

Portraying Milton Hershey is Joe Wentzel, Mt. Gretna, who with Jody Lazorcik, Lebanon, as Kitty Hershey bring to life on stage the story of candy magnate Milton Hershey.

Drama Portrays Milton Hershey's Life Story

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Just in time for the Hershey Centennial celebration, the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association (MHSAA) is bringing the town's founder home, and tickets are on sale now to see him.

"Milton Hershey, The Play," the original drama portraying the life of the candy magnate and area benefactor produced by Pennsylvania Historic Dramas, is coming to the Milton Hershey School (MHS) next month.

According to a statement issued by the Alumni Association, "The play is MHSAA's way of inviting everyone into the special world that Milton and Catherine Hershey created, a miracle world built on love of others. We want everyone to share in this one-ofa-kind, magnificent story."

Public performances will be at the Milton Hershey School's Founders Hall on Friday, April 4 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15, and \$12.50 for seniors and students, and are available at GIANT Center Box Office (717) 534-3911. **Danger Beneath Your Kitchen Sink?**

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — As part of National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week, Drug Free Pennsylvania reminds parents that children can use common household and office products to get high, they are easy to obtain, easy to hide and inexpensive.

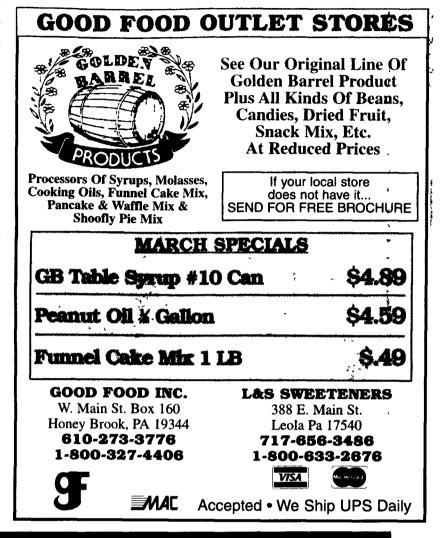
More than 1,000 household

products can be used. The fumes from these various products are inhaled, sniffed or snorted from a bag or huffed from an inhalantsoaked rag or sock. Hair and deodorant sprays, furniture wax, model airplane glue, spray paint, gasoline, nail polish remover, and correction fluid are just a few of the items that can kill if inhaled, even the first time.

Inhalant abuse causes intoxication and can cause short-term memory loss, kidney or liver damage, and even death. Some of the symptoms are unusual breath odor or chemical odor on clothing; nausea or loss of appetite; spots and/ or sores around the mouth; signs of paint or other products on the face or body; slurred speech; drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance; and red or runny eyes or nose.

Before sixth and seventh grades, inhalants are the third most popular substance of abuse after tobacco and marijuana, states Beth Winters, executive director and general counsel of Drug Free Pennsylvania. There is no typical profile of an inhalant user, they are represented by both sexes and all socioeconomic groups throughout the State.

According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free Americas 2002 study, most parents are in the dark regarding the popularity and dangers of inhalant use. It showed that 18 percent of teens between the ages of 12 and 17 reported having tried inhalants, while only 1 percent of parents' believe their child had tried inhalants. We urge parents to become better educated about inhalants and to communicate with their children, said Winters. Knowledge is powerful in the fight against substance abuse.



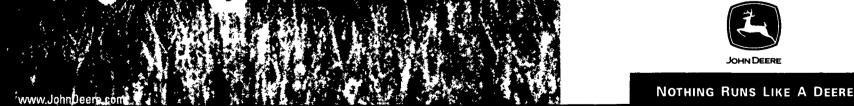




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