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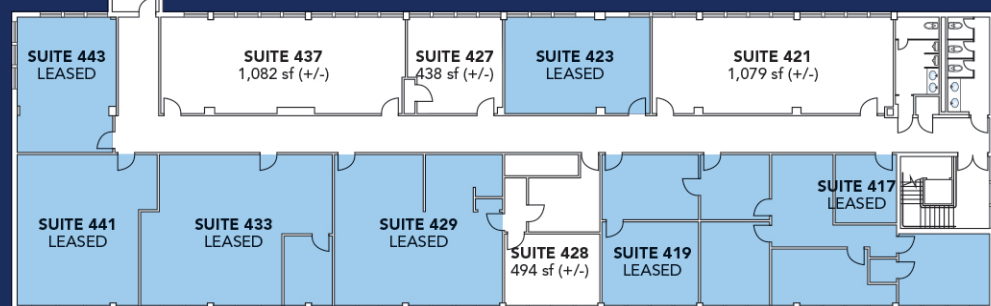
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Letters to the Editor

[In regard to the article "Neighborhood Memories: Sights, Sounds and Smells" in our May issue] If you lived in a Catholic neighborhood in the 40's, and 50's the smell of fish overwhelmed the area. In a day when air conditioners were very scarce and only fans exhausted the air from the house. As a child outside playing you knew on Friday night it was going to be some kind of fish for dinner.

If you were a child that liked fish, you were eager to go home. If not you would ask your friends what they were having. Macaroni and cheese, grilled cheese sandwiches, or another meatless meal was always a good alternative to fish. Time to beg a dinner invitation from a friend.

—Joan Boyer, Levittown, Pa.

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Your article about Langhorne Speedway brought back many cherished memories of going there with my Dad on weekend afternoons. When it finally closed, someone gave him a little box filled with dirt from the original track (or so they claimed). He kept it on our fireplace mantel until the day he died

—Ross Webersol

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Thank you for your excellent article about our vanishing monarch butterflies [*The Crazy Butterfly Lady of Morrisville*, June issue]. Like many environmental issues, this one can be solved by everyday people making very simple changes to their habits. Homeowners should refrain from uprooting milkweed plants, above all. Milkweed is quite beautiful when it flowers, is not invasive



and provides a home to many important species. It would have been helpful to include a picture of it, though.

—Janice Weir / Newtown

Thanks Janice, good point. See photo. —Editor

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"The War After the War" beautifully summed up the poignant situation that many veterans' spouses and caretakers are in. Most people recognize that life will never be the same for a disabled veteran, but fail to consider that the same is true for that veteran's wife and loved ones.

—Alex N.

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Editor's Note: The hot rod car shown in our "Philadelphia Modifiers" article (by Debra Metz, May issue) was built by the late Anthony Tierno, otherwise known as T.G., an early Modifiers member who raced the car at both Atco and Langhorne Speedway.

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The Toys & Candies We Grew Up With

Barbie turned 60 this year. It was March 1959 when she first appeared, standing eleven inches tall, with a sweeping up-do and classic hourglass figure showcased in a zebra-striped swimsuit. Barbie was an immediate hit with girls in the U.S. and around the world, who have since purchased over 800 million of the dolls despite widespread criticism that the toy promotes an unrealistic body image.

G.I. Joe, the first “movable action figure” for boys, is only a little younger. He first hit American toy stores in 1964. Hasbro, the toy company that manufactured G.I. Joe, was careful to avoid using the word “doll” since they believed parents would not buy a doll for boys. Instead, they used the phrase “America’s movable fighting man” on the package. Joe was a huge

commercial success until the Vietnam War dampened enthusiasm for toy soldiers in the U.S.

Another anniversary this year belongs to Turkish Taffy. It was 70 years ago that the Bonomo Candy Company made it the first candy to be advertised on that new thing called television. The move paid off, making Turkish Taffy one of the most popular candies in history.

Barbie and G.I. Joe are iconic American toys, and Turkish Taffy remains an iconic American candy. Millions of Baby Boomers have fond memories of them. We asked Leader Readers what other toys—and candies—they remember most vividly from their childhood. What follows are some of the responses we received.

My Thumbelina doll. She moved when you pulled the string in back. I still have her.

—June Fellows D’Errico



I had Thumbelina, I took her everywhere. Every Christmas, Santa would take her out of my bed looking dirty and losing her hair. Then he would give her a bath, do her hair and make her smell brand new with a new dress and put her under the tree.

—Karen Allen Brice

We used to sit on the floor in a darkened room and play Green Ghost. I was about 7, so I’m guessing it was 1965. I remember the box said “THE EXCITING GAME OF MYSTERY THAT GLOWS IN THE DARK.” The plastic game board and everything on it would glow eerily. My little sister would get scared and have to leave the room. There were little trapdoors that you had to stick your hand through and touch things like plastic bones, feathers and slimy snakes. The main character was a glowing

green ghost that looked kind of like a blob, LOL.

—Denise Pietra

I loved my little plastic army guys. I had the US Army (the good guys) but also the Russian Army, the Germans and the Japanese (the bad guys). They were probably the cheapest toys in our lifetimes, since they were only a penny each throughout the 50s and 60s. In 1973 the oil crisis made plastic much more expensive, the price skyrocketed and the little soldiers fell out of favor. I don’t think they even make them anymore.

—Mike Beathard / Penndel



My little green soldiers! I remember there were usually ads in comic books offering 100 little plastic soldiers for a dollar. You could get World War II-era army guys of all countries, Civil War soldiers, or cowboys and Indians. My mother would put an actual dollar bill in the envelope, which you probably would never do today. And the soldiers would arrive in one big plastic container, the same kind of container as you would get potato salad in at the deli. They were only about an inch tall and about a third of them were just misshapen plastic blobs. They were made in Japan or Taiwan and I guess quality control was not the greatest. But it was always exciting to find a new batch of them waiting for me on the kitchen table when I got home from school.

—Phillip H. / Lower Makefield

When I was in an early grade at Queen of the Universe, outside at recess the girls played with a toy called Jingle Jump. It was a cord with a plastic ball on one end and a loop at the other that the girls put around their ankle. Then they swung their leg to put the ball in motion and skipped over and over the rotating cord.

—Steve Mack



I loved my fashion plates and Holly Hobbie Easy Bake Oven... To be honest, my brother’s toys were always cooler. He had a metal fire truck that you could attach the hose to and it sprayed water.

—Tara Malloy

I had a Pretzel Jetzel machine. It was like the Easy Bake Oven, only you made pretzels. Loved it!

—Stephanie Parto

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Electric football was a game my brothers and I, along with our friends, would spend countless hours playing. We bought the plastic players and would paint them with favorite team colors and player numbers. It was always fun.

—Patrick A. Boyle

I loved my electric football game even though the players hardly ever went where you wanted them to go. Each player was on a plastic base that had a kind of brush underneath. You were supposed to move the brush one way or another to make the player run in a certain direction but it seldom worked. And the linebackers were in a pose with their arms outstretched to the sides. When the play started they would often link arms and end up square dancing instead of playing defense. But I still loved it and would hurry home from school to play it.

—Gary V. / Trevoise

I used to hurry home from school to play with my Gumby and Pokey toys while watching Gumby on TV. My mother gave up trying to get me to eat anything until Gumby was over. I remember the rubbery smell of those beloved toys. One of Gumby's arms fell off eventually, from me twisting him into all kinds of positions, and all that was left was a wire sticking out. I sure loved old Gumby.

—Mary Z.

I loved Sugar Daddy's. It was a caramel candy on a stick and took some time to consume. I also liked Turkish Taffy's. They were wrapped in a flat bar which you could pull and play with before eating if they weren't too cold. I would put in the freezer, take out later and slam on the countertop, breaking it into smaller pieces. I'm horrified about how much sugar that might have been all in one sitting. I supported my sugar habit by



returning soda bottles to the store for a few cents per bottle.

—Alice Deeny

Bazooka bubble gum with comic. A penny candy favorite!

—Cynde Mathews

Red shoestring licorice.

—Phil Tenaglia

Loved Verti Bird. It was a helicopter that you flew in a circle and could land and pick things up. It was connected to a light plastic rod and rotated from a base. Cool toy!

—David Chapman

I loved my Schwinn bike with pink and white streamers! Just my size! Then I could go to Dogwood, Levittown Shopping Center and many more places.

—Connie Mills Oyler

I remember the smell of red roll caps and Greenie stickum caps by Mattel.

—Mark McDermott

In the 40's and 50's when Cowboys were famous and the idols of most young ones, the cap gun was a much desired toy among the boys. One could only wish for a holster with two pistols like the set pictured below. Chances were you would end up with a single holster and pistol.



On many a warm summer day in the city we decided to have a gun fight. Sides were chosen and we would hide behind cars, stoops and in alleys to fire off rolls of caps at each other. Soon the area filled up with smoke from the spent caps and the sweet smell of sulfur filled the street. This went on until all the caps were used up. Then it was time to go home and hang up your Gene Autry, Hopalong Cassidy or Roy Rodgers holster until you got the next nickel for a 5-roll box of caps.

There were no orange tips on the pistols to designate they were a toy and as far as I know no one ever misused them. How times change.

—Ben F.

Growing up in Fishtown in Philadelphia was special. You could walk around to Girard Avenue and buy penny candy for 10 cents, and you got so much. Watermelon slices. Green leaf and orange slices. What a great time to be a kid. Vendors came selling snow cones, there was a horse and wagon that came on Saturday mornings selling hot waffles.

—Alice Martine

Dino the Dinosaur. My most wanted gift for Christmas in 1964. A character from the Flintstones, my favorite Saturday morning cartoon. He was beautifully purple and just perfect. Dino even slept with Chatty Cathy and me, protecting us!! My mom and dad got so frustrated with my 24/7 obsession, and having to replace batteries constantly, that they would hide him and tell me Dino "went to play with Pebbles and Bambam."

—Donna Ruffing

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June 11 at Neshaminy Mall

Numerous career opportunities will be available at RecruitmentQueen's Bucks County Job Fair slated for June 11 at Neshaminy Mall in Bensalem.

Since its inception in 2014, the Bucks County based digital job board has held career fairs several times a year to showcase countless local employment opportunities. RecruitmentQueen will add employers until soon before the event. In the meantime, the following employers have signed up to exhibit: Traffic Plan, Horsham Clinic, Sykes Enterprises, Health Advocate and Salute2Service.

Positions are available in various industries, including human resources, customer service, healthcare, retail, management, sales, insurance, warehouse, banking, administrative and more.

Job seekers will have the opportunity to network with and speak to local recruiters and hiring managers. Even though the career fair is held at a shopping mall where dress codes do not apply, job seekers should dress for success, according to RecruitmentQueen President and CEO Jennifer Schultz. Professional attire is recommended.

RecruitmentQueen's Bucks County Career & Continuing Education Fair will be held in the Sears Court at Neshaminy Mall, 707 Neshaminy Mall in Bensalem, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 11. To learn more, or to register for the career fair, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bucks-county-job-fair-job-seeker-registration-tickets-61436052888>. Employers interested in attending the career fair can call Jennifer Schultz at 267-981-5976. ■

Philadelphia Radio Personality To Keynote Women's Workshop

SCORE Bucks County's 3rd annual Women Building Businesses workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Parx Casino East, 2999 Street Road in Bensalem. Cost is \$25 through June 7 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. After June 7 cost is \$35. Seating is limited.

For more than 25 years Philadelphia native and all-around remarkable woman Marilyn Russell has dominated the airwaves on radio stations, including her current stint as morning host of Frank & Marilyn in the Morning on 98.1 WOGL FM. Russell, who also hosts the station's weekly "Remarkable Women" podcast, will keynote SCORE Bucks County's 3rd annual Women Building Businesses workshop on June 19.

Russell, who began her career in radio at modern rock station 103.9 WDRE in 1993, will lead attendees with insight on how to "calm your critic and build your dream" – the theme for the women-focused event.

"Marilyn can tell her story," SCORE mentor and workshop organizer Linda Zangrilli said. "We're delighted to have Marilyn join us and share her inspiring story."

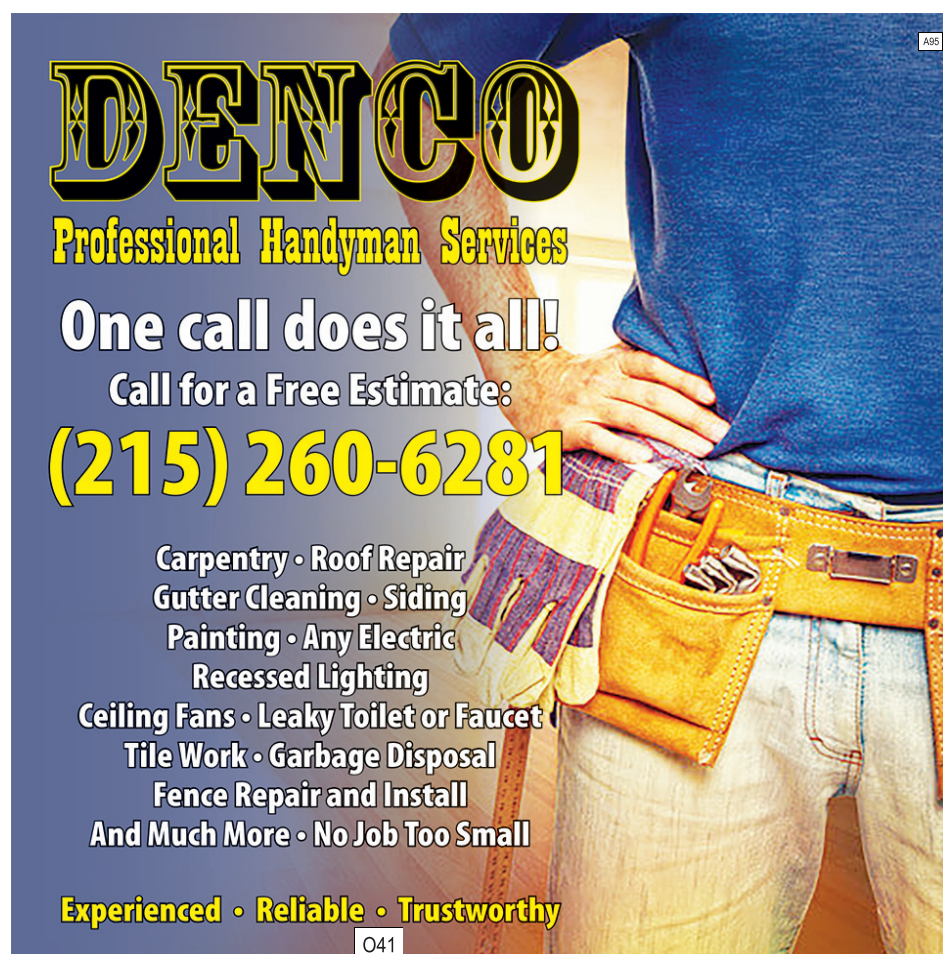
The event will begin with networking, followed by a panel discussion with five prominent local female entrepreneurs. Russell will moderate the panel as speakers answer questions and share how they overcame obstacles on the journey to building their dreams.

Panelists will include Jen Crompton, Creator and Owner of FUEL Cycle Fitness; Maureen Borzacchiello, President and CEO of Creative Display Solutions; Karen Thompson, President and Founder of LSL Brands; Susan Morris, Founder of Susan Morris Coaching; and Sunny White, Founder and CEO, Xavier Creative House.

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I always identified as hailing from Pennel as a kid, but much later in life my father began making the apparently important distinction that we lived in Langhorne Gables. It's a small neighborhood tucked in between Pennel and Hulmeville that pushes up against Trenton Road. In the early 1970s and without adult supervision (I was probably around 7 or 8 years old), I'd join the older neighborhood kids on hikes through the woods and small meadow that separated our dead end street from the larger world. After crossing the bubbly stream and scaling the steepest parts we could find on the far side of our little valley, our group of intrepid explorers would emerge at the top of the hill that rolls past William Penn Firehouse and into Hulmeville. From there it was a short walk on a shoulderless section of Trenton Road to the intersection at Main Street and Dot & Butch's.

Calling Dot & Butch's a candy store wouldn't do it justice. Of course there was candy--chocolate bars, jaw breakers, candy cigarettes, wax teeth (a personal favorite), and hard candy. But you could also find kites, comic books, little green army men, and other toys that somehow managed to have an almost magical quality despite a cheapness even I could spot as a kid.

Like most kids, I didn't pay too much attention to the adults, and it makes me a little sad to say I have no memories of either Dot or Butch. But between their names and their chosen profession, at the very least they had to be fun people. Time passes and tastes change quickly once you hit 10 years old, and I don't remember the moment when Dot & Butch's fell out of favor with me and my crew. But one day in my early teenage years, a new sign suddenly hung over the storefront. Under new management, the corner store that was a childhood Mecca limped along for a short while before finally going out of business.

Looking back, Dot & Butch's probably wasn't

much more than a dollar store with charm, but it's amazing to remember how much entertainment we could get out of a pocket full of change, a little imagination, and a complete lack of adult supervision.

—John Morath

I loved PEZ candy and had a whole collection of PEZ dispensers that I played with, maybe 1970 or so? I had Bugs Bunny, Wonder Woman and a whole bunch of Christmas and Halloween characters.

They would now be considered vintage collectables because they had no "feet." (In the late 1980s PEZ started adding feet to the dispensers so they could stand up better.) I should have saved them!

—Ellen A.



Does anyone else remember Hands Up Harry? It was my favorite toy at one point, I'm guessing mid-1960s. Harry was a rigid cardboard cutout, about 3 feet tall, who looked like a bandit from an old

Western movie. You would stand 10 paces away and shoot at him with a pistol, which came with the toy and shot rubber-tipped darts. If you hit Harry's hat it would fly off and you got points. You could also shoot the guns out of his hands. If you hit him right in the belt buckle his pants would fall down. That was the fastest way to win the game.

—Matt Sauer / Langhorne

Candy cigarettes certainly weren't my favorite candy - they tasted like sweet-ish chalk, but how mischievous I felt holding that pink-tipped white stick between my first and second fingers pretending to puff away.

—Susan Taylor

Marshmallow ice cream cones, turkish taffy and bit o' honey.

—Jayne McPherson

Growing up in N. Phila. in the early 40's, it stirs memories of the local corner stores that had glass cases filled with penny candy. Looking back now the patience of the proprietor was tested every time a kid came in. It was going to be a bountiful day for me because I had 4 cents to spend this visit.

What should I buy? Maybe wax lips/teeth or Mexican Hats which were 3 for a penny. Ditto for Red Hot Dollars, orange slices, licorice babies/pipes, candy cigarettes, BB Bats or candy dots on a strip of paper. The choices were endless.

After a few minutes the choosing was over. I left the store with a small brown bag of candy with many pieces to select from. Of course it had to be eaten before going home because parents blamed the sweets for lack of appetite and tooth decay and didn't

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Dorothy Vislosky, a former Falls Township elected official, collected massive quantities of possessions during her lifetime. She passed away in November 2014.

There are thousands of items stacked floor to ceiling in three buildings. Things like: dishes, furniture, toys, sports equipment, house wares, building materials, sewing supplies, clothes, shoes and so much more.

Her daughter Jan has scheduled 4 estate sales to sell off Dorothy's many possessions. Beginning May 4th, 2019 and the first Saturday of every month throughout the summer, there will be an estate sale with different items each time.

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Guests are invited to relax and take in the panoramic views of the scenic Delaware River while enjoying passive recreational activities such as picnicking, reading, photography, plein-air painting, observing nature, and fishing from designated areas on the campus. The rooftop patio lends itself to great viewing of the Delaware River sailboat races held on early Tuesday evenings. Visitors are asked to respect the premises by observing posted signage. Grundy security works closely with Borough Police to ensure a positive experience for all guests.

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Jazz on the River, June 28

The fifth annual Jazz on the River concert, hosted by the King George II Inn, is Friday, June 28, 2019, 5 pm to 8 pm. 100% of all ticket proceeds goes to after-school and summer camp programming for Bristol Borough youth attending all Borough schools. Tickets are \$50.00 and can be purchased at Great IDs by Anne; Bristol Borough Tax Office, Mignoni Jewelry or at the King George II Inn. Ticket holders will enjoy an incredible buffet, 3 adult beverages, fantastic music with spectacular views of the Delaware River from the King George II Inn's Patio. Teacher of the Year Awards will also be announced at this event for all Bristol Borough schools. If a rain date is required it will be Saturday, June 29, 2019, 1 pm to 4 pm and posted on Facebook. ■

Summer Quest Learning Program For Kids at Local Libraries

Bucks County Free Library's (BCFL) Summer Quest summer learning program begins June 22 with Kickoff events at its branches located in Bensalem, Doylestown, Langhorne, Levittown, Perkasio, Quakertown, and Yardley-Makefield.

Summer Quest features a variety of free, fun activities to help kids stay active, expand knowledge, and engage with the community when school is out. During Summer Quest families will find entertainers and animals touring the branches, limited-edition Badge Squad: Summer Quest badges, a Design Your Own Badge contest, reading challenges, hands-on STEM activities, sensory experiences, physical challenges, arts and crafts, and story times.

BCFL challenges readers to sign up and log their summer reading minutes. Readers can pick up reading logs during Kickoff events, or by visiting their branch or downloading one from the BCFL website. And new this year:

- Bucks County readers will help a community in need. With the help of Summer Quest participants, each BCFL branch will choose an animal to donate through Heifer International. Throughout the summer, participants' reading minutes will count as votes for an animal and add to custom animal murals in each branch. The more participants read, the more they can vote.
- Teens and adults can now earn limited edition Badge Squad: Summer Quest badges along with the kids.
- Lasers, stingrays, and superhuman strength (oh my)! Prismatic Magic Laser Programs, Center for Aquatic Sciences, and Strongman Eric Moss are some of the new performers visiting Bucks County libraries this summer. Don't miss returning favorites including The Franklin Institute, Lehigh Valley Zoo, Magician Ran'D Shine, and more. To learn more about Summer Quest, and find out about Kickoff events and other events and activities taking place at your branch this summer, visit buckslib.org.

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The Bucks County Free Library is a seven-branch system founded in 1956 with locations in Bensalem, Doylestown, Langhorne, Levittown, Perkasio, Quakertown, and Yardley-Makefield. It shares a library catalog and many resources with the 11 other community public libraries in the county to provide the local community with access to a large library collection, dozens of online resources such as live tutoring, continuing education courses, and special programming and events for all ages. To learn more about the Bucks County Free Library, please visit: www.buckslib.org ■

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“Tunnel Trek” Walking Tour June 9th in Falls Township



Join the Friends of the Delaware Canal for “The Tunnel Trek,” a 3.6-mile round-trip walking tour, on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. Meet in the parking lot of the Quality Inn, 7 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Morrisville, PA 19067.

The Conrail embankment in Falls Township is a peril no more. A culvert pipe still carries the Canal’s water through the embankment, but towpath users no longer have to detour around it. No resorting to the “hill climb” or rushing by the active railroad tracks.

On this trek, walkers will test out both the tunnel and the new detour trail at Tyburn Road. Starting near Bridge Street in Morrisville, hikers will head north to view the last obstruction on the towpath and talk about plans for a solution. Coming into view as walkers head south under Route 1 will be a place that illustrates in what low regard historic places like the Canal were held in the 1950’s.

The stretch of Canal between Route 1 and Tyburn Road has much industrial and commercial activity on either side of it, yet the Canal remains a green oasis with tall trees, ducks, geese, and great blue herons. When walkers reach Tyburn Road, they’ll use the new detour trail built by the DCNR regional construction crew – another great improvement.

Ten years ago, it seemed unimaginable that the Conrail embankment and Tyburn Road obstructions would be overcome, but now they’re history. Come walk and celebrate this achievement! This event is free and reservations are not required. Donations are gratefully accepted and go towards Canal improvement efforts.

The Friends of the Delaware Canal is an independent, not-for-profit organization working to restore, preserve and improve the Delaware Canal and its surroundings. Its primary goals are to ensure that the Canal is fully watered from Easton to Bristol and that the towpath trail is useable over its entire length. ■



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Leader Lottery Winner: Paul Kochis



Paul Kochis, of Nearwood Lane in Levittown, was our Leader Lottery winner for the May issue of The Lower Bucks Leader. He picked up his copy of The Leader at Beer-a-Rama, on Levittown Parkway.

“I’m an old fashioned guy who still enjoys reading newspapers,” Paul said. “I pick up the Lower Bucks Leader every chance I get. I find it to be very informative about the community.”

By checking the lottery questions for that issue (always on page 2) he saw that his lucky number was J24. He then found a matching number in the ad for the Salvation Army Family Store, a discount outlet for clothes, furniture and household goods located at 191 Lincoln Highway in Fairless Hills. He emailed a picture of his lottery ticket to The Leader, and on the day of the drawing it was picked at random from a small pool of finalists.

Paul’s parents were original Levittown home owners. “I still live in the same house with my wife where we raised our 2 daughters,” he said. “My wife and I have 9 grandchildren. I graduated in 1970 from Pennsbury High School. I’m currently semi-retired and work part time for Pennsbury School District as a Security Officer at the middle schools.”

Leader Lottery winners receive \$100 for themselves; they also get to choose a charity, community cause or organization that has special meaning for them, for which *The Lower Bucks Leader* provides a free promotional ad or fundraising message.

Paul Kochis, an Army veteran, chose the Wounded Warriors organization. “I believe they do a wonderful job for our vets.” ■

Leader Lottery is a feature of every issue, in which readers can win money for themselves and free fundraising publicity for their favorite charity or community cause. It’s free, it’s easy, and all you need is the paper you’re holding in your hand. You’ll help our community just by playing. Do you have the lucky number? See page 2 to find out!

Lottery tickets for this latest issue must be received by midnight on Thursday, June 20th. You can simply take a picture of your ticket and email or text-message it to Editor@LowerBucksLeader.com. Tickets can also be sent by regular mail; or you can go to www.LowerBucksLeader.com, click on “Leader Lottery” and fill out a ticket online.

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Tips from Leader Readers

If your house is overrun by ants at this time of year, try using boric acid to lure them to their doom. Borax is a common household ingredient that can kill ants by interfering with their digestive system. To create the bait, mix one part borax with three parts sugar or peanut butter. Shake the mixture well and then spread it close to areas where the ants have been frequently spotted. The worker ants will take the borax bait back to their colony and share it with the queen and the remaining ants. After a week, you will start to notice the demise of the ant population in your house. Keep pets and toddlers away from the stuff, though.

—Don Schellhase / Fairless Hills

Use ice cube trays to organize jewelry. A few trays will fit nicely into your bureau drawer, and you can use the divided compartments to keep earrings together and to separate small-chain necklaces. Egg cartons work well, too. And they have lids that you can close to keep everything in place.

—N.

To make a quick, disposable sprinkler for your kids to play in (or even to water your garden) just get a clean, empty 2-liter soda bottle and pop a bunch of holes in it with a sharp knife or a steel skewer. The bottle may thread right into your hose for a firm connection, but if it doesn't just make sure the surfaces are dry and use duct tape to secure the bottle to the hose. Lay the bottle in the grass, turn on the spigot and have a cold beer while the kids have fun!

—Frank DeLuca / Morrisville

Keep your dog safe on the 4th of July! Dogs can become very stressed out from the sight of fireworks, not to mention the noise and explosions. Dogs have been known to "attack" sparklers, for instance, getting their faces badly burned. Even a homebody dog may bolt out the door in a panic and get lost or hit by a car. Make sure your dog's ID tags are up to date and readable. I give my dogs a mild sedative every 4th.

—Elaine B. / Langhorne

If you have to choose which line to get on at the supermarket, pick the one with more men. Studies of shopping habits show that men are much more likely than women to pack their own groceries. That means a shorter wait for you.

—Chrissie Battaglia

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Phillips Mill Photo Show 2.0 Slated for Next Year

Since 1992, Phillips' Mill Community Association's annual prestigious juried photography exhibition has drawn thousands of submissions from hobbyists to professionals alike. All submit with the common goal of having their images hung on the walls of the historic mill.

In an effort to broaden the scope of what is offered, coupled with new technologies, the Phillips' Mill Photo Show Committee is looking to create an easier platform for digital photography. In order to achieve these goals, the Photo Show Committee has opted to take a year off to regroup and rebrand. The show will return in 2020 with Photo Show 2.0 for the 27th exhibition.

For updates about Photo Show 2.0, including call for art deadlines and next year's show schedule, visit the Phillips' Mill Website, www.phillipsmill.org or become a member to stay up-to-date on the latest news: <https://www.phillipsmill.org/membership/>. The photography exhibition is held at the 1756 grist mill located at 2619 River Road, just outside of New Hope. Dates have not yet been set for 2020 but are planned for the same spring-into-summer time period. ■

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A Wing and a Prayer Brass Ensemble and The Emmaus Road Lutheran Church presents; "Sweet Sounds of Spring" concert to benefit our youth scholarship fund. The Concert takes place on Sunday June 9th beginning at 7:00pm at the Emmaus Road Lutheran Church 2185 Bristol Oxford Valley Road Levittown, Pa and will feature the "Acclamation Ringers" Bell Choir and the renowned "A Wing and a Prayer" Brass Ensemble. Tickets can be purchased at the door for a donation of \$10.00. Refreshments will be available for sale. For more information about "A Wing and a Prayer" Brass Ensemble please visit our facebook page at: fb.me/awingandaprayerbrassensemble

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Historic Langhorne Association will host "Broadway at the Beach," a bus trip to SurfFlight Theatre in Beach Haven, NJ on Thursday, July 18th. \$100 cost per person includes deluxe restroom-equipped coach, luncheon at Carmen's, and the musical Mamma Mia. All gratuities are included. Payment is due before June 21st and luncheon choices must be made in advance. To register, or for more information, call Lynda Johnson at 215-702-0438.

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Every first Friday from May to September (5/3, 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6), the quaint and historic riverfront town of Bristol Borough hosts the award-winning street festival, First Fridays on the Delaware, from 5 to 8 pm. First Fridays are held throughout our main street district (Mill and Radcliffe Streets) and are RAIN or SHINE! Event-goers are welcome to park in the free, municipal lot behind Mill Street or at 1414 Radcliffe Street (in the Lenox parking lot across from Cesare's Restaurant) with free shuttle service to and from the festival area.

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Summer Concert Series at the Penn Community Bank Amphitheater in Bensalem, visit pcbevents.com.

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Family Entertainment Night in Historic Fallsington, Thursday, June 6th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Enjoy kid-friendly music; participate in a puppet-making workshop, then enjoy a puppet show by the famous *Tucker's Tales!* Held on the lawn of the Stagecoach Tavern, 1 Meetinghouse Square. For your viewing comfort bring a lawn chair. If it rains this event will be held at Fallsington Friend's Meetinghouse, S. Main St., Fallsington, PA. Free to the public. (215) 295-6567

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DISCOUNT TICKETS to summer attractions are now available at the Bristol Township Municipal Building, 2501 Bath Road, Bristol 19007. Attractions include Camden Aquarium, Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Philadelphia Zoo and many more. To see the complete list of attractions and discount prices, visit bristoltownship.org and click on Discount Tickets. Cash payment only. No refunds or exchanges can be given for any discounted tickets.

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Flea Market on Saturday June 22 hosted by Patterson Farm Preservation Inc 501c3 at Veterans Square Park, Corner of Edgewood & Heacock Roads, Lower Makefield. 8 am - 1 pm. Vendor spaces \$25. Contact Jeff Hirko at 267-566-2165 or print registration form from www.PattersonFarmPreservation.com. Proceeds benefit historic preservation of Patterson Farm, Yardley.

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The Pennsbury High School Senior Prom public walk-through is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st at PHS East (705 Hood Blvd, Fairless Hills) from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. The prom arrival parade begins at 5:15 p.m. that same evening.

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Volunteers needed to help keep Five Mile Woods looking great. Preserve clean-up days during the summer: Saturdays: June 8, July 13, and August 10, 9 a.m.—12 noon. Meet at FMW Headquarters, 1305 Big Oak Road in Lower Makefield near Kohl's Shopping Center. Wear shoes and clothes that can get dirty. FMW is a 300-acre nature preserve.

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G.O.A.L. (Greenbelt Overhaul Alliance of Levittown) will be cleaning up streams at the Oxford Valley Golf Course in Fairless Hills. Meet in parking lot at 9am, Saturday, June 22. Our projects run from 9am-1pm. We serve lunch at 1pm. Our only request is that volunteers wear sturdy shoes and bring a refillable water bottle. Parents/guardians must be with minors and all volunteers must sign waivers.

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Necco wafers. Little flat discs in different colors, with unusual flavors like clove and wintergreen. My older brother was an altar boy and he used to practice by having us kneel down and put a Necco wafer on our tongues like it was Holy Communion. They were about the same size and shape as the wafers at Mass but tasted a whole lot better!

—Joyce Mannion

I used to get a box of Mexican Hats and a box of Chocolate Babies. The racist connotations never occurred to me. They were delicious and I thought they were cute. I was surprised to find that you can still buy Chocolate Babies, even on Amazon.

—Patti D.



My Fever Doll's face would get red when she laid down like she had a fever. She came with a thermometer and other medical items. The start of my lifelong career in nursing.

—Joan Contento Howell

Candy necklaces, candy cigarettes, wax lips, wax bottles with juice of some sort... some of these can be found at Cracker Barrel now, and also 10 cent water ice!

—Kathy Leggieri Brent

Mattel made a product in the 1960's named Vac-U-Form and I remember having one. I thought it was cool and didn't consider it a toy per se. It seemed more of a craft or hobby tool at the time. It had a built in hot plate that heated up post card size sheets of plastic, which were pressed and vacuumed around small objects used as molds. A 3 dimensional shape was permanently formed into the sheet when the plastic cooled. I spent a lot of time forming raised letter post cards, impressions of chess pieces, and imprints of whatever small object caught my attention. In retrospect, this was in some ways, a precursor to a poor man's 3D printer.

For me, the cool factor was that this was not a toy for little kids and it meant that my parents probably thought I was old enough to use it without burning the house down. After all, what could go wrong with a built in hot plate, 120 volt power supply, and hot plastic?

—Kevin Deeny



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All-Time Best Phillies: Left Field

Ed Delahanty, the best left fielder in Phillies history, was on his way to becoming the 2nd member of the exclusive 3000 hit club until a mysteriously tragic summer night in 1903. (Who was the first player to reach 1000 hits? See page 26 for the answer.)

“Big Ed” Delahanty was not only a prolific hitter but a powerful thumper. In the dead ball era of the 1890s he managed over a hundred home runs, including 19 in one season. Opposing pitchers feared him, as made clear by hurler Crazy Schmit of the Orioles. “When you pitch to Delahanty you just want to shut your

To this day, no one knows for sure how “Big Ed” Delahanty ended up dead at the bottom of Niagara Falls

eyes, say a prayer and chuck the ball. The Lord knows what will happen after that.”

He led the league in hitting and home runs twice. Three times he led the league in RBI and one time in steals. He hit over .400 three times, and is still the only player to lead both leagues in batting. He has the 5th highest batting average in MLB history. (Who are the four ahead of him? See page 26 to find out.)

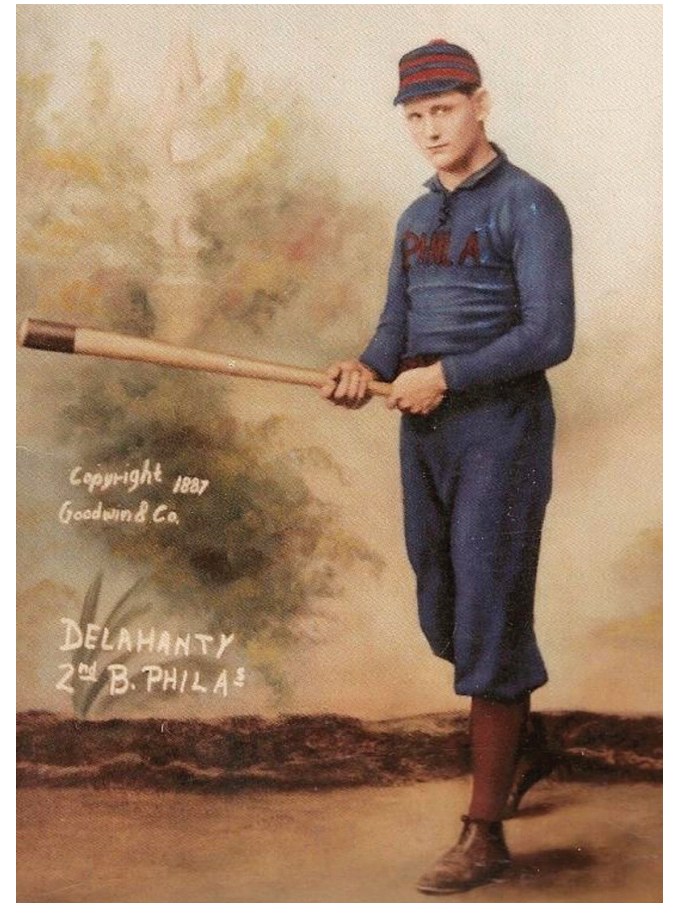
“Big Ed” spent 13 of his 16 major league years as a Phillie. Later on he became a “jumper,” jumping from the Phillies in the

National League for a more lucrative contract with the Washington Senators in the new American League. He spent a year and a half with that team. Then, on July 2, 1903, in the middle of a series with the Tigers in Detroit, he took his 2,596 career hits and abruptly left the team without notice. He boarded a train in Detroit bound for New York, possibly to offer his services to the Giants in the National League.

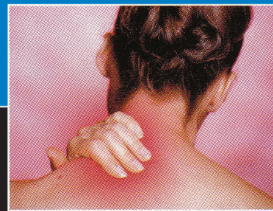
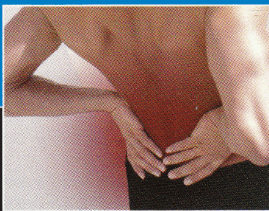
After downing five shots of whiskey, according to the conductor on that train, Big Ed started threatening passengers. Brandishing a knife, he grabbed a female by her ankles and dragged her out of her sleeping car. The conductor kicked him off the train on the north side of the International bridge in Canada. Ed decided to walk across the bridge although the night watchmen tried to stop him. The two got into fisticuffs there above the river and Delahanty broke free and in the darkness of night proceeded with his walk.

His body was found at the bottom of Niagara Falls a week later. To this day no one knows if he fell, or jumped, or was pushed. ■

—George Porgeman / Yardley
This article was part of a series on All-Time Best Phillies at every position



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Local Garden Club Awards Six Scholarships



The Martha Washington Garden Club, based in Yardley, has awarded six scholarships of \$2500 each to well deserving students from our area pursuing careers in agriculture, horticulture, landscape architecture, sustainability, conservation or related subjects.

The Club provides one scholarship from its own Scholarship fund. This scholarship is funded through the Club's annual fundraiser held in January.

Its second source of funding is the Jane Parr Memorial Fund. This fund was started in memory of Jane Parr, a long time, dedicated Garden Club member by her husband Russell Parr. "We are privileged to carry on Jane's legacy of beautifying and caring for the environment through these deserving students."

This year's scholarship winners are:

William Krohn, Morrisville, Pa. William is graduating from Holy Ghost Prep and will attend Colgate University. / Ashlin Brooks, Perkasio, Pa. Ashlin is currently enrolled at Penn State University. / Maia Kessler Yardley Pa, Maia is graduating from Pennsbury High School and will attend the University of Maryland. / Erin Hunter, Yardley Pa. Erin is graduating from Pennsbury High School and will attend the University of Massachusetts. / Matthew Simms, Newtown Pa, Matthew is graduating from Notre Dame High School and will attend the University of Scranton. / Maeve Kessler, Yardley Pa. Maeve is currently enrolled at the University of Maryland. ■

Veterans Flag Memorial, June 7-9

A three-day memorial tribute to all of America's veterans and POW/MIA's will take place Friday, June 7th to Sunday, June 9th at Falls Township Community Park, 9125 Mill Creek Road in Levittown. Over 65,000 small flags will be planted in the shape and size of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. Each flag represents an American killed or Missing In Action during the Vietnam War.

The flags will be planted on Friday June 7; Saturday will be a day of reflection which includes a free concert; and Sunday will feature a motorcycle rally, memorial service and repatriation ceremony.

Volunteers are needed to help plant the flags. Call Ed Sabol (609) 847-1344 or Donnie Jones (267) 566-2860.

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Family Promise To Raffle Off Mystery Prize

Family Promise of Lower Bucks (FPLB) is holding a SPECIAL RAFFLE! However, due to its high value, PA State Law prohibits us from advertising the prize. What we CAN tell you is tickets are \$25/each. The drawing will take place on Saturday, June 15th at 10:00am at TEAM TOYOTA of Langhorne (746 E. Lincoln Hwy, Langhorne, PA 19047). For your tickets, please contact: Maryanne at FamilyPromiseLB@gmail.com or Jessie at 215-943-0402 or director@fplb.org.

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Ten beloved classic films will return to the big screen as part of the Historic Newtown Theatre's Summer Classic Series. Many of these films haven't been seen on the big screen in decades. Films scheduled for this summer include:

- "The Philadelphia Story" – June 6, 7:30 p.m.
- "The Godfather" – June 20, 7:30 p.m.
- "The Godfather: Part II" – June 27, 7:30 p.m.
- "Taxi Driver" – July 11, 7:30 p.m.
- "The Breakfast Club" – July 18, 7:30 p.m.
- "Rebel Without a Cause" – July 25, 7:30 p.m.
- "Raging Bull" – Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m.
- "Casablanca" – Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.
- "Guys and Dolls" – Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m.
- "The Graduate" – Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for all films are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, \$7 for children 12 and younger, and \$5 for theatre members. Beer and wine will be available for purchase at the theatre before each movie. The 2019 Summer Classic Film Series is supported by presenting sponsor Harris Comfort, a Bucks County business that provides year-round comfort with heating, air conditioning, fuel oil, propane and whole-house generators.

The Newtown Theatre is located at 120 N. State Street in Newtown Borough. For information about upcoming movies and shows, visit TheNewtownTheatre.com ■

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11 Critical Home Inspection Traps to be Aware of Weeks Before Listing Your Home for Sale

Levittown - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether.

In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help home sellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

To order a FREE Special Report, hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report call toll-free **1-800-804-5150** and enter **2444**. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Quips & Quotes To Raise a Smile

The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture in your house is in place.

Sometimes someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race and changes you forever. We call these people cops.

My ability to remember song lyrics from the 1980s far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.

A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that “individuality” is the key to success.

Summer is the time when parents realize how underpaid teachers actually are.

When I read about the evils of drinking,
I gave up reading.

A good friend will bail you out of jail. A best friend will be in the cell next to you, saying “Damn, that was fun!”

Annual Celtic Day in Bristol, June 30th

The 23rd Annual Celtic Day will be held in Bristol Riverfront Park on Sunday, June 30 (no rain date) from 1 to 8 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Celtic Heritage Foundation. Admission is free. Attendees are advised to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Various musical and dance groups will entertain throughout the event. A variety of food and merchandise vendors will be situated throughout the park, and the Celtic Heritage Foundation will have a “Celtic Bakery” under the wharf.

The entertainment schedule is as follows:
1:00 to 1:30 PM— Opening Ceremonies at the Gazebo
3:00 to 4:30 PM— Irish Music by The Jolly Tinkers, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

5:00 to 5:30 PM— Irish Step Dancing by The Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dancing.

6:00 to 8:00 PM— Celtic/Irish Music by The John Byrne Band.

The Celtic Heritage Foundation was founded in Bristol Borough in the summer of 1996. The organization was responsible for the erection of a monument commemorating the Celtic experience in America and celebrating all Celtic people throughout the world. The monument, which stands in Bristol Riverfront Park, was dedicated in October 1997 and over 200 family names have been inscribed thereon. Details about the Foundation may be obtained at the information table located under the wharf on Celtic Day.

For further information about Celtic Day, call 215-788-5232. ■

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What 1980 pop-rock hit song includes these lyrics:

Well you're a real tough cookie with a long history
Of breaking little hearts like the one in me
That's okay, let's see how you do it
Put up you dukes, let's get down to it

—Answer on page 27



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4th of July Fruit Flag Dessert

(makes 24 servings)



For Cake Base:

- 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup vegetable shortening
- ½ cup softened margarine
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

For Cake Topping:

- 2 (8 oz) packages cream cheese
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 tsps. vanilla extract
- 3 or 4 bananas, sliced
- 1 TBSP lemon juice
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced
- 6 oz. fresh blueberries

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Whisk the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt in a bowl.
2. In a large mixing bowl, mash the vegetable shortening and margarine together until thoroughly combined, and beat in 1 1/2 cup of sugar, eggs, and 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract. Mix in the flour mixture to make a workable dough, and spread the dough out in a rectangle shape onto an ungreased 12x17 inch baking sheet.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until very lightly browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Allow to cool completely.
4. While the cake base is cooling, mash the cream cheese with 1 cup of sugar and 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract in a bowl until smooth. Place sliced bananas in a bowl, and gently toss with lemon juice to prevent browning.
5. To decorate the flag, spread the cream cheese filling all over the cake base in an even, smooth layer. Place the blueberries in a square in neat, closely-spaced rows, in the left upper corner for blue stars. Arrange alternating stripes of white bananas and red strawberry slices across the pizza. Refrigerate leftovers.

Free Gunlocks at Information Sessions

Ben's Campaign is expanding its outreach to encourage people to LOCK UP their guns, and is offering a one hour presentation this June at several locations throughout Bucks County. The presentation will share information about guns and Dementia, how cognitive impairment affects the ability to judge safe and unsafe situations. We will also cover suicide prevention, what are the warning signs and what resources are available. An officer from the local police department will demonstrate the proper use of gunlocks and free gunlocks will be available. The presentations are open to the public.

Please join us at one of the following:

- Thursday, June 6, 2019, 7 pm., Bristol Township Senior Center, 2501 Bath Rd., Bristol, PA.
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 1 pm., Ben Wilson Senior Center, 580 Delmont Ave., Warminster, PA.
- Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 1 pm., Penridge Community Center, 146 E. Main St., Silverdale, PA.

For further information, please call Holly Tuttle at Bucks County Area Agency on Aging, 267-880-5755 or email her at hjtuttle@buckscounty.org.

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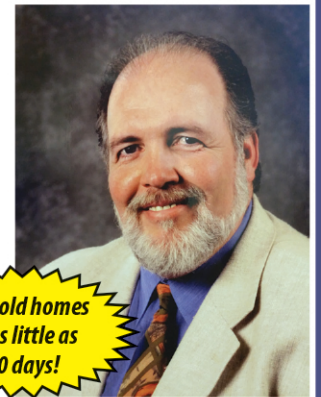
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In what popular song, released in 1972, do these lines appear:

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Oh where you going to, my lady blue? It's a shame you ruined your gown in the rain.
She just looked out the window, she said "Sixteen Parkside Lane."

—Answer on page 27

Fields of Stone

My father was an alcoholic from whom I learned many lessons.

In some cases, they were lessons about what not to do or what not to be; the negative example of an alcoholic's life stood before me in clear view. In other cases, the example and the lessons were positive and in my later years I've come to realize that in many ways, I was lucky to have had the experience. When I've mentioned this to friends in conversation, a quizzical expression and an unspoken question soon follows: How could someone be fortunate to have had an alcoholic father? Let me explain.

There is not much that I can point to that was fun about growing up as a son to an alcoholic father. The social and psychological pitfalls have been well documented by others. And yet, it taught me much that I needed to learn.

Alcoholism, like all addictions, has broad impacts well beyond the addicted individual. For my mother and us seven children, the effects were deep and ever-present as we grew up. But I remember the day that it began to change, which required me to do one of the hardest things that I had done in my life to that point – I said no to my father.

Like many who had (or have) a family member struggling with addiction, life was filled with promises of change that are never kept. It is exhausting to care so much, hope so much, and despair so much.

One day, when I was perhaps 17 years old, my father said he wanted to try again. He just needed a ride, he said, when I went to the bar to meet him. This was a story I heard so many times before and I was tired of the heartache and more than a little angry. I left the bar while he finished his beer, not knowing what I should do and wondered where I could go for

advice.

A friend recalled a place he drove by where the “drunks” met and I put the car in gear in search of the place. I pulled into the parking lot of an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting place with no ideas and no plan. I got out of my car just as a man was crossing to the building and I stopped him to ask questions.

There in the parking lot, I told him my story and asked that stranger for advice. As he took a moment to reply, I watched as a deep and knowing sadness washed over him and as compassionately as he could said to me, “Son, as long as your father is sitting on a bar stool, he doesn't want to be sober yet. When he wants it, he will find the way.”

Although this wasn't the advice I expected, it rang true to me. I returned to the bar to tell my father no, and faced the shouting and cursing that followed. Three days later he entered rehab and to this day, I don't know how he got there.

Dad fought his way back to life slowly, in small steps – it is difficult to plow a field of stones. That place I stopped at for advice became his daily meeting place where he received the support from others on the road to recovery. In time, he became a help to others and would talk at gatherings and high school assemblies whenever he could. I attended open AA meetings with him to hear the stories of others in recovery and on one occasion heard him tell his story from the back row in the audience. It was hard, but it was good. When he suffered a stroke that took his speech and movement away, he fought again, confronted the challenge, trained himself to speak and



I became a better man watching my alcoholic father become a better man.

walk again and continued to live his life.

When my father passed, he had been sober for twenty years. A eulogy by one of his friends succinctly put it; “The SOB made it.” I knew what he meant and considered it high praise. I was able to spend all of those years with him getting to know him in his sobriety.

As I have acknowledged before, I became a better man watching him become a better man. I realize that I have my own fields of stone to plow, but I am indeed fortunate that my father showed me how.

I have decided now to set this memory aside for a time and let my father rest in my thoughts. I will see him again soon enough and I expect we will talk well into the night. ■

—Kevin Deeny

Kevin Deeny, a lifelong resident of Levittown, has recently published two books: *Snow Pictures* and *A Patch of Light*. Both are available at Amazon, Book Baby, and Barnes & Noble. He can be contacted at kdeeny57@gmail.com.

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Neshaminy Activity Center will host a trip to Tropicana Atlantic City on Monday June 24th. Cost \$45.00 includes transportation, ticket to show “Under the Boardwalk” and \$20.00 slot play. For information contact Neshaminy Activity Center at 215-355-6967.

Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation is sponsoring a fully escorted 3-Day/2-Night Bus Trip to Long Island, New York starting on Thursday, October 3, 2019. Trip includes visit to Sagamore Hill, home of Teddy Roosevelt, tours of the Coe Estate and the Vanderbilt house and gardens. Also includes a Riverboat Dinner Cruise. The cost is \$542 per person twin, \$511 per person triple and

\$681 per person single. Forms can be downloaded from www.bristolhistory.org. For further information call 215.788.2106.

Senior citizens get a discount of 25% off their entire purchase every Wednesday at Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore, located in the Langhorne Square Shopping Center, 1337 East Lincoln Highway. A wide range of items is available, from furniture to clothing to small knick-knacks.

The Friends of the Levittown Library will sponsor Fred Miller’s Lecture in Song on Saturday, June 22, at 1 p.m. The theme is “How Ya’ Gonna Keep Them Down on the Farm,” which features colonial times up through World World I music. Includes Alexander’s Ragtime Band, Take Me Out to the Ball Game, Yankee Doodle Dandy, and Sidewalks of New York. The program is free to the public. The library is located at 7311 New Falls Road.

NEW ENGLAND & CANADA CRUISE. St. Mark School’s Advisory Committee, Bristol, is sponsoring an 8-day/7-night cruise to New England & Canada aboard the Regal Princess out of NY, Sept. 28-Oct. 5, 2019. Rates pp, double occup., range from \$1,330 to \$2,010. Reservation deadline is June 14. For more info., call 1-800-423-0247 or 215-788-9408.

The 37th Annual Bucks County Senior Games will take place from June 3rd-14th. The games, open to adults 50+, encourage county-wide friendly competition and camaraderie.

The Bucks County Senior Games are presented by the Bucks County Area on Agency in collaboration with the Bucks County YMCA and the Bucks County Community College. Registration begins April 1, 2019! Visit <http://buckscounty.org/SeniorGames> and <https://www.facebook.com/BCSeniorGames1/> for updates. Or call 267-880-5700 for more information. ■

Bucks County Free Library Seeks Volunteers

Come to the Bucks County Free Library and share your unique talents with others. The library is looking for dedicated reliable volunteers to join its team. Whatever your interests, skills, and time availability, the library has the right volunteer opportunity for you. Many of these 15 volunteer opportunities are new.

You can apply online or in person at any of the library’s seven branches in Bensalem, Doylestown, Langhorne, Levittown, Yardley-Makefield, Perkasié, and Quakertown.

Volunteers must be 12 or older, and the library asks for a minimum commitment of two hours per week for twelve weeks. Teens are eligible for all volunteer positions. Adult volunteers age 18 and older must pass background checks. The library pays for any costs associated with background checking. The library does not accept court-ordered volunteers.

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—Answer on page 27.

Two New Books
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Snow Pictures—A Novel is the story of a boy who took the experience of his near death and learned to heal himself and others.

A Patch of Light—Reflections from Levittown is a collection of essays imbued with a sense of place and rooted in the solidly working-class/middle class neighborhoods of Levittown, but with a perspective that reaches out to the wider world.

Kevin Deeny is a lifelong resident of Levittown. He is an environmental engineer, amateur photographer, and tinkerer curious about most things. He can be reached at kdeeny57@gmail.com

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Eight grants of up to 20 gallons of exterior paint and a gift card for painting supplies will be awarded to tax-exempt groups within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Groups will have 30 days in September to complete their projects.

For more information or to download the application go to <http://www.keppabeautiful.org/grants-awards/fresh-paint-days/>. Questions can be answered by Michelle Dunn, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Program Coordinator, at 877-772-3673 ext. 113 or mdunn@keppabeautiful.org. The Fresh Paint Days Pennsylvania grant is available to any tax-exempt group within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Private property owners or individual applicants cannot apply. ■

What 1984 hit pop song includes these lyrics?

Some boys kiss me, some boys hug me
I think they're okay.

If they don't give me proper credit, I just walk away.

They can beg and they can plead

But they can't see the light

'Cause the boy with the cold hard cash is always Mr. Right.

—Answer on page 27.

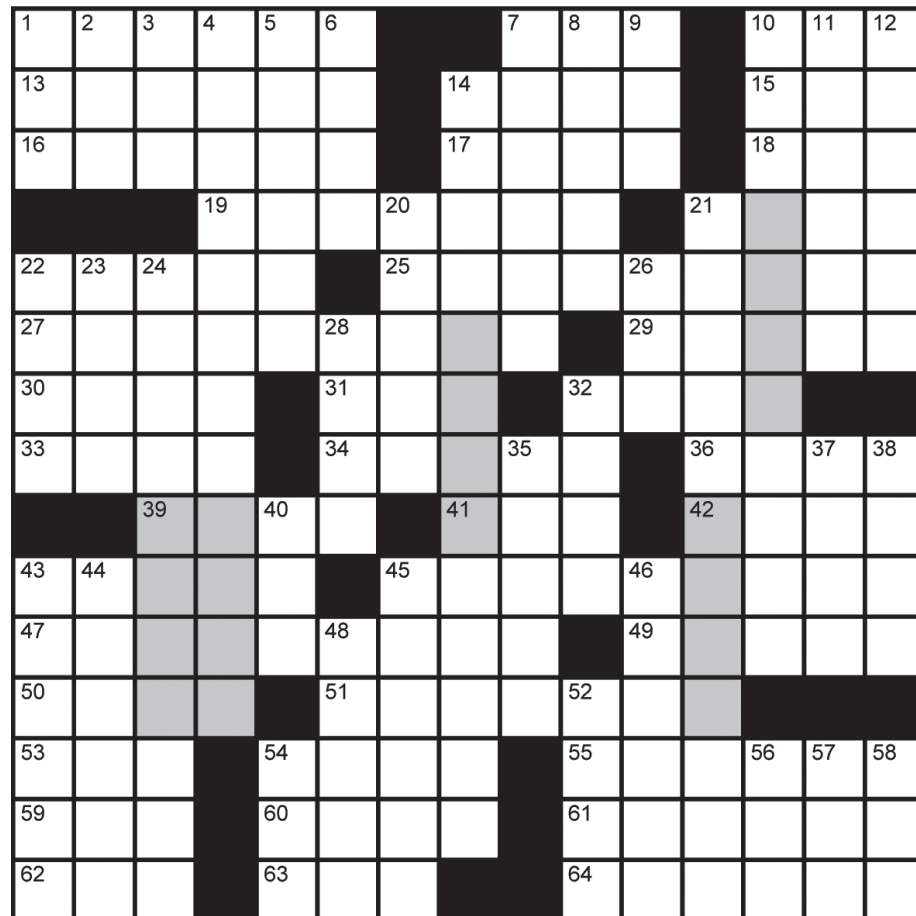
Free Showing of National Geographic Film

“Paris to Pittsburgh” is a 2018 documentary film about climate change directed by National Geographic. From coastal cities to America’s heartland, the film celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. And as the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they aren’t waiting on Washington to act.

Rachel Brosnahan, the film’s narrator, remarks that “Paris to Pittsburgh shines a light on the many forgotten communities and people who have been affected by climate change in our country, as well as solutions for how we can fight back and reduce our carbon footprint. I’m proud to be part of this poignant and powerful documentary, and admire the pro-active approach Bloomberg Philanthropies has taken with this project and this issue. We need meaningful change.”

A screening of Paris to Pittsburgh will be shown Wednesday June 5th at 7 PM in the auditorium at Bristol Township Municipal Building, 2501 Bath Road, Bristol PA 19007. This is a free event but seating is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Ellen Miller at ellenmiller24@comcast.net. ■

It Pays to Play LEADER LOTTERY
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1 “Aeneid” poet

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58 Non-dairy milk

—Solution on page 2

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Cora was rescued from a Morrisville community. Cora is very sweet and enjoys to be pet. She has been spayed, vaccinated for FVRCP & rabies and tested negative for feline leukemia/FIV. To adopt Cora please complete the online application at www.fourthepaws.org or you can meet Cora at the Newtown Pet Valu adoption center located at 2814 S Eagle Rd.

Fluffy is about 11 years old. He is a gorgeous male Maine Coon and is front declawed. His former owner passed away and he was raised with so much love, you can't wrong with Fluffy. He would make a great companion for a senior person. Apply to adopt or meet Fluffy at www.bingosfoundation.org.



Hi, my name is **Tommie Girl!** I am a female Turkish Van Mix. I have a beautiful white coat with the Turkish van pattern. I have a black circle on my back and my tail is black. I have a cute little black spot on my nose too! Turkish Vans are known for their love of water and their great personalities. I was found as a stray and taken into a house. However, I

could not stay there because the family already had several cats and could not keep me, so I was surrendered to Cats Bridge to Rescue. I get along with other cats, but I prefer to keep to myself. I can be reserved with people at first, but I warm up very easily. I like to be petted and spoken to. You can tell me your secrets because I do not judge! I celebrate my birthday in April 2017. I am already spayed and I am up to date with my booster and rabies shots. I have also tested negative for both Feline Aids and Leukemia. I am available for immediate adoption, so please come in and adopt me! For more details, please contact Cats Bridge to Rescue on 215-987-8961.



Ryder and Shadow are brothers who would like to be adopted together! They are up for adoption because their family is losing their home. They are 3 years old and have been living in a situation with limited exercise and training. They need a home with a family who is familiar with the breed, who can give them plenty of exercise, and who have the patience and resources to train them. We just had them fully vetted and neutered. They were also evaluated; here is what the behaviorist had to say: "Both dogs are adoptable... There are a few issues that should be corrected with the new owners such as jumping, setting boundaries and establishing a balance for both dogs. Potential adopters will need to know that they need to be exercised frequently, and exposed to a life outside the house. Small kids are not ideal due their size.... Both dogs learn extremely fast, which is great. New owners should also anticipate to be patient and allow them to settle in."

Ryder and Shadow are sweet boys who just need a little TLC and training. They can become a great addition to a loving family. (215) 321-4673 / thecrossingsanimalsociety.org

Most Popular Baby Names In America for 2018

Every year, the Social Security Administration publishes a list from its database of the most popular names chosen in the previous year for boy and girl babies. In 2018, the most popular names were:

BOYS

1. Liam
2. Noah
3. William
4. James
5. Oliver
6. Benjamin
7. Elijah
8. Lucas
9. Mason
10. Logan

GIRLS

1. Emma
2. Olivia
3. Ava
4. Isabella
5. Sophia
6. Charlotte
7. Mia
8. Amelia
9. Harper
10. Evelyn



2018 was the second year in a row that Liam was the most popular name for baby boys. For Emma, it was the fifth consecutive year.

Both lists stayed basically the same as in the previous year, 2017, with only one new name earning a spot on each list. Harper made the girls' list, replacing Abigail; and Lucas made the boys' list, replacing Jacob. Until 2018, Jacob had been in the Top 10 list every year since 1992! ■

Answers to Song Lyric Questions:

- Pg. 20) Hit Me With Your Best Shot / Pat Benatar
- Pg. 21) Taxi / Harry Chapin
- Pg. 23) Hey Good Lookin' / Hank Williams
- Pg. 25) Material Girl / Madonna



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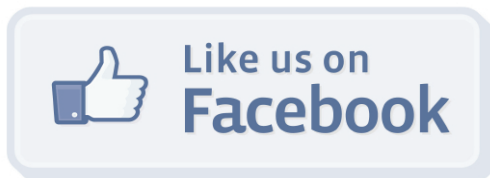
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