

THE VALLEY VOICE

SAUCON VALLEY'S WEEKLY PAPER 75¢

Lower Saucon jurist earns county's top seat

A county judge from Lower Saucon Township has been appointed president judge for Northampton County Court.

Last week, F. P. Kimberly McFadden was unanimously elected president judge by her fellow jurists. She took the post after President Judge Robert Freedberg was sworn in as a state Superior Court judge.

McFadden, 56, is approaching her 20th year as a county judge. She was appointed to a vacant seat in 1988 by late Gov. Robert P. Casey. She was then elected to 10 year terms in 1989 and 1999.

F.P. Kimberly McFadden is the first woman elected judge in Northampton County and the first county jurist elected president judge.

She plans to seek re-election in November 2009.

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She graduated cum laude in 1974 from Bryn Mawr College, with a major in French studies and a minor in sciences. In 1978, she was admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania. From 1982 until her appointment to the bench, McFadden served as a county assistant public defender. She was a partner with the Easton law firm of Ziev, Giobbi and McFadden.

McFadden is a member of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, the Pennsylvania and Northampton County bar associations.

She holds such awards as the Two Rivers Area Chamber of Commerce Athena Award and the YWCA Woman of the Year Outstanding Public Servant Award.

Hellertown woman's writing exercise with sons turns into first published novel

By Paul Bealer
Of The Valley Voice

What began 10 years ago as Mom's writing lesson with her sons has culminated in a Hellertown woman's first novel.

"To get the kids interested in writing, I bought them notebooks and told them I wanted to write a story with them," Suzanne Haraputczyk said. Before that moment, she said she had written long poetry in high school, to help deal with issues in her life. She chuckles that an attempt at verbal storytelling with the children faltered, so writing was the way to go. Haraputczyk said she had a desire to be a professional writer, but never pursued it.

Those writing lessons with her sons led her to craft what became the backstory for Haraputczyk's first novel, "Ethereal Ocean."

The Hellertown woman will sign copies of the mainstream romance novel Saturday at Hellertown Area Public Library.

At the center of the love story are couple Kerrie and James, who Haraputczyk describes as soulmates who were destined to spend eternity together since their first hello. Events after a plane crash involving James lead to a tragic secret between the two being uncovered—part of which Haraputczyk came up with during that writing exercise with her sons nearly a decade ago.

The couple split and try to move one, with Kerrie marrying and having children. But when she finds out she has only few months to live, she and James reunite.

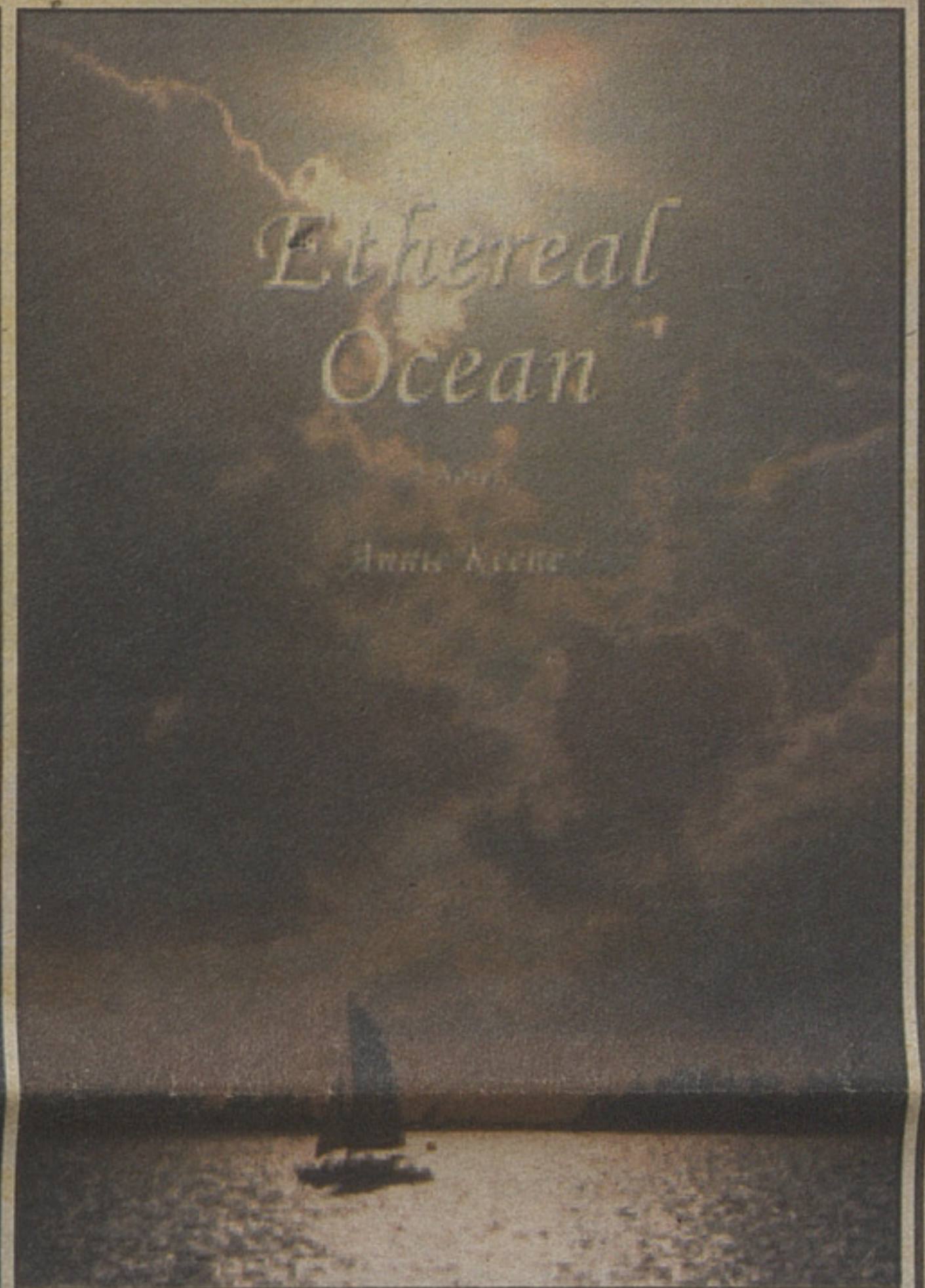
The twist is: the lovers. . .

"I've been challenging the rules of every game since I was born," the Hellertown writer said of the plot twist in her novel. "I want the reader to think 'What would I do in this position? . . . The average reader will get a little trip out of the norm.'"

Haraputczyk, who uses the pen name Annie Keene, said writing the 30 chapters that build the story around the chapter she wrote in 1999 were "a bit of escapism" for her. After she wrote bits of the book, she let it sit a few years. As the Hellertown mom went through a divorce, she said that life moment drove her to complete the book.



Above, Suzanne Haraputczyk relaxes in her Hellertown apartment, at work on a chapter from one of several books that she expects to follow the publishing of her first novel, "Ethereal Ocean."



Book cover illustration by PJI Studio

'ETHEREAL OCEAN' BOOK SIGNING

WHEN: Saturday, July 19
WHERE: Hellertown Area Public Library, 409 Constitution Ave.
INFO: www.anniekeene.com or www.iuniverse.com

With no formal creative writing training and few connections in publishing, Haraputczyk began to shop the first draft to publishing houses. Some rounds of criticism from publishing houses that did review the manuscript led to the writer taking some creative writing courses at Northampton Community College, digesting critics' comments and reworking the manuscript.

At a seminar in Easton, she came in contact with the head of iUniverse publishing house, the group that produced Haraputczyk's book.

From photos that catch her eye as she flips through magazines to odd subject matter on talk shows to everyday conversations, snippets of experiences in her daily life built the story.

Haraputczyk said she came up with the novel's tragic conclusion as she walked through Hellertown one day in 2003, headed to her job as production assistant at *The Valley Voice*.

"People I meet become inspirations for moments in the lives of characters I create," Haraputczyk said.

She is working on a follow-up to the novel, centering the story on Kerrie's children.

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AROUND SAUCON VALLEY

Free movies to be shown in August at Dimmick Park, Hellertown

Hellertown's **Movies in the Park** will be presented free in August by Saucon Valley Business & Friends Association. Showings begin shortly after dusk, weather permitting. Mov-

ies to be shown are Bee Movie, Aug. 1; Shrek the Third, Aug. 8; Surfs Up, Aug. 15 and Ratatouille, Aug. 22.

Refreshments will be served. Call 610-838-3252.

On Friday, Aug. 1, Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society will host a **talk** by Dr. James Sturm of Lower Saucon Township. The retired Lehigh University pro-

fessor will discuss, "A Golden Trashery of Ogden Nashery," his views on the writings of Nash.

The program is free but space is limited. Call 610-253-1222.

Open **kitchen night** begins 7 p.m. Saturday, July 26 at Dewey Fire Company Social Hall, 502 Durham St., Hellertown. Menu includes wings, clams and other foods.

Art work by the Society Hill Watercolor Art Group is on display through July 27 at Heller Homestead Art Gallery, 1890-92 Friedensville Road, Lower Saucon Township. Proceeds benefit Saucon Valley Conservancy.

St. Luke's (Old Williams) Church will hold its annual **ice cream festival** 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2 at the Easton Road church. There will be ice cream, food, a cake walk, games, a moon walk, and music by Stampede. Call 610-838-0897.

Starting Sunday, July 20, Saucon Valley residents who have **extra, unwanted produce** from their gardens can drop it off at Saucon Valley Farmers Market at Water Street Park, Hellertown. Produce will be donated to Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. Collections will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Sunday of each month.

CLARIFICATION

Saucon Valley School Board member Charles Bartolet also voted no to hiring Solicitor Ellis Katz. His name was omitted in a June 28 story on the new hire.

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SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS

Across

1. Jellies' seeded cousins
5. Salt in Mexico
8. Chicago's north side team
12. Largest continent
13. Radiant light
14. Lovable monster from summer '01
15. Harry's magical tool
16. Aquarium scum
17. Republic in West Indies
18. Arachnid-like hero
20. St. Louis attraction
21. Slower than IM
22. Gallery display
23. Equal to 100 centimes, pl.
26. Back after 19-year hiatus
30. Opposite of their
31. Accompany
34. Skidded
35. Administer oil or ointment, often in ceremony
37. DNA transmitter
38. Skipped on water
39. Roman goddess of moon
40. Goes with weensy
42. Goes with a skip and a jump
43. Lovable pirate
45. Type of throw by wild pitcher
47. Unwelcome to smokers
48. Chef hat
50. David Cook, e.g.
52. Dishonest schemes
56. Something one hopes to attain
57. "___ up" in poker
58. What editors do
59. Wing-shaped
60. Comes on a rod
61. Coke or Pepsi
62. Ridiculed for studiousness
63. Make a mistake
64. 3-point field goal

Down

1. The original summer blockbuster?
2. Hurry up, acronym
3. Austin Powers sidekick ___ Me
4. Make unhappy
5. Ragout of game in a rich sauce
6. Relating to alga
7. Taken with interest

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8. Analyst who works with graphs
9. Relating to urine
10. Long for Liz
11. Biathlon skill
13. What bullies do
14. Broken piece of glass
19. Event host
22. "A Bug's Life" hero
23. Young horses
24. Big increase in short time frame
25. Sports stadium
26. Ahmadinejad's country
27. Pacific greeting
28. Sheer silky fabric
29. Proficient
32. Gang or bunch
33. Top seed
36. Port side
38. Comes from maples
40. 2000 pounds
41. Shrek the Third, e.g.
44. Pep ___
46. Turn away
48. Radio receiver
49. Furry water mammal
50. Devil finds work for such hands
51. Letter opener
52. Decrease gradually, often used with "down"
53. O in B.O.
54. Digestive aid
55. Dog command
56. 007 creator

Answers to last week's puzzle

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Sports Quiz

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- 2.) In which game can the ball reach speeds of 185 miles per hour?
- 3.) Who was known as "Joltin' Joe"?

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(1) None, the game was cancelled due to the player's strike.
(2) Jai alai
(3) Joe DiMaggio

Bulletin Board

July 18

10 p.m., Hellertown fireworks, Dewey Fire Company. Rain date is 10 p.m. July 19.

July 19

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Vendor & craft fair, Hellertown Area Public Library.

July 21

6:30 p.m., Saucon Valley Lions Club meet, The Meadows, Lower Saucon Township.

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

July 22

7:30 a.m., Saucon Rotary Club meets, DeSales University, Center Valley.

July 24

6:30 p.m., Hellertown Lions Club meets, The Meadows, Lower Saucon Township.

6:45 p.m., P.F.I.W. Bingo, Dewey Fire Company Social Hall, Hellertown.

7 p.m., Saucon Valley Alumni Association meets, high school library.

Government Meetings

July 19

7 p.m., Lower Saucon Planning Commission meets, Town Hall.

July 21

7 p.m., Hellertown Borough Council meets, Borough Hall.

7 p.m., Lower Saucon Zoning Hearing Board meets, Town Hall.

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Photo by Paul Bealer

RAP OF THE GAVEL

The Bethlehem man accused of sexually assaulting his former girlfriend's teen daughter is on track to face trial Sept. 9 in Northampton County Court.

President Judge F.P. Kimberly McFadden last week set the trial for Richard Allen Ratushny. He plans to defend himself against 17 felony and misdemeanor charges that range from rape and statutory sexual assault to furnishing drugs and alcohol to a minor to corruption of minors. The former Hellertown teen has testified that Ratushny allegedly provided and used drugs with her when she was 12 and 13. He allegedly also had a consensual sexual relationship with her. The teen's 9-year-old sister has testified that Ratushny allegedly fondled her.

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The Lower Saucon man whose antics caused the mass evacuation of an Allentown motel last year was sentenced to 4 1/2 to nine years in state prison.

Jacob M. Christine, 20, of 1650 Rambling Rose Court, was also put on five years probation.

Christine pleaded guilty in June to two counts of aggravated assault, one count of carrying a gun without a license, and two counts of possession with intent to deliver cocaine and marijuana.

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The Kintnersville woman accused of killing a Hellertown woman has been charged with illegally collecting her father's pension. Mary Jane Fonder is accused of accepting \$33,000 in benefits sent to her missing father. She allegedly failed to report his disappearance in August 1993 to the federal government's Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.

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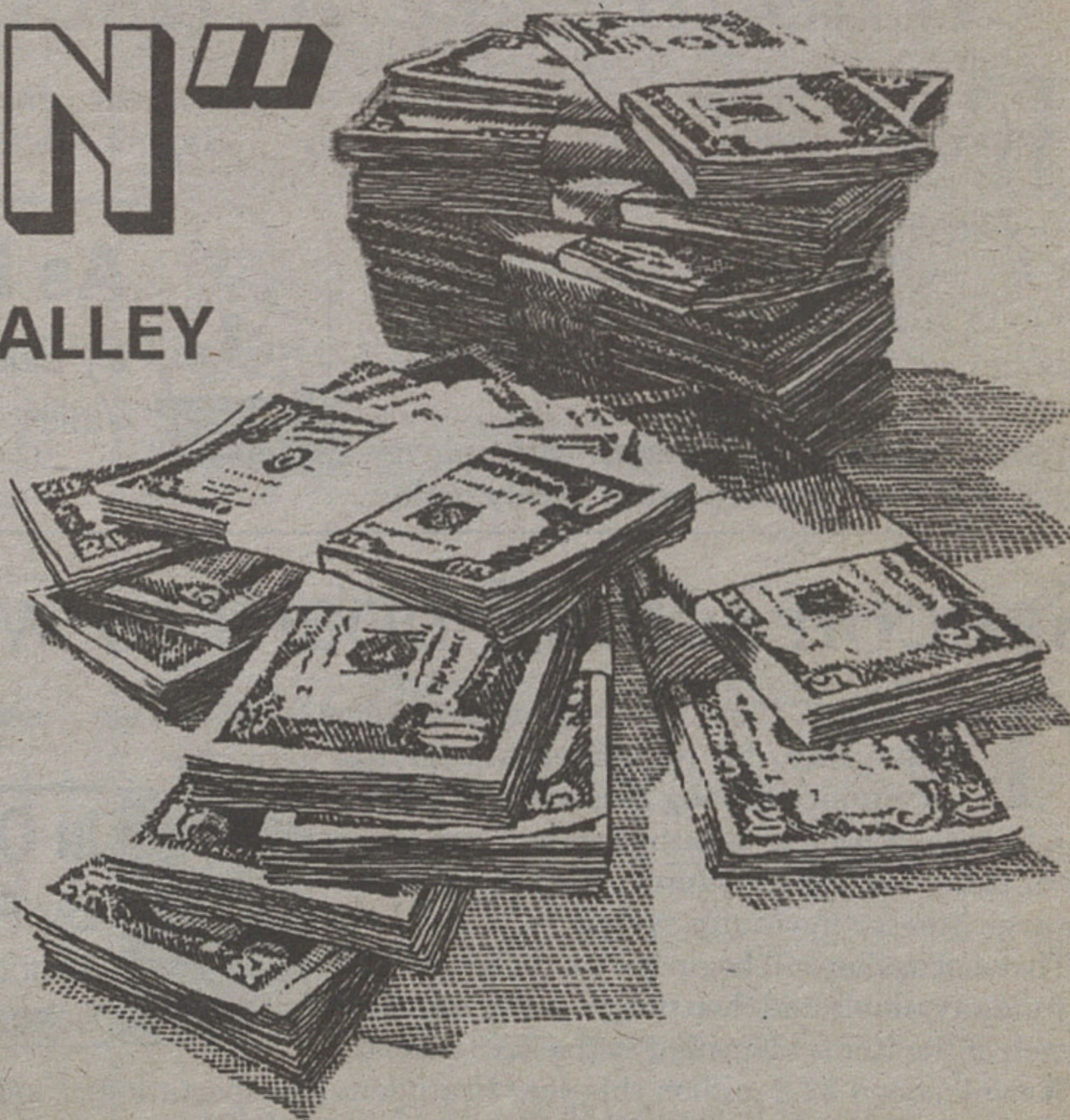
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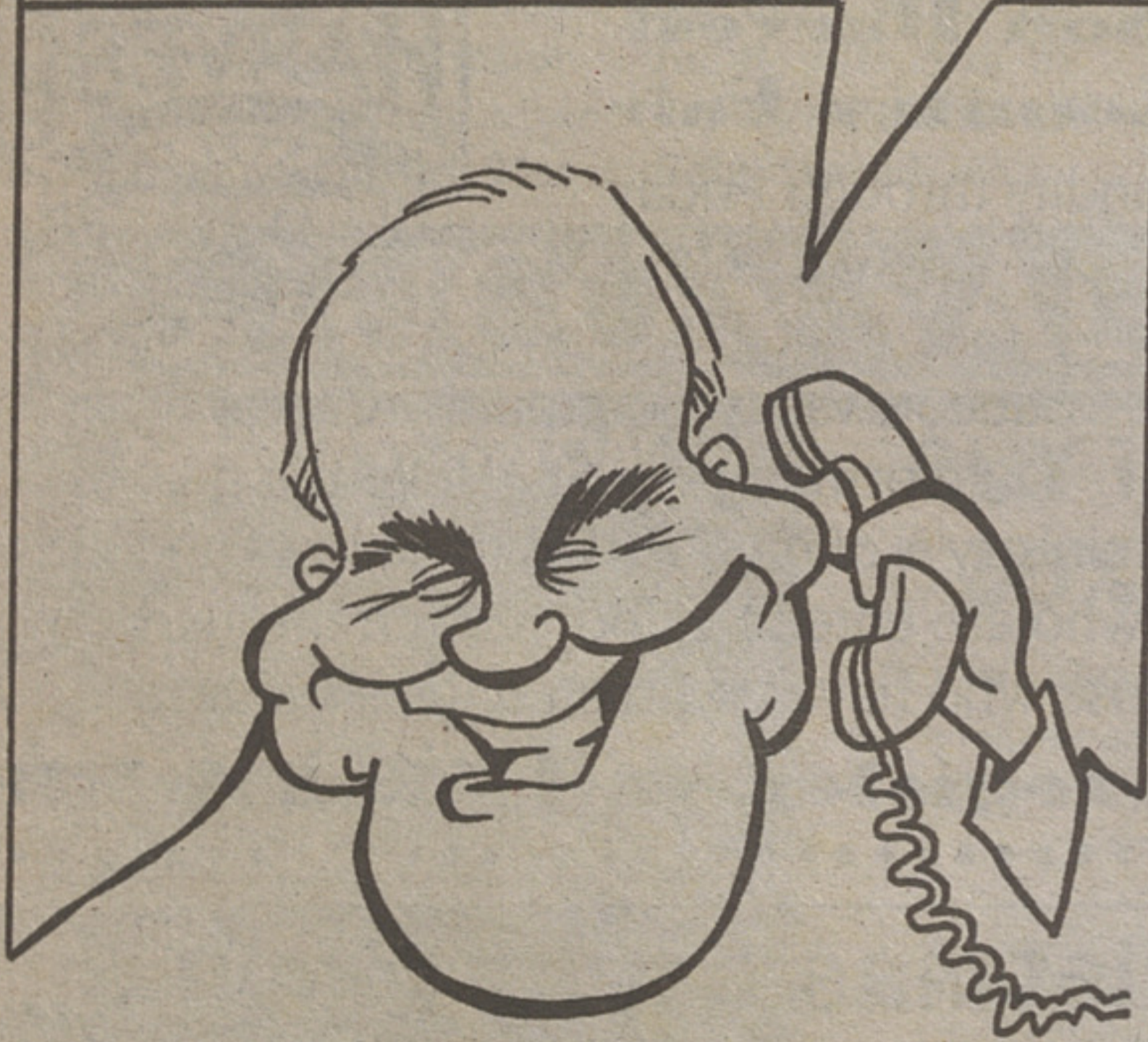
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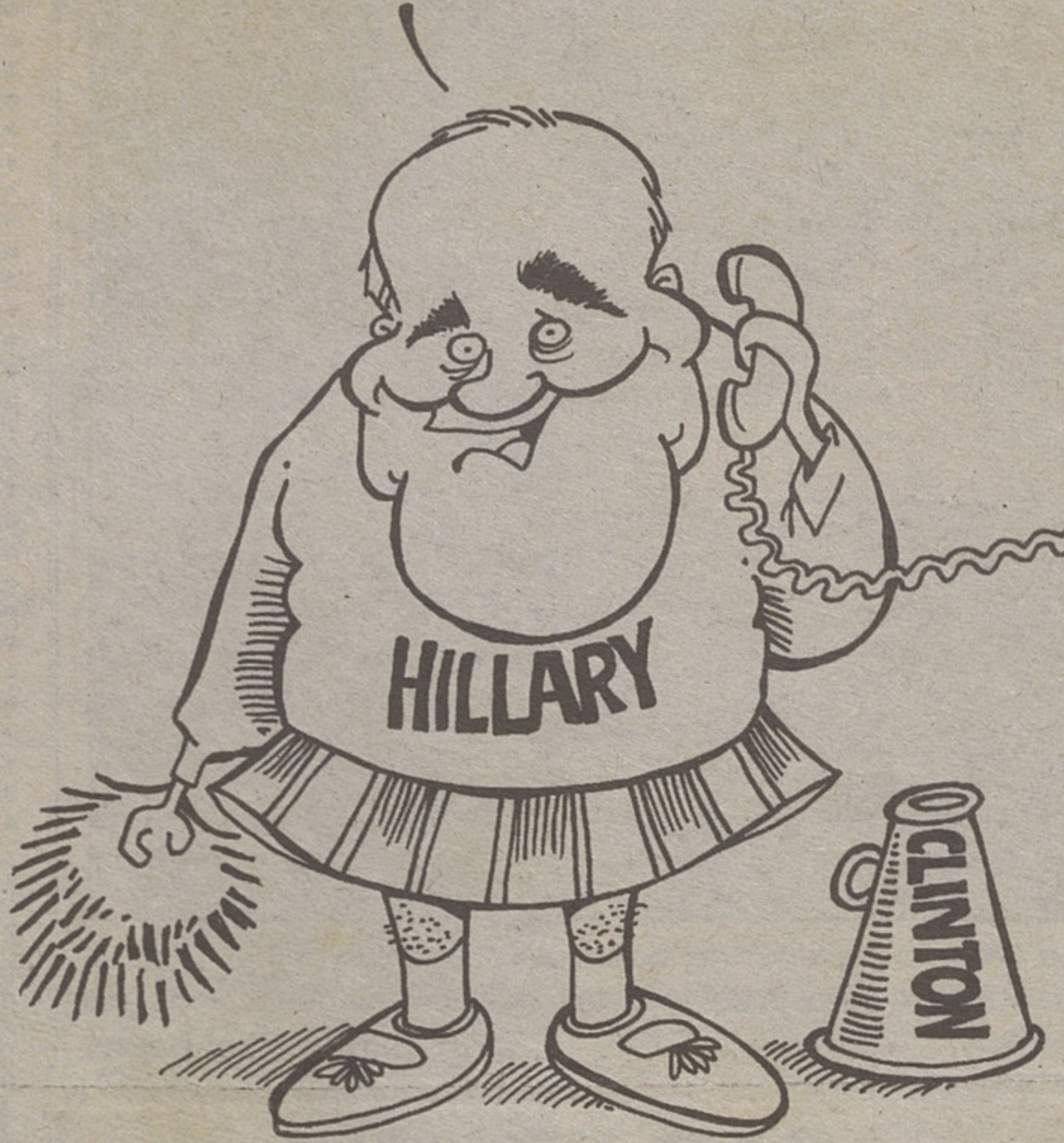
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters on any topic are welcome. They may be edited and they must be signed. Letters must be submitted exclusively to *The Valley Voice*. Letters will not be repeated, either when they are from the same writer or from a group of writers making the same points. You must include your phone number — not for publication, but so we can verify the letter.

ABOUT OPINIONS

Only those articles with the "Viewpoint" heading express *this newspaper's* opinions. An article with someone's name as its heading is called a "column" or "personal piece" and expresses that writer's *personal* opinions. We run opinion pieces not because we necessarily agree with the writers, but because they have something to say.

Once again, outsiders are circling the magic wand over our Hellertown

WELL IT IS JUST ABOUT READY. THE SAUCON VALLEY Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan is in its final stages. If you haven't picked one up, please find one or borrow one, just get one. As for lite reading, it's worth it.

They [Saucon Valley Partnership] tried something new. It used to be that Hellertown would just do her own.

It was a tool of finding out where we are going and who we are. It's a magic wand event. Except this time, Lower Saucon Township and the Saucon Valley School District

grabbed their dress up clothes and brought their own magic wands. Hence the multi-comprehensive plan.



KITTY'S LITTER BOX

By Stephanie Kovacs
Valley Voice
Guest Columnist

Funny though, people that aren't from around here are running our town. Many meetings and thousands of hours are poured into this booklet.

The views are only those of the people that showed up to meetings of three groups represented and did the work.

I only went to a few and right now I am very sorry that I didn't go to more.

Who are we to decide a deer's life?

FROM TIME TO TIME, I GET SOME DEER WHICH TRAVEL ALONG the border of my Lower Saucon Township property, and I very much enjoy watching them.

There are those times, however, when they decide to enter into my yard and eat some shrubbery or plants. However, I would never chase them.

Today two very small fawns came along with other deer and they could hardly make

their way through the underbrush. I just watched from a window and through they are just born to be killed.



AS I SEE IT

By Bud Prosser
Valley Voice columnist

Lest I have all the hunters jump down my throat, I fully understand we would be overrun with deer without hunting season. But then again, who are we (the human race) to decide who should live and who should die.

And this is As I See It!

Saucon school board to work on future planning

THIS MONTH, there are three agenda items for discussion that may be of interest to the community. Having received the master plan from TAS in a May meeting, we will review the list of potential capital improvement items to set our priorities for the coming years.

This discussion will begin with a review of capital funds available and then progress into the merit of each of the items identified in the TAS report.

We will spend \$2.2 million this year in student transportation. We are very much aware that the rise in energy prices will have an impact on our bus transportation system. At the very least we need to eliminate any inefficiencies. It is even more likely that we will

need to review the services that we offer to distinguish between the necessary and the convenient.



IN OUR SCHOOLS

By Ralph Puerta
Saucon Valley
School Board President

We conducted a board review of the state "costing out study" in the early spring. At that time, we agreed to follow up with a comparison of costs and practices in districts that are both similar to and different from Saucon Valley.

We will have the first planning discussion of that project in July. It is our intention to complete the study by the end of the year.

These planning sessions in July help us to make these projects as effective as possible. We look forward to community input.



SATURDAY SOJOURN

Every Saturday, Brian Warren Fehr treks from Allentown to visit his sister, Michele, in Hellertown. She has been the man's support since the age of five. When they get together, he enjoys serenading his sister with Elvis Presley tunes, talking about his successes in Special Olympics competitions and bowling, maybe watch a Mets game or professional wrestling together. They have participated many times in the Saucon Valley Halloween Parade. The siblings, known as Fehr Deal, have sung and performed at such places as Saucon Valley Manor and Gracedale. Before he heads back to his respite care facility in Allentown, Brian enjoys taking walks with sis in Hellertown. Through walking and following a healthy diet, Fehr is proud to tell people he has lost nearly 150 pounds. *Above*, Fehr sings along to Elvis's "Viva Las Vegas" and *at right*, they take a walk down First Avenue.



Photos by Paul Bealer

Directors to earn \$21G on Saucon productions

Saucon Valley School Board has approved agreements to dole out \$21,232 to directors of the middle and high school fall and spring musicals.

Bethlehem's Sal Ritz will receive \$2,160 to produce the middle school's version of "Into the Woods" and an additional \$2,000 to coordinate workshops. He will receive \$5,480 to produce and direct the high school spring musical.

Which musical Saucon students will stage in the spring has not been announced.

Lower Saucon's Kevin and Patti O'Connell will each receive \$2,500. She will serve as vocal director for the fall and spring shows, and he will be paid to served as musical director for the spring show.

New Jersey resident Paul Goldie will be paid \$2,400 to serve as acting coach.

Bethlehem resident Beth

Jensen will be paid \$1,512 to serve as production assistant on the fall musical and \$1,680 to serve in that role on the spring musical.

The board also agreed to pay \$1,000 to Bethlehem's Ann Marie Squerrini to serve as choreographer for the spring show.

Heller Park nature trail to be dedicated July 26

An interpretive nature trail will be dedicated 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26 at Heller Homestead Park, 1890 Friedensville Road, Lower Saucon. There will be activities for children and guided tours of the trail.

The nature trail project was organized by Mary Beth Paskewicz, a Saucon Valley Girl Scout who is working to earn her Gold Award.



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Forms are available at the Saucon Valley School District Tax Office located in the Business Office of the Administration Building, 2097 Polk Valley Road, Hellertown. Phone: 610-836-7028, Extension 1110, and from the offices of state Representatives Robert L. Freeman and Karen D. Beyer. They will also assist in filling out these forms.

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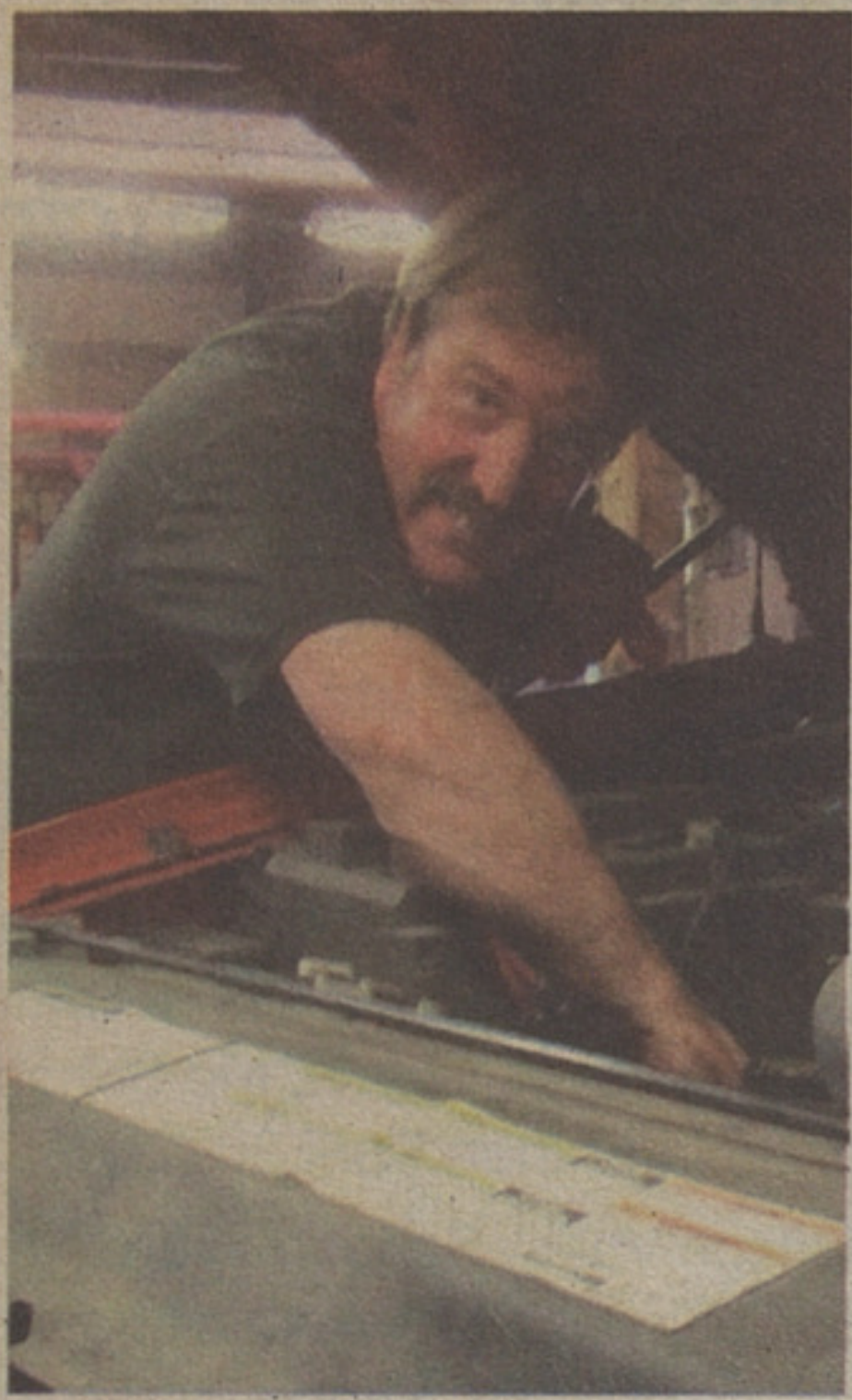


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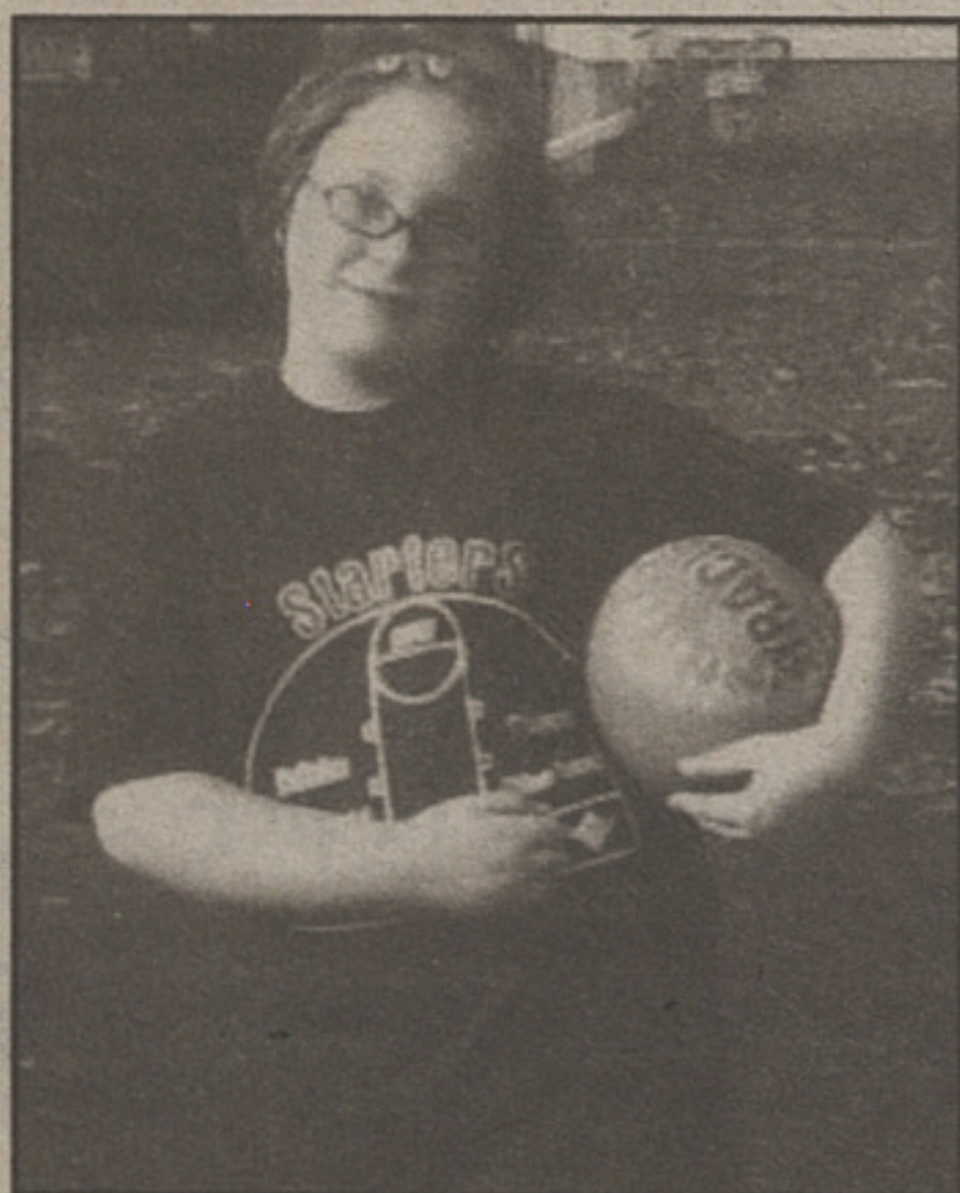
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FOND MEMORIES: *Recalling old* They do not build cars like this

By Richard K. Geyer
 Special to The Valley Voice

Being the youngest of three brothers, it was not uncommon to accept and use hand-me-downs. That occurred when I received my first car. My oldest brother Edwin bought a well used, but attractive to him, Model A Ford. This was during World War II and he was soon drafted into the Army where he served quite honorably in the Third Division, 30th Infantry. Being the kid brother, I wore a shirt he sent me from Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga. until it was literally in rags and more than 60 years later I can still rattle off his serial number. I was proud of my brother Ed.

The next in line for this roadster was brother Charles. He should have, by all means been sent to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—an opinion I stand firm by to this day. From a 99-cent Avia oil can, he fashioned a home made 'super-charger' To my young mind, it was an unheard of contraption, but I can assure you, as an often time passenger, this empty two gallon oil can worked.

When that engine got to the middle 30s there was a very unusual "oowaahh" as it gulped more air than your average four cylinder. Thank goodness there wasn't that much traffic back then and gas ration cards and stamps were the daily topic with car owners. At this time, we lived in Miller Heights, actually along the canal, and we went back and forth to Hellertown High School. And I can recall more than one occasion when I just had to make a running jump into the front seat as we left the driveway, Charles not being too patient for the kid brother.

As stated, this was during the war and Charles and his best friend, Al Gross, decided to join the Navy. They signed the papers and on his way home that very day, Charles hit a patch of ice under an overhead railroad bridge, the momentum carried the car and driver against the guard rail snapping off the upper half of this roadster. The next thing in Charles' memory was waking up in an ambulance heading for St. Luke's Hospital. His first words were "I can't go to the hospital, I'm going to the Navy tonight." "You're not going anywhere," he was told.

One of the police officers at the scene remarked that the car would not be driven again. Wrong observation. Six weeks later I was driving my first car—not officially or legally, but who else was in line to gain this hand-me-down? It was repaired by another of Charles' friends who had a shop in Freemansburg, the Marish Garage I believe.

Now I had wheels. One of my high school friends, Carl Fritchman, and his older brother who was infatuated with Model As, contributed to some final detail. The four of us high school friends had many enjoyable evenings riding around town. Dean Abel, who later joined the Navy with me, and a girl that I was most fortunate to meet, and eventually marry, made up this steady group.

Nina Judd was on the church choir and this roadster was the witness of some loud and happy amateur singers during these grand times.

There was Guro's, opposite the high school, and our travels often ended there with a walnut sundae for Nina and a butterscotch sundae for me.

I must mention a rare innovation and installation to the car by brother Charles—a radio. A radio in a Model A, surely you jest? Actually I recall quite well as it attracted quite a bit of attention. It was an Arvin, was shaped much like the dimensions of a shoe box, and this was installed under the seat. It had a circular tuning dial which could be manipulated with your hands or we eventually adjusted the tuning using the heel of our foot. Now, at the same time we had a small circular thermometer fastened onto the dash with a suction cup. As we tuned the radio with our heel, at the same time we would very

carefully 'adjust' the thermometer and the station would change. We shared some hilarious times with that. I can remember a cab driver at the railroad station looking and listening, quite baffled as he was sure he heard music from this aging roadster.

Mechanically this car had some great stuff. The choke device was a long steel rod with a disc, approximately the size of a nickel or quarter, at the upper end. This held a raised portion that was used as an indicator since this circular knob could be gradually turned to make a final adjustment. When starting a cold engine, the operator would lift up on this long rod, when the engine started or allowed the choke rod to go back to it's original position a screw type effect was used and turning it all the way to the right assured one that the choke was off. Many chokes in cars of later manufacture had chokes that didn't completely shut off.

This roadster also had a hand adjusted gas feed. If one was alone and stuck in snow or mud, he could pull down on this notched lever at the steering



Old times in Our Saucon Valley

's classic Model A Ford roadster

wheel, adjust the speed whereby he would alight from the stalled vehicle and push.

Of course, there was the problem. I suppose that this was the cause of many accidents, but for it's proper use at the appropriate time, it did work.

The gas gauge was not one of Henry's best concoctions, but it worked. It was situated in front of the driver because that's where the gas tank was located. The level of gas was visible at times, but the gauge was manipulated by a common cork on a lever. The capacity of the tank was shown by looking through a small glass window.

Another unforgettable experience comes to mind as I recall taking a lunch break while working for Edinger's Nursery. Mike Zechmeister and Johnny Klopach and I were sitting up front, a bit jammed, and we were listening to the radio. For no apparent or mechanical reason, we noticed smoke coming from the front of the dashboard. I recall that three loud voices sang out in the same high volume and very same words "Hey, the gas tank is up there!"

You don't have fun like that in these newer cars. One particular trip I recall was going to Peck's Pond. While it seems like a ho hum drive by today's standards, I can attest to the fact that it was a memorable trip. We had no spare tire. Remember, with the war on no tires or gas. A friend who had a large farm was good enough to donate a "T" coupon now and then, and I well recall him telling us school chums that they couldn't afford to buy all the gas that they had coupons allotted.

We made it to Peck's and back with no more than a slight. I'll refer to it as an admonition from the park ranger when he discovered Mike and yours truly lying on our backs on the picnic benches shooting small branches with our .22 rifles.

Time and again, I have said that every car I owned was actually an improvement over the previous one. But one undeniable fact remains: I never had as much good, plain, unvarnished fun as I recall with that beat up Model A Ford.

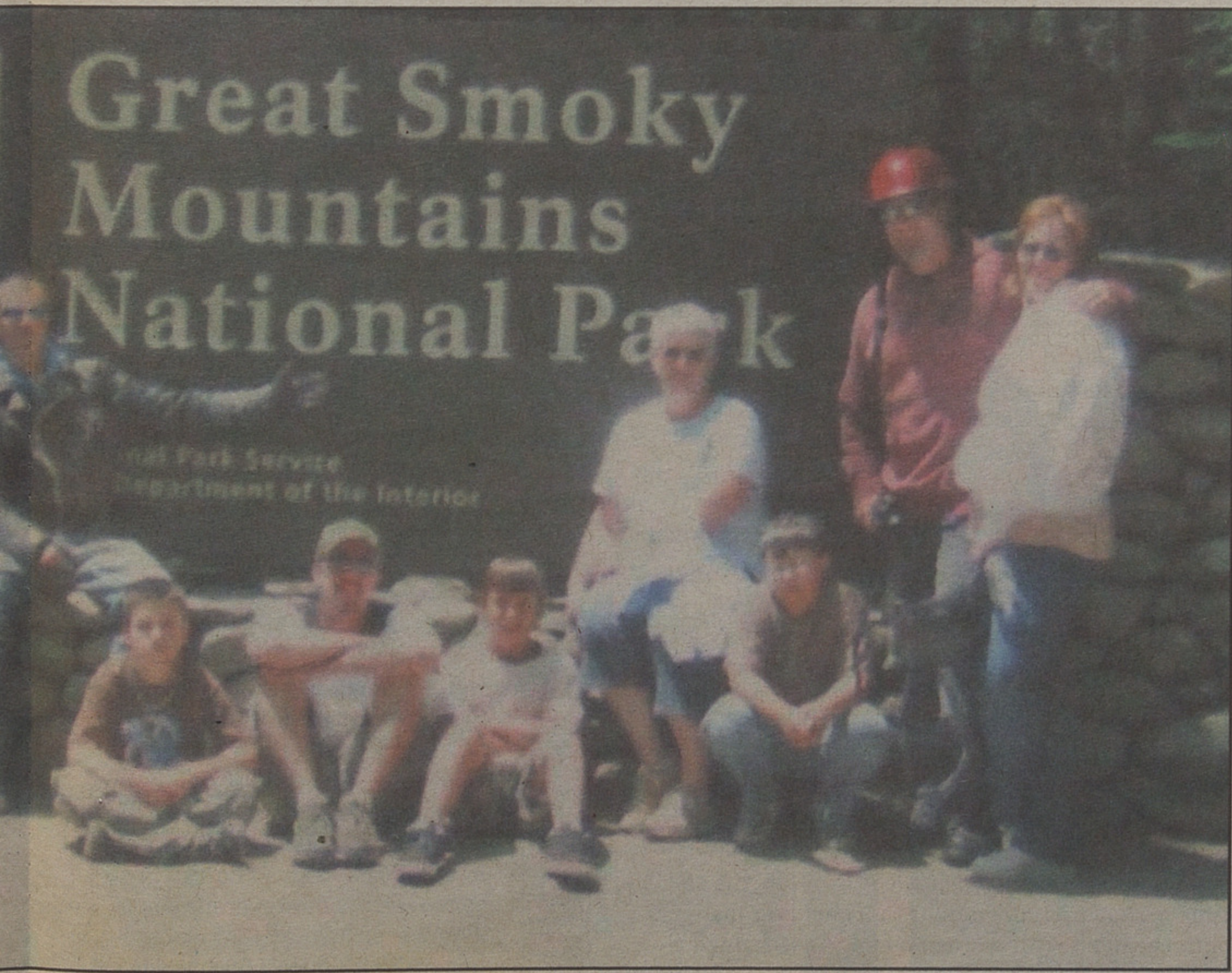
Thank you, Henry, wherever you are.



SUMMERTIME FUN

Left, Hellertown's Kevin Branco marked his birthday by taking a dive from an airplane. With Branco is his skydiving instructor. The trip was a gift to the Hellertown man from his girlfriend, Ashley Chunko. Below, Monumental Crafts owners Bob, Pam and Cliff Moll recently spent a week in the Great Smoky Mountains of Gatlinburg, Tenn. Other than the beautiful vistas from the mountain cabin that they shared with other family members and friends, the week included horseback riding, trips to Dollywood Theme Park, Ripley's Aquarium and Dixie Stampede Dinner Theater, driving NASCAR replicas, visiting a Civil War re-enactment, and playing hillbilly golf. At 6,643 feet, they challenged the climb up Clingman's Dome, including the last half-mile on foot, to reach a lookout that has a view of seven states. Towing their motorcycles for the trip, Bob and Cliff, and Clint Ramsberger, drove the famous and dangerous Dragon's Tail near Gatlinburg. The "tail" is a challenge with 318 curves in an 11 mile decline in the Smokies. They had to ride it again to get back to the cabin.

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Saucon Valley High School posts 4th quarter honor roll

The following Saucon Valley High School students were named to the fourth quarter honor roll.

Highest honor roll

Grade 12: Kyle Altenbach, Ariel Bernath, Tyler Buddock, Deanna Buhay, Peter Cao, Aaron Connors, Jessica Davies, Krystal Doheny, Lauren Fritchman, Tyler Germanoski, William Ghazi, Kira Gilman, Scott Gordon, Chelisse Headley, Abby Heintzelman, Rebecca Heslin, Kevin Kunsman, Chelsea Lane, James Luybli, Daniel Macarro, Sarah Mann, Jessica Martin, Linnea Martin, Peter Miller, Senia Mirza, Anna Molinari, Catherine Murray, Phong Nguyen, Mary Paskewicz, Adrienne Raahs, Thomas Rasich, Daniela Santiesteban, Kelly Sauerzopf, Elizabeth Seibel, Lauren Seneca, Kaitlin Shermetta, Kevin Shoemaker, Daniel Silver, Lauren Truskowski, Katherine Vargas, Leah Weiss, Donald Welch, Samantha Wentz, Melissa Wilkins, Christopher Zeitler and Nicole Zekind.

Grade 11: Ory Ball, Kevin Boyd, Ryan Cawley, Melissa Diehl, Joshua Durbin, Amy Frey, Melanie Gertz, Nathan Gorkos, Charles Kidd, Anna McAloon, Analiese O'Toole, Kimberley Polizzano, Emily Pronchik, Bethany Raudenbush, Robert Ravier, Elizabeth Ross, Courtney Rust, Catherine Seibel, Suzanne Snyder, Donald VanBuren, Alex Wolf, Nicholas Young, Amanda Zanon and Stephanie Zmuda.

Grade 10: Jamie Baab, Joshua Barnes, Megan Billetz, Kelli Bujanowski, Elizabeth Conte, Patrick Duque, Kristi Flesher, Sean Grim, Max Henig, Benjamin Henry, Rebecca Hillegass, Desire' Hough, Dylan Kmetz, Ashley Kramer, Peter Kurecian, Heather Logan, Anthony Lucrezi, Natalie Magan, Samuel Martin, Patricia

O'Connell, Nicholas Oblas, Bethany Parry, Drew Parton, Emily Paskewicz, Sara Pazzaglia, Jessica Powell, Jordan Protchko, Douglas Sassaman, Jillian Sloand, Chelsea Smith, Amanda Sparkman, Molly Split, Emily Stuart, Kevin Truskowski, Thomas Vassa and Alicia Ventura.

Grade 9: Arkady Apelchuk, Soumaya Bendjilali, Katrina Bohnhorst, Alex Bowen, Melissa Boyd, Katlyn Burns, Matthew Cao, Julie Carr, Nicholas Carvis, Shannon Cassidy, Sara Cote, James Cullen, Kyle Daniel, Samantha DaSilva, Lindsay Diehl, Rebekah Evangelista, Kristen Ferrani, Eric Frans, Ian Gimbar, Kimberly Kelly, Lauren Kennedy, Sarah Kish, Patrick Kowalski, Austin Kuba, Courtney Laub, Alyssa Lombardo, Samantha Marri, Katherine Martin, Nigel McIntosh, Ryan McQueen, Patrick Miller, Tyler Mosher, Daniel O'Connell, Adam Peterson, Emily Polefka, Kelsey Roetenberg, Jaimie Schneider, Colton Shoenberger, Ashley Soong, Megan Stack, Danielle VanBuren and Lucas Young.

High honor roll

Grade 12: Megan Anderson, Megan Borger, Jose Calvo, Michelle Casale, Nicholas Check, Kristie Christine, Jillian Cline, Tracy Garis, Stephen Grap, Laura Heintzelman, Mallory Henig, Laura Housley, Kristyn Huddleston, Alexander Hulett, Ashley Huston, Brett Kichline, Ashley Klemka, Casey Koch, Corey Koch, Lynda Kowalchuk, Marie Kramer, Kelly Kunsman, Elizabeth Leidich, Jessica Long, Nina Magan, Heather Miller, Melissa Miller, Timothy Okken, Megan Polak, Lauren Poplowski, Joanne Riegel, Da-

kota Rivera, Samantha Schnalzer, Cassy Schrantz, Vanessa Segaline, Andrew Shank, Jessica Shive, Caroline Simmons, Ethan Smodish, Samantha Velez, Justin Voytko, Abby Ward, Lindsey Wieand, Christine Witt and Cindy Zheng.

Grade 11: Britny Appel, Samantha Arner, Matthew Barndt, Charles Bauder, Jillian Bender, Sydney Bickford, Aubrie Bisson, Christopher Blackadar, Matthew Boucon, Lucas Brothers, Angela Carbonara, Colin Chapman, Kyle Clark, Emily Cullen, Kelly Cunningham, Jacquelyn Fetzer, Branson Fleming, Kimberly Flok, Charles Guy, Nathan Hines, Emily Horvath, Matthew Kehs, Ryan Kincaid, Joshua Koehler, Shawn Kozak, Carlie Lambert, Michael Lancaster, Wayne Miller, Jessica Null, Angela Osmun, Emily Panick, Nicholas Parsons, James Paul, Victoria Riegel, Michael Roche, Amy Schulze, Matthew Snyder, Kyla Szemenyei, George Velas, Jesse Weber, Cherie Weiss, Henry Wolst and Jon Young.

Grade 10: Catherine Amber, Timothy Carver, Victoria Connors, Oliver Flores, Daniel Fowler, Sydney Hennessy, Kayla Kozak, Kasey Kunsman, Jennifer Laputka, Adam Long, Adam Luybli, Kevin McKenna, Jason Molinaro, Keith Okken, Christopher Repnyek, Christine Ridgick, Carissa Riegel, Jordan Schelinkhout, Allison Schubert, Sarah Seneca, Adam Snyder, Nicholas Spengler, Thomas Vosburg, Shawn Waggoner, Christopher Weiss and Alicia Zagwoski.

Grade 9: Roshad Barnes, Kelsey Beckett, Joshua Beedle, Sarah Beernink, Daniel Berger, Daniel Brozoski, Bran-

don Carregal, Michael Citrola, Kyle Davies, Elisabeth Delmore, Margaret DeSalvio, Mary Diehl, Claire Duffy, Ashley Eckert, Katrina Fenstermacher, Chloe Fisher, Megan Geiter, Laura Halsel, Lori Hillegass, Tanya Johnson, Amanda Kehs, Samantha Kiefer, Amanda Kirka, Kyle Lascelle, Michael Luttinen, John Lynch, Sarah Masek, Michael McCall, Stephanie Mettler, Davina Nieves, Kelly Palenchar, Kaitlyn Pinczok, Keri Polgar, Kevin Reilly-Rice, Talia Richelieu, Jeannine Riley, Johanna Roche, Julia Solosky, Andrew Stauffer, Cameron Taylor, Erika Velho, Erika Weisbach, Coryn Wister and Paige Wolst.

Honor roll

Grade 12: Peter Baudy, Anna Berlin, Laura Bolbat, Brittany Boyer, Elizabeth Bromfield, Frank Capozzi, Nolon Chambers, Matthew DeLade, Alicia Frankenfield, Austin Gates-Benson, Eric Gimbar, Reuben Herrera, Brandy Hill, Ashley Hulsizer, Michael Kozlowski, Candace Kutzera, Brian Langendonk, Lyn Lichtenwalner, Stephen Mamay, Timothy Mann, Allison McGill, Amanda Mead, Ryan Mercado, Steven Molinaro, Rose Noel, Rachael Oatis, Lauren Otłowski, Kaitlyn Pell, Amber Petchonka, Jenna Petrohoy, Bailey Reitz, Ryan Roberts, Brady Sandercock, Jarid Solosky, Matthew Split, Elizabeth Stickel, Mayshaim Tahir, Georgiana Torrella, Garrett Weaver and Megan Weber.

Grade 11: Jacob Amelio, Samantha Barrell, Spencer Birkel, Daniel Cao, Sarah Caton, Nicholas Cawley, Al-Terrick Cromwell, Joseph Cruz, Danielle Danyluk, Alyssia Feist, Sarah Fenon, Gary Figure, Ricky Flesher, Evan Fodi, Derek Garcia, Zachary Hafner, Dane Janas, Michael Kiak, Markus Kincaid, Robert Kressler, Alycia Kuba, Matthew Little, Dominick Louda, Adam Marshall, Valentina Martinez, Daniella Martins, Christopher Mautino, Jennifer Mertus, Kyle Mosher, Bailey Noble, Samantha Pell, Jacob

Pene, Andrew Pingyar, Patrick Richelieu, Matthew Savant, Derek Smull, Lynzee Stratton, Justin Vivian, Steven Vosburg, Jeremy Weiss, Joshua Werkheiser, Russell White, Shane Wilkins, Timothy Wilt and Ri Wei Zheng.

Grade 10: Alyssa Bernardo, Danika Binsau, Kendra Borelli, Ida Bromfield, Diane Craig, Justin DeLade, Tyrone Deschler, Luis Devia, Daniel Espinosa, Lauren Fowler, Desiree Gallagher, Kelsey Ganchoso, Richard Gardner, Tessa Garis, Kāyleigh Gross, Casandra Heckman, Cory Israel, Erik Ivarsson, Laura Koze, Alexandria Larish, Anne McEnerney, Kyle Miller, Bradley Nelmes, April Nowicki, Jacquelyn Pingyar, Ashley Polak, Alexander Poli, Jessica Reccek, Grant Reitz, Brandon Ridgick, Tucker Sandercock, Chelsea Schneider, Melanie Schreck, Kyle Shannon, Elena Tamburino, Justin Taylor, Danielle Troxell, Josue Vargas, Christa Vazquies, Julie Viscito, Christina Wargo, Matthew Werkheiser, David Wildrick, Jaelyn Witt and David Zheng.

Grade 9: Kristina Arnold, Dayna Bloch, Courtney Cawley, Lincoln Celentano, Jonathan Clark, Victoria Clark, Ryan Davis, Jessica Ehritz, Roger Eldredge, Margaret FaRannte, Kelly Feher, Benjamin Fistner, Venus Fontanez, Jacob Germanoski, Kyle Gertz, Jared Hagenbuch, Raynold Hill, Hailey Kemmerer, Lyndsey Kincaid, Corrinne Kirk, Matthew Knauss, Gregory Kurtz, Quanter Lightner, Brooke Loller, William Lopez, Kaila Mackey, Danielle Martin, Christine Masucci, Halina McCain, Monica Michael, Tyler Miller, David Nonnemaker, Kirston Novisher, Zachary Oatis, Jason Okken, Allison Omdahl, Matthew Orban, Jonathan Pearson, Andrew Remaly, Morgan Rothacker, Samantha Schirner, Cody Schneider, Tyler Seitter, Brandon Shuck, Samantha Siegfried, Sarah Snyder and Jillian Washburn.

DEAN'S LIST

Lower Saucon siblings Patrick Stephen Bonaduce and Katharine Elizabeth Bonaduce were named to the McDaniel College spring dean's list.

Patrick is an art major who received highest honors. Katharine is an English major who received honors at the Maryland college. Highest honors are earned for a semester grade point average of 3.90 or higher, and honors for a 3.50 to 3.69 average.

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Magically Unlocking Meanings!

Have you ever seen a magic trick performed? Did you figure out how it was done? One key to performing a trick smoothly is to break it into parts, think about each part, and then put the parts back together into one, complete trick. It's the same with understanding words. Whenever I read a book with hard words, I look at the parts of those words to see if I understand them. Then - Presto! - I "magically" can reveal the meanings of those pretty tricky words!

If looking at parts of words can help me to magically unlock their meanings, it can help you too. Here are my tips to help you "unlock" the meanings of words. Try them. It is almost like "magic!"

- What word would make good sense in this sentence?
- Look at pictures for clues.
- Look for a small group of letters at the beginning or end of the word that have a special meaning.
- The small groups of letters that are added to the beginning of a root word are called **prefixes**. For example: "un" = not
Un + happy = unhappy
so **unhappy** means that someone is not happy.
- Also, check for small groups of letters added to the end of a root word: These are called **suffixes** and can also help unlock new words.

Prefixes and Their Meanings
uni = one
bi, bin = two
tri = three
cent = one hundred

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle.

- instrument for both eyes
- thermometer scale using 0 for freezing point and 100 for boiling point
- vehicle with 2 wheels
- coin equal to 1/100 of a dollar
- 3 - sided figure with 3 angles
- dinosaur with 3 horns
- vehicles with 3 wheels
- one hundred years
- vehicle with 1 wheel
- able to speak in 2 languages
- 3 children born at one birth
- mystical creature with one horn in the middle of its forehead

Do you think this magical creature is real?

Little groups of letters added to the end of a root word to change its meaning are called **suffixes**. When the **suffix** "s" or "es" is added to a word, it shows that there are more than one. This is called a **plural**. Can you find and circle the plurals of these words?

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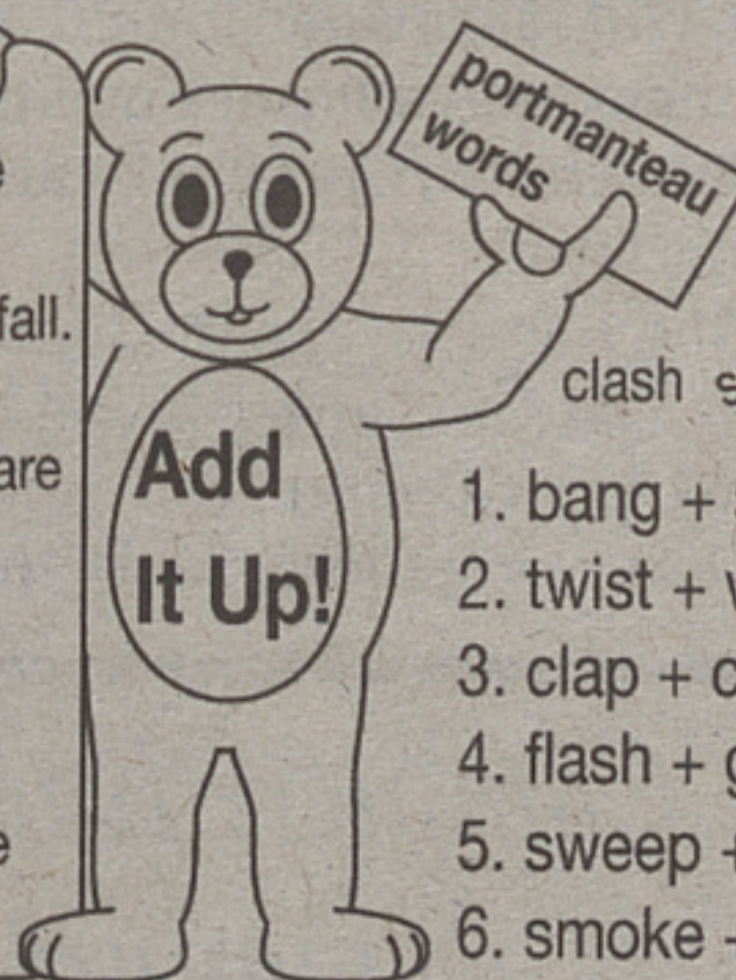
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Grownup's signature (over 18) _____

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I know that you have heard of "compound words." They are two whole words added together to make one new word. For example: water + fall = waterfall. Now I'm going to tell you about some words that are created when two words are "smashed" or blended together into one word, but the one word still means two things. An example of this is the word "motel." Motel is made up of two words "motor + hotel." A motel is a hotel where you "drive" right up to the door!



The sets of words below are being "blended" to make new words that mean the same as the two words making them up. Cover the answer key and try to fill in the new words in the blanks below before peeking at the list.

- clash splatter glimmer flurry swipe brunch camcorder squiggle flush smog bash twirl
- bang + smash = _____
 - twist + whirl = _____
 - clap + crash = _____
 - flash + gush = _____
 - sweep + wipe = _____
 - smoke + fog = _____
 - breakfast + lunch = _____
 - glitter + shimmer = _____
 - camera + recorder = _____
 - squirm + wriggle = _____
 - splash + spatter = _____
 - flutter + hurry = _____

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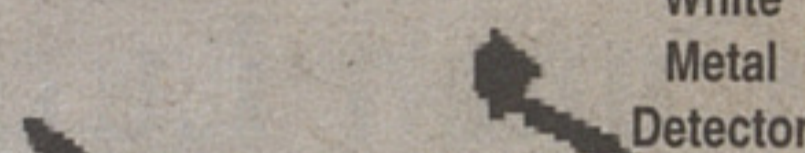
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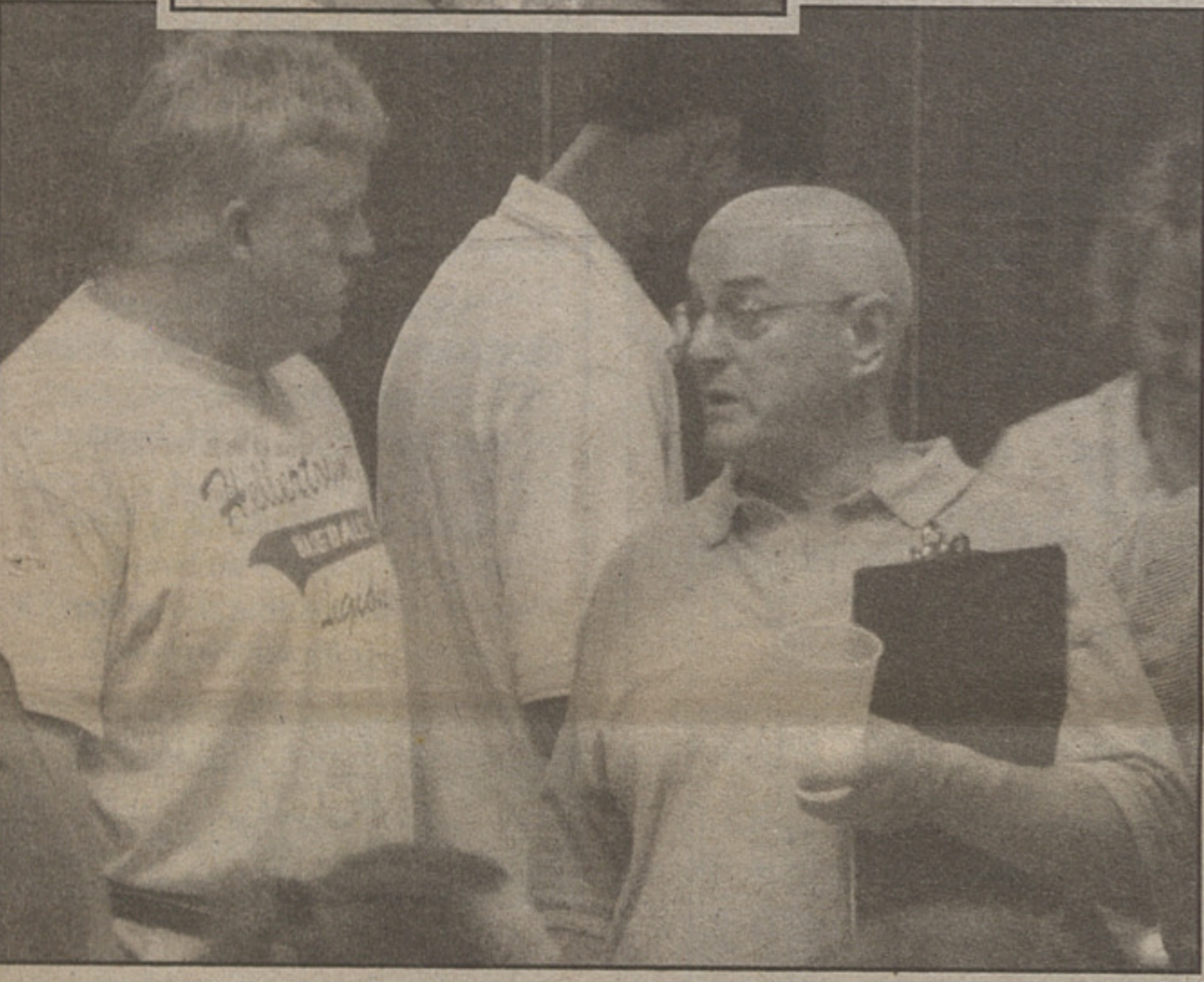


Ceremonial firing squad rifle goes on the selling block during the auction of Hellertown American Legion memorabilia. *Inset*, bidder stakes her claim to an item at the daylong auction June 28 at the Legion post home.



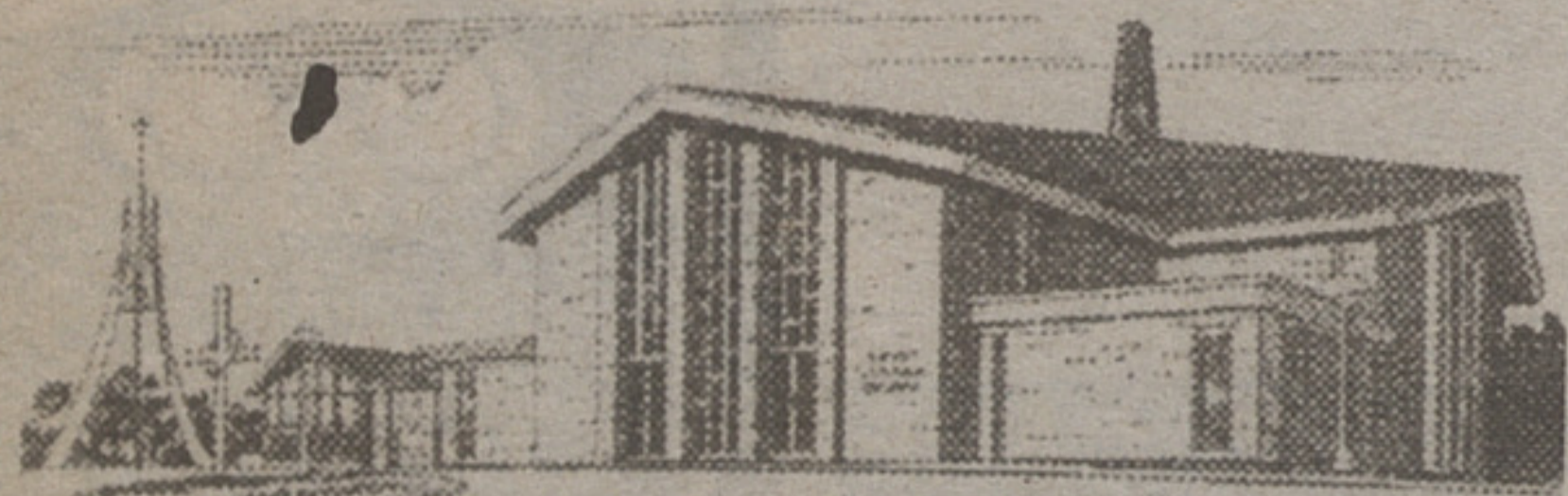
Below, former Post commander Mark Polinchock and former bartender Don Zimpfer chat about the Legion closing. Legion members will meet at another spot in Hellertown.

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SAUCON VALLEY DEATH NOTICES

Maryann Doklan

Maryann Doklan, 71, of Hellertown, died July 10 at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill.

For 48 years, she was the wife of Frank Doklan Jr.

She worked a secretary at Christ Lutheran Church, Hellertown, where she was a member. Prior to that she was a secretary at Hotel Bethlehem.

Born in Spring Valley, she was the daughter of the late William C. and Irene A. Rieger.

Survivors: Husband; sons, Frank III and Mark, both of Hellertown; grandchildren, Paul, Justin and Jenna.

Arrangements, Heintzelman Funeral Home, Hellertown.

Mary A. Johnson

Mary A. Johnson, 78, formerly of Hellertown, died July 7 at ManorCare Health Services.

She worked as a presser for Bethlehem Togs until retiring.

Born in Lower Saucon, she was the daughter of the late Luther A. Sr. and Margaret A. Cawley.

Johnson was a member of St. Luke's (Old Williams) Lutheran Church, Williams Township.

Survivors: Daughter, Ruth Ann Schoch of Hellertown;

brother, George T. of Hellertown; sister, Arlene B. Moser of Schnecksville; granddaughter, Stephanie M. Hamman of Hellertown; great-granddaughter, Ellie K. Hamman. She was predeceased by five brothers: William H., James I., John N., Harry A. and Luther A. Cawley.

Arrangements, Heintzelman Funeral Home, Hellertown.

Kathryne Kile

Kathryne Kile, 87, of Hellertown, died July 3 at Blough Nursing Home, Bethlehem.

She was married to the late Nicholas J. Ratushny.

She worked at Hellertown Manufacturing Company before retiring in March 1981. Previously, she was employed for 22 years at Champion Spark Plug factory in Hellertown, retiring in 1960.

Born in Sugarloaf Township, she was the daughter of the late Walter F. and Deborah Kile.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting, gardening, polka dancing, making holiday decorations and baking.

Survivors: Daughters, Robin K. Thomas of Downingtown and Randi J. Ratushny of Hellertown. She was predeceased by brothers, Leo W. Kile and Wayne W. Kile, and a sister, Dorothy J. Thomas.

Arrangements, Feeney Funeral Home, Reading.

Anna Mae Olah

Anna Mae Olah, 82, formerly of Hellertown, died July 6 at Easton Hospital. She was the wife of the late Joseph Olah.

She was a trimmer at various textile mills in the Lehigh Valley for many years.

Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Annie Smith.

Olah was a member of College Hill Moravian Church, Bethlehem, and a former member of First United Church of Christ, Hellertown.

She was active in the Bethlehem Y.M.C.A. and the Bethlehem Senior Center.

Survivors: Sons, Al Olah of

Lititz; Richard Olah of Bethlehem; daughter, Linda Roth of Island Pond, Vt.; sister, Doris Nagle of Bethlehem; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Smith, and sisters, Pearl Smith, Marion Snyder, Grace Rader, Jean Lee and Thelma Briody.

Arrangements, Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

Michael F. Cortright

Michael F. Cortright, 52, of Hellertown, died July 13 at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, Bethlehem.

He worked as a plumber for Selvaggio Enterprises Inc.

Born in Bethlehem, he was the son of Phyllis Cortright of Bethlehem and the late Frank Cortright.

Survivors: Son, Michael D. of Bethlehem, daughter, Kristen M. Tyrrell of Northampton; sisters, Pat Quigley, Kathy Kelly and Carol Hegedus; brothers, Gary and Wayne Cortright; two grandsons.

Arrangements, Connell Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

Arthur Louis Baier

Arthur Louis Baier, 68, died July 11 at his daughter's Bensalem home. Formerly of Springtown, he was the husband of Kathy D. Baier of Springtown.

Baier worked as an electrical engineer for the state of New Jersey and Army Corp of Engineers, Philadelphia until retirement.

Born in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late Joseph and Garnetta Baier.

He was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bensalem.

Survivors: Wife; sons, Lawrence of Jackson, N.J., Michael of Washington Township, N.J.; Kieth of Springtown; daughters, Karen R. Privitelli, with whom he resided and Amanda G. Baier of Kutztown; six grandchildren.

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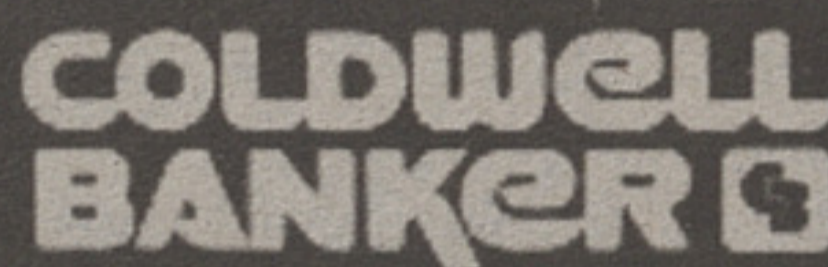
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Hellertown funeral home director David Heintzelman now offers a last ride in this motorcycle funeral coach fashioned with a vintage teardrop design.



Photo courtesy of Heintzelman Funeral Home

with a motorcycle. To personalize a loved ones 'final ride,' this second generation trailer can be pulled from a farmer's tractor, a hot rod or classic car. Heintzelman said his goal is to offer a multi-use type quality funeral coach that celebrates one's life.

For details on using this custom built hearse, or to have a custom hearse created, call Heintzelman at 610-838-0521 or visit his website at www.hearse4motorcyclefunerals.com

'Final tear' funeral coach debuts in Hellertown

Combining his love for Harley Davidson motorcycles with work, Hellertown funeral director David Heintzelman has had a one-of-a-kind hearse created.

Heintzelman, who owns Forever Remembered Hearse Company, said his current motorcycle hearse (a converted cargo trailer) served his needs, but was at times hard to transport due to its size. So Heintzelman sought to do better.

As the second generation hearse was being contemplated, the concept was to be like no other.

"The majority of motorcycle hearse companies formed around the country tend to look like a corporate motorcycle hearse company that was formed in Pennsylvania several years ago. Not wanting to follow that way of thinking and design, I sought to produce a funeral coach with modern but classic lines. . . .

This coach would have to be totally handmade, crafted with the finest materials and equipment, to give the owner and the families that are served, instant value for their hard earned money. I wanted to produce a product that would honor a loved one's life with dignity and pride."

After a one year search, Heintzelman said he found a company that was willing to listen to exactly what he wanted and produce a unique funeral coach offered in the industry. After months of drawings and e-mail communications, a trip to Beaufort, S.C. was made by Heintzelman to see the coach builders at TrailerWorks who would help him pursue his dream, the first "final tear" funeral coach.

Fashioned from the 1940-50s classic "teardrop" design, the funeral coach and its bright shining sides, tops and deep dish chromed wheels depict what

Heintzelman said his vision of the classiest "last ride" should look like. The interior of the coach is solid wood with 10 rollers and the height of the floor is that of a standard church truck, making it easy to place a casket or funeral ark with minimal effort.

"As many motorcycle hearse

companies mimic a fifth wheel designed trailer, we chose to use a traditional tongue design, so that this funeral coach could be more versatile than others," Heintzelman said. "With the use of this standard trailer tongue, the coach could be used in many various applications other than

Vet aid day slated July 21 at NCC

Saucon Valley's U.S. Representative, Charlie Dent, will host a session on veterans benefits 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 21 at Northampton Community College's Alumni Hall.

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