



on entertainment

with Debbey Wysocki

"The Color Purple" has received innumerable rave reviews and such widespread press coverage the past few weeks that the desire to view this motion picture could not be suppressed. The movie finally made its way to this area on January 17 and is currently being shown at the General Cinema Theater in the Wyoming Valley Mall, Wilkes-Barre.

Many film critics believe the movie is the best for the year; even Leonard Maltin of "Entertainment Tonight" has given "The Color Purple" an exceptionally high rating. The motion picture is



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cer tainly a great contender for many upcoming entertainment industry awards. It is the recipient of five Golden Globe nominations including Best Picture (Drama), Best Director-Steven Spielberg, Best Actress-Whoopi Goldberg, Best Supporting Actress-Oprah Winfrey, and Best Original Score-Quincy Jones. "The Color Purple" has already been named Best Film and Whoopi Goldberg, Best Actress, by the National Board of Review.

"The Color Purple" is based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name. Walker's story is a powerful one as it unfolds through Celie's letters written to God. Filming this complex book was, by no means, an easy task. Credit must go to Menno Meyjes for the superb job of adapting the novel to the screen.

The setting of the story is rural Georgia from 1906 to the 1940s. It exemplifies the universal theme that everyone at some time and some place needs love.

Celie (Whoopi Goldberg), a young woman, is sexually abused by her father, gives birth to two children and is given in marriage at age 14 to Albert (Danny Glover), a man who does not love her. Albert is a neighboring farmer who literally enslaves, demeans, and mistreats

her in every possible way; his heart belongs to Shug (Margaret Avery), a blues singer his father (Adolph Caesar) has refused to let him marry.

All Celie seems to enjoy in life is her rapport with Nettie (Akosua Busia) her younger sister. After this discovery, Mr. (whom Celie calls her husband Albert) throws Nettie off his property, leaving Celie in painful uncertainty as to whether or not her sister is dead or alive.

When Albert brings the ailing Shug Avery home, Celie nurses her to better health and the two become friends. It is Shug who helps Celie develop self-awareness and a recognition of self-worth. Shug also uncovers the letters (the basis of Walker's novel) that reveal to Celie that her beloved sister is still alive.

Surrounding these major characters is a large and talented cast of supporting characters; the spirited Sofia (Oprah Winfrey), Shug's father, some of her boyfriends, a minister, among others. Through Spielberg's direction, it is clearly demonstrated how the lack of love or understanding can hurt other lives, whereas compassion can help heal the wounds. It was a great feeling to experience when, in the movie, the women finally begin to break free of their male domination and to assert themselves.

Many other subplots, especially sexual taboos, emerge throughout the motion picture. "The Color Purple" is enhanced by the talents of Goldberg, Glover, and Winfrey, who have turned in performances deserving of Oscar nominations.

Kathleen Kennedy and Frank Marshall, producers; Allen Daviau, director of photography; J. Michael Riva, production designer; Michael Kahn, A.C.E., editor, and Aggie Guerrard Rodgers, costume designer, deserve well-earned kudos for this excellent Warner Bros. production.

"The Color Purple", filmed in color by DeLuxe and presented in Dolby stereo, has a running time of 152 minutes, and has a MPAA rating of PG-13.

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MR. AND MRS. THEODORE R RUCH

Vows exchanged

Dianne Elizabeth Tometchko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen E. Tometchko, Dallas, was recently united in marriage to Theodore Robert Ruch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruch, Swoyersville.

Reverend William Cusick performed the double ring ceremony and celebrated the Nuptial Mass in Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attired in a formal length gown designed by Demeterious of Illissa. It featured a scalloped neckline, bodice covered with alencon lace and pearls, fanned three-quarter sleeves and a basque waistline with skirt and chapel train in organza completely bordered in lace. Her headpiece was a Juliet cap, trimmed with large pearls and lace, attached to a three tiered illusion veil.

Matron of honor was Joanne Armaghian, sister of the bride. She wore a formal length, royal blue satin gown with a matching Juliet cap. Bridesmaids were Lisa Simkulak, Karen Tometchko and Stacy Desciak. The bridesmaids wore gowns similar to the matron of honor. Flower girls were Beth Ann Desciak and Sheri Desciak, godchild of the bride. They were dressed in white gowns of organza and lace.

Best man was Kurt Ruch, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Ahmad Armaghian, Robert Krostog and Joseph Tometchko. Ring bearer was Christopher Slatky, godchild of the bridegroom.

An evening cocktail hour and dinner reception followed at Convention Hall.

The rehearsal party was given by the bridegroom's parents at Castle Inn.

The bride was honored with a shower given by her mother, the bridegroom's mother and attendants at the Luzerne Knights of Columbus. She was also feted at a dinner shower at Castle Inn by the faculty and staff of Gate of Heaven School.

The bride is a graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School and College Misericordia, where she received a B.S. in Elementary Education. She is a teacher at Gate of Heaven School.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School and Wilkes College, where he received a B.S. in Business Administration. He is a manager with the Rent-A-Center Corporation.

Following a wedding trip to Florida and a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple is residing in Shavertown.

With Joan Kingsbury

Around town—675-0835

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS at Dallas Township Elementary School have been working very hard earning money for restoration of the inside of the Statue of Liberty. The children brought home a sign up sheet listing various tasks that would be done in exchange for a donation to The Lady.

Just think of all the toys that have been picked up, dishes that have been cleaned, and rooms that have been cleaned earning nickels and dimes to help make the Lady beautiful.



KINGSBURY

AS HAPPY AS CAN BE with their new granddaughter are Rhoda and Harry Lefko. Sara Ann, their new granddaughter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Strum, Jr. Mrs. Strum is the former Karen S. Lefko.

Mr. and Mrs. Strum also have a son Nathan and a daughter Rebecca.

MRS. JOYCE VOSE, Kingston and Mr. Bernard Hrabowski, Dallas announce the engagement of their daughter Barbara Joan to Thomas J. Crolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Crolley, West Scranton.

Miss Hrabowski is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. She is employed at The Station Complex, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Crolley is a graduate of West Scranton High School. He is employed by the D & H Railroad, Taylor.

The marriage ceremony will be solemnized May 10 in First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre.

FOR YEARS, those of us who love Walt Disney movies have had to keep it to ourselves. Vice and violence seemed to be the entertainment most sought. Not so, however, anymore. Last week Disney's 101 Dalmations a very funny film, was fifth in the United States with moviegoers. Hooray!

DUANE (BUTCH) AND EILEEN WICKARD of Pennsburg announce the birth of their son, Evan Duane, on Jan. 11. They also have a daughter, Megan.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Caroline Callahan, Sr., St. Petersburg, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Duane and Joy Wickard, Sweet Valley.

Evans great-grandparents are Basil and Ethele Steele, Sweet Valley and Ernest and Dorlis Wickard, Glendora, California.

MARIA STAHOVEC, a senior at Bishop O'Reilly High School, was qualified to attend the PMEA District Band Festival to be held at Tunkhannock Area High School Feb. 13-15.

The daughter of Mary Lou and

Andy Stahovec, Machell Ave., Dallas, Maria is also an accomplished singer.

Best of luck, Maria!

RECENTLY, Irem Women's Auxiliary donated \$250 to the Wyoming Valley Children's Association. The funds will be used in early childhood programs for disabled children.

Mrs. Leon Emmanuel is president of Irem Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. William James is committee chairman.

BELATED ANNIVERSARY WISHES to Pat and Bill Kalinowski, who observed their 25th wedding anniversary recently. They were married January 21, 1961 in Holy Saviour Church, Wilkes-Barre by Rev. James Auliffe. Their attendants were Peggy Hennessey Klaric, Upland, Calif. and Frank Lanning, Kingston.

They are the parents of two children, Mary Pat and Eileen.

MR. AND MRS. J. DAVID ORRSON were married recently in St. Vladimir's Church, Edwardsville. Rev. Alex Burak performed the double ring ceremony and celebrated the Nuptial Mass.

Mrs. Orrson is the former Sandra Marie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Jones, Shavertown. A graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and Luzerne County Community College, she is employed as a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Orrson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Orrson Jr., Kingston, is a graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School. He earned a degree in Business Administration from Wilkes College. He is employed at First Eastern Bank.

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED that the Association for Retarded Citizens of Luzerne County is reorganizing its Parent-to-Parent group, a support group for parents of children with mental retardation.

This group serves as a counseling tool for parents of newly diagnosed children as well as an ongoing network of support for parents of a child with mental retardation.

To obtain more information, call the office of The Association for Retarded Citizens, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre or Ellen Campbell, Chairman of Parent-to-Parent.

GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL is currently selling Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy. The candy costs the same as when purchased directly from the store. Please order your candy from a Gate of Heaven student and help the school financially.

IT IS ALSO GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME. Scouting is a great organization which continuously gives your girls the opportunity to learn and experience many new things. Please support them.

(Joan Kingsbury is a Back Mountain resident whose column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

Accidents reported in Kingston Twp.

Two cars were slightly damaged Saturday afternoon when they collided on East Market St., Shavertown.

According to police reports, Christine Marie Sapp, 200 Harris Hill Road, Pad 71, Shavertown, was operating her 1980 Plymouth Volare when a car driven by William Rhodes, 237 Penn Ave., Avendale, Pa., pulled in front of the Sapp vehicle, causing the collision. He was driving a 1975 Pontiac LeMans. Both cars received minor damage.

A Dallas woman was slightly injured early Saturday morning when the car she was driving slid out of control and slammed into a wall.

Sharon Bridget Ciocca, 2 Blueberry Hill Road, was operating her 1984 Buick Regal down Sutton Road when she hit a patch of ice and ramed into a wall damaging the operators side of the car. Ciocca complained of some pain in her arm and leg but refused treatment. The car was towed to Dallas Exxon.

An ice patch on Mt. Olivet Road, Trucksville, was the cause of an accident early Friday morning.

James John Barna, 291 E. Main St. Wilkes-Barre, was traveling east down a hill when he hit an ice patch and slid into a tree. He was not seriously hurt.

No injuries were reported in a two-car accident Friday on Church Road.

According to reports, Lisa J. Evans, RD 1, Sweet Valley, was attempting to turn left from Rt. 309 to Church Road when she was struck by a vehicle operated by Albert Crake, 71 W. Mount Airy Road, Shavertown. Evans said she thought she had enough time to make the turn when she was hit by Crake. Evans said she tried to stop but it was too late.

The car of a Dallas man was slightly damaged Thursday as a result of a two-car accident on Rt. 309.

According to police reports, Michael Olsakowski Jr., 6 Garden Road, Plainsville, was driving north in an 1985 Chevy Celebrity when a car driven by Danny Shaver, RD.4, Cook St., Dallas, suddenly crossed over from the passing lane in front of the Olsakowski vehicle. Olsakowski tried to stop but it was too late, striking Shaver's 1978 Chrysler Le Baron. The car received a broken tail light.

Four residents from the Trucksville area reported that the tires of their vehicles were slashed over the weekend.

Accidents occur in Dallas Township

The car of a 27-year old Naticoke man was damaged Sunday afternoon when it skidded on an icy road and hit a tree.

David Siko, Fairview Drive, Naticoke, said he was traveling east on the Huntsville/Reservoir road towards the dam when he rounded a curve and skidded on the ice into a tree. The vehicle had to be towed.

Icy road conditions were also the cause of another accident involving a 29-year old Harvey's Lake woman.

According to reports, Linda King, of Lakeview Drive, Harvey's Lake, was traveling east on Aldersen road when she rounded a curve and struck a guard rail due to the icy road. King was not hurt although her car had to be towed.

Charges will be filed against a 27-year old Tunkhannock man who was

involved in a two-car accident last week with Dallas Township Police Chief, Carl Miers.

Bruce Sieken, RD 5, Tunkhannock, will be charged with driving under the influence and driving on the left hand side of the road in connection with the incident that took place last Tuesday night.

According to the report, Miers was traveling south on Church street when he noticed Sieken's vehicle coming at him on Miers side of the road with his high beams on. Sieken's 1984 Toyota van then struck Miers 1975 Jeep in the left front fender and bounced off. Then he struck the vehicle again when he backed into the left rear quarter panel before coming to rest.

Miers did sustain injuries and is still wearing a neck brace.

The hearing will be held Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m. before District Magistrate Earl Gregory of Shavertown.

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