



ARTS WINNERS—Pictured above are the forty-five students from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit who are among 1200 sophomores and juniors selected as semi-finalists to attend the 1979 Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts from July 8 to August 11 at Bucknell University, Lewisburg. Chosen as result of an audition process from over 70 applicants throughout Intermediate Unit 18, the students are, first row, kneeling, from left to right: Linda Cunfer, Hazleton; Tony Kubasek, Nanticoke; Ed Chesnovitch, Lake Lehman; Toni Kapsales, Meyers; Craig Counterman, Meyers; JoAnn Gonchar, Wyoming Seminary; Connie Jones, Wyoming Seminary; Carol Podczasy, Bishop Hoban; Lynn Jemo, Hazleton. Second row, left to right: Jane Potance, Bishop Hafey; Yvonne Katsock, Bishop Hoban; Genine Kelly, Wyoming Seminary; Janet Selepak, Coughlin; Susan Friedman, Wyoming Valley West; Lynn Scanlon, Scranton Prep

Tracey Matisak, Bishop Hafey; Mary Ellen Yuhas, Pittston; Evelyn Savokinas, Pittston. Third row, left to right: Mr. Nello A. Riccetti, Executive Director, LIU 18; Mr. Joseph P. Brislin, Director Pupil Personnel Service, LIU 18; Mr. Arthur P. Pupa, Liaison for the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts, LIU 18; John Thomas, Coughlin; James Lehet, Wyoming Valley West; Danielle Spudis, Wyoming Valley West; Clare Hammerbacher, Meyers; Lori Greenberg, Coughlin; Kimberly Howe, Coughlin; Maureen Opplasky, Coughlin; Mary Wazeter, Meyers; Mary Ann Faneck, Meyers; Paul Irzinski, director Special Education, LIU 18. Fourth row, left to right: Judi Krause, Hazleton; Louis Bello, Bishop Hoban; Vincent Turosky, Northwest; Kyle Skrinak, Wyoming; Colleen Carroll, Pittston; Vincent Gargani, Hazleton; Joyce Davis, Wyoming; Heidi Stegmuller, Coughlin.

Don't tempt fate

The familiar saying, "don't tempt fate," is excellent advice for motorists. Although many drivers take measures to keep their vehicles from being stolen, they unwittingly tempt thieves by leaving valuable articles where they can be seen by potential criminals. The following crime resistance measures may help protect valuables left in automobiles:

- Automobiles should be locked when unattended.
- Door lock buttons with knobs on the end should be replaced with the knobs that are tapered at the end since the latter are harder to pull up with a wire inserted through an opening in the window.
- Valuables should not be left where they can be viewed by someone outside the car. Lock packages, coats, etc., in the trunk, or hide such items under the seat.
- Tape decks and citizens band (CB) radios should be mounted out of sight if possible. Consider using a portable rather than permanently-installed antenna so it can be removed when a vehicle is unattended. The antenna can mark the car as a target for CB thieves.
- Tape decks and CB radios should be permanently marked with a unique number traceable to the owner. Motorists should contact local law enforcement for advice as to which number (state drivers license, etc.) should be utilized for this purpose since different numbers are used in different areas of the country. Decals indicating that all property within the vehicle has been marked with a traceable number should also be obtained and affixed to windows on each side of the vehicle.

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Some insurance claims strange

It almost hurts to talk about it.

Consider the story about the California field worker who got bit by a black widow spider while making a noon stopover at a portable toilet.

What about the jailed drunk who tripped on his shoe tongues and knocked out a gold tooth on a toilet seat.

Or the story about the sun worshipper who burned his chest on the hot-exhaust system of a garbage truck which had just run over him at the beach.

And how can we forget about the poor old seamstress who felt the presence of a darning needle she sat on years earlier.

Makes you want to rub the backside to make sure everything is okay.

You can imagine what the claim representatives for Aetna Life & Casualty must have gone through when they reviewed these cases. Aetna processes millions of claims annually, and while many are routine, some are just too precious to pass over. Here are some of 1978's best.

Like the New England constables who thought they caught a band of thieves red-handed loading the contents of a home into a van.

One of the thieves convinced the police officers he actually was the homeowner and was, unhappily, claiming what was his after a bitter divorce. The embarrassed lawmen made their exit, but not before offering to assist the burglars. The homeowner's dog was also reported missing.

Then there was the lovesick male pooch who smashed through the front door of a home which contained a female of the species. The two canines never rendezvoused. The homeowner stopped the excited intruder in front of the door to the garage, where the female was chained, before it was destroyed too.

A New Jersey policyholder filed a claim after an appropriately-named throw rug slipped out from underneath a house guest. The claimant said the guest "spilled" blood all over her nice wallpaper. How's that for a different twist?

In the early days of the automobile, it was always being challenged by the horse. Well, last year, a New York nag won the contest. A car traveling along a bride path startled the horse and its rider. The horse reared; its master tumbled onto the manure-covered path. As the angry rider started making obscene remarks, the horse reared again, this time leaving his calling card, in the form of hoofprints, on the side of the car.

The "I thought It Was a Brilliant Idea" award should go to a Jerseyite

who tried to defy winter by placing an electric blanket over his VW engine. On rising one morning, he found the car engulfed in flames, probably from a short circuit.

Consider, if you will, the man, who while on his constitutional, walked into a tree and filed for damages. He said dust and noise erupting from a minor demolition project down the block startled him and sent him into the collision course.

Talking about startled people, you must feel some sympathy for the woman who was mugged by a cat right in the front seat of her car. The feline made tracks on the woman's neck after being rudely awakened from a sleep in the backseat. The sudden rush by the cat resulted in the driver being propelled forward. Some of her front dental work was rearranged after hitting the steering wheel.

The inebriated fellow mentioned in the beginning was jailed for his own safekeeping, and his shoelaces were routinely removed. You see, the police didn't want him to hurt himself. The gold tooth, by the way, was lost down the commode.

Before the aforementioned garbage truck's exhaust system burned the chest of the beach goer, the poor guy was straddled by the large vehicle while he slept. Talk about rude awakenings.

And for the sore seamstress. She claimed that a doctor left part of a surgical needle in her rump, and filed a malpractice suit. Testimony revealed, however, she sat on a needle years ago.

And for the finale, there is the dog who ate fiberglass bumpers. According to a policyholder, a pooch took after the claimant's customized van and after forcing it to stop, ripped apart the special flared bumper. A dog isn't necessarily a van's best friend. Adios until next year.

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