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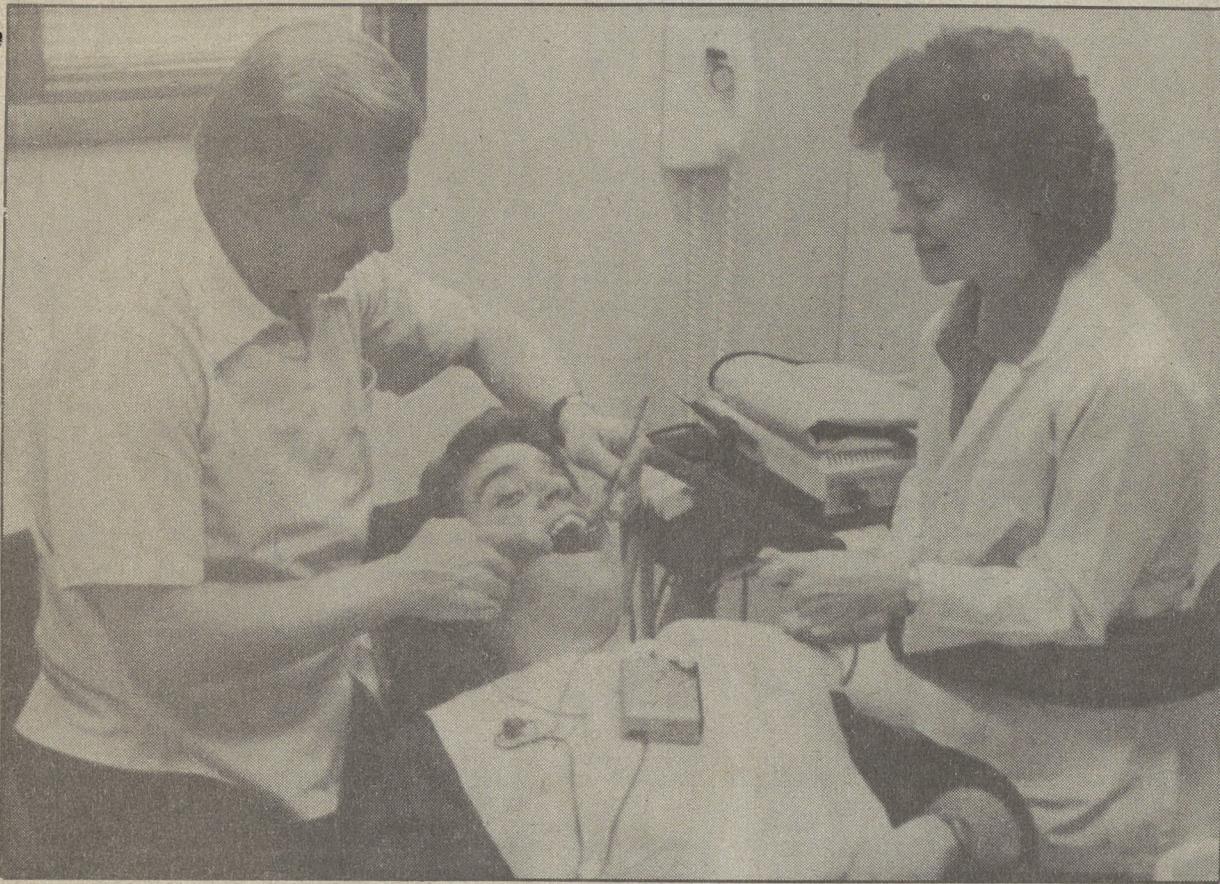
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## They'll try anything

Dr. Leonard Medura, D.D.S. and his dental technician Amy Butchko will try almost anything to keep reporter Wally Kocher calm during his dental checkup. Here, the professionals use a Walkman stereo and nitrous oxide in an attempt to quiet the patient.

## Dental Health Month

# This dentist does everything to try to calm his patients

By WALLY KOCHER  
Staff Correspondent

Pulses quicken and palms become cold and clammy as the high pitched sound of the dentist's drill pierces through the air.

The tension in the waiting room is heavy and thick. Your eyes dart back and forth from one person to the next as you ponder the thought of who will be next.

Suddenly, a receptionist's voice calmly calls out your name. Your legs become like jelly, and you're

sure there's no way you can make it to the dreaded dentist's chair.

Sounds like a typical scene in a dentist's office, doesn't it? Not exactly. There's one dentist in the Back Mountain Area who is trying to change all of this.

Dr. Leonard C. Medura has been practicing dentistry at the Back Mountain Professional Building for the past five years. Prior to that, he received his training while stationed at Pearl Harbor with the United States Navy.

Dr. Medura feels that most people's fear of dentists stems from

previous experiences.

"Adults fear dentists far more than children because of stories related to them by other people, and perhaps bad experiences with other dentists in the past," he said. Dr. Medura, however, has his own special way of handling fearful patients. Besides the usual local anesthetic, or novocaine, Dr. Medura administers nitrous oxide gas to those patients he feels are more apprehensive than others.

"The gas," he explained, "gives a calming, relaxed feeling."

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Photo courtesy of The Times Leader

## Kuznicki honored

Mrs. Barbara Kuznicki, left, was recently named 1984 Nurse of Hope for the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society. Here, Mrs. Mary L. Simons, R.N., right, 1983 Nurse of Hope, pins a banner on this year's winner.

# Shavertown woman is 'Nurse of Hope'

Mrs. Barbara A. Kuznicki, R.N., of Shavertown, has been named 1984 Nurse of Hope for the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Kuznicki, who is employed as a nurse at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center, will take over where Mrs. Mary L. Simons, R.N., 1983 Nurse of Hope left off. She will be involved in various

functions sponsored by the local American Cancer Society Unit.

A nurse for 27 years, Mrs. Kuznicki has worked with the terminally ill and has had personal experiences with family members who have cancer.

A graduate of Harter High School, West Nanticoke and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of

Nursing, Mrs. Kuznicki is the 1977 recipient of the Benjamin Rush Award.

She is president of the Wilkes-Barre Area Candlelighters, an organization for parents of children with cancer and is also a member of the board of the National Candlelighters Foundation.

## Believe it!

A local automobile serviceman went out on a service call to unfreeze the doors of a customer's vehicle. The customer, a rather short woman, had her seat pulled as close to the steering wheel as possible. After unlocking the back door, the serviceman rolled over the seat to start the car - only to find himself crushed between the seat and the dashboard.

Banks in affluent Scottsdale, Arizona flash the temperature and the Dow Jones average, rather than the time, according to one Dallas traveler.

## Fund-raising efforts continue

# Former Back Mountain man injured in Egyptian accident

By DOTTY MARTIN  
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John Charney, Sr., of RD 3, Box 136-B, Dallas, left his Back Mountain home Monday morning for a trip he would rather not take.

Charney's son, John (Jack), was injured in Egypt on Jan. 23 while on the last leg of a two-year world tour and the elder Charney, with the aid of Marc Holtzman of Kingston, is on his way to Egypt to be with his 28-year-old son.

Holtzman, a powerful figure in the Republican party, was instrumental in securing a passport for Charney, who was to pick up the passport in Philadelphia Monday morning and leave the Philadelphia airport Tuesday for Egypt.

According to his mother Elaine, the younger Charney was struck by something protruding from an Egyptian military truck, was knocked to the ground and run over by the back wheels of the vehicle. Mrs. Charney said her son suffered four fractures in the pelvic area, two broken ankles and was ripped open from the rectum to the front.

At the time of the accident, which occurred Jan. 23, Charney was standing on a street corner in the company of a German nurse and her husband. According to Mrs. Charney, if it wasn't for the nurse her son would have been "left for dead."

Mrs. Charney reported that she and her family were first notified of the accident on Jan. 25 when they received a call from the State Department, asking them to forward \$1,000 to the Egyptian hospital so that doctors there could begin medical treatment on her son.

"We first spoke to him (John) on Thursday (Jan. 26)," Mrs. Charney said. "He is in a lot of pain and his spirits are very bad. He's confused, he doesn't know what's going on and he feels bad about the money because he knows we don't have it."

Mrs. Charney explained that TWA Airlines would charge \$5,260 to fly John back to the United States. It seems that a hospital litter, which he would have to lie

on for travelling, would take up four seats on the plane and TWA would charge the family accordingly.

Mrs. Charney also explained that her son's attending physician in Egypt would not release the patient for at least 10 days.

"Because of the severity of his pelvic fractures, the doctor will not release him," she said. "Even if he was strapped on a litter, if he was jarred at all, it could cause internal injuries and possibly even death."

Charney, who had been employed as an art and history teacher at the Stowe School, a private high school in Stowe, Vermont for the past three years, began a world tour in June of 1982 and was scheduled to return home in June of this year.

His backpacking tour included stops in London, Ireland, Scotland, France, Spain, Israel and Egypt. He was headed to Kenya and Nigeria before returning home.

David Gibson, headmaster of the Stowe School, was unaware of the accident until Monday and was extremely upset when he received the news of a good friend.

"Jack was so effective here (at the Stowe School)," he said. "He was most creative and was a very important figure around campus. He really is a wide-awake person. There isn't another person like him on the face of this earth."

According to Mrs. Charney, her son was the sole financier of the world tour and will now have to put whatever travelling money he has left toward medical expenses. His room in the Egyptian hospital is costing him \$100 per day in addition to his doctor and medical expenses.

Area residents have already begun fund-raising efforts to aid the family's attempts to fly their son back here for medical treatment.

Shirley Troy, from the corporate division at Jewelcor Travel Services in Kingston, is coordinating the fund-raising efforts. Anyone wishing to contribute to the drive may contact her at 288-9381.

Ten collection cans have been placed at various businesses in the Back Mountain area in hopes of raising money, also.



## Castle may be sold

The Castle Inn, Route 415, Dallas, may soon have a new owner as Alan Roberts, owner of the Ranch Wagon on Route 309, is currently negotiating with the Barbacci family for purchase of the Back Mountain landmark.

# Castle Inn may get new owner

The Castle Inn on Route 415, Dallas is in the process of being sold to Alan Roberts, owner of the Ranch Wagon on Route 309.

Early indications are that Roberts of East 42nd Street, Idetown and his son Alan Jr. who is presently a student at Wilkes College, will jointly operate the Castle with the possibility that it may become a

three-generation restaurant with the assistance of Alan's father Ephraim Roberts.

The Castle Inn has been owned for the past 14 years by Basil F. Barbacci of West Dallas who will be staying on for a while to help the Roberts family. His wife, Jane, said when the sale is finalized, she plans to go into the bridal business in her

home. Alan Roberts has owned the Ranch Wagon for approximately 25 years since he started in business as a teenager in Shavertown on the site where the Shavertown Shopping Center now stands. After the first year, he bought out his original partner, Bobby Rice, and later moved the Ranch Wagon to its present location in Dallas.

# Local officials oppose new bar law

By JANE C. BOLGER  
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A sampling of local bar and restaurant owners, police and District Magistrates show all are unanimously opposed to the proposed new legislation that would allow bars to remain open an extra four hours until 6 a.m. each morning.

State Senator Milton Street of Philadelphia proposed the change in Pennsylvania's 2 a.m. closing law last week. If passed, the new law would mean that bars, which are permitted to open at 7 a.m., would be closed for only one hour daily.

Tom Pickett, owner of Pickett's Charge Restaurant, East Center Hill Road, Dallas said, "I don't think it's necessary. By 2 a.m., the bartenders are tired, they don't need to work into the wee hours. Most people have had enough to drink by two o'clock anyway."

District Magistrate Earl Gregory, commenting on "the large increase

of Driving Under The Influence cases" he has heard in the past year, is "firmly against it."

"They ought to go home and not be able to stay out and drink nearly 24 hours a day," Gregory said, adding humorously, "nothing good happens after midnight."

Ron Post, owner of The Hearstone Pub, Main Street, Dallas, also saw some humor in the new legislation.

"If they can't get enough by two, they've got a problem," Post said. While stating he is "personally against staying open any longer," he did theorize that maybe it would be acceptable "for people on the night shift who get out at midnight. To them it's like five o'clock in the afternoon."

Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers also expressed consideration "for people in certain industries working rotating shifts" even though overall he "doesn't see any benefit to changing the law."

Miers pointed out that "a lot of problems involving alcohol occur in

the first hour after the bars close" and this would "only allow people with drinking problems to stay out later." Chief Miers also pointed out, "There are enough problems now trying to enforce the Liquor Code. There is a shortage of agents."

Other miscellaneous information gleaned from various sources revealed that there are at least two local bars that do open at 7 a.m., private and fraternal clubs in the area are allowed to serve liquor until 3 a.m. one hour longer than bars.

Presently, drinkers can legally purchase large amounts of liquor prior to 2 a.m. and remain on the premises to drink it as long as no subsequent purchases are made. Some states are advocating keeping bars open an additional hour or two with no liquor consumption allowed to give patrons time to sober up before they attempt to drive.

# Careful addressing prevents broken hearts

If you want your Valentines to be delivered on target and on time, you can help the Postal Service by addressing them properly, Postmaster Thomas P. Bly of the Dallas Post Office said recently.

"A return address should be the first address a person puts on an envelope," he said. "If there is a delivery problem, it will allow us to return the letter, card or parcel to the sender."

Both the return address and mailing address should contain complete

address information. This includes all of the following elements that apply:

- Full name of recipient.
- Apartment mailbox number or apartment number.
- Rural route number and box number.
- Street name and number or post office box number.
- City, State and - VERY IMPORTANT - ZIP CODE.

Postmaster Bly also urged use of legible handwriting, a ball point pen

(felt tips smudge easily) and correct postage (oversized cards require extra postage.)

"Proper addressing is especially important around holidays such as Valentine's Day, when many people do not use their return address in order to momentarily surprise the recipient. But when the card or letter is undeliverable, the one who is surprised is the sender when he or she discovers it was not received," Bly said. "Use a little care, and we'll get it there."

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