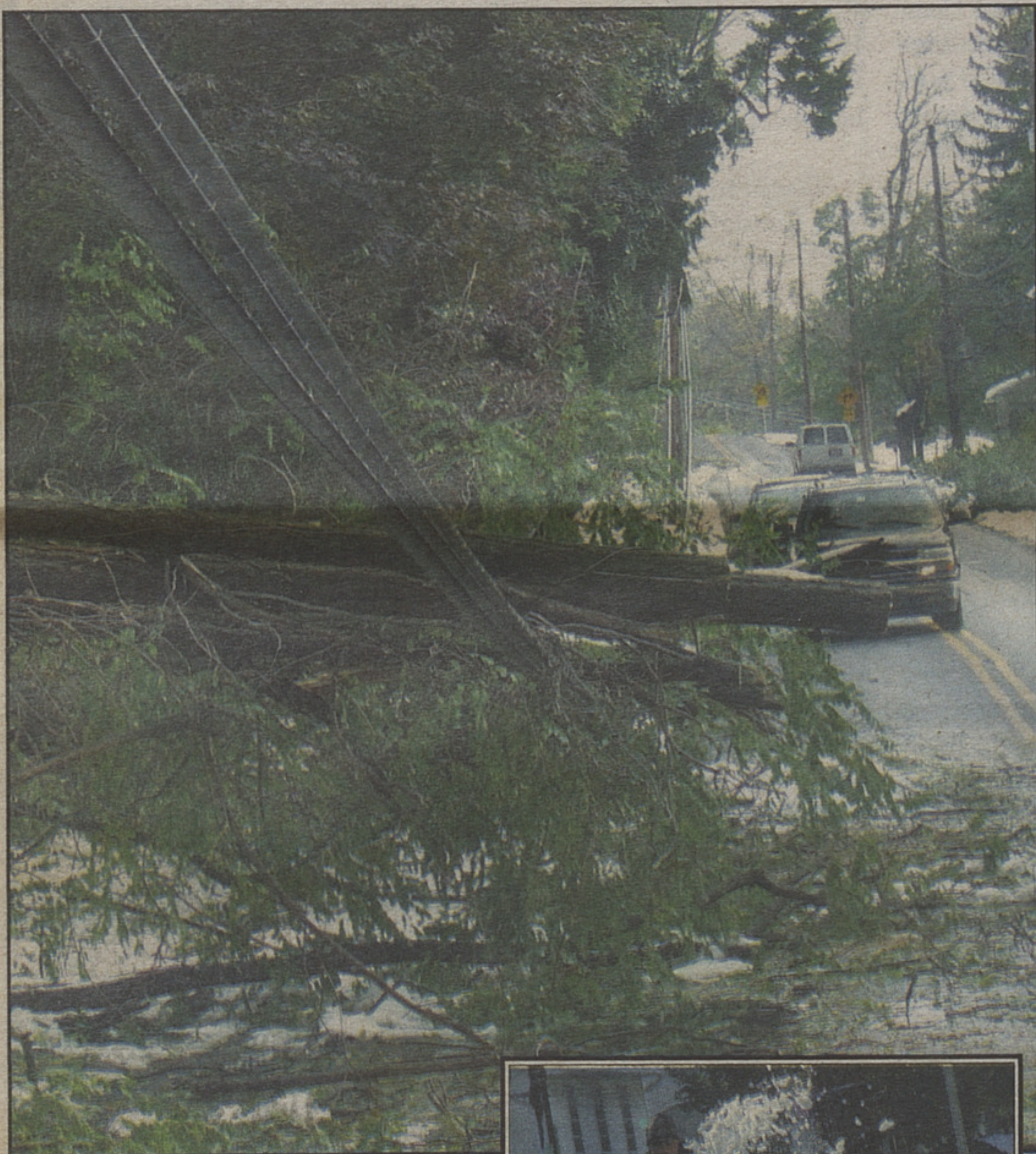


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Above, downed power lines reduced part of Seidersville Road to one lane Monday. Right, snowblowers, shovels and winter clothing on Saturday were the Halloween season attire in Hellertown. Far right, workmen remove a tree felled by Saturday's record-breaking storm. It sliced through the roof and top floor of a home on Wimmer Road near Beethoven Waldheim Club.

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AROUND SAUCON VALLEY
Reservations due Nov. 16 for free Thanksgiving dinner for seniors

Saucon Valley Jaycees will hold its annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday, Nov. 19 at Dewey Fire Company Social Hall, 502 Durham St., Hellertown. Doors open at noon.

The free turkey dinner will be served 12:30 p.m. to Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township senior citizens.

To reserve a seat by Nov. 16, call Beth at 610-730-2089. If leaving a message, include full name and the number of people attending. Seating limited to 150 seniors.

Hellertown Historical Society members will sell hot dogs and soda Nov. 5 and Nov. 6 during a craft show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Wagner Grist Mill. The craft show is free.

Bethlehem Library will hold a book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at the library, 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bestbooksale.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 259.

Giant Food Store in Leithsville now sells bottled water produced by Lower Saucon-based Premium Healthy Spring Water.

Called Kiwahi 100% True New Zealand Spring Water, the water is touted by company head Lou Savant as naturally free of contaminants. Kiwahi is bottled in Waikato, New Zealand. The bottled water is sold at all Giant Food Stores in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

A fund-raiser to aid a woman who was involved in a motorcycle accident while on a charity ride will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at Beethoven Waldheim Club in Leithsville. Amber Steffie who was injured in a motorcycle accident while on a benefit ride to raise money

for the family of slain Freemansburg Police Officer Robert Lasso. The fund-raiser for Steffie will include a basket raffle, small vendor show, bake sale, food and refreshments. There will also be a raffle for a trip to Cancun and more.

Leaves will be collected on the following streets Nov. 14-18 in Hellertown: Chestnut, Sycamore and Front streets, Monday; First, Second and Third Avenue, Tuesday; Center Street, Thomas Avenue, Linden Avenue and Phillips Street, Wednesday; Walnut and Water streets, and Hampton Avenue, Thursday. Friday is catchup day in case of bad weather.

Daylight Saving Time ends 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. Turn clocks back one hour and change batteries in smoke detectors.

Saucon Valley High School Marching Band will be among more than a dozen bands to compete Nov. 13 in a USSBA National Championship Showcase at J. Birney Crum Stadium, Allentown. Bands from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware will compete.

Lower Saucon Township Senior Center will hold an open house 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike. Light refreshments will be served. Call 610-625-8744.

Kindergarten registration for Hellertown and Lower Saucon children will be held Wednesday, Nov. 17 and Thursday, Nov. 18 at the Polk Valley Road school. To qualify, a child must be 5 by Sept. 1, 2012.

Registration forms online at www.svpanthers.org

Bulletin Board

Nov. 6

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saucon Valley Lions Club Breakfast, Se-Wy-Co Banquet Hall, Route 378.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saucon Valley Lions Club blood drive, Se-Wy-Co Fire Company, Route 378.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saucon Valley Farmers Market, Water Street Park, Hellertown.

Nov. 7

6:30 p.m., Saucon Valley Lions Club meets, The Meadows.

Nov. 8

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

7 p.m., Saucon Valley Jaycees meet, Wagner Grist Mill, Hellertown.

Nov. 9

6:30 p.m., Saucon Relay for Life meets, Saucon Valley Elementary School LGI room.

Nov. 10

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

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

Government Meetings

Nov. 7

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

7 p.m., Lower Saucon Township Parks and Recreation Board meets, Town Hall.

7 p.m., Saucon Valley School Board meets, Campus Audion.

Nov. 8

7 p.m., Hellertown Planning Commission meets, Borough Hall.

7 p.m., Lower Saucon Township Environmental Advisory Council meets, Town Hall.

Nov. 9

7 p.m., Hellertown Water Authority meets, Authority Building.

7 p.m., Saucon Valley Partnership meets, Lower Saucon Township Hall.

Nov. 10

5 p.m., Saucon Valley Library Task Force meets, Lower Saucon Township Town Hall.



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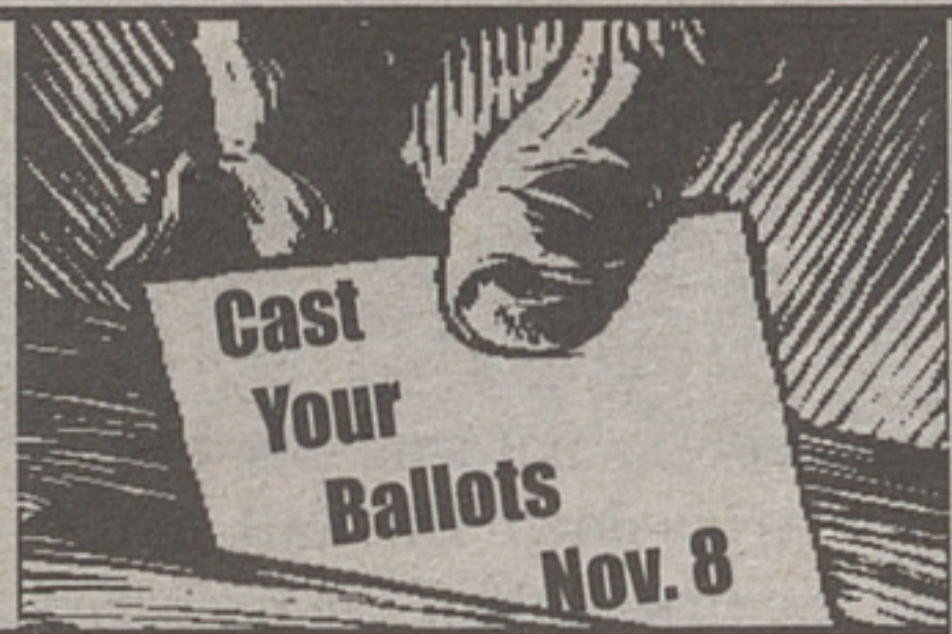
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SAUCON VALLEY RACES



General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Races that interest Saucon Valley are:

Saucon Valley School Board

(Vote for not more than 5)

- Sharon Stack (crossfiled) Bryan K. Eichfeld (R)
 Charles Bartolet (crossfiled) Jeanne Reilly (D)
 Susan Baxter (crossfiled)
 Michael J. Karabin (crossfiled)

Hellertown Borough Council (Vote for 3)

- John M. Bate (D) Richard L. Staffieri (D)
 Joseph Pampanin (D)

Lower Saucon Council (Vote for 3, all crossfiled)

- Tom Maxfield Priscilla deLeon David Willard

Lower Saucon Controllor (Vote for 1, 4 year term) NO CANDIDATE

Lower Saucon Referendum (Vote YES or NO)

Do you favor the continued imposition of an additional Earned Income Tax at the rate of 0.25% (one quarter of one percent) on an annual basis for the next five years by Lower Saucon Township to be used for financing the acquisition, preservation and conservation of open space; for the purpose of acquiring agricultural conservation and forest easements; for the purpose of protecting and preserving recreation or historic lands, and for the purpose of protecting and conserving natural and scenic resources?

WHERE TO VOTE

Hellertown: 1st ward, Lower Saucon U.C.C., 1375 Third Ave.; 2nd Ward, St. George's Episcopal Church, 735 Delaware Ave.; 3rd Ward, Saucon Valley Community Center, 323 Northampton St. **Lower Saucon Township:** Saucon Valley Middle School (Hellertown District), Polk Valley Road; Leithsville Fire Co. (Leithsville District), 1995 Leithsville Road; Christ Lutheran Church of Lower Saucon, Old Schoolhouse (Lower Saucon District), Easton Road; Lower Saucon Town Hall (Seidersville), 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike; Steel City Fire Co. (Shimersville), 2121 Riverside Drive; Southeastern Fire Co. (Wassergass), 2687 Wassergass Road; Se-Wy-Co Fire Company (District 7 & 8), 3621 Old Philadelphia Pike.

LOWER SAUCON VOTERS NOTE: *Hellertown Assembly of God is no longer the polling place for Lower Saucon Township (Hellertown District) voters. The new voting location is Saucon Valley Middle School.*

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Saucon board hears proposal to offer more laptops to students

By Tony Nauroth
Of The Valley Voice

Saucon Valley School District administrators introduced a plan last week to create "21st century learners" in the district's classrooms using streamlined technology and cloud computing.

The vehicle that will likely take them there is the tablet computer — one for each student.

Assistant Superintendent Carl Atkinson led a presentation that laid out the plans to give a tablet, similar to the Apple iPad, or a laptop computer to each student so he and she can do homework, read textbooks, build projects and work on assignments day or night; weekends and holidays.

Because the district is only beginning to study the idea, Atkinson didn't want to identify any specific computers that

might be used.

"I'm trying very hard not to use a brand name," he told school board members and the few residents who attended the Oct. 25 board meeting. "We don't know what will be the best device."

But the district has priced some products and Atkinson made the point that the cost of this new venture can be paid for within the existing budget.

"There is a potential savings in textbook and printing costs," he said, which will help pay for the program.

Students use laptops, but they are not assigned on a 1-to-1 basis. They're wheeled around on carts and shared by students who can't take them home with them. Students' personal computers are currently banned from the classroom.

Atkinson said the three-year plan would bring an "equity of access" to students. "Many of

them don't have computers at home," he said.

The first year, Atkinson said, is a planning step, beginning with the formation of a team of stakeholders to build a more comprehensive plan.

The second year, whatever device is chosen by the team will be phased into district classes beginning with seventh grade.

The third year implementation will extend up to the eighth grade and down to the sixth grade, with the goal of graduating the first class under the new program in 2018.

Board member Charles Bartolet said, "Before we shoot the gun on this thing I would like to see the cost of this plan."

Atkinson said financing is still murky, but promised to bring more solid numbers to the board. District Superintendent

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Journey of flu through the mind

YOUR EYE SOCKETS HURT. YOUR MOUTH FEELS AS THOUGH IT were carpeted with old shag remnants. Any muscles in your arms and legs that still work are no longer under the control of your brain.

And your stomach is doing that flip-flop thing that dares you to try to sleep. Unless these are the symptoms you usually associate with falling in love, you probably have the flu.

But is it really the flu or the "suggestion" that sends us to our beds, upsetting the natural rhythms of the cats who are used to having the bed all to themselves during daylight hours? I was doing just fine with a mild cough, achy muscles, headache, and a small fever-until someone insisted I had the flu. Things went, as they say, downhill from there.

Suddenly I did have the flu, or so I convinced myself. After the third person quoted me the latest radio news of the "thousands of Pennsylvanians" who had succumbed to the flu, I knew I was one of them.

The newspaper told the same story, and the evening news agreed. So I took their advice: Go to bed and drink fluids. While it's a little difficult to do those two things in that particular order, I tried. I definitely felt worse for having gone to bed. That seemed odd.

I lay there listening to the radio, while my cough grew a bit worse, my achy muscles turned to raging pain, the headache became unmanageable, and my fever went out of sight. But at least I was "normal," according to the radio. This is what "thousands of Pennsylvanians" were going through.

That's when I grew suspicious. Should I really be feeling worse after going to bed and drinking fluids? I turned off the radio to listen to my own brain, which was now seriously questioning this whole idea. Did going to bed and drinking fluids bring on the flu? It certainly seemed reasonable, since that's the order in which it happened to me.

Besides, drinking all those fluids and doing nothing else but lie in bed tends to create the need for side trips down the hall, which makes it even more difficult to fulfill the first half of the prescription-to get rest. I couldn't help but remember that I had felt a lot better before I started following the rest/fluid directions.

In addition, with nothing to do but lie quietly, I started remembering all the horror stories of this flu I had heard from well-meaning friends and family. Because I knew they would never lie to me about something as important as the flu, I therefore knew that the

next major symptom to occur would be the "cough that shook eastern Pennsylvania."

Amazingly, that's exactly how it happened. As soon as I was pretty sure I would live, and then pretty sure I even wanted to, I started coughing. It started small-you know, that annoying dry hack that causes people around you to look at you with that, "Why-can't-you-go-live-on-another-planet?" look.

Then it got very big-lung-wrenching hacks that threatened to turn me inside-out. In the midst of these, I tried to formulate a plan that included updating my will and writing down who gets all my earthly belongings, consisting mostly of those boxes of income tax records that I've been saving since 1972.

For a moment, I thought about calling a doctor, even though the radio had hinted that the only thing a doctor would tell me is to rest and drink fluids.

That's when it hit me! I would call the radio station. It wasn't a doctor who had made me sick. It was the guy on the radio. I dragged the phone over to me, and between huge, racking coughs, I dialed the station. Someone answered who sounded polite and caring, so I told him to quit telling me how sick to be and in what order to get all the symptoms. He hung up on me.

I was mad, but felt better somehow. So I got out of bed and got dressed. The coughing slowed down quite a bit. I decided to go shopping. I have lived to tell about it.



THINKING ALLOWED

By Tresita Medei Beach
Valley Voice columnist

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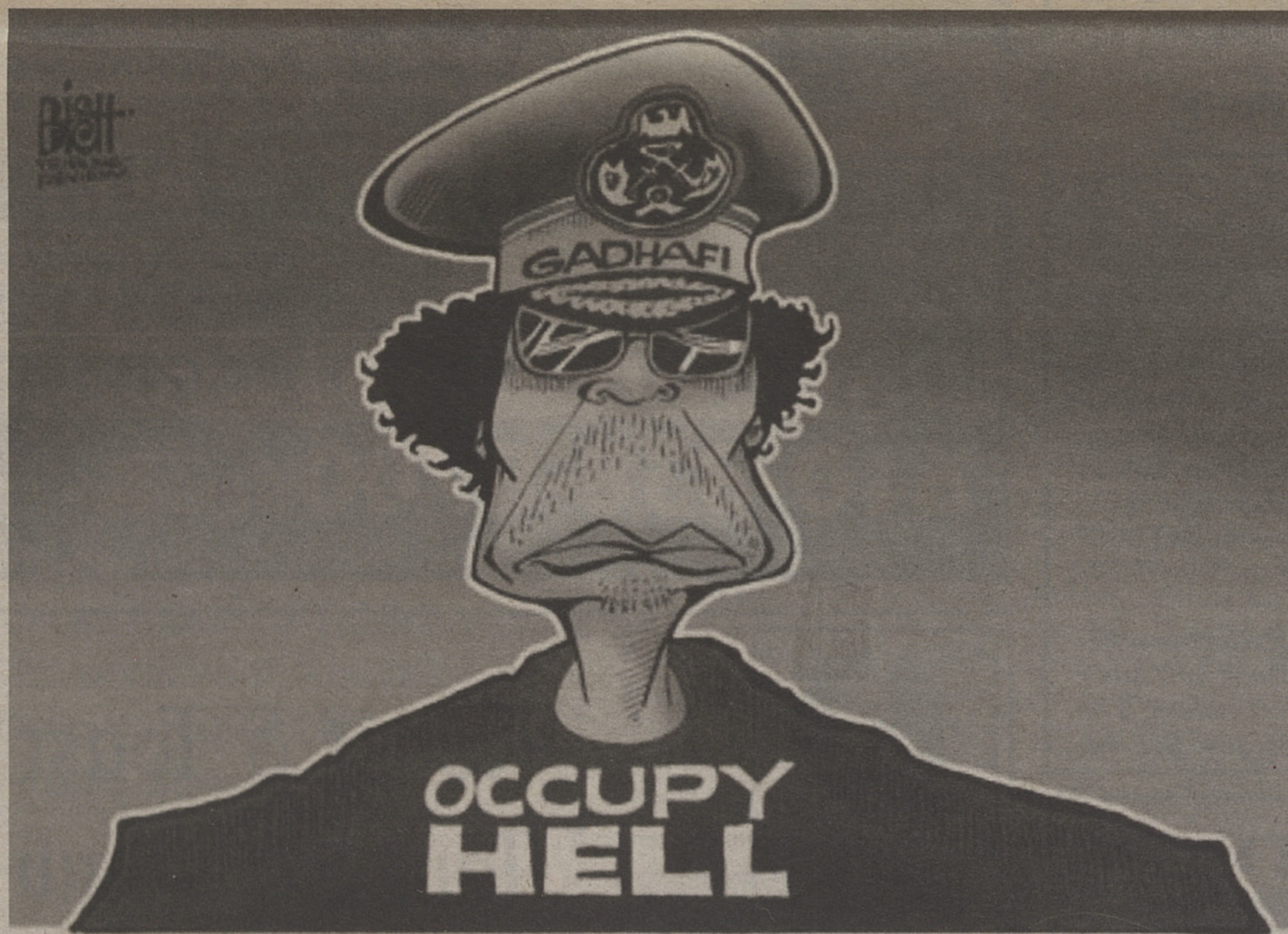
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THE LATEST PROTEST

Job well done on Halloween parade

ANOTHER SAUCON VALLEY HALLOWEEN PARADE HAS COME and gone. This one was different from most previous parades in that part of it was held on Main Street, Hellertown.

From what I have heard, that was a welcome change and all seemed to go well with the change. I was encouraged by the businesses on Main Street who opened their shops and did a



As I See It

By Bud Prosser
Valley Voice columnist

good business. Most all comments were positive and a word of thanks goes out to David Heintzelman for all that he does to make this possible.

It is, indeed, a big undertaking and I can only say, "A job well done!"

And this is As I See It!

MA' NATURE'S TRICK NO TREAT

By Paul Bealer
Of The Valley Voice

Roughin' it! That was the call of the days during the Saucon Valley power outage following Saturday's historic pre-Halloween snowstorm.

Leaves on trees caught more snow, overloading branches that snapped and caused havoc. Power stopped Saturday afternoon but was surging through lines again Tuesday afternoon.

Hellertown's Bryan Eichfeld trekked to Target on Airport Road—one of the few areas in Lehigh Valley not blacked out—for a Coleman stove to make coffee.

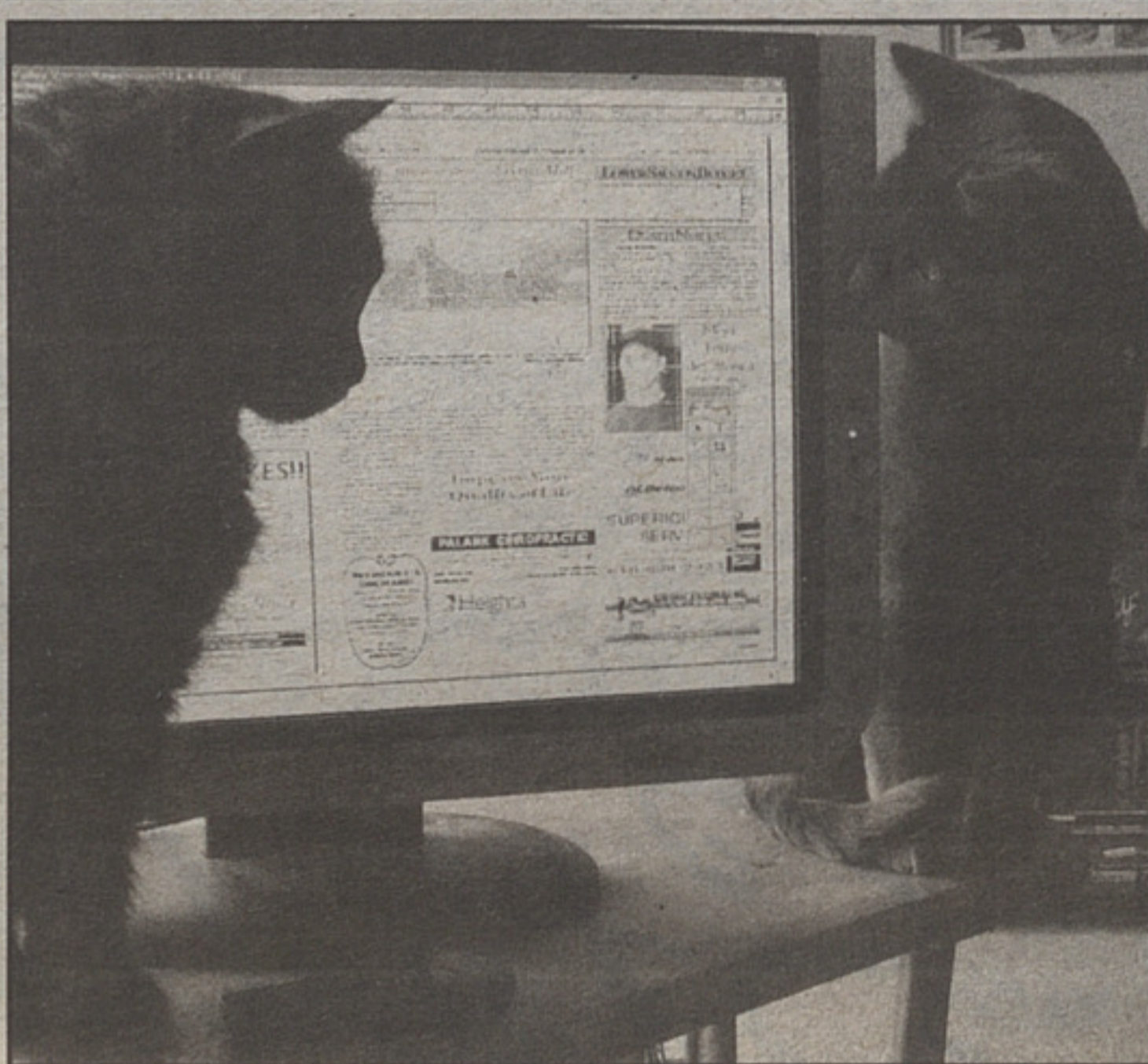
Hellertown Post Office, like many other businesses that decided to stay open, did old-fashioned cash only business. Workers broke out hand stamps to prep letters for delivery.

Rocco's in Hellertown made pizza in the Main Street eatery's gas oven, aided by the glow of flashlights.

Saucon Valley volunteer firefighters, police and ambulance crews were on-call every day and night, answering alarms for car accidents, carbon monoxide detectors or generator fires. Damage costs and overtime costs will roll in soon, but that can take a backseat to the way community pulled together. Family and friends offered food, warm places to stay, hot showers and other treats to Saucon residents left in the cold. Neighbors cleared fallen trees and branches from yards.

The power outage was inconvenient, but Saucon Valley survived—sans Internet, computer games, TV or other powered-up perks.

Pictured at right top, a Seidersville Road utility pole was turned to splinters in the snowstorm aftermath. Below, no power at The Valley Voice meant the paper production moved to Editor Paul Bealer's Allentown apartment. His cats offered an assist with proofreading, seeking purr-fection.



As power was surging again Tuesday in Saucon Valley, so was the high school soccer team. Above, Isaac Martin (No. 15) taps the ball in goal as the Panthers shutout Blue Mountain to advance to the District 11 Class AA championship game. Scoring Saucon's other goal was Chris Coelho. The win also gives Saucon a spot in the state tournament, a first in Saucon soccer. The Panthers play Moravian Academy for the district title

Thursday at J. Birney Crum Stadium. Right, the team celebrates its historic win.

Photos/
Paul Bealer



Hellertown duo battle for Saucon School Board seat

By Paul Bealer
Of The Valley Voice

Two Hellertown residents are seeking a seat Nov. 8 on Saucon Valley School Board, now comprised of all Lower Saucon residents.

Incumbents Charles Bartolet, Susan Baxter, Michael Karabin and Sharon Stack have all crossfiled for Tuesday's election. Meantime, lumber and flooring salesman Bryan Eichfeld and Lehigh University graduate student Jeanne Reilly are seeking to represent borough taxpayers on the board.

Eichfeld is seeking the Republican nod for the open seat, to be vacated by retiring school board President Lachlan Peeke. Reilly seeks the Democratic nod for the seat.

Whichever candidate takes the board seat in the coming year will be faced immediately with stiff challenges.

The board is set to negotiate a teacher contract that expires at the end of June.

The school board was warned during budget season that it must find upwards of \$700,000 to cover a hole created by required payouts to the state retirement system, known as PSERS.

The Valley Voice asked Eichfeld and Reilly their opinions on two questions that face board members in the coming year. Despite the four day power outage in Saucon Valley earlier this week, Eichfeld responded to the questionnaire Monday.

As of Wednesday, Reilly did not respond.

This year, Saucon Valley School District personnel bargaining units, except Saucon Valley Education Association, agreed to a one year pay freeze beginning July 2012.

The Valley Voice asked the two candidates if they would seek to have those pay freezes extend beyond one year. We also asked the candidates for their experience in negotiating a contract and where they feel school board and administrators could find savings in contract



**BRYAN
EICHFELD**

negotiations.

Eichfeld responded, "I have consistently campaigned for a two year pay freeze. Saucon Valley taxpayers have been very generous over the last four contract years and our teachers are among the highest paid in Lehigh Valley. While most private industries have seen little or no raises during this economic collapse, our teacher average salaries have in-

creased about 25 percent.

"Using this average increase in teachers pay and about a 3.5 percent average increase over the rest of the district, the district will realize a savings of about \$1 million each year over the two year freeze. The beauty of this, is it lowers the total payroll by \$2 million and this compounded over eight years will save taxpayers over \$10 million dollars."

Eichfeld added, "I earn my living negotiating contracts. As a successful salesman, I'm constantly negotiating with clients and I'm confident that experience will serve me well on the school board."

"The area where Saucon teachers and teachers across Pennsylvania must make concessions is compensation. Driven by the PSEA, historically teachers pay is determined by three components: cost-of-living, service and continuing education. As a result, annual double digit raises are not uncommon as teachers pursue multiple levels of education extending to a master's degree-plus 60 additional college credits.

"Ironically, since school boards adopted something called equivalency, many teachers may not even have one master's diploma, much less three.

"I believe our school board can find substantial savings by first questioning the need to have any additional training beyond a real master's degree for most K-12 classes and second by tightening the quality of continuing graduate level training. I recognize that Pennsylvania, like most states, requires teachers to periodically



**JEANNE
REILLY**

complete a specified amount of professional development and taxpayers should pick up the bill. However, there is no hard evidence that training beyond a master's improves classroom performance and taxpayers should not pick up the cost of tuition, much less increase their salary for completing additional graduate credits."

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While Reilly did not respond to the questionnaire at deadline, she has said throughout the campaign that, if elected, she would recuse herself from serving on the negotiation team and abstain from contract votes.

Reilly is married to Saucon Valley Middle School teacher Jason Stern. The couple have three children attending Saucon Valley Elementary School.

Reilly has said, "The students and their parents need a voice. Currently, more than half of the school directors do not have children in the school system. I plan to advocate for the children and ensure that our schools provide the best education possible."

"No, I am not running in the hopes of boosting [my husband's] salary," Reilly said in a Sept. 4 campaign e-mail to The Valley Voice. "In fact, I am running for the families of this district who are too often overlooked by our school board. I care about the education our children receive and I intend to fight for quality education."

She has said she believes the current board does not do enough to support what parents value, such as hiring more special education teachers and reading specialists.

Reilly has said she is a volunteer with Saucon Valley youth sports programs, and at Saucon Valley Elementary and Red Door Early Learning Center. She is also on the trustee board at Hellertown Area Public Library.

Reilly has said she is a former teacher who studied in Lehigh's school counseling master's program.

Pink power

Bedazzling in pink cleats, Megan Huston waits quietly on the sidelines until she is called to action. While the Saucon Valley Panthers football team has struggled for wins, Huston has been the consistent bright spot of every Panther game this season. Known for her soccer skills, the Lady Panther aids the team of male football players as kicker. And in most games this season she has been perfect, or near perfect, in adding a point after touchdown or field goal. Then she returns to the sidelines and quietly cheers on her teammates before called on again to aid a Saucon rally. She added two PATs on three attempts in Saucon's 20-19 win over Wilson. Huston will attempt this weekend to help, Saucon close the season with a fifth win. The Panthers face Palisades for the Bicentennial Cup. Huston is the daughter of Dan and Lisa Huston of Lower Saucon.

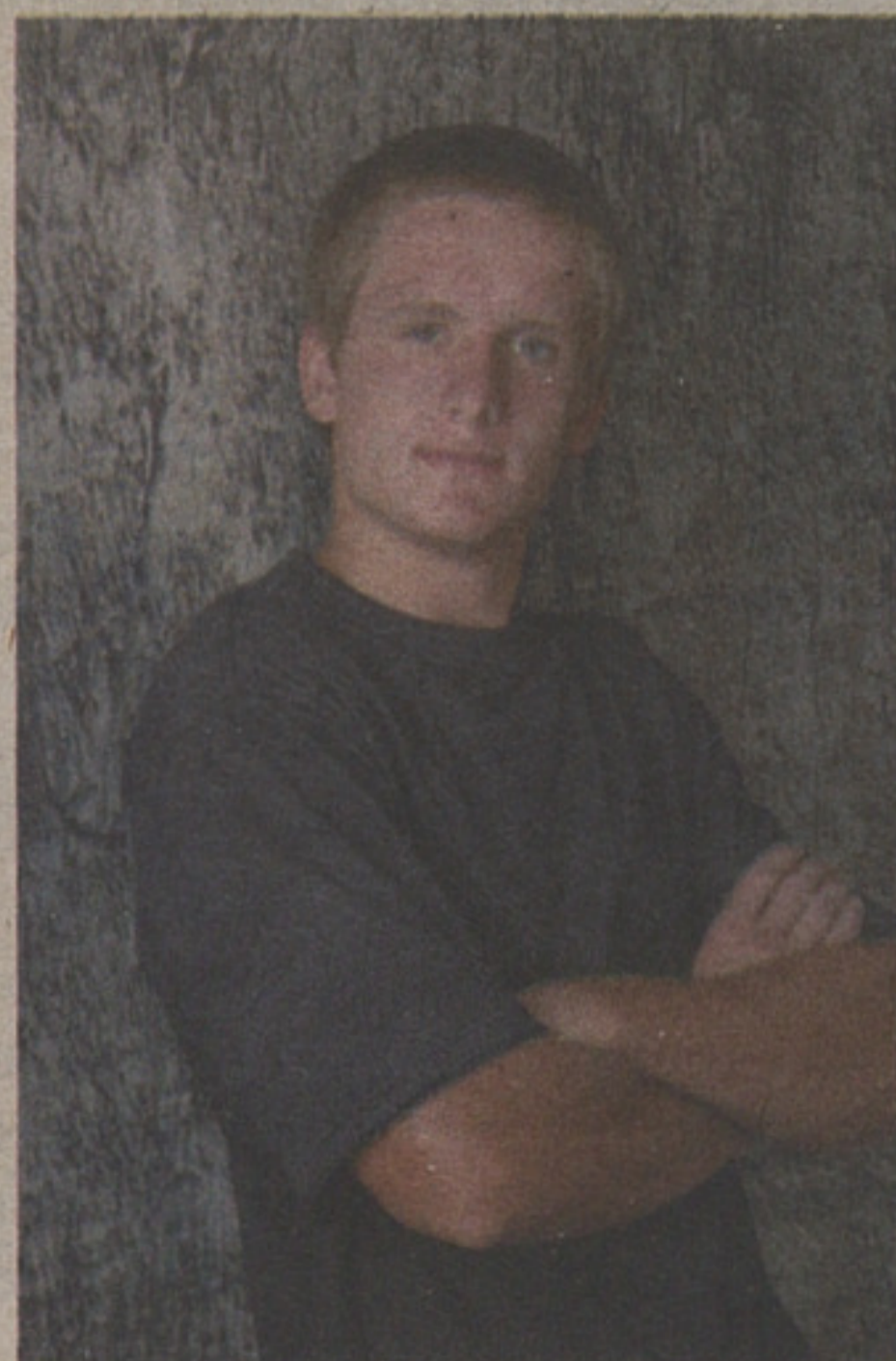
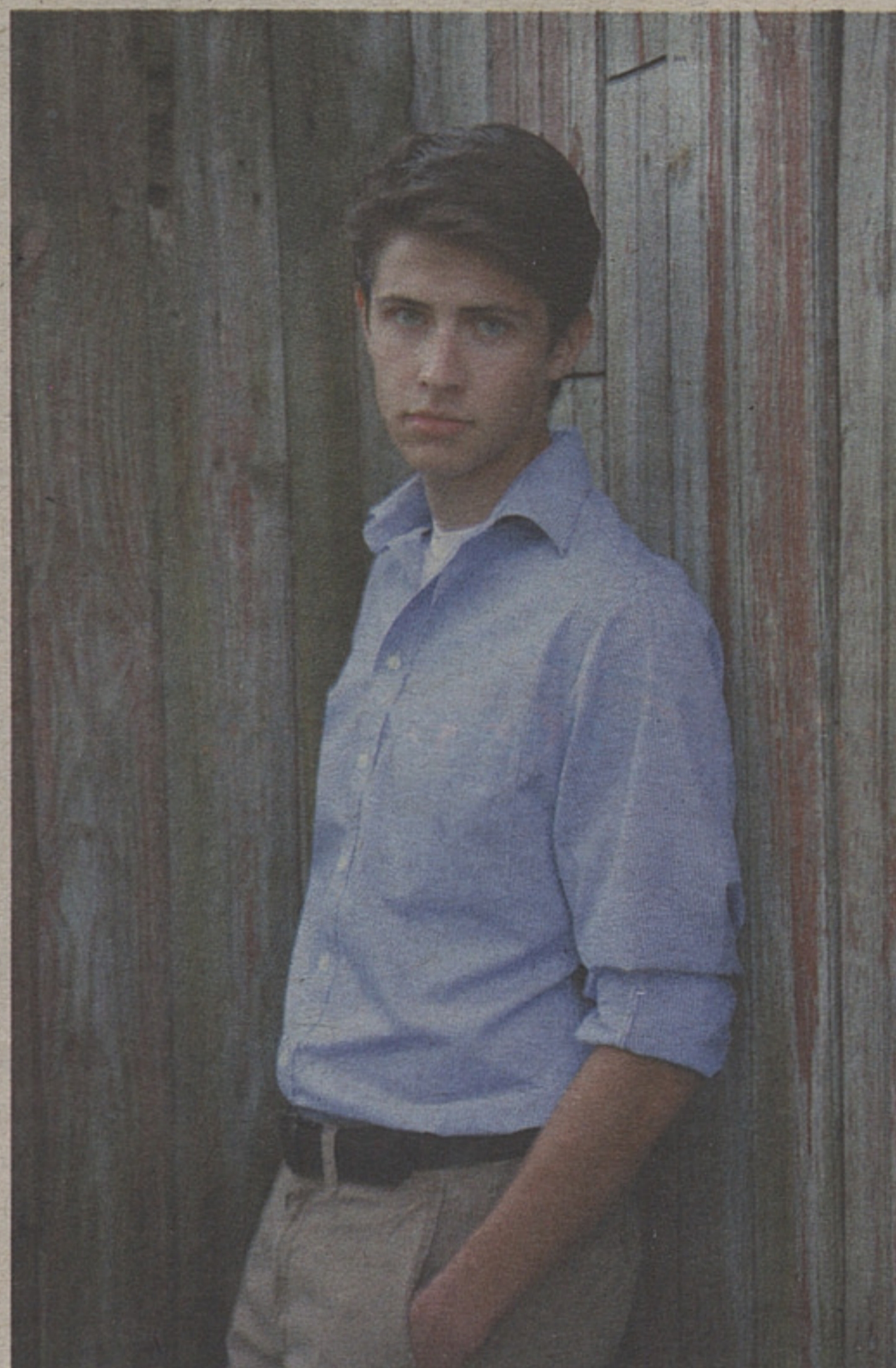
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With middle and high school cross country teams, Saucon Valley harriers have a young fan base.

Panther harriers qualify for one more title race

Two Saucon Valley cross country runners placed in the Top 20 of the District XI meet. Colonial League champ Elizabeth Chikotas finished third to qualify for the state meet.

Joining her is Saucon senior Jameson Packer, who finished 17th among 161 finishers.

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Bailey Shibana has completed her freshman season as a Saucon Valley High School runner.

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State rep chimes in on Saucon Valley bus stop move flap

Seidersville's state representative is getting involved in the uproar over Saucon Valley School District moving a bus

stop that parents say is within sight of a convicted sex offender. State Rep. Justin Simmons announced that he wants to

introduce and amendment to state law regarding the location of bus stops. Simmons said his proposal

would "require that addresses of registered sex offenders be considered when such a decision is made."

the stop had to do with the hilly terrain of the area.

"The current stop is not in the sight line of this [convicted sex offender's] home and parents have two possible routes to get to the stop that do not pass the offender's home," Peeke said in an Oct. 21 letter to *The Valley Voice*.

"I have become increasingly concerned with the Saucon Valley School District's decision to place a bus stop near the home of a registered sex offender," Simmons said. "While I understand the board's decision to move this bus stop was due to hazardous conditions at the present stop, it seems to contradict the safety issue by locating the new stop near the home of a registered sex offender. Children are among the most vulnerable members of our society. We must do everything we can to protect them."

Amid parent outrage, Saucon Valley School Board President Lachlan Peeke has defended school administrators' decision to move the bus stop from Moravia and Benner street to the corner of Sioux and Finady streets.

Simmons said, "My proposal will require PennDOT to take into account the addresses of registered sex offenders, as provided by Pennsylvania State Police, in making its determination as to whether or not this constitutes a hazard to students. If deemed so, my amendment will require the state to reimburse the school district for any additional costs associated with a new walking route to a bus stop."

Currently, school districts are not reimbursed for busing children who reside within a mile-and-a-half from school unless PennDOT determines the walking route to be hazardous, Simmons said.

"I determining what constitutes a hazard, the department has a statutory duty to consider relevant road and traffic conditions only. Under existing law, the department does not have a duty to consider the residences of registered sex offenders along the walking routes used by children to get to a bus stop."

Peeke said the concern with

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- 1. Widest key on keyboard
- 6. Sold at the pump
- 9. Roman public space, pl.
- 13. A Hawkeye
- 14. Female reproductive cells
- 15. Los _____, CA
- 16. Fork tooth
- 17. In king and queen sizes
- 18. It kept the corral closed?
- 19. Gateway to the West
- 21. Calamity Jane's partner
- 23. Old age, archaic
- 24. EU money
- 25. French lake
- 28. Show off, as in muscles
- 30. Moral principals
- 35. "____-steven"
- 37. Chuckwagon 101: "No one _____ until Cookie calls"
- 39. Symbol of a clan, especially American Indians
- 40. _____ receiver
- 41. What dryer does
- 43. East of Java
- 44. Offered by Abraham as sacrifice to God in Old Testament
- 46. _____ pea
- 47. Incision
- 48. Kinda
- 50. She starred in last "Pirates of the Caribbean"
- 52. Affirmative response in some northern states
- 53. W on a light bulb
- 55. Bola, e.g.
- 57. African quarter in which the citadel is located
- 60. Oklahoma was famous for this
- 64. Alfred Hitchcock in his own movie, e.g.
- 65. Judge at Simpson trial
- 67. Sheep's clothing to wolf
- 68. Oneness
- 69. _____ de toilette
- 70. Ceremonial elegance and splendor
- 71. Warren Beatty's Oscar-winner
- 72. Type of trader
- 73. They can be dangerous for boats

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- 3. Absent soldier
- 4. Water carrier
- 5. Completely cover
- 6. Loads
- 7. "____ Maria"
- 8. Hindu holy man
- 9. "Don't give me any _____!"
- 10. Bismarck or Hahn, e.g.
- 11. "Big _____ Candy Mountain"
- 12. Left after fire
- 15. Novelist Louisa May

- 49. Flight boss
- 51. Caustic remark
- 54. Rick Riordan's "The Lightning _____"
- 56. Derive
- 57. Walking helper
- 58. Among
- 59. Several of these in a tennis match
- 60. Frown
- 61. Irritate
- 62. Defender of skies
- 63. New Jersey's NBA team
- 64. Mutt
- 66. Greek "t"

Answers to last week's puzzle

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- #### Down
- 1. Small drinks
 - 2. Rotterdam or Singapore, e.g.

- 20. Moved lazily
- 22. Wrath
- 24. Gone the way of the dodo
- 25. Meriwether
- 26. An advice or dispatch boat
- 27. Mothball substitute
- 29. Van Gogh started with two of these
- 31. Gremlins
- 32. Mediterranean boot
- 33. Similar to Cecilia
- 34. Trailblazer Jedediah _____
- 36. How cowboys preferred whiskey?
- 38. Singe, as in ahi tuna
- 42. Phlegms
- 45. One is harder to find to these days

LAPTOPS (continued from page 3)

PIECEMEAL PLANS

Saucon Valley School District administrators have a long way to go before they choose new computers to provide students the 21st century technology they'll need to take advantage of a 24/7 learning environment. However, the district has explored two early plans:

PLAN-A: The district would purchase 200 laptops for the 2012-13 school year. This would require additional funding beyond what the current budget would allow. In the following year, the district would purchase 500 more laptops, which would require no new funding.

PLAN-B: The district would purchase 600 tablet-type devices for the 2012-13 school year, which would require additional funding based on the district's current budget. In the following year, the district would purchase 800 more tablets, which would require no new funding.

Sandra Fellin told the board, "We don't have any new money to put into this."

Board member Edward Inghrim was skeptical. "Why, as a rich school district, is Saucon Valley asking taxpayers to buy laptops? When I was a kid and my teacher said I needed a slide rule, my parents had to buy one. Parents have a responsibility to provide the tools for their kids," Inghrim said.

He also asked, "Are we paying for kids to listen to music, text and play games?"

Atkinson said teenagers will be teenagers and such uses are likely, but he pointed out, "I can use my pen to do all kinds of things, both positive and negative."

Atkinson repeatedly said he is confident that savings realized through a paperless model will pay for itself.

Vintage, snowy view of Grist Mill



As Saturday's nor'easter intensified, the snowflakes added a natural effect to this longshot of Wagner Grist Mill and Wash House, seen from Saucon Creek. **Photo by Paul Bealer**

Watercolor painting raffle to aid Hellertown Historical Society

A Saucon Valley painter, who studied under well-known local artist Fred Bees, has created a watercolor painting of Wagner Grist Mill that will be auctioned.

The painting, by Lower Saucon's Joe Sofka features the mill and its Miller House and Wash House in pastel.

Sofka has been painting watercolors 41 year. He studied with Bees, who is reknowned for capturing Bethlehem's historical Colonial Quarter buildings in watercolor. Sofka also studied with Randolph Bye at the Bucks County Academy of Art and Lee Everett at Baum School of Art in Allentown.

Sofka's specialties include landscapes. He has won numerous awards in juried shows and art shows, held one man shows, and has displayed his works lo-

cally at Hellertown-Lower Saucon Community Day and Heller Homestead Art Gallery.

He created the painting as a fund-raiser for the Hellertown Historical Society, caretakers of Wagner Grist Mill and its surrounding buildings.

Tickets for Sofka's matted and framed painting are on sale until

December 2012 for \$5 each. A drawing to determine the new owner of the painting will be held during the historical society's holiday open house in early December 2012. The painting is on display in the office area of the Miller House. Society hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9 to 11:30 a.m.

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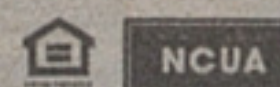
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LOWER SAUCON BUDGET

Despite projected spending increases, Lower Saucon Township officials expect to keep a steady tax line in 2012.

Township Manager Jack Cahalan unveiled a \$6.85 million spending plan that would keep the tax rate at 4.14 mills. Cahalan expects a large focus of next year's spending to include repair of Old Mill Bridge, improvements to Steel City, Southeastern, Kingston and Polk Valley parks, and Easton Road ballfields.

DEATH NOTICE

Frank Toth Sr.

Frank Toth Sr., 73, of Lower Saucon Township, died Oct. 29 at home.

For 53 years, he was the husband of Dorothy F. Toth.

Born in Csorotnek, Hungary, he was the son of the late Anna Molnar and Imre Toth.

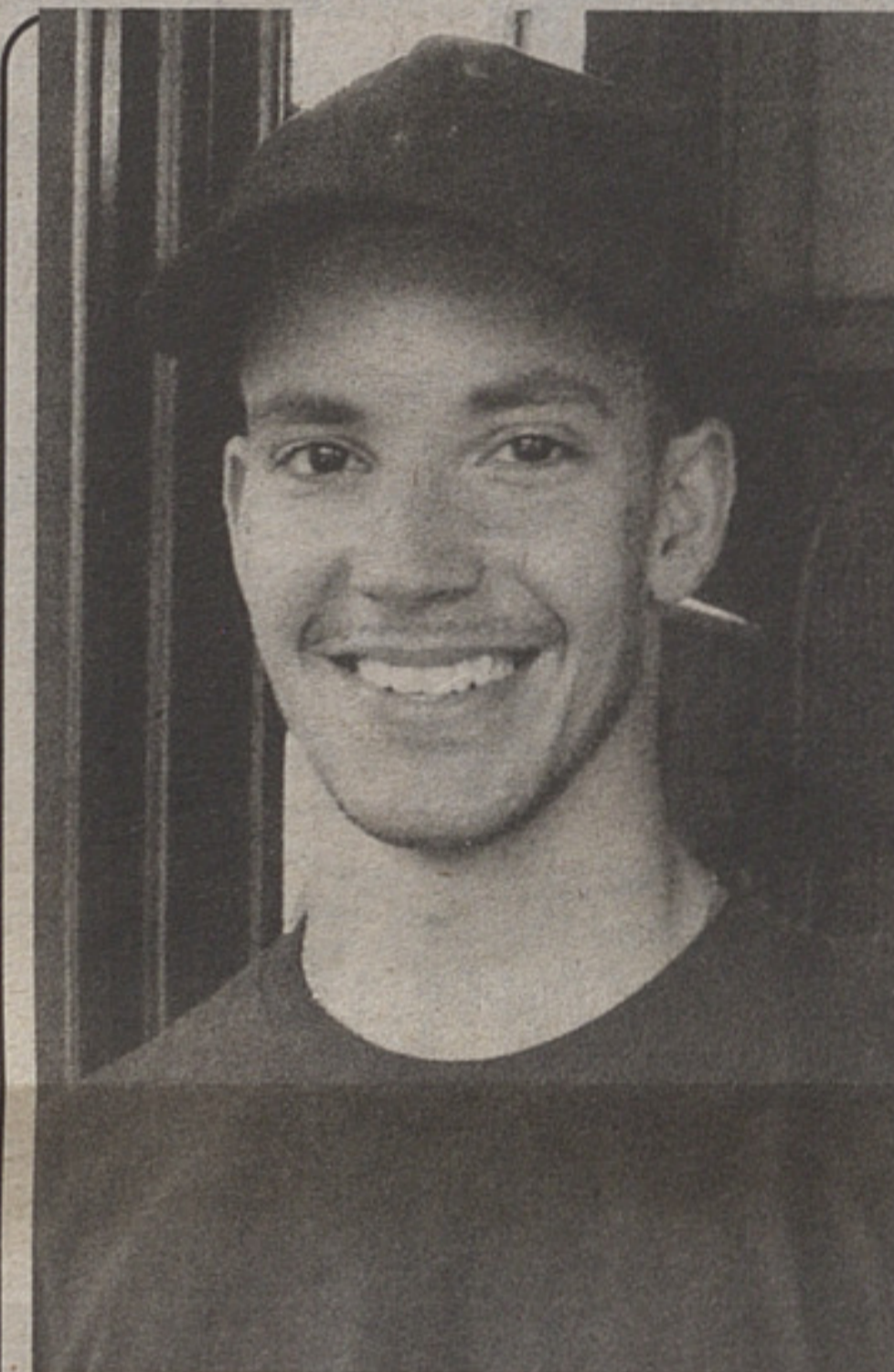
For 40 years, he was a self-employed master plumber, retiring in 2000.

Toth was a member of St.

John's Capistrano Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

Survivors: Wife; sons, Frank Jr. of Lower Saucon and James of Maple Glen; sister Mary Jagodics of Hungary; sister-in-law Rosie Toth of Hungary; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Imre, and a sister, Elizabeth.

Arrangements, Heintzelman Funeral Home, Hellertown.



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Four Seasons residents show off their artistic talents



Four Seasons community in Lower Saucon Township has many talented artists as residents. So, resident Sandy Bender organized a recent art and craft show featuring the work of those who live in the Skibo Road development.

From left, Barbara Kelly shows her quilting ability. Paintings by Dee Acuri plus a Lower Saucon barn in winter by J. Garcia.

HELLERTOWN LIBRARY LINES

Many years ago, Hellertown Area Public Library had a super active Friends of the Library group. The Friends, however, grew older or disinterested and disbanded. There are still library "friends" out there and Hellertown Library Director Robin Rotherham is excited that the group may reform.

She said Friends of Hellertown Library will be an active group of volunteers dedicated to supporting their local library through fund-raising, promotions, and special events.

If you wish to be a Friend, membership applications are available at the library, 409 Constitution Ave. Cost is \$6 per year for individuals and \$10 for families.

The Library Board of Trustees seeks one new member to begin Jan. 1, 2012. The candidate must reside in Hellertown, attend monthly board meetings and be capable of serving a three-year term. Additionally, library trustees should possess these qualifications:

- Able to serve on at least one committee—finance, personnel, policy, building and grounds, grant writing.

- Community involvement. A trustee must know the community to develop policies and practices that bring the best possible library service to their community.

- Financial support. The successful candidate should

support the development committee's efforts to raise money for the library through fund drives, fund-raisers and donations.

- Reviews the budget and presents the budget to funding agencies, if required. The trustee should explore methods of increasing the library's income through new sources and cooperation with other libraries or agencies.

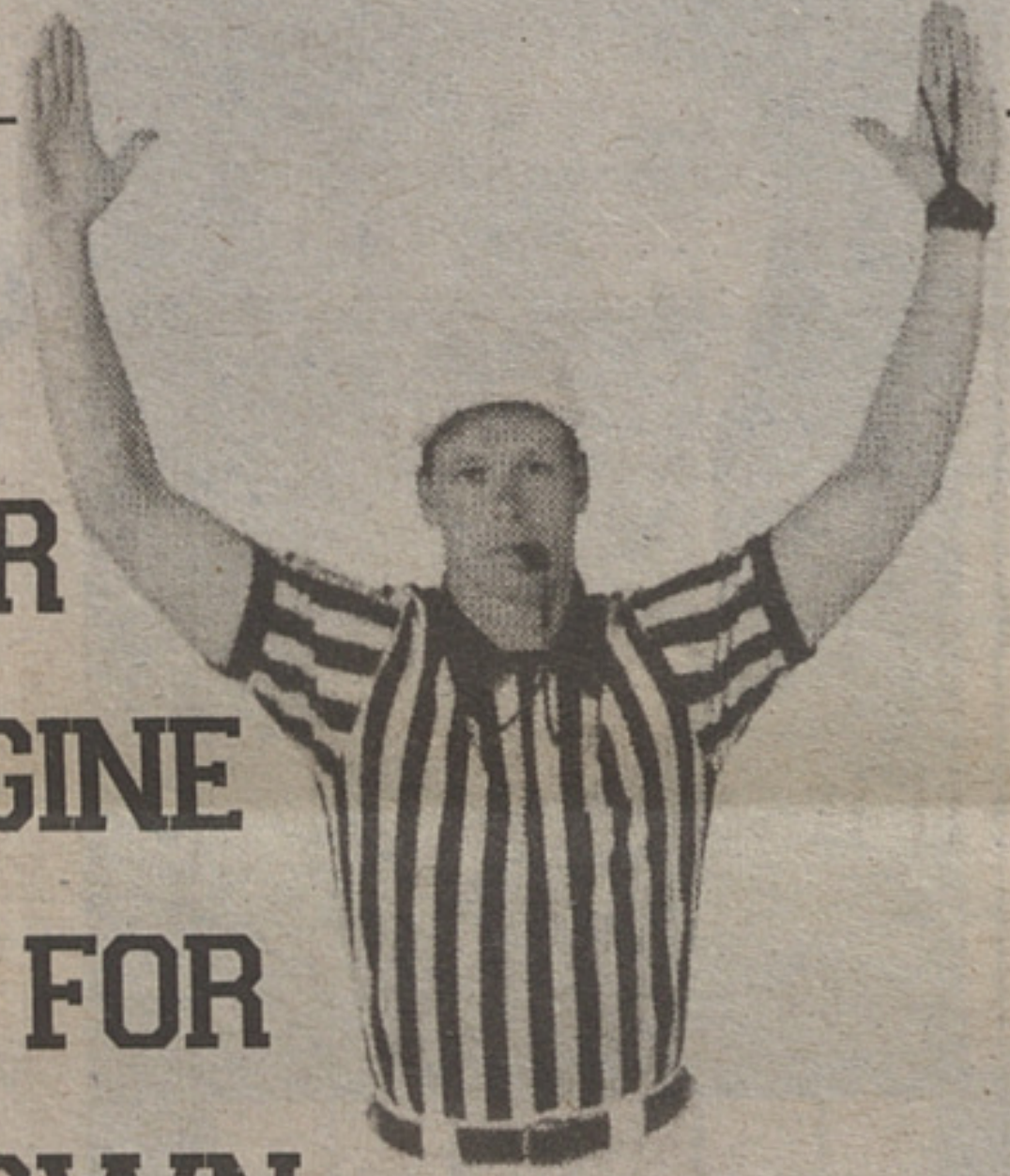
- Determines written policies for the library. Including policies that govern operation, library service, personnel, programming and library use.

To submit a resume, contact Rotherham at 610-838-8381.

A holiday storytime will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. Registration is being accepted at the circulation desk.

New on the library website, www.hellertownlibrary.org is access to the online catalog. Patrons can now renew and place holds online from home. Also new is OverDrive. Borrow and download audiobooks and eBooks for free with your library card and the required software, which is free.

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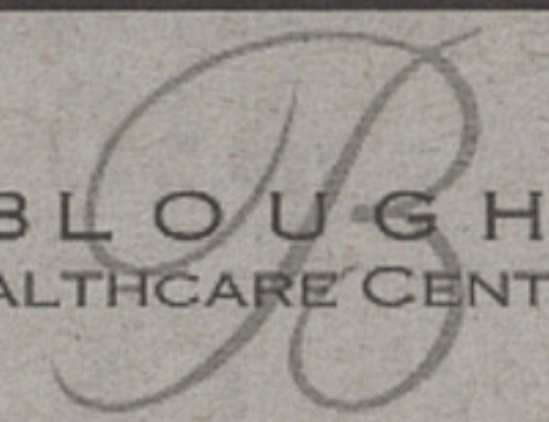
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Halloween pooches



Hellertown businesswoman Maria Makkas would not let Halloween pass without "dolling up" her pooches that frequent Makkas' Main Street salon. Above, Makkas holds "Sheriff" Bubbie while "Fireman" Shelbie lounges. Photos by Paul Bealer

AREA VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES

Area veterans will be recognized next week at Society Hill in Lower Saucon and at Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School, Bethlehem Township.

Seventeen veterans who served in the military from World War II to Operation

Iraqi Freedom will be toasted Sunday, Nov. 6 at Society Hill's fourth annual reception.

World War II Navy veteran LeRohn "Dan" Deysher, a bugler from Hellertown, will perform during the service. Service begins 1 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Saucon Valley High School student Jackie Gallagher will be a part of the vo-tech's SkillsUSA American Spirit Award and FFA recognition ceremony Nov. 11 for veterans. There will be a performance by Liberty High School Pipes & Drums.



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