED AND CONFUSED (R) Mon.-Fri. 7:25, 9:25 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2:30, 4:40, 7:25, 9:25 p.m.
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (PG), Mon.-Fri. 7:15, 9 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9 p.m.

United Artists Easton

175 S. 3rd St., Easton
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BEETHOVEN'S 2ND (PG), Mon.-Fri. 7, 9 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2, 4, 7, 9 p.m.
MY LIFE (PG-13), Mon.-Fri. 7:20, 9:40 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40 p.m.
WAYNE'S WORLD 2 (PG-13), Mon.-Fri. 7:10, 9:10 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:10 p.m.
MRS. DOUBTFIRE (PG-13) Mon.-Fri. 7:30, 9:50 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:50 p.m.
GERONIMO (R) Mon.-Fri. 7:05, 9:30 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2:15, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30 p.m.
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19th Street Theater

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trailers

By MICHAEL LUNNEY



Wes Studi stars in "Geronimo: An American Legend" playing at United Artists, Easton and Allentown.

NEW THIS WEEK

Beethoven's 2nd (PG)

General Cinema Theaters, Lehigh Valley Mall; United Artists Easton; United Artists Allentown
No, not the symphony, the dog. This sequel to the crowd-pleasing family film about a king-sized St. Bernard dog sure makes for better holiday fare than "Man's Best Friend," the killer dog movie currently in release that should have never left the pound. This time Beethoven leaves the comforts of home to play 911 and fall in love with another St. Bernard, who has four adorable puppies. Charles Grodin returns as air-freshener manufacturer George Newton and Bonnie Hunt is back as his wife. Rod Daniel ("K-9") directs.

The Pelican Brief (R)

Boyd, Bethlehem; General Cinema Theaters, Lehigh Valley Mall
After a two-year filmmaking hiatus that culminated with her marriage to singer Lyle Lovett, Julia Roberts returns to the silver screen in an adaptation of a John Grisham novel that follows hot on the heels of another of his screen adaptations, "The Firm."

She plays Tulane University law student Darby Shaw, who figures out why two Supreme Court Justices were assassinated and sees her law professor-boyfriend, played by Sam Shepard, slain. She offers the story to Washington, D.C., investigative reporter, Gray Grantham (Denzel Washington), hoping that he can expose the murderers before they nail her. John Lithgow, John Heard, Robert Culp and William Atherton also appear in a film with screenplay adaptation and direction by Alan J. Pakula ("All the President's Men," "The Parallax View"). With only three weeks left before the film's release, Pakula reportedly gathered his crew and Roberts to shoot new footage for an additional scene lasting less than two minutes that has been added to the end of the film.

endary Kevin Costner. In this chase drama Eastwood plays Texas Ranger Red Garnett and Costner a psychologically unbalanced career criminal, Butch Haynes, who escapes from prison and kidnaps a 7-year-old boy. Haynes, who turned to crime because of a lousy childhood, is thrown in the slammer years before by Ranger Garnett, who also recommends a long jail term.

Now loose and on the run, Haynes develops a paternal bond of sorts with his young kidnap victim, who comes from a broken home.

"A Perfect World" is a period piece that takes place two weeks before President John F. Kennedy made history with his untimely death 30 years ago in Dallas. Laura Dern also appears as a criminologist who spars with redneck lawmen in Garnett's posse.

CONTINUING

A Perfect World (PG-13)

General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall
Clint Eastwood's latest directorial effort pairs the gravel-voiced action adventure icon with another Hollywood superstar, the still too early to be leg-

Addams Family Values (PG-13)

General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall
What would the bright, cheery holiday season be without the dark-humored, anarchic lunacy of the Addams clan? "They're creepy and they're ooky, myste-

rious and spooky, altogether ooky, the Ad ...," oh, you know the schtick.

For round two, this sequel to the hit "Addams Family" film has cinematographer-turned director Barry Sonnenfeld once again delivering the trademark stunning, special effects-laden sight gags and deader-than-deadpan wit. With the same cast breathing life after death into the Addams characters, Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston as Gomez and Morticia become the proud parents of bouncing baby boy, Pubert, who's altogether a cutie in his Gomez-like moustache.

The Addams children, Wednesday and Pugsley, create mayhem when their decidedly different values clash with those of "normal" folks at summer camp. The story also finds wealthy Uncle Fester (Christopher Lloyd) saddled with the creaky plot device of being romanced and then married to a gold-digger played by Joan Cusack. Wasn't this marry 'em for the money scam routine just used in another old '60s TV-to-film retread, "The Beverly Hillbillies"?

Carlito's Way (R)

★★★★

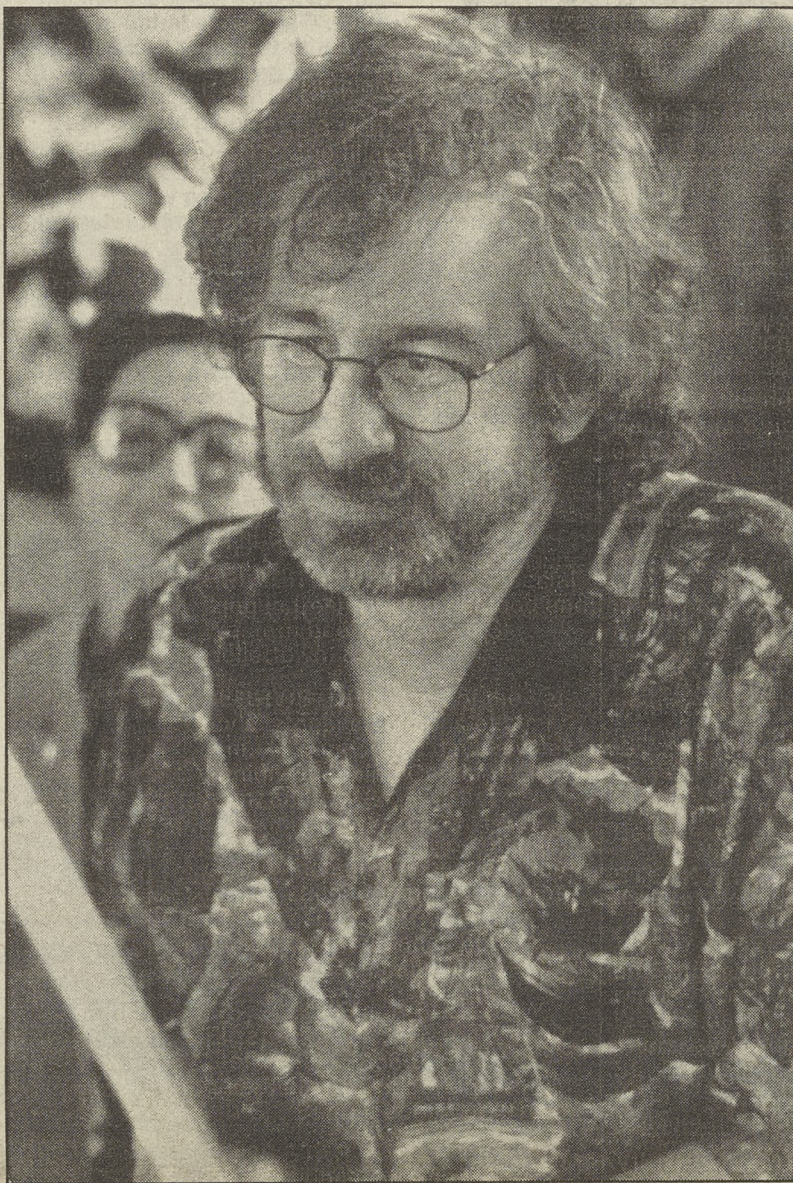
General Cinema, Lehigh Valley Mall

Director Brian DePalma should leave his muddled Hitchcock homages behind him (witness his last effort, the nonsensical "Raising Cain") and continue to make stylish, straightforward films such as this exciting gangster drama starring Al Pacino as a man trying to confront his criminal past but unable to escape it.

Pacino, in yet another Oscar-caliber performance, stars as heroic bad guy Carlito Brigante, a Puerto Rican drug dealer who is sprung from prison by his lawyer, David Kleinfeld (Sean Penn), on a technicality after serving only five years of a 30-year sentence. Set in 1975 New York City and told as a flashback with Pacino's voiceover narration, Carlito tries to go straight by becoming the proprietor of a disco. But his fate is out of his control.

In addition to drawing skillful, heart-felt performances from his well-chosen cast, DePalma employs his flashy camerawork and stunningly impressive filmmaking technique to involve the viewer with grab your armrest action sequences. A take-your-breath-away chase scene starts in a disco, continues on a subway ride that traverses the entire length of the island of Manhattan and winds up with a shootout at Grand Central Station. The shootout is filmed as a continuous, unedited Steadycam shot that is nothing less than state-of-the-art visual brilliance by a filmmaker in total control of his medium.

Sean Penn is outstanding as Pacino's sleazy cokehead mob lawyer. With curly red hair and a receding hairline he is almost unrecognizable until he speaks. Penn deserves an Academy Award nomination for his incredible characterization. Penelope Ann Miller is also fine in a constricted supporting role as Carlito's girlfriend who wants her man to walk the straight and



Director Steven Spielberg, whose eagerly awaited "Schindler's List" opens soon, is now at theaters with the animated "We're Back! A Dinosaur Story."

narrow. Highly recommended.

Dazed and Confused (R)

★★★

United Artists Allentown

"Slacker" writer-director Richard Linklater's second feature film is in a class all its own. This finely observed film seems aimless, but hey, life's often like that, isn't it?

Remember high school? Linklater offers us a refreshing view of the humorous, edge-of-adulthood antics of high school students that is set in 1976 on the last day of school and the first night of summer vacation.

"Dazed and Confused" is a slice of life comedy that is full of sequences that will ring true to anyone who lived through the '70s, whether you were the intellectual nerd, the sports hero or the motorhead. Remember just hanging out, looking for something to do, and all you end up doing is driving around with friends, looking for something to do?

This crystallized moment in time succinctly captures the mood and atmosphere of the entire '70s — a carefree "no rat race for me" attitude held by most people before Big Brother decided that we should all just say no.

Characters in this film ironically look forward to the '80s as a time that they hope will be more exciting and even freer —

imagine the Reagan years as a return to the '60s they all missed and not as the "1984" lurking just around the corner.

Geronimo: An American Legend (R)

United Artists Allentown; United Artists Easton

"Do with me what you please. Once I moved about you like the wind. Now I surrender to you and that is all." — Geronimo

Wes Studi, who made an indelible impression with his performance in "The Last of the Mohicans," plays the title role of the war leader and medicine man who led his fellow Chiricahua Apaches against the formidable force of some 5,000 U.S. Army troops and 3,000 Mexican soldiers from 1881 until his ultimate surrender on Sept. 5, 1886. When a way of life is forced upon the fearless Geronimo and his nomadic people, he simply rebelled against it.

The film begins in 1885 at a time when the U.S. Army began the final phase of its effort to subjugate the last of the free native Americans. This retelling of a tragic period in American history examines the Apaches' unrelenting resistance as well as the often ambivalent bond that formed between them and cavalrymen ordered to break their spirit.

Jason Patric plays U.S. Cavalry Lieutenant Charles Gatewood, the man charged with bringing in Geronimo; Robert

Duvall portrays Al Sieber, the chief of scouts who spent years tracking Geronimo, and Gene Hackman appears as Brigadier General George Crook, reputedly the greatest "Indian fighter" the U.S. Army ever produced.

Walter Hill, known for such action films as "48 Hours" and "The Long Riders," directs from a screenplay co-written by John Milius, who received an Academy Award nomination for Best Screenplay for "Apocalypse Now."

Gettysburg (PG)

United Artists, Allentown

Originally designed as a miniseries for Ted Turner's TNT cable channel, this 4-hour, 8-minute-long film is based on Michael Shaara's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "The Killer Angels." This epic recounts the Civil War's three-day battle in 1863 that claimed 53,000 casualties. Tom Berenger stars as Confederate officer James Longstreet and Jeff Daniels as Union officer Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain.

Turner reportedly decided on the running length because he wanted a film that ran longer than the longest film he knew of, 1963's "Cleopatra," starring Elizabeth Taylor. "Cleopatra" — 243 minutes, "Gettysburg" — 248 minutes. If you, like Turner, equate quality with length, then this should prove satisfying.

Mrs. Doubtfire (PG-13)

General Cinema, Lehigh Valley Mall; The Movies, Hellertown

Every couple of year's some major film star has to do it. This time it's Robin Williams' turn to don wig and dress and do the drag thing.

Williams plays an unhappy, unemployed father going through a divorce who disguises himself as a 60-year-old Scottish nanny in order to spend more time with his three children than visitation rights permit. Sally Field appears as the wife who can no longer deal with her husband's unstable antics. Turns out that Williams makes a better father as a disciplinarian woman than he did as an unstructured man.

Directed by Chris Columbus ("Home Alone"), this comedy drama also features appearances by Harvey Fierstein as Williams' makeup artist brother and Pierce Brosnan as a rich man who chases after Field in this comedy-drama.

My Life (PG-13)

United Artists, Easton

Bruce Joel Rubin, who wrote "Brainstorm," "Jacob's Ladder" and the Academy Award-winning screenplay for "Ghost," makes his directorial debut with a film that has the same main themes as his previous efforts — life, death and afterlife. Man's spirituality is also examined in the context of how the inevitability of death impacts on our sense of self and the relationships we have.

Designed to be a tear-jerker, this heavy drama spiced with humor stars Michael Keaton as a public relations wizard living in la-la-land Los Angeles who is diagnosed with terminal cancer. His wife, played by Nicole Kidman, is pregnant, so he decides to use his final months of life to

videotape himself imparting words of wisdom and his personal life history for an unborn son he will never see. During the process of recording the video that will be a gift that keeps on giving for his child, Keaton is given the opportunity to assess his life. Another big theme of this motion picture is the importance of people maintaining contact with their parents and children. Haing S. Ngor also appears as a new age sort of mystical Chinese healer who is Keaton's last resort.

The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)

★★★★

United Artists, Allentown

In producer Tim Burton's brilliant film, there are no bad boys or girls — everyone deserves the Christmas spirit, even Jack The Pumpkin King. This masterpiece of stop-motion animation is so good it should find a comfortable place alongside "It's a Wonderful Life" as must-see family viewing during the holiday season.

A haunting, visually striking musical fantasy, "Nightmare" is the directorial debut of Henry Selick, who worked with Burton years before when they both did animation for Disney's "The Fox and the Hound."

We are immersed in the charmingly endearing adventures of Jack Skellington, a guiding force of Halloweentown who accidentally wanders into Christmastown and decides he wants to switch holidays. After kidnapping "Sandy Claws," Jack sets out to make the best Christmas ever.

Burton's instant holiday classic is a fully realized, phantasmagorical alternate reality peopled with seemingly scary monsters who turn out to be just as human underneath as you or I. Without question, there has never been a film like this before.

With so many characters, with so much action, with so much to look at in the foreground and background of every frame of this beautifully rendered piece of animation artistry, it bears repeated viewing to absorb it all.

Long-time Burton collaborator Danny Elfman, once again rising to the occasion with customary excellence, composed the score, wrote the witty lyrics for "Nightmare's" 10 songs and provided the singing voice for six songs performed by Jack.

The Remains of the Day (PG)

County Theater, Doylestown

The creative talent responsible for last year's finely rendered "Howard's End" — actors Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson, screenwriter Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, producer Ismail Merchant and director James Ivory reunite for this film based on Kazuo Kshiguro's novel.

Told as flashback remembrances of his subservient life in the 1930s, Hopkins stars as repressed British butler Mr. Stevens. As the story begins in

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the 1950s, Mr. Stevens attempts to convince an old acquaintance, Miss Kenton, who is now Mrs. Benn, to work with him again, this time for a new American employer played by Christopher Reeve. Mr. Stevens looks back on his years of blind obedience and sacrifice and comes to realize how misplaced loyalty for an unappreciative master, Lord Darlington (James Fox), has left his life empty and joyless.

Sister Act II (PG)

General Cinema Theater, Lehigh Valley Mall;

Whoopi Goldberg just can't kick the habit (ouch). If you like Whoopi, then this star vehicle shouldn't disappoint. But if you think that seeing her, again, in a nun's habit is about as much fun as eating a bowl full of steam, then maybe it's time to read Howard Stern's new book instead.

Okay, I liked her in "The Color Purple" and her role as a detective in Robert Altman's "The Player" was offbeat fun, but I just don't quite get her appeal as a comedian or funny actress.

This time out, Whoopi, as Dolores Van Cartier, once again

decides to leave Las Vegas and disguise herself as a nun to go undercover as a new music teacher at St. Francis High School. Look for more girl group hymns by arranger-composer Marc Shaiman and more merri-ment from returning Kathy Najimy. Bill Duke ("Under Cover") directs.

The Three Musketeers (PG)

★★

General Cinema, Lehigh Valley Mall

This Dumas-lite version of the oft-filmed classic tale is more dopey and dubious than dashing and daring. Obviously designed for teens as an undemanding date movie, this pop swashbuckler has been updated for fun and profit.

Dubbed derisively by those who know better as "Young Swords" and "The Three Musketeers," this comedy/action adventure mishmash set in 17th century France stars brat pack poster boys Kiefer Sutherland, Charlie Sheen, Oliver Platt and Chris O'Donnell as Athos, Aramis, Porthos and D'Artagnan.

Director Stephen Herek, whose featherweight approach

worked well on "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," tries to sustain the film with tongue-in-cheek laughs and stunt double thrills that don't enthrall.

Tim Curry tries hard as the evil Cardinal Richelieu, who wants to seize the throne from King Louis XIII, but it's much ado about nothing. Rebecca De Mornay provides window dressing as a spy who possesses an incriminating document that will reveal Richelieu's political skulduggery.

Wayne's World 2 (PG-13)

United Artists Allentown; United Artists Easton

"Wayne's World, Wayne's World. Party time! Excellent!" Wayne and Garth, teenage hosts of their own cable access program in Aurora, Ill., return with more hilarious antics and wild misadventures.

Based on the popular "Saturday Night Live" skit, this follow-up to the original theatrical film's \$121 million success story once again stars Mike Meyers as Wayne Campbell and Dana Carvey as Garth Algar.

The boys, a kinder and gentler version of TV terrors Beavis and Butt-head, graduate from high school and proceed to stage a

rock festival, Waynestock, in Aurora's own Adlai Stevenson Park. Garth gets to fall in love with Kim Basinger (schwing), who has an interesting way of eating red licorice, after they meet in the local laundromat.

Meyers and Carvey are getting a little old to be playing teenagers, but so what? This looks to be as much endearing silliness as the first, with sight gags, a kung fu spoof, Drew Barrymore (schwing) in a cameo as a Swedish secretary and the worship of Heather Locklear (schwing) thrown into the mix. Tia Carrere (sch ... nah, forget it) returns as Wayne's crush, and Christopher Walken steps into the sleazebag role vacated by Rob Lowe.

Penelope Spheeris, who vowed to never work with Meyers again after she directed the original, has been replaced by MTV rock video specialist, Stephen Surjik, who is making his big-screen directing debut. Ed O'Neill, Harry Shearer, Aerosmith and Chris Farley also appear. Party on Wayne. Party on Garth.

We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story

General Cinema Lehigh Valley

Mall

Steven Spielberg definitely has dino-fever. This companion piece to his summer blockbuster, "Jurassic Park," is an animated adventure that is being touted as a dinosaur adventure for the whole family. The full-tilt fear of "Jurassic" is replaced here with fanciful fun in an adaptation of Hudson Talbott's popular children's book written by Oscar-winning John Patrick Shanley of "Moonstruck" fame.

With the assistance of a little green alien, Captain NewEyes travels back in time and gives a quartet of dinosaurs some food for thought. After force-feeding them his "Brain Grain" cereal, the retro-reptiles become intelligent and wind up in modern day New York City.

On a mission to visit the Big Apple's Natural History Museum, our IQ-tweaked dino-heroes meet a couple of kids who help them stay out of the clutches of a villainous circus ringmaster, Professor ScrewEyes, who is, yep, you guessed it, Captain NewEyes' bad guy brother.

An oddball mix of talent providing the voices includes Walter Cronkite, Julia Child, Jay Leno, Martin Short, John Goodman, John Malkovich, and "The Simpsons" Yearley Smith.

notes from the dark

By MICHAEL LUNNEY

Today's movie lesson: Never trust a preview

You know the feeling — Sitting in the comfort of your living room, you've just popped in a videotape of the blockbuster Sylvester Schwarzenegger summer action-adventure movie you didn't have time to see in a theater.

You lower the lights, punch play and wait for the movie to begin ... but first, some coming attractions. One of the previews is for a movie you know nothing about, but it looks pretty cool. Actually, the preview makes the film look so good that absolutely nothing else in the world matters but seeing it — and you want to see it NOW.

Then another preview follows, this time for a movie that looks so bad you and your friends immediately begin yelling free-form insults at the screen *a la* Tom Servo and Crow on "Mystery Science Theater 3000" — "Where'd they get the \$12.48 to make this epic," "Hey, there's somethin' different — I never saw a car fly off a cliff and blow up before."

Finally, the movie you shelled out \$2.78 for flickers on, and off, a good time is had by all — and five minutes later you've forgotten what it was about.

But, ahh, that movie, the one you saw in the preview, just sticks



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in your mind. Of course, it's the next film you rent.

The moment finally arrives, you invite some friends and the curtain goes up. About a half hour into the story, your stomach begins to feel like the Titanic. As the film plays on your mind begins to whisper, "You've been had, sucker."

You know the feeling. Last week I had just such an experience with a movie called "The Pickle." The preview made it look like an undiscovered gem, but this was not the case. I've seen so many previews that I've developed a sixth sense about what's worthwhile viewing and what's slow death. But this time my alarm system must have been disabled. It's not that "The Pickle" is unwatchable, it just didn't live up to the promise of the preview. With expectations running high, a film can more easily disappoint; with low expectations, a film often seems better than it is.

I never assume that everyone

will always agree with my point of view. There's no film reviewer with whom I agree 100 percent of the time; such is the nature of opinion. My goal with this column is to write about videos worth recommending. In my search for the buried treasure, however, fool's gold is bound to occasionally turn up. Please bear with me if I find myself in another pickle.

The Pickle (R)

Columbia Pictures, 1993, 103 minutes

Word has it that this comedy-drama played in New York City for a few minutes before it bypassed major theatrical release and went straight to video. The premise is an appealing one for film buffs who enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the filmmaking process, but the delivery falls far short.

Danny Aiello offers a likeable performance as filmmaker Harry Stone, whose dream of making "The Great American Movie" goes unrealized. He wants to make his mark with a historical epic, "Cortez and Montezuma," starring Dustin Hoffman and Warren Beatty. Instead, to get himself out of debt, he does an artistic sell-out and makes a movie called "The Pickle," a teenage science fiction musical

comedy which he believes will be a 20-megaton bomb.

The day before the film opens, Stone takes a slightly surreal trip down memory lane — he runs into everyone he's ever known and has black-and-white flashbacks of his childhood. This may be fine for Stone, but it's somewhat less than compelling for the viewer.

Director Paul Mazursky, who's done much better, such as "Moscow on the Hudson" and "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," supplies a hilarious film-within-a-film plot and some individual moments that are fun to watch.

A strong cast, including Dyan Cannon, Shelly Winters, Jerry Stiller and Little Richard as the President of the United States, tries hard. But the film never gels, and it ultimately comes across as a sloppy effort from a good director.

Those interested in an intelligent, sharply satirical dissection of Hollywood filmmaking should take an additional look at Robert Altman's brilliant "The Player."

Dead Alive (Unrated)

Vidmark Entertainment, 1993, 97 minutes

Norman Bates never had it this bad. Here's a real find. Without question, this is the most effective and imaginative horror film I've seen in years. While most so-called horror films either leave me yawning or stunned, here's one that finally delivers the goods by going way, way over

the top.

New Zealand director Peter Jackson, who previously directed the more amateurish genre piece, "Bad Taste," proves himself a talent to look out for in the future on the basis of this stylish, exciting, action-filled film set in 1957, Wellington, New Zealand.

When sniveling momma's boy Lionel goes on a date to the zoo, his mum spies on him and is accidentally bitten by a deadly Sumatran rat monkey. She becomes infected, dies, and is resurrected as a carnivorous zombie.

Lionel, ever the faithful son, simply takes this new development in stride and continues to take care of her. Of course, all hell eventually breaks loose when half the town turns into zombies.

A seemingly unending, 45-minute attack sequence at the end of the film is breathtaking, tour de force filmmaking. With outlandishly creative special effects and makeup and intricately choreographed action, Jackson conjures up more adrenaline-pumping thrills and suspense than 10 horror films combined.

"Dead Alive" also has a wickedly sly, straight-faced sense of humor. For example, when Lionel's girlfriend screams in horror, "Your mother ate my dog," Lionel, pulling the dog's long tail out of his mum's mouth, replies matter of factly, "Not all of it."

The list

What's happening

MUSIC

Rock/Pop

THURSDAY 12/16

DR. LOVE WITH THE X-RAYS, 9 p.m., Sterling Hotel, 343 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown, \$3, 433-3480.

NEW ARRIVAL, Short's Pub, 240 Northampton St., Easton, 252-9633

RIVER FESTIVAL, \$3 cover, Toys for Tots drive, 1/2 price admission if you bring a toy, The Funhouse, 5 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, 868-5311.

NIGHT OF THE ORIGINAL ARTISTS WITH JAY CREED, Cover charge, 10 p.m., The Four G's Hotel, 22 W. 3rd St., Bethlehem, 867-9930.

FRIDAY 12/17

RIGHTEOUS, Rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues, Second Avenue, 302 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, \$2, 691-9919.

WAITING FOR RAIN, \$3 cover, Toys for Tots drive, 1/2 price admission if you bring a toy, The Funhouse, 5 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, 868-5311.

BIG RUNTS, MORTIMER SMEDLEY, Cover charge, 10 p.m., The Four G's Hotel, 22 W. 3rd St., Bethlehem, 867-9930.

JYNX, Mountainville Inn, 1996 S. 5th St., Allentown, 797-2060.

VITAL LINK AND THE CHAIN GANG HORNS, \$3 cover, 9:30 p.m., Sterling Hotel, 343 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown, 433-3480.

NEW ARRIVAL, South Side Saloon, 117 E. 3rd St., Bethlehem, 691-5248.

ZEN FOR PRIMATES, 8 p.m., Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, \$9.50, 867-2390.

SATURDAY 12/18

ME AND MY UNCLE, classic rock and blues, Second Avenue, 302 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, \$2, 691-9919.

DEVIL DOGS (FROM N.Y.C.), Toys for Tots drive, 1/2 price admission if you bring a toy, The Funhouse, 5 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, 868-5311.

JYNX, Mountainville Inn, 1996 S. 5th St., Allentown, 797-2060.

ALL AGE SHOW WITH WORKS ON BLUE, 6-9 p.m., The Four G's Hotel, 22 W. 3rd St., Bethlehem, 867-9930.

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WORKS ON BLUE, FARCUS, 10 p.m., The Four G's Hotel, 22 W. 3rd St., Bethlehem, 867-9930.

TRIBAL DOG, South Side Saloon, 117 E. 3rd St., Bethlehem, 691-5248.

MONDAY 12/20

THE CRUNCHY DRUNKS, Acoustic classic rock, 10 p.m., The Funhouse, 5 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, 868-5311.

WEDNESDAY 12/22

OPEN MIKE WITH PHIL STAHL, Second Avenue, 302 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, no cover, 691-9919.

SIBILENCE, Porter's Pub, 700 Northampton St., Easton, 250-6561.

MR. JONES, 10 p.m., The Funhouse, 5 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, 868-5311.

Jazz

THURSDAY 12/16

CRAIG KASTELNIK, PETER FLUCK, ALAN GAUMER, SPENCER REED, Second Avenue, 302 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, \$2, 691-9919.

FRIDAY 12/17

ELIOT ZIGMUND TRIO, 9 p.m., The Deer Head Inn, Rt. 611, Delaware Water Gap, 717-424-2000.

SATURDAY 12/18

BILL MAYS DUO, 9 p.m., The Deer Head Inn, Rt. 611, Delaware Water Gap, 717-424-2000.

SUNDAY 12/19

NANCY REED AND TED LO, 4 p.m., The Deer Head Inn, Rt. 611, Delaware Water Gap, 717-424-2000.

TUESDAY 12/21

SOUL FUDGE TRIO, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., Sterling Hotel, 343 Hamilton Blvd., 433-3480.

Folk

THURSDAY 12/16

A.J. SWEARING AND JOHN BEEDLE, 10 p.m., Porter's Pub, 700 Northampton St., Easton, 250-6561.

FRIDAY 12/17

RUBY GENSHEIMER, 10 p.m., Porter's Pub, 700 Northampton St., Easton, 250-6561.

JONES AND KOESTER, 8 p.m.-midnight, Analyse's Hava Java Coffee House, 526 N. 19th St., Allentown, 432-3045.

SATURDAY 12/18

AMY TORCHIA AND JENNIE AVILA, Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, \$8.50, 867-2390.

WEDNESDAY 12/22

THE EAVES, Sterling Hotel, 343 Hamilton Blvd., 433-3480.

Blues

THURSDAY 12/16

QUEEN BEE AND THE BLUE HORNET BAND, 9 p.m., The Acorn Hotel, 451 Lehigh St., Allentown, 437-1180.

FRIDAY 12/17

D.C. & THE BLUES CREW, The Acorn Hotel, 451 Lehigh St., Allentown, 437-1180.

BLUES NIGHT OUT, Cannons, 448 N. 9th St., Allentown, 820-9313.

SATURDAY 12/18

MIKE DUGAN AND THE BLUES MISSION, 9:30 p.m., Sterling Hotel, 343 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown, \$3, 433-3480.

TOM WALZ AND PHIL STAHL, 10 p.m., Porter's Pub, 700 Northampton St., Easton, 250-6561.

Classical

FRI. - SAT. 12/17 - 12/18

LEHIGH VALLEY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Works of Mendelssohn, the fourth concert of the 1993-94 season, led by music director Donald Spieth and featuring violinist Nick Eanet, 8 p.m., Dorothy and Dexter Baker Center for the Arts, Muhlenburg College, 24th and Chew Streets, Allentown, 770-9666.

THEATER

CENTERBERG TALES, Through Sunday, PA STAGE, 837 Linden St., Allentown. Comic adaptations of three of Robert McCloskey's "Homer Price" stories, in which a mysterious stranger takes a family on a journey in and out of the past. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, noon Thursday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. 433-3394.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL, Through Saturday, 19th Street Theatre, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. Adaptation of the Dickens

classic performed by the Civic Little Theatre. 8 p.m. today-Saturday. \$14-\$10, 432-8943.

EL DIA DE LOS REYES (THE KING'S DAY), through Sunday, The Theatre Outlet, Phoenix Square Complex, 333 Court St., Allentown. A bilingual production about the Latino holiday the King's Day using music, storytelling, dance and carols. 8 p.m. today-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors/students, 820-9270.

KAROKE KILLER, Performance lip-syncing meets Agatha Christie in this audience-participation dinner theater comedy. Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. through 1/29, Ramada Inn, MacArthur Rd., Whitehall. \$27.95-\$32.95, 439-1037.

MAKE WE MERRY, Through 12/31, Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. 4th St., Bethlehem. Music, dance and revels from Renaissance England, exploring the conflict between secular and sacred celebrations of the yule season. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday. \$14-\$10, 867-1689.

THE NUTCRACKER, Saturday and Sunday, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1533 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown. Performed by the Repertory Dance Theatre. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. \$9, 435-8445.

EVENTS

SATURDAY 12/18

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY Two rooms of operating scale-model trains and railroad memorabilia, held by the Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers, 2-5 p.m., Grange Hall, 900 E. Macada Road, Bethlehem, donations are appreciated, 258-6079.

SPEAKERS

SATURDAY 12/18

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C.C. COCONUTS, 1547 Lehigh St., Allentown, 9-11 p.m., no cover, 791-5505.

ROOKIE'S ALL-AMERICAN SPORTS PUB, 13th and Tilghman Sts., Allentown, with WZZO, 7 p.m., no cover, 821-9559.

OLDIES

ALEXANDER'S, 570 Union Blvd., Allentown, Friday, Oldies 99 dance party with Joey Mitchell, 432-4110.

PALACE GARDENS, 3614 Lehigh St., Whitehall, Oldies 99 Dance Party with Michael Anthony, Wednesday, 266-0872.

ROCKIN' ROBIN'S, 1 American Parkway, Allentown, 437-7100.

TEDDY'S, SHERATON INN JETPORT, 3400 Airport Rd., Allentown, Tuesday with Freddie Fredricks, 266-1000.

COUNTRY

TEDDY'S, SHERATON INN JETPORT, 3400 Airport Rd., Allentown, Thursday, with Freddy Fredricks, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., 266-1000.

TK'S FLIGHT LOUNGE, Saturday and Monday-Wednesday, Corral Country Dance Party with DJs Charlie Rhodes or Kid Panic, with dance instruction from 7:30-9 p.m. by Donna Geiger or Gary Benner, no cover after 9 p.m., 15th and Sumner Sts., Allentown, 437-3970.

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O'HARA'S, Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover. Comfort Suites, 3712 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown.

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SCARLETT O'HARAS, under 21 club, 40 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, 8 p.m.-2a.m., 867-3095.

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ALEXANDER'S, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday Night Dance Party with Joey Mitchell. Saturday, Top 40 Dance Party with Jimmy K, 570 Union Blvd., Allentown, 432-4110.

CLUB MOHICAN, Thursday, Michael Anthony, Friday, DJ Jersey Jeff, 248 N. 3rd St., Easton, 253-3550.

TALLY-HO, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Night Top 40 Dance Party with DJ, 205 W. 4th Street, Bethlehem, 865-2591

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Pop/Rock, Saturday Dec. 18

Waiting For Rain

With a debut E.P. entitled "Voodoo Pocket" set for release next year, members of Waiting For Rain appear ready to leap from the cornfields of local recognition into the greener pastures of national success.

A four man, high-energy, alternative rock band, Waiting For Rain describe their sound as "high octane pop laced with a tasteful dose of humor and intellect." Upon hearing their music, one would be hard pressed to disagree with this description.

Allentown, Sunday, Singles Night with Freddy Fredricks, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., 266-1000.

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Intensely passionate vocals are carried along, often at a lightning pace, through tight, guitar-charged songs, creating a blend of intelligent rock that intrigues its listeners rather than insults them.

Waiting For Rain has opened for national acts such as 4 Non-Blondes, Black 47, and The Men, and has gained regional recognition in a number of unsigned band contests. Try to catch them at the Funhouse, 5 E. 4th St., Bethlehem.

10 p.m., \$5 cover; Saturday Night Dance Party with B104 Club, 9-10 p.m. drinks are on the B Club, 410 Allentown Dr., Allentown, 435-4389.

BOCA JOE'S, Saturday Night Dance Party, Happy Hour 9-11 p.m., free buffet, 3rd and Hamilton, Allentown, 437-7110.

CHRISTMAS

DAILY EVENTS

BETHLEHEM BY DAY TOUR, A guide in early Moravian garb narrates a one-hour tour through the historic district, modern Center City, Mountain Drive and the Bethlehem Steel plant. 2, 3 and 4 p.m. through 1/2, \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Tickets available at the Christmas Visitors' Center inside Lehigh Valley Bank, Broad and Guetter Sts., Bethlehem, 868-1513.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS, 30 minutes of early Moravian music performed by a trio of musicians in period dress in the 1748 Brethren's House in Bethlehem's historic district. 5-8 p.m. hourly through 12/17. Conducted by the Bethlehem Tourism Authority at the Christmas Visitors' Center inside Lehigh Valley Bank, Broad and Guetter Sts., Bethlehem, 868-1513.

CHRISTMAS IN THE GEMEINHAUS, Through 12/31, The Moravian Museum, 66 W. Church St., Bethlehem. Hourly 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday, \$5, \$3 students, 867-0173.

CHRISTMAS PUTZ, Through 12/30, East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem. 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 3-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, free, 868-6481.

CHRISTMAS PUTZ, Through 12/31, Edgeboro Moravian Church, 645 Hamilton Ave., Bethlehem. 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 3-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, free, 866-8793.

CHRISTMAS PUTZ, Through 12/31, Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St., Bethlehem. 4-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-8:30 p.m. Sunday and Christmas week, 1-10:30 p.m. 12/31, closed 12/24, 12/25, free, 866-5661.

CITY IN THE WILDERNESS, A 30-minute film on the beginnings of Bethlehem in 1741. Shown daily every hour at the Christmas Visitors' Center inside Lehigh Valley Bank, Broad and Guetter Sts., Bethlehem, \$1 for adults, free for children 12 and under, 868-1513.

DOLLS IN TOYLAND, Through 12/30, Kemerer Museum of the Decorative Arts, 427 N. New St., Bethlehem. More than 30 rare dolls, including German and French bisque and china dolls. Noon-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, \$3 adults, \$2 seniors, \$1 students, \$7 family maximum, 868-6868.

EL DIA DE LOS REYES (THE KING'S DAY), Through Sunday, The Theatre Outlet, Phoenix Square Complex, 333 Court St., Allentown. A bilingual production about the Latino holiday the King's Day using music, storytelling, dance and carols. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students, 820-9270.

ETHNIC CHRISTMAS TREES, Twelve trees representing different ethnic groups in South Bethlehem, along with explanations of holiday customs, sponsored by the South Bethlehem Historic Society. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. through 1/7, Comfort Suites, 120 W. 3rd St., Bethlehem, free, 758-9441.

HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES, A 20-minute enclosed ride through Bethlehem's his-

toric district. 2-9 p.m. every 20 minutes. Tickets available from Bethlehem Tourism Authority at the Christmas Visitors' Center inside Lehigh Valley Bank, Broad and Guetter Sts., Bethlehem, \$6 per person, 868-1513.

MAKE WE MERRY, Through 12/31, Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. 4th St., Bethlehem. Holiday music, dance and revels from Renaissance England, dramatizing the conflict between secular and sacred celebrations of Christmas. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday, \$14-\$10, 867-1689.

MUSIC IN THE OLD CHAPEL, Organ music from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday except 12/24 at the 1751 Moravian Chapel, Heckewelder Place, Bethlehem, presented by Moravian College and the Bethlehem Tourism Authority, free, 868-1513.

NIGHTLIGHT BUS TOURS OF BETHLEHEM, A one-hour tour through the historic district conducted by a guide in 18th-century Moravian attire. Hourly 5-9 p.m. through 1/2, \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Tickets available at the Christmas Visitors' Center inside Lehigh Valley Bank, Broad and Guetter Sts., Bethlehem, 868-1513.

OLD CITY WALKING TOUR, A look at Bethlehem's historic district narrated by a guide in period dress. Hourly 2:30-9 p.m. through 1/2, \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Tickets available at the Christmas Visitors' Center inside Lehigh Valley Bank, Broad and Guetter Sts., Bethlehem, 868-1513.



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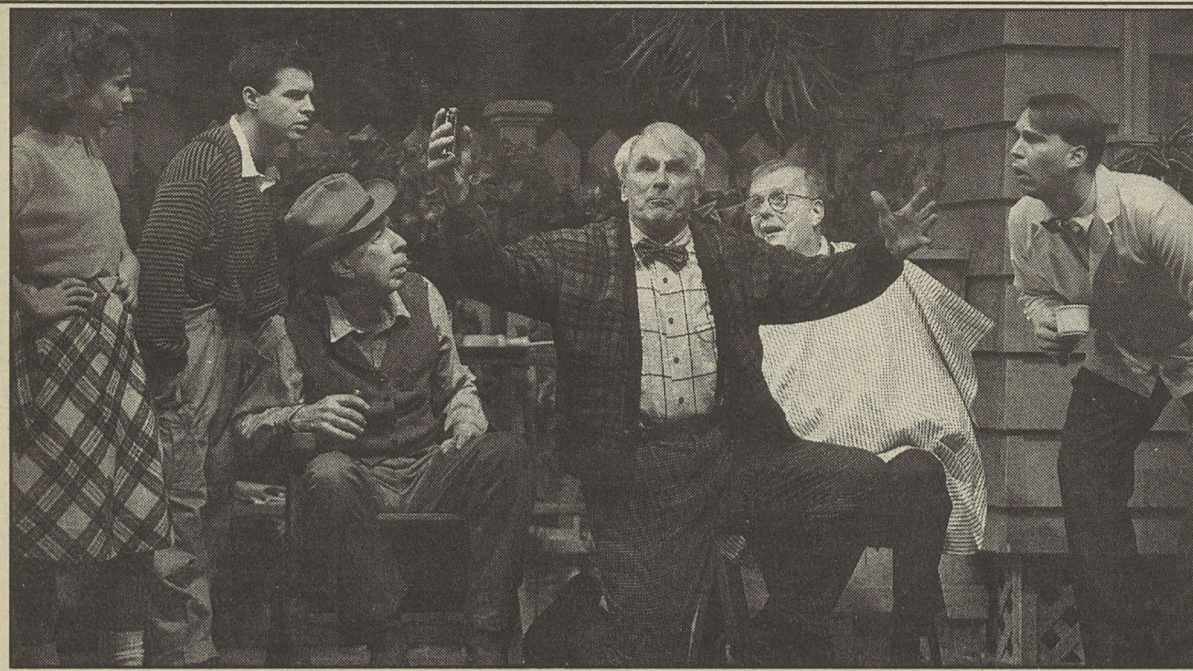
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THURSDAY 12/16

NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS SHOW WITH KENNY ROGERS, 8 p.m., Valley Forge Music Fair, Rt. 202, Devon, \$32, 640-9230.

RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT, 7 p.m., Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, 868-9468.

FEAST OF SONG AT CHRISTMASTIDE, performance by the Concord Chamber Singers, 6:30 p.m., Hotel Bethlehem, \$32 with reservations, 861-0335.

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM, 9:30 - 11 a.m., old fashioned carols and a visit from St. Nick, United Cerebral Palsy of the Lehigh Valley, 3144 Linden Street, Bethlehem, contact Sharon McCarthy, 866-5915.

LANTERN WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC MAIN STREET, 5, 5:30 and 6 p.m., The Sun Inn, 564 Main St., Bethlehem, \$7 adults, \$4 children 12 and under, 866-1758.

VICTORIAN REVELS, 7 and 8 p.m., Kemerer Museum of the Decorative Arts, \$5. 868-6868.

FRIDAY 12/17

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SATURDAY 12/18

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CITY CAROLING FESTIVAL, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The Sun Inn, 564 Main St., Bethlehem, free, 865-7081.

THIRD ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH THE CHARACTERS, 9:30 a.m. Easton Inn Conference Center, S. 3rd St., Easton.

Appearances by Santa and more than 20 children's characters. Tickets \$8 children, \$9 adults, including breakfast, available at the Easton Inn, Yellow Brick Road at 2nd and Northampton Sts., Easton, and Aura Ceramics at 12-16 S. 2nd St. 253-9131.

THE NUTCRACKER, 2 and 7 p.m., Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1533 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown. Performed by the Repertory Dance Theatre. \$9, 435-8445.

SUNDAY 12/19

A BAROQUE CHRISTMAS, the Camerata Singers and the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orches-

tra perform excerpts from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" and Magnificat, "Messiah," Vivaldi's "Gloria" and sing-along carols, 4 p.m., Egner Chapel, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, 821-3363.

DAVE FRY'S CHILDREN'S CAROL SING, 2 p.m., Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, \$4, 867-2390.

CHOIR CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena, 210 N. 18th St., Allentown. \$4 adults, \$2 children under 12. 965-2187.

CHRISTMAS SOUNDS IN BETHLEHEM, A concert by the St. Luke's Singers to benefit the Transitional Care Center, 2 and 4 p.m., Laros Auditorium, St. Luke's Campus, Bethlehem. Tickets \$10 available at St. Luke's Wishing Well Gift Shop, the Community Relations Department, the Transitional Care Center, and Frank E. Podlejszek at 868-8617.

LANTERN WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC MAIN STREET, 5, 5:30 and 6 p.m., The Sun Inn, 564 Main St., Bethlehem, \$7 adults, \$4 children 12 and under, 866-1758.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH," Performed by the Cathedral Choral Society and the Bethlehem Festival Orchestra, 8 p.m., Packer Memorial Chapel, Lehigh University, 865-0727.

THE NUTCRACKER, 2 p.m., Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1533 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown. Performed by the Repertory Dance Theatre. \$9, 435-8445.

VICTORIAN REVELS, 4 p.m., Kemerer Museum of the Decorative Arts, \$5, 868-6868.

THE 67TH ANNUAL CHOIRS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 417 Howertown Rd., Catasqua

MONDAY 12/20

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH," Performed unabridged by the Singing Boys of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Pro Musica soloists, Men's Chorus and Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Salem United Church of Christ, 625 Chew St., Allentown, \$20, \$16, \$12, 759-6002.

TUESDAY 12/21

VICTORIAN REVELS, 7 and 8 p.m., Kemerer Museum of the Decorative Arts, \$5, 868-6868.

THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BLUES SHOW, FEATURING CRAIG THATCHER AND MIKE

DUGAN, United Cerebral Palsy of the Lehigh Valley, 3144 Linden St., Bethlehem, contact Sharon McCarthy, 866-5915.

ART

ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM, 5th and Court Sts. "Finishing Touches," costume accessories from the collection through 1/26.

"Joan Snyder: Works with Paper," through 1/24. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Sundays. \$3.50 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 students. 432-4333.

BACH AND COMPANY, 447 Chestnut St., Emmaus. "Nostalgic Glimpses" by Dorla Dean Slider through 12/30. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, by appointment Sundays-Mondays, 965-2551.

CANAL MUSEUM, Rt. 611, Easton. "The Huber Breaker: A Marvel of Mechanism." 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Through June 1995. 250-6700.

CONNEXIONS, 213 Northampton St., Easton. Acrylics and sculpture by Joe Todak through 1/2. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays, 250-7627.

DAVID E. RODALE GALLERY, Baum School of Art, 510 Linden St., Allentown. "Winter Wonderland" through 12/21. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, 433-0032.

CEDAR CREST COLLEGE, Tompkins College Center gallery. "The Next Generation: Aesthetics of Technology," traditional and contemporary works by American metalsmiths.

Through 2/13, ceramics and paintings by Cedar Crest art faculty member Bill Clark. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily.

DESIGN ACCENT, 536 N. 10th St., Allentown. "CityViews: Allentown Streetscapes and Others" by Joseph Skrapits, and "Fortune Cookies: Oriental Inspired Paper Jewelry" by Susan Weaver through 1/7. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday and by appointment, 434-8215.

DUBOIS GALLERY, Maginnes Hall, Lehigh University. Works by members of the Shanghai Art Photographers Association and "One Billion Blossoms: The People of China Photographs by Carole Gorney" through 12/23. 9 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.-

noon Saturdays, 758-3615.

FRAMIN' PLACE & GALLERY, 5980 Hamilton Blvd., Wescosville. Watercolors by William Persa through Saturday. 395-8881.

THE FRAME GALLERY, 129 N. 3rd St., Easton. "Preston On a Roll," watercolors of local landmarks by Preston K. Hindmarch through 12/24. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 258-5200.

FRANK MARTIN GALLERY, Muhlenberg College, Allentown. Oils, monotypes and books by L. Vandegrift Davala through 1/15. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, noon-5 p.m. weekends, 821-3466.

GALLERY OF THE STATE THEATER, 453 Northampton St., Easton. "Jazz: Paintings of Musicians" by John Opie through 12/31. Noon-4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, 258-7766.

HALL AND WILSON GALLERIES, Alumni Memorial Building, Lehigh University. "New Territory: Art from East Germany" through today. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 758-3615.

JAMES A. MICHENER ART MUSEUM, 138 S. Pine St., Doylestown. "Woman's Work," outdoor sculptures by Rhonda Roland Shearer through Sunday. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends, 340-9800.

KEMERER MUSEUM OF THE DECORATIVE ARTS, 427 N. New St., Bethlehem. "Dolls in Toyland" through 12/30. More than 30 rare dolls, including German and French bisque and china dolls. Noon-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 adults, \$2

seniors, \$1 students, \$7 family maximum. 868-6868.

OPEN SPACE GALLERY, 808 Hamilton Mall, Allentown. "Memento Mori: Remembering In The Age Of AIDS," through Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 432-3091.

PAYNE GALLERY, Moravian College, Bethlehem. Victorian Christmas music plays in room settings and vignettes of authentic Victorian furniture and artifacts used in Bethlehem

between 1830 and 1900 with a Christmas tree decorated with authentic Victorian ornaments, through 1/9, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/26, free, 861-1622.

SIEGEL GALLERY, Iacocca Hall, Lehigh University Mountaintop Campus. "Area Artists 1993, Biennial Exhibition," works by Cheryl Dougan, Allen Moore, Barbara Thun and Peter Treiber through 12/23. 758-3615.

STATE THEATER GALLERY, 453 Northampton St., Easton. "Jazz: Paintings of Musicians" by John Opie, through 12/31, noon-4 p.m. Fri. - Sun., 258-7766 and 253-3279.

SNOW GOOSE GALLERY, 470 Main St., Bethlehem. "Country Roads," watercolors by Thomas Puschock, through 12/31. 974-9099.

TOUCHSTONE THEATRE, 321 E. 4th St., Bethlehem. Paintings and sculpture by Francis Beaty of Bethlehem, through 1/15. Open during showtimes of scheduled productions, or by appointment, 867-1689.

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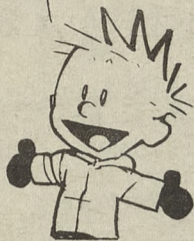
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By BILL WATTERSON



YEP, CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY THAN WITH A MONTH OF FRENZIED CONSUMERISM!

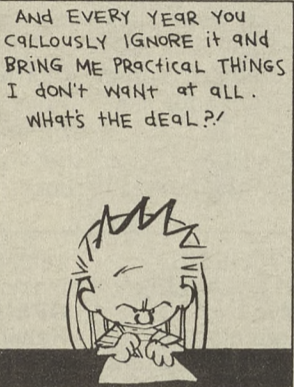


I'M SURPRISED OTHER RELIGIONS HAVEN'T PICKED UP ON THAT.

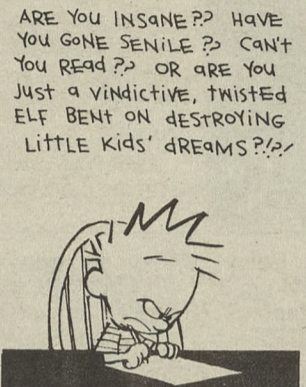
GETTING LOADS OF LOOT IS A VERY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE FOR ME.



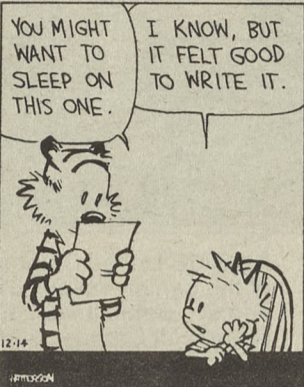
DEAR SANTA, EVERY YEAR AT THIS TIME I SEND YOU A LIST OF WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS.



AND EVERY YEAR YOU CALLOUSLY IGNORE IT AND BRING ME PRACTICAL THINGS I DON'T WANT AT ALL. WHAT'S THE DEAL?!

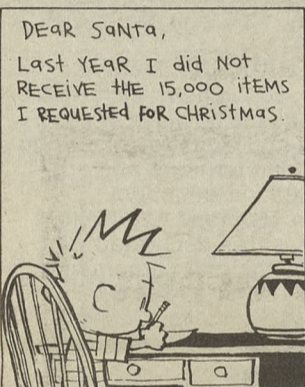


ARE YOU INSANE?? HAVE YOU GONE SENILE?? CAN'T YOU READ?? OR ARE YOU JUST A VINDICTIVE, TWISTED ELF BENT ON DESTROYING LITTLE KIDS' DREAMS?!!

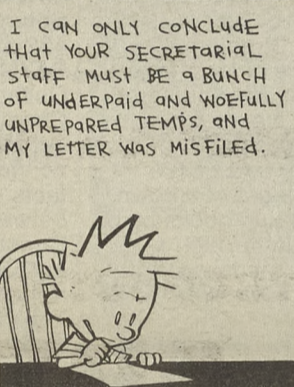


YOU MIGHT WANT TO SLEEP ON THIS ONE.

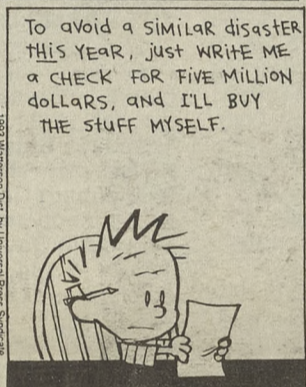
I KNOW, BUT IT FELT GOOD TO WRITE IT.



DEAR SANTA, LAST YEAR I DID NOT RECEIVE THE 15,000 ITEMS I REQUESTED FOR CHRISTMAS.



I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT YOUR SECRETARIAL STAFF MUST BE A BUNCH OF UNDERPAID AND WOEFULLY UNPREPARED TEMPS, AND MY LETTER WAS MISFILED.



TO AVOID A SIMILAR DISASTER THIS YEAR, JUST WRITE ME A CHECK FOR FIVE MILLION DOLLARS, AND I'LL BUY THE STUFF MYSELF.

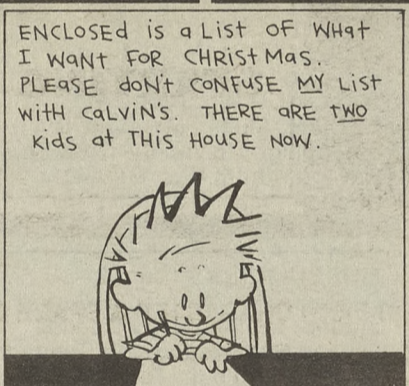


SEE, THIS YEAR I WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.

I'D LEAVE OUT THE PART ABOUT THE TEMPS.



DEAR SANTA, HELLO, I AM CALVIN'S NEW BABY BROTHER, MELVILLE.



ENCLOSED IS A LIST OF WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS. PLEASE DON'T CONFUSE MY LIST WITH CALVIN'S. THERE ARE TWO KIDS AT THIS HOUSE NOW.

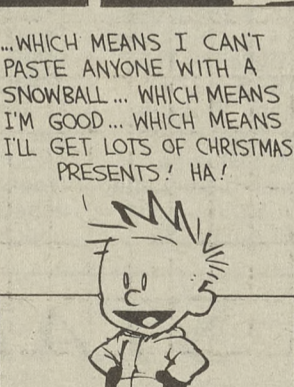


MAN, IF SANTA FALLS FOR THIS, I'LL ADD A NEW BROTHER EVERY YEAR!

"MELVILLE"?



NO SNOW.



...WHICH MEANS I CAN'T PASTE ANYONE WITH A SNOWBALL... WHICH MEANS I'M GOOD... WHICH MEANS I'LL GET LOTS OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS! HA!



NOTHING IN LIFE IS EVER EASY.



LOOK AT ALL THIS SNOW!

I'M BEING TESTED.



WE GOT THIS SNOW SO I'D BE TEMPTED TO SMACK SUSIE WITH A SLUSHBALL AND FORFEIT ALL MY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.



TO EVALUATE MY CHARACTER MY IMMEDIATE PLEASURE IS BEING PITTED AGAINST MY FUTURE GREED!



POOR SUSIE.

IT'S NOT A FOREGONE CONCLUSION!

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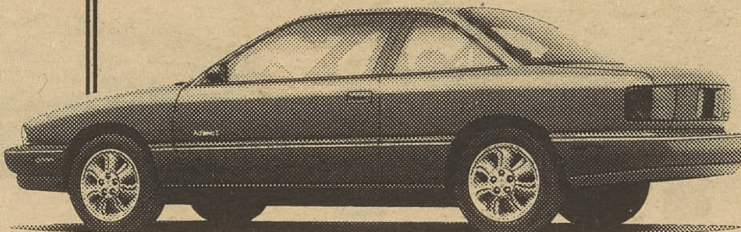
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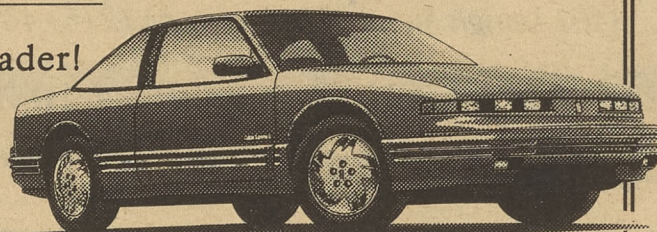
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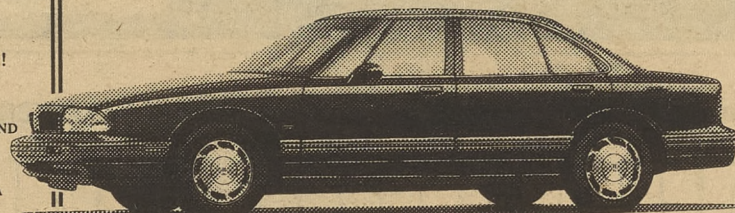
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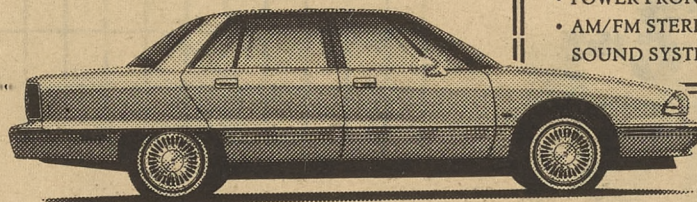
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