

THE VALLEY VOICE

SAUCON VALLEY'S WEEKLY PAPER 75¢

Lower Saucon leaders told stone bridge on Meadows Road has a 'death wish'

By Paul Bealer
Of The Valley Voice

The save the Meadows Road bridge campaign in Lower Saucon Township has lost some support, and not just from the mortar holding the 150-year-old stone bridge together.

Lower Saucon resident Stephanie Brown, who lives near the bridge, has been acting as an unofficial liaison the past several months between township council, which wants to save the bridge, and Northampton County which owns the bridge and is considering demolishing it in favor of a new structure.

Brown's desire to save the bridge took a few hits in February. On Feb. 7, township Engineer James Birdsall told township council members that the county needs to know what the township wants to do with the bridge. While questioning council members on what they want to do, Birdsall said the bridge is "unsafe for traffic." He added if a new span is built and the stone arch bridge is saved, it should only be open to pedestrians.

Birdsall's determination that the bridge is unsafe is

rooted in a state report issued in the mid-to-late 1990s that said the bridge is poorly designed. Councilman Glenn Kern said the report states it has been determined the bridge faces "imminent collapse."

Birdsall said mortar is deteriorating between stone. Since most of the stone used to create the Meadows Road bridge do not have square-cut faces, if

According to the state report, which councilwoman Sandra Yerger unveiled in October, the state Department of Transportation study has ruled the bridge does not rest in a potential historic district, since first constructed in 1858 it has been rebuilt several times using concrete instead of stone on some sections, and it is not a good example of craftsmanship.

and block all traffic from crossing it. Township council members have thrown support behind limiting traffic to one-way westbound on Meadows Road to prolong the bridge's life.

"If that bridge is so dangerous, why isn't it closed?" Brown asked council during a Feb. 7 discussion on the matter.

"It sounds like this bridge has a death wish. I'd rather see it torn down, and I hate to say

past three years and council members seem unwilling to take ownership and maintenance of the Meadows Road Bridge which would be at least as costly as the Old Mill Bridge project.

Councilman Tom Maxfield has asked for costs related to the township taking control of the stone bridge, but no firm numbers have been presented to council.

While Brown believes the bridge has been condemned, council has agreed to allow township residents Ted Beardsley and Karen Samuels to evaluate the bridge's historic integrity.

Beardsley said council should get more design details from the county on the bridge that is slated to replace the stone bridge.

Beardsley lives near the stone bridge and he wants to know where a new bridge will be placed if construction begins around 2011.

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the mortar washes away, the stone will not come together in uniform joints, leading to collapse. Brown said state and county officials have referred to the bridge stone as "rubble quality."

Birdsall and Brown have said they have heard for years that the bridge is in danger of collapsing. Brown said she heard that argument as far back as the 1970s. Birdsall said he could not put a time frame on when a collapse may occur, but he said "at any time that bridge could collapse."

Yerger said when she unveiled the report that those facts would likely make it ineligible for consideration as a historic site.

"It's a nice bridge but that may not be enough," a dejected Yerger said after citing the report.

Some options the township seems to face, according to Birdsall, is to allow the county to tear the bridge down, and build the concrete structure it wants. Another option that the county may toss out would be to keep the stone bridge in place

that. But if it is such poor construction, I don't understand how it can be saved."

Birdsall said the county may let the bridge stand, but that would likely lead to the bridge being closed to traffic.

That route was taken when township council members in the 1980s saved the Old Mill Bridge from demolition.

The township council at that time took ownership of that bridge from the county.

Current council leaders only began major and costly maintenance on the bridge in the

Leithsville teen Vanessa Segaline recognized for her civic-mindedness

By Paul Bealer
Of The Valley Voice

For more than half of her life, Leithsville's Vanessa Segaline, 17, has devoted her free time to help make her community a better place to live.

The Girl Scout is known for extending a hand where needed through Girl Scout clothing drives and reading days for children, and offering her Saturday mornings to help patrons at New Jerusalem Food Bank. She has aided children as a camp counselor and gymnastics coach,

helps at Saucon Valley Conservancy and Saucon Valley Jaycee events, and is co-coordinator of a successful paper recycling program at the Saucon Valley school campus.

She is excited about some upcoming mission trips that will take Segaline and other area residents to Mississippi and



VANESSA SEGALINE

Louisiana to help rebuild home for Hurricane Katrina victims.

This desire to lend a hand to others has not gone unnoticed. On Tuesday, Soroptimist International of Emmaus, a women's service organization dedicated to improving lives of women, presented Segaline with its Violet Richardson Award.

A \$500 grant was awarded to Segaline by award contest Chairwoman Sandy Kuhns, who said she was impressed by Segaline's formation of a food bank to aid pets of senior citizens and needy

people. Segaline's food bank is run in conjunction with the soup kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bethlehem.

The teen blushed with nervousness Tuesday while thinking about being placed in the spotlight for her civic-mindedness.

That nervousness subsided when Segaline spoke of her desire to help others. Looking over her nearly two page resume, Segaline said to some teens, such accomplishments "look really good on a resume. But I don't

look at it that way. I've always done volunteer work, all my life. I like volunteering because it is fun for me. I like helping people and I do it for me because it betters myself," Segaline said.

The teen's mature attitude to civic service will also be rewarded in May. Segaline will receive the Great Valley Girl Scout Council Medal for Distinguished Senior Girl Scouts during a ceremony at Kutztown University.

Teens who receive the medal

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Saucon Valley Music Connection slates basket Bingo for March 11

Saucon Valley Music Connection will hold a basket Bingo, featuring Longaberger baskets, Sunday, March 11 at Saucon Valley High School cafeteria. Doors open at 1 p.m. and games start at 2 p.m.

There will be specials, a Chinese auction, a 50/50 drawing and refreshments.

Tickets cost \$20. To order tickets or sponsor a basket, call Fran at 610-838-2346 or Mylien at 610-954-8463.

Proceeds benefit Saucon Valley students in band, chorus and marching band.

Proceeds from the basket Bingo will help pay for a Saucon Valley Music Connection trip to Cedar Point, Ohio where Saucon musicians will compete.

Saucon Valley High School students are welcome to join the Civil Air Patrol Squadron that meets weekly at the high school. The group is open to anyone, especially those interested in airplanes, flying or search and rescue.

The Civil Air Patrol meets 3:15 to 6 p.m. Thursdays in the high school's Room 105.

Saucon Valley Conservancy's Heller Barn Preservation Committee will meet 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at the Michael Heller Homestead, 1890 Friedensville Road, Lower Saucon Township.

The committee wants to raise funds to stabilize the barn's remains and also rebuild the Heller Barn. Volunteers are needed.

To help, call 610-866-3714 or 610-868-8745.

Young and Restless Hellertown travel group is sponsoring a March 5 bus trip to Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

Cost is \$27 which includes a six hour stay, gratuities and transportation. For reservations, call Fran at 610-838-9472.

Snowy rides in Hellertown



Saucon Valley residents finally got their chance last week to break out snow tubes and sleds. Dimmick Park was a winter wonderland that attracted children, who created snow humps and rode with glee over the snow-covered park land. Above, Hellertown's Gary Merritt gives Ryan Salmon a push down a snowy park hill.

Photos by Paul Bealer

A free family caregiver training in dealing with Alzheimer's patients will be offered 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in March at Saucon Valley Manor, 1050 Main St., Hellertown.

The training sessions are sponsored by Alzheimer's Association's Lehigh Valley branch which is based in Hellertown.

The series will provide hands-on training and advice for family members and friends of Alzheimer's patients. Topics will include an overview of Alzheimer's and dementia, legal and financial planning, managing challenging symptoms and getting help.

To register for the free program, call 610-838-2552.

Bethlehem Area Public Library will participate in Read Across America which commemorates Dr. Seuss's birthday.

A family fun night will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at the Main Library, 11 W. Church St. The library's Teen Advisory Board has planned an hour of games, crafts, stories, music and face painting.

To register, call 610-867-3761, extension 499.

SEGALINE

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show dedication and excellence beyond expectations in their leadership and service in scouting, at school and in the community. Segaline was nominated for the distinguished service medal by Dianne Dalrymple, a former scout leader of Segaline's.

The Leithsville teen plans to continue commitment to service after high school and college.

Segaline said her goals include either becoming a teacher, entering a career where she can aid animals, or entering ministry with a goal of serving as a deacon.

CORRECTION

Rotarian Rod Long is chairman of a steering committee overseeing a Rotary Club in Saucon and Center valleys.

The club is waiting to be chartered and will hold elections when the club is chartered.

Long was misidentified in an article last week as president of the club. *The Valley Voice* regrets the error.

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Bulletin Board

Feb. 23

4 to 7 p.m., Lenten fish dinner, St. Theresa's Church Friendship Hall, Hellertown.

Feb. 25

8 a.m. to noon, Buffet breakfast, Dewey Fire Company Social Hall, Hellertown.

Feb. 26

7:30 p.m., Saucon Valley Booster Club meets, high school cafeteria.

Feb. 27

5 to 7 p.m., Saucon Valley Rotary Club recruitment event, Moravian College's Payne Art Gallery, Bethlehem.

6:30 p.m., Hellertown Area Public Library Board of Trustees meets, library.

Feb. 28

4 to 7 p.m., Lower Saucon Township Historical Society work session, Seidersville Hall.

4 to 4:45 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library Bookmobile, Town Hall.

5 to 5:45 p.m., Bookmobile, Woodfield Drive, Lower Saucon Township.

6:45 to 8:15 p.m., Bookmobile, Saucon Terrace at Sandbrook Drive, Lower Saucon Township.

March 1

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., State Rep. Robert Freeman meets citizens, Hellertown Borough Hall.

7 p.m., Hellertown Historical Society meets, Wagner Grist Mill, Hellertown.

7 p.m., P.F.I.W. Bingo, Dewey Fire Company Social Hall, Hellertown.

March 2

4 to 7 p.m., Lenten fish dinner, St. Theresa's Church Friendship Hall, Hellertown.

7:30 p.m., "Footloose" musical, Saucon Valley High School auditorium.

Government Meeting

Feb. 27

7 p.m., Saucon Valley School Board meets, campus audion.

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Saucon to dish out \$26,000 for tutor program

By Meg Curtis
Of The Valley Voice

Saucon Valley School Board last week agreed to pay more than \$5,000 per month for at least seven "at-risk" district students to receive alternative classroom instruction.

The Triad Alternative School proposal is offered to Saucon Valley by Teach Me Tutoring School in Souderton.

School board member Lachlan Peeke cautiously justified his approval of the measure.

"Based upon the recommendation of administration and the assurance that the Triad Tutoring program is best for some students, and that the services rendered are less expensive to the district, this seems to be a win-win," Peeke said.

The tutorial school, established in 1988, has teamed with several Bucks County school districts to offer alternative education programs. Its first alternative education program was through a halfway house program for seven students in the Souderton Area School District. In a partnership with Quakertown school district the tutorial school provided an edu-

cational program for pregnant teens and it was the provider of educational services to a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in that community.

Deborah Schadler, director of Teach Me Tutoring School, explained Triad's commitment to each district it serves.

She described the goal of the program as "using the curriculum that is in place for the student in his or her 'home' district, to have the students acquire strategies and skills in order to be successful."

According to an agreement posted on the school district website, Saucon Valley's acceptance of a short term tutorial service will go from February to June and the district will pay \$5,079 per month to the tutorial school.

At that rate, the district will pay out \$25,395 by the end of June. The short term program places up to 10 students assigned to the alternative education program in a classroom for individualized instruction for 10 days or less.

The document states that in the spring the school district and tutorial school can structure a program for next school year. "Continuation of the pro-

gram presented in this proposal is an option with a 15 percent increase over current costs," the document from Triad states.

In other business, the school board delayed a vote on whether or not to start the new school year before Labor Day.

The calendar issue is expected to be discussed at the board's Feb. 27 meeting.

The board also agreed to hold a public hearing 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in the high school auditorium to adopt a resolution authorizing the May 15 ballot question and a resolution levying and assessing the Act I income tax if approved by voters.

The board must ask the public whether it wants a tax shift from property tax to personal income or earned income tax.

Police Blotter



Hellertown cops claim Mom had drug stash

Hellertown police have arrested a 35-year-old borough woman after finding drugs in a bedroom she shared with her eight-year-old daughter.

Police said they executed a search warrant last week at Dana Bauman's home, 1072 Easton Road. Police said Bauman's daughter and a 12-year-old were at the home during the raid which uncovered large amounts of marijuana. Police said Bauman also had drug packing materials, pipes and straws which they suspect were for cocaine use.

Bauman was arraigned on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of endangering the welfare of children.

She was committed to Northampton County Prison on \$25,000 bail.

Township cops seek driver who shot deer

Lower Saucon Township police are seeking witnesses who may have seen a motorist shoot a deer with a revolver.

Police said they were dispatched for a deer in the roadway call in the 2100 block of Springtown Hill Road around 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. When police arrived a resident told them that a motorist stopped a vehicle and shot the deer three times with a revolver, then drove off.

Anyone who witnessed the shooting can call township police at 610-330-2200.

Hellertown man hurt in fiery I-78 crash

A Hellertown man suffered a cut hand and bloodied nose after his car crashed and rolled on Interstate-78.

Bystanders pulled Joseph Cruz from his burning vehicle around 12:30 p.m. Monday following the crash that shut down westbound lanes near Route 412 and Rout 309 exits for 90 minutes.

State police at Belfast said Cruz was driving through the construction zone when his car drifted onto the snow covered median, went out of control and rolled three times before landing on its roof.

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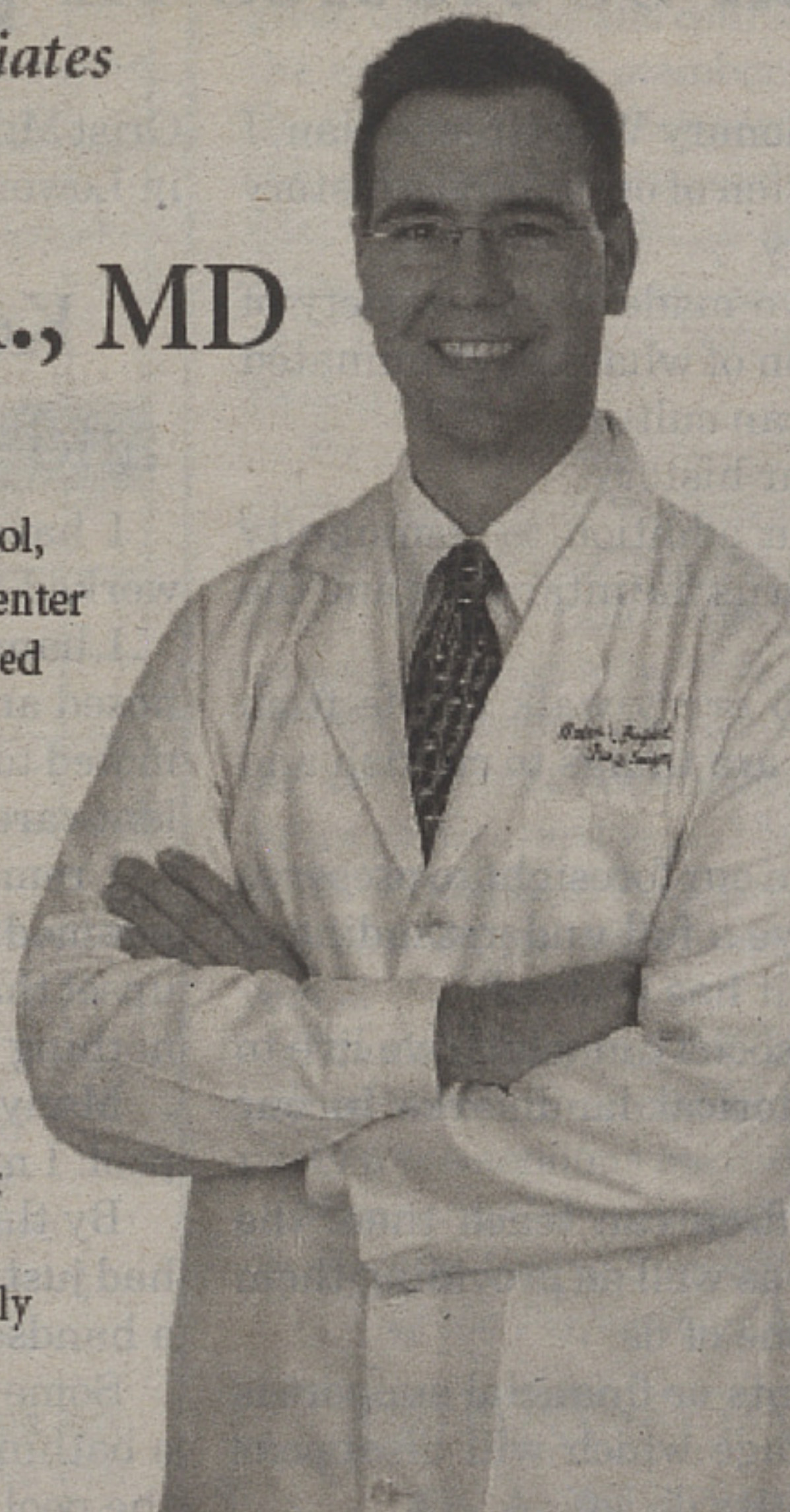
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Dr. Burfeind earned his medical degree at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, New York and is board certified in both General Surgery and Thoracic Surgery. His interests include treatment of both benign and malignant thoracic diseases, minimally invasive thoracic surgery (including thoracoscopic lobectomy) and clinical trials design. Dr. Burfeind is the only physician in the area exclusively dedicated to thoracic surgery. He is pleased to be returning to the Lehigh Valley.



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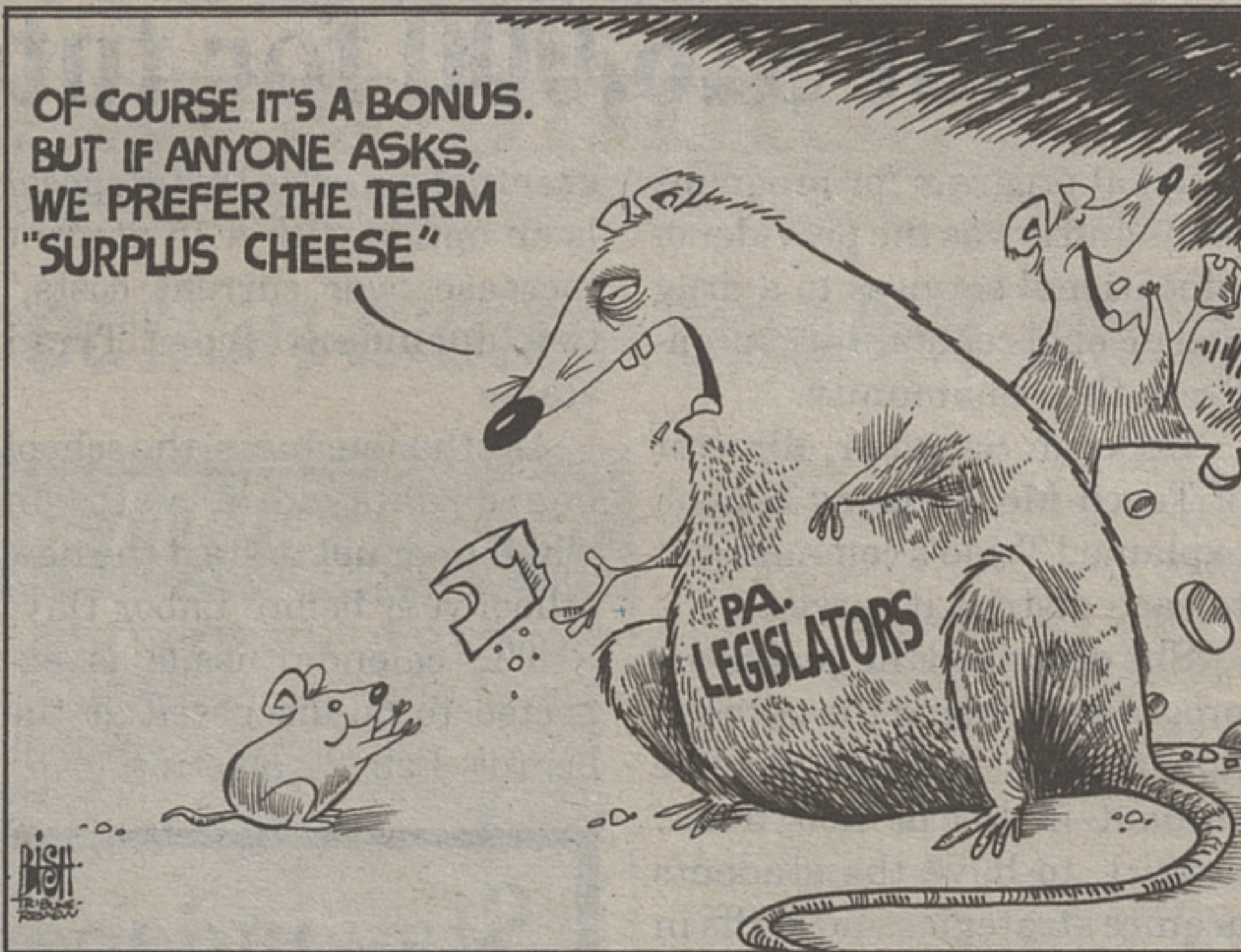
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Other countries owe U.S. some gratitude

A NEWSPAPER HEADLINE A FEW WEEKS AGO STATED, "TRADE deficit a record." Let me state out right I am no economist by any stretch of the imagination.

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The biggest difference was our trade difference with China. One might think that China might be grateful for us in helping their economy to grow, but that is not necessarily the case. China has begun negotiations with Iran



As I See It

By Bud Prosser
Valley Voice columnist

and Syria to supply them with some nuclear power, thus enabling them to pose as an even greater power.

The generosity of our government to these countries with which we are running a deficit is overwhelming. Just once I would like some country to show some gratitude to us.

More and more I find myself leaning toward isolationism which I really don't want to do, but I truly can't eliminate the thought from my mind.

And this is As I See It!

YOUR VOICES / YOUR VIEWS

S.O.S.: Save our Saucon Valley heritage, aid historical societies in preserving history

As a descendent of the Revolutionary War Greene clan, I have always had a great appreciation of our nation's history and the preservation of our history.

Families across our nation have made a vast variety of contributions toward the formation of what has culminated into our great and diverse American culture.

Every family owns a piece of our history.

Individual family historians, in addition to community and national historians, share with us the intangible and the tangible.

These relics, once belonging to every walk of life from every corner of the United States are things to cherish and preserve.

Future generations depend upon our foresight to preserve these memories, if they are to have a full understanding of where our nation began and how it has evolved.

Step away from the fast paced society in which we live to experience the multitude of historical landmarks in our communities.

Sharing these relics with children can teach them the importance of their preservation, as well as providing them the history that belongs to each one of us.

Sharing some of our time, talents or financial support is essential to preserving our heritage which will disappear before our very eyes, if we allow it to do so.

The following historical landmarks are all in need of our support in the preservation of our heritage, the Michael Heller Homestead and barn in Lower Saucon, the Wagner

Grist Mill in Hellertown and the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse in Lower Saucon.

Margie Segaline, Leithsville

Keep Hellertown Pool open, and keep making pool memories

I have fond memories of the Hellertown Pool, having worked at the pool for three years many years ago.

I handed baskets to put clothing in. Every evening we hosed and washed everything downstairs. Then I was promoted to the refreshment stand. It was always taken excellent care of from the supervisor, Mr. Hand.

I remember many Fourth of Julys when the pool was jammed. We would run out of food and people were very upset that there was no food. They yelled at us, but there was nothing we could do.

Many people from Bethlehem and other areas came to the pool. I met my husband there through a friend.

By this time, I was a customer, not a pool employee. He had just come back from the Korean War. I couldn't pass up a handsome soldier— who eventually became a colonel.

Some time ago, some things from the pool were sold. I got a bathing tag and a basket where we placed our clothes at the pool. That I cherish.

Memories, fond, fond memories. Do not close the Hellertown Pool.

Marian (Everett) Van Keuren, Allentown

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Fewer state solutions in education, please

GOV. ED RENDELL HAS proposed that school districts should hold their administrators accountable for results. This seems like a bold and long overdue action.

But when I look at the facts, I think this comment by Rendell is very misleading.

First, school boards already hold administrators responsible for results. Our superintendent and principals have annual performance objectives set by the board.

Employment and compen-

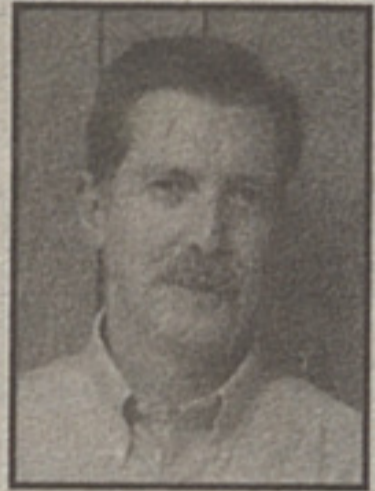
sation is based on results.

Second, our parents have the final say in questions about our success.

If parents are concerned about any aspect of the school performance, they express their judgment at the school board meetings and during school board elections.

Third, the proposed standard for judgment by the state is the PSSA test. Honestly, we are not even sure what this test measures.

It simply gives us a percentage of student population that meets a state threshold. The critical fact, the con-



IN OUR SCHOOLS

By *Ralph Puerta*
Saucon Valley School Board President

tent of actual knowledge in the passing grade, is unknown to us.

Fourth, although our administrators do indeed run the school system, they do

not directly teach. If we are to adopt new high-stakes rules for accountability, they must apply equally to all professionals involved in instruction and administration.

So back to the governor's proposal. Of course we should measure our results against meaningful standards.

Of course, we should try to employ the best teachers and administrators to do the best possible job. But before the state gives us another program to help us, or another set of rules, maybe we could ask that they remove the impediments from some of the previous solutions.

YOUR VOICES / YOUR VIEWS

Much thanks offered for successful '80s dance party

Thank you so much for covering the '80s dance party held on Friday, Feb. 9 at Saucon Valley High School. I was very excited to see the photos and corresponding caption in your Feb. 16 issue that provided a small glimpse of what a terrific event it really was.

A great amount of time, effort and energy went into organizing the dance. I can't express enough thanks to all the dedicated parents, and our DJs, J & J Entertainment, whose cooperative efforts helped execute the event so successfully.

We are extremely grateful to our generous sponsors who provided the numerous prizes given out during the course of the evening. The members of the Saucon Valley Supporters of the Performing Arts received a lot of positive feedback from parents and students, unanimously urging us to "Please, do this again!"

We are so grateful for all the enthusiastic parents and students who attended this unique event. The response to the '80s dance was so positive that the SVSPA is considering sponsoring two district-wide themed dance parties next year. I hope that attendance at these events will be even greater than this year's.

Thanks again to all who helped make the '80s dance party a tremendous success.

Maureen Calvo, president
Saucon Valley Supporters of the Performing Arts



Photo by Paul Bealer

Flashback moments provided by an '80s dance party held this month at Saucon Valley High School brought smiles to faces of adults, teens and children who attended.

Answers to last week's crossword puzzle

ETCH	GAM	WADI
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- Nominated for best Animated Feature
- Best Actor nominee for "Blood Diamond"
- Roofed colonnade in ancient Greece
- Race track
- Easy victory
- "_____ on the cake"
- Short for linoleum
- Death notice
- The present occasion
- Opposed to abductors
- Gaelic
- Often hard to see in winter
- Robinson to "The Graduate"
- Seal of approval
- Interest limit
- A wing-like part
- Digestive enzyme
- Spoiled milk?
- A Patsy
- Creation of right brain function
- Yankee known for his "yogisims"
- Her dad was a famous TV producer
- Fleas and lice, e.g.
- Popular movie candy
- Subject of Clint's two current Oscar nominees
- Type of TV display
- You owe who?
- Corpulent
- Times New Roman, e.g.
- Famous "In-Law" nominated this year for best Supporting Actor
- Back of the body, pl.
- Hurtful remark
- Those not in favor
- Liquors from molasses
- Never without n
- He hit the apple
- PGA big hitter
- Spanish for "of the"
- Unagi

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DOWN

- NYSE: KO product
- Often used to describe a fan
- Famous author and creator of Objectivism philosophy
- Snakes do it with skin
- "Los _____," rock band
- Middle Eastern princes
- Prefers
- "The Departed" director
- Soda cans
- Popular fairy-tale beginning
- It shows as you get older
- Turn
- Not active
- French pancake
- Adam was the first?
- Desert survivors
- "_____ me to introduce..."
- Capital of Egypt
- Ostentatious Carlton
- Ribbed pants
- Gold
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CLASS NOTES

Lower Saucon Township's Jennifer Malitsch was named to the fall dean's list at Muhlenberg College, Allentown.

Students must earn a 3.5 minimum grade point average to receive the honor.

A member of the Class of 2007, Malitsch is a biology major with a minor in political science.

She is the daughter of Charles and Judy Malitsch. She is a 2003 graduate of Saucon Valley High School.

Lower Saucon's Lincoln Celentano, a student at Saucon Valley Middle School, has been selected to attend the 2007 National Junior Leaders Conference sponsored by LeadAmerica at American University, Washington, D.C.

Middle and junior high school students with a strong record of academic achievement, or extracurricular and community involvement, are invited to participate.

By engaging in interactive workshops and activities during the conference, students can develop vital leadership skills in communication, conflict resolution, team building and time management.

Lincoln is a son of Nicole Celentano-Gallagher and Michael Gallagher.



JENNIFER MALITSCH



LINCOLN CELENTANO



Hellertown's Christina Gissel recites a portion of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address during the President's Day opening of a Lincoln exhibit at Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum. Joining her in reciting the address were fellow Saucon Valley Girl Scouts Vanessa Segaline and Emily Reiss. The Girl Scout pledge was recited at the ceremony by Hellertown Girl Scout Anna French.

Jaycees, Hellertown Lions seek scholarship applications

Deadline is approaching for Saucon Valley High School seniors to apply for scholarships from two Hellertown civic organizations.

A \$500 Saucon Valley Jaycees Community Service Scholarship is offered to a Saucon Valley High School senior who is ranked in the upper three-fifths of their class.

Applicants must also be involved in school and community volunteer services, and plan to continue their education in a college or trade school after graduating from Saucon.

Hellertown Lions Club offers \$500 scholarships to two Saucon Valley High School seniors who are ranked in the upper end of

their class and have shown dedication to serving on campus and in the community.

Essays are required in the Jaycees and Lions Clubs' application requests. Deadline to apply for the Jaycees and the Lions scholarships is Friday, May 4. Applications are available at Saucon Valley High School Guidance Office.

Saucon hoops squad tries a

The Bangor Slaters proved to be one of the unbeatable teams in Colonial League this season. But the Saucon Valley girls basketball crew twice this season showed that the Slaters are not unbeatable.

During the regular season, Bangor suffered its first loss to Saucon Valley as the Panthers surged out of a slump on their way to earning spots in the Colonial League and District XI tournaments.

In last week's Colonial League championship semifinals, the Slaters were in trouble throughout much of the rematch with Saucon.

Towards the end of the second quarter, the Lady Panthers had allowed Bangor only seven points in the game. The addition of an extra guard by Bangor's coach fi-

nally put the league's best team in competition with the tough Saucon squad.

With four-and-a-half minutes left in regulation, the Slaters tied the game at 30. Plagued by turnovers, the Slaters took advantage of Saucon turnovers to take a four point lead.

Panther Taylor Mastrianni kept Saucon going by scoring eight points, including two foul shots



Above, Saucon Valley senior Taylor Mastrianni scored eight points in Lady Panthers' near win over Bangor in the Colonial League semifinal matchup. Below, fans have been cheering on the Lady Panther season surge that has led to the Colonial League Division title, and appearances in the league basketball tournaments. File photos by [unclear]

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that cut Bangor's lead to 39-38. Mastrianni attempted a halfcourt shot at the buzzer but it failed as Bangor took a one point win to advance to the title game.

Contributing to Saucon's stellar play were Deanna Mulicka and Kelly Sauerzopf with seven points and four rebounds each; Adrienne Rahs with five points and Kylie Sevold with five points and four steals.

Saucon plays against Wilson 1 p.m. Saturday at Whitehall High School in the district tournament quarterfinals.

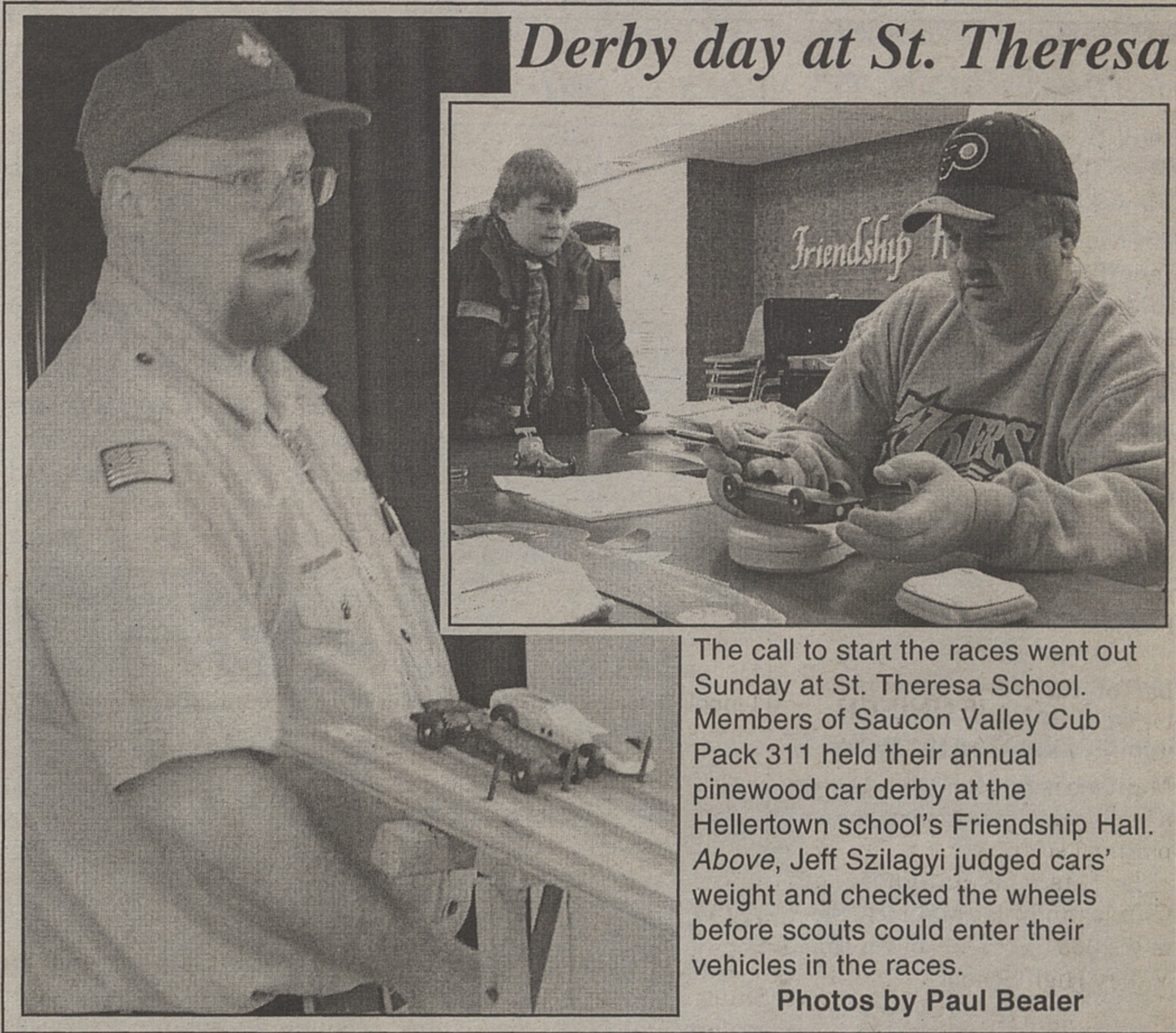
School open house slated

Saucon Valley High School's open house, canceled last week due to snow, will be held 6:45 to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 at the school on Polk Valley Road, Lower Saucon Township



Mastrianni had 14... ver Bangor during... up. Basketball fans... nthers in their late... onial League South... league and district... s by Paul Bealer

Derby day at St. Theresa



The call to start the races went out Sunday at St. Theresa School. Members of Saucon Valley Cub Pack 311 held their annual pinewood car derby at the Hellertown school's Friendship Hall. Above, Jeff Szilagyi judged cars' weight and checked the wheels before scouts could enter their vehicles in the races.

Photos by Paul Bealer

Heller Homestead gift shop seeks items to sell

Heller Homestead Antiques and Collectibles Gift Shop is open 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at the homestead, 1890 Friedensville Road, Lower Saucon Township.

The gift shop recently received a large collection of vin-

tage costume jewelry on consignment. The jewelry includes necklaces, brooches, earring and pin or necklace sets and bracelets.

Also received to sell were lap quilts of nine patch designs in many color combinations.

Donated items are always

welcomed. The gift shop seeks antiques, art, collectibles, linens, quilts, china, glass, and new or nearly new items.

Clothing is not accepted.

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How to Sudoku

Each puzzle is divided into nine sections, and each section has blank squares. Fill in all 81 squares on the puzzle with numbers 1 to 9.

You may not repeat any numbers in any one of the nine sections that you've already used elsewhere in that section. Also, you can use each number 1-9 only once in each horizontal line of nine squares, and in each vertical column of nine squares. The puzzle is completed when you correctly fill every square.

Last Week's Sudoku Solution

3	5	7	1	4	9	6	2	8
6	1	9	5	8	2	4	7	3
2	8	4	3	7	6	1	9	5
4	3	5	9	6	1	2	8	7
9	7	6	2	3	8	5	4	1
8	2	1	7	5	4	9	3	6
5	6	8	4	9	7	3	1	2
1	4	3	8	2	5	7	6	9
7	9	2	6	1	3	8	5	4

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SAUCON VALLEY ANNIVERSARY

Hafner's mark 65 years of marriage

On Sunday, Evelyn and Wilbur Hafner celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family members at their home in Lower Saucon Township. Evelyn Becklin was raised on Crest Avenue and Wilbur Hafner on University Heights. They are lifelong residents of Lower Saucon Township.

On Feb. 18, 1942, the late Pastor Krauss conducted the Hafner's wedding ceremony in the parsonage of Lower Saucon Church.

Both have been active in various church activities. Evelyn enjoyed helping with various activities of Se-Wy-Co Fire Company Auxiliary, while Wilbur still likes to hunt, work in his gardens, and tend his beehives and apple trees.

They have two daughters, Shirley Fulmer and Nancy Smith; two sons, David and Richard; two grandsons, Timothy



EVELYN & WILBUR HAFNER

Fulmer and Matthew Smith; two granddaughters, Emily and Sarah Hafner; a great-granddaughter, Kelsey Fulmer, and twin great-grandsons, Eric and Daniel Fulmer.

South Bethlehem mementoes sought for inclusion in book

The expression "South Bethlehem" is a vague term meaning the same as "South Side," or "everything east of Fountain Hill and south of the Lehigh River at Bethlehem."

But there once was a South Bethlehem with a solid municipal existence. The borough was one of several municipalities on the south bank of the river, including Fountain Hill and Northampton Heights.

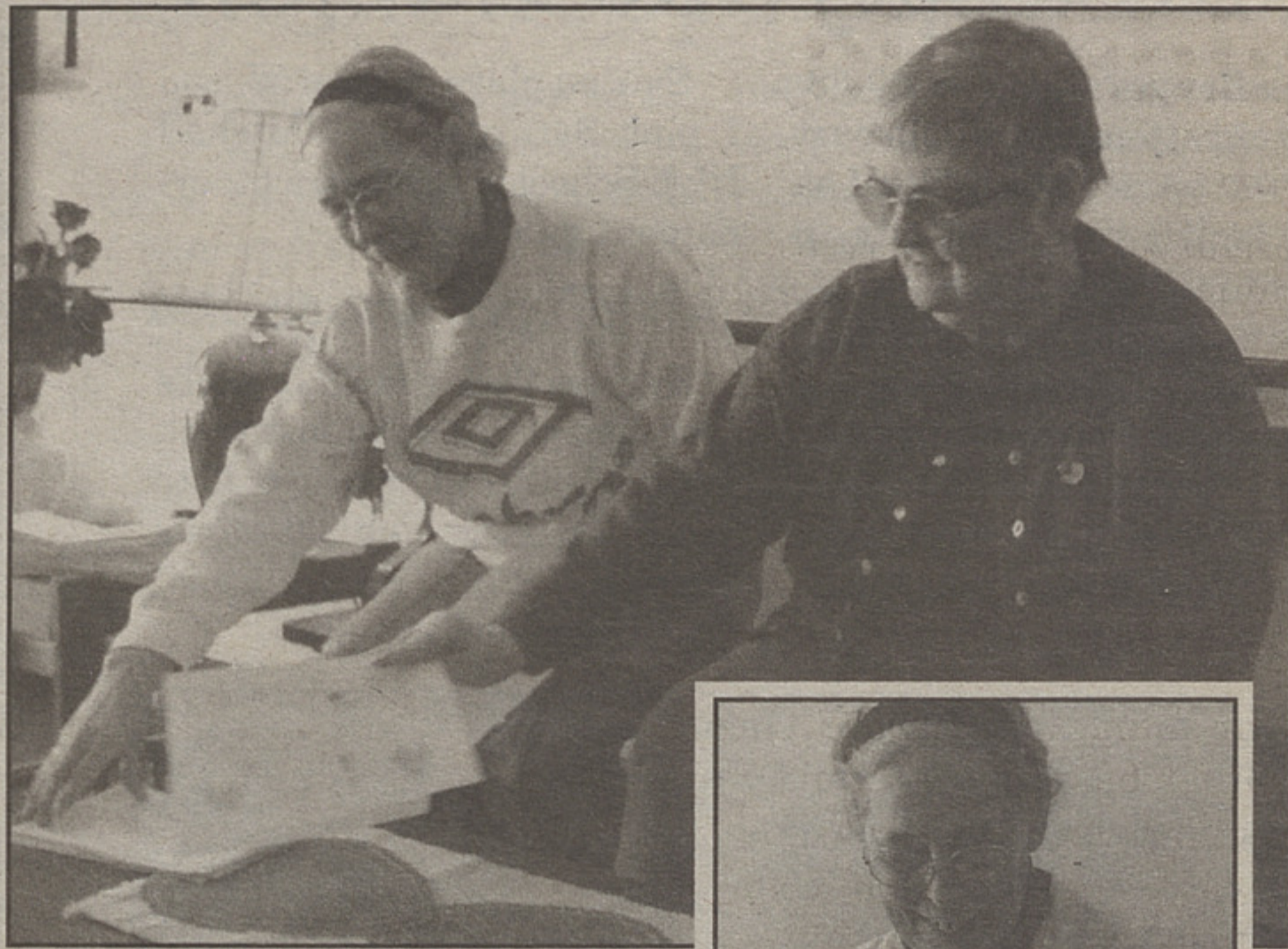
Yet it was South Bethlehem that grew to be the largest, and that was most associated with

the massive industries that grew up along the Lehigh. The place's political existence began in 1867 and only ran until 1918; but early manufactures of Bethlehem Steel can still be found, stamped "South Bethlehem, Pa."

Graphic artist Ken Ranieri and writer Joan Campion are preparing a book on this lost town. They need pictures, diaries, letters, family memories to include. Photographs, drawings, and other paper sources will be returned. Call 610-868-3372 or e-mail fleurvictoire@juno.com

Saucon residents get Valentine's surprise other than snow

The winter storm that hit Saucon Valley on Valentine's day meant a chance for some to snuggle up with a book. At Saucon Manor, senior residents were thrilled to find holiday gifts at their doors—greeting cards filled with warm wishes straight from a child's heart. The 200 Valentine's cards were designed and written by Saucon Valley Elementary students, manor



resident Margie George said. George said she placed cards at each door for the manor's 50 residents, married couples received two cards. Many more leftover were placed in the manor's social rooms for residents to peruse. Resident Roberta Barrell giggled and called the cards cute as she read messages that said "Have a rockin' Valentine's Day" and "Someone cares about you." Most cards were unsigned, but one child signed a card and George called the child to offer her thanks



Photos by Paul Bealer

for brightening the snowy holiday for manor residents.

Pictured above, Roberta Barrell and Margie George look over the 200-plus cards.

SAUCON VALLEY DEATH NOTICE

Eleanor L. Weaver

Eleanor L. Weaver, 89, formerly of Hellertown, died Feb. 17 at Fellowship Manor, Whitehall.

She was the wife of the late Donald E. Weaver.

A 1936 graduate of Liberty High School, Weaver was a waitress at the former Bethlehem Steel Club for 35 years until retiring.

Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Gottfried and Clara Anna Flammer.

Survivors: Sons, Donald E. Jr. of Flagstaff, Ariz., Robert R. of Schnecksville, Bruce J. of Philadelphia; daughters: Lona P. Allendoerfer of East Amherst, N.Y., Sharon J. Weaver of North Hollywood, Calif.; brother, Robert of Bethlehem; sisters, Roberta Bogdan

of Bethlehem Township, Arlene Sopko of Bethlehem; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Calling hour 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23 at Heintzelman Funeral Home, 326 Main St., Hellertown. Service follows at 11 a.m.

Interment will conclude services at Union Cemetery of Hellertown, Main Street.

Saucon Valley Trivia

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Where in Hellertown did the Irish School stand?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: Robert Hoppes was the first president of the Hellertown Golden Age Club?

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Area weather forecaster's work aids soldiers, sailors and NASA

By Dona Fair

Special to The Valley Voice

When we think of weather we normally think of local meteorologists demonstrating their latest and greatest Doppler or NEXRAD radar to help us decide whether or not to go for that weekend picnic.

But for the son of a Hellertown man, forecasting the weather has a global impact, affecting everything from special forces operations in combat to launching space shuttle missions to keeping service members and their families stationed overseas abreast of the local and regional weather.

Air Force Senior Airman Gary L. Stump, son of Hellertown's Gary Stump Sr., is a computer programmer with the U.S. Air Force Weather Agency at Offutt Air Force Base, in Omaha, Neb. He is one of more than 800 men and women who have become the premier agency for Department of Defense climatology forecasting.

"I manage the computer system used to distribute weather data to all of the agency's customers, from NASA to the soldiers on the battlefield," explained Stump, a 1999 Easton Area High School graduate.

Because of the agency's global operations, they house one of the largest data operations centers in the world.

The American Forces Network Weather Center is just



Photo by Daren Reehl

Air Force Senior Airman Gary L. Stump is a computer programmer with the U.S. Air Force Weather Agency at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

one of those operations that provides 11 separate weather broadcasts, forecasting weather for close to 120 cities and 400 daily forecasts that reach 2.5 million viewers by way of direct satellite and the Pentagon Channel.

The weather specialists also affect operations in space, where technicians monitor solar interference or atmospheric disturbances that can wreak havoc with satellite and radio communications.

The Weather Agency fore-

casts also affect combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, giving ground commanders vital forecasting information. Combat weather specialists accompany combat teams to keep updated on by-the-minute changes to weather conditions. The information produced by the Weather Agency team is used not only to inform, but in some cases, to save lives as well.

"Weather information is critical to a lot of operations around the world and we help deliver that data to where it needs to go," said Stump.

Since World War I, weather has played an important role in combat operations and since the invasion of Normandy on D-Day in June 1944, weather forecasting has been a factor in virtually every operation.

Science and technology has changed dramatically since the days of sending up balloons to gauge weather conditions.

Stump and his weather teammates may not tell you whether or not you'll need an umbrella for this weekend's outing. But, they do make sure space missions go off without a hitch and can help save the lives of servicemen and servicewomen put in harms way around the globe.

Editor's note: Fair is a writer and editor with Army and Air Force Hometown News Service.

Harrisburg banners to honor fallen soldiers

By Paul Bealer

Of The Valley Voice

Through the efforts of a Gold Star Mother in Kintnersville, Bucks County, banners will be raised in Harrisburg to honor fallen soldiers from Pennsylvania.

Ruth Stonesifer, who became president of the Pennsylvania Department of American Gold Star Mothers after the death of her soldier son, is spearheading the project. Stonesifer and her group's efforts to honor soldiers who died in the war on terror has received a push from Harrisburg Downtown Improvement District.

Pennsylvania soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001 will be remembered with banners that will be displayed from Harrisburg Hospital to State Street and from Fifth Street to Front Street in the

state capital.

"This is not a political statement," Stonesifer said in a letter to Williams Township Gold Star Mother Helen Seifert. "Instead, it is a way for us to honor our fallen and to remind our fellow countrymen that freedom comes with a price tag. We as Gold Star family members know this all too well."

Stonesifer's 28-year-old son, Kristofor, was killed Oct. 19, 2001 while serving in Pakistan. Seifert's son, Army Capt. Christopher Seifert, was killed March 22, 2003 while serving in Kuwait. He is the grandson of Hellertown's Thelma Bauder.

Stonesifer said since sending the letter to Gold Star families, more than 100 families of the state's nearly 180 fallen soldiers have provided information to have a banner honor

soldiers in the Pennsylvania Hometown Heroes project.

Each four-foot-by-eight-foot Hometown Heroes banner will feature a soldier's name, rank and military branch and unit, age, hometown, date and location of the soldier's death.

The banners will hang on light poles in downtown Harrisburg from April to October. Stonesifer said there is no cost incurred for the banners by soldiers' families.

In addition to Seifert, Saucun Valley has lost a Marine in the war on terror.

Hellertown Cpl. Barton Humlhanz was killed in August 2004 while serving with a Marine unit in Iraq.

Stonesifer has set up an Internet website to keep Gold Star families in touch with the project's progression.

Details are available at www.pahometownheroes.org

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Prettiest purple hat



Sassy Saucon Red Hatter Beverly Reichard, decked out in purple hat and boa, won recognition for prettiest hat contest last week during a Mardi Gras party held in Hellertown for area Red Hat Society members. **Photo by Mary Doll**

SAUCON VALLEY DEATH NOTICES

Stephen J. Vresk Jr.
Stephen J. Vresk Jr., 65, of Hellertown, died Feb. 11.

He was the son of the late Stephen J. and Mary M. Vresk.

He was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corp. for many years before retiring in 1995.

He was an Army veteran.

Vresk was a member of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

Survivors: Brother, Joseph; sisters, Clare, Clarice, Ann and Elizabeth.

Arrangements, Connell Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

Elizabeth V. Rothrock
Elizabeth V. Rothrock, 77, of Hellertown, died Feb. 16 in the VNA Hospice House of St. Luke's in Lower Saucon Township.

She was the wife of the late

Floyd Rothrock.

Until retiring, Rothrock was employed for many years at Service Electric Cable TV, as a customer service representative.

Born in Bethlehem, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Helen Gross.

Survivors: Daughters, Diane Rothrock Caciolo, Rhonda Rothrock, with whom she resided, Linda, Kathy and Gail; son, Fred Rothrock; brother, Emmett Buddy Gross; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Arrangements, Cantelmi Funeral Home, Fountain Hill,

Doris E. Counts
Doris E. Counts, 81, of Lower Saucon Township, died Feb. 15 in the VNA Hospice House of St. Luke's.

She was the wife of the late

Theodore Counts.

A graduate Bethlehem Business College, Counts was employed in the accounting department of Lehigh Valley Railroad and she retired from Conrail after more than 40 years.

Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Paul and Ethel Fry.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

A member of Silver Creek Country Club, she was an avid golfer, bowler, and enjoyed traveling.

Survivors: Uncle, James K. Zeiner of Mercerville, N.J.; nieces, nephews; cousins; friends.

She was predeceased by a sister, Marian Rhodenbaugh.

Arrangements, Pearson Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

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EPISCOPAL

St. George's, 735 Delaware Ave., Hellertown. Pastor, Rev. Raymond Harbort. Holy Eucharist, 8 and 9:30 a.m.; Church School & Adult Forum, 10:45 a.m.

LUTHERAN

New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran, 3233 Apples Church Road, Lower Saucon Township. Pastor, Rev. Tricia McMackin. Contemporary worship, 6 p.m. Saturday; Sunday worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Christ Lutheran of Lower Saucon, Easton Road, Hellertown, Pastor, Rev. Lisa Borrell. Worship/Communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday

School 9 a.m., Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.

Christ Lutheran, 69 Main St., Hellertown. Pastor, Rev. Philip C. Spohn. Traditional worship, 8:45 a.m. Christian Education, 10 a.m. Contemporary worship, 11 a.m.

St. Luke's (Old Williams) Lutheran, 20 Church Road, Hellertown. Pastor, Valerie K. Reinhold. Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.

MENNONITE

Steel City Mennonite, Mixsell Avenue. Minister, Rev. David Kochsmeier. Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School follows.

METHODIST

St. Paul United Methodist, 645 Main St., Hellertown. Pastor, Rev. Sandy Nash. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

MORAVIAN

Mountainview Moravian, 331 Constitution Ave., Hellertown. Pastor, Rev. Derek French. Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday School 8:30 a.m. The church

is collecting cans of Pam spray this month for Trinity Soup Kitchen.

NEW REFORMED

Ebenezer New Reformed Church, 3221 Bingen Road, Lower Saucon. Pastor, Keith Easley. Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

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Lower Saucon U.C.C., 1375 Third Ave., Hellertown. Pastor, Rev. Janice E. Pearson. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

First U.C.C., 501 Northampton St., Hellertown. Pastor, Rev. Richard Teitsworth. Sunday School, coffee & conversation 9:15 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m.

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Doo wop sounds on stage at NCC



Members of a capella group Choice and the Lyrics (above left) and doo wop group The Mellows performed Saturday at Northampton Community College. The Mellows accompanied doo wop singer Barbara English on her best known song, "Smoke from Your Cigarette." The singers were featured in the annual concert organized by NCC professor Earl Page. **Photos by Paul Bealer**

Workshop planned Feb. 27 on Hellertown facade grants

Hellertown property and business owners on Main Street last week started receiving letters promoting the Design Challenge Grant Program set up by Northampton County.

The facade improvement program overseen by Northampton County, on behalf of the Hellertown Borough Business Revitalization Program, offers matching reimbursement grants of up to \$5,000 per property to be used for improvements to a property's exterior. Examples of improvements that can be made include maintenance and repair of storefronts, the

addition of lighting, and repairs to brick and woodwork.

An educational workshop on the program will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Borough Hall, 685 Main St., Hellertown.

According to the letter sent to *The Valley Voice's* Main Street office by county Executive John Stoffa, the workshop will lay out policy and procedures to apply for the Design Challenge Grant. Session leaders will also review design guidelines, and give examples of before and after projects.

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