



on entertainment

with Debbey Wysocki

On Feb. 25, the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences will present the 28th annual Grammy Awards. This year the three-hour ceremony will be telecast from L.A.'s Shrine Auditorium on CBS (Channel 22 - the local affiliate).

The Trustees Awards given each year by the National Academy will go to George and Ira Gershwin, while this year's Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to Benny Goodman, classical guitarist Andres Segovia, and the Rolling Stones.

The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences has also instituted a Hall of Fame. Only those recordings released before the 1958 Grammy Awards are eligible for Hall of Fame accolades. Those recordings reaching Hall of Fame status are "Tea for Two" (Art Tatum), "Blue Suede Shoes" (Carl Perkins), "Bach: Goldberg Variations for Harpsichord" (Wanda Landowska), "Cool Water" (Sons of the Pioneers), and "A-Tisket, A-Tasket" (Chick Webb Orchestra featuring Ella Fitzgerald).

Tallying highest number of nominations are Mark Knopfer of Dire Straits with eight, including Record of the Year, Album of the Year, and Song of the Year; Robert E. Woods with seven nominations, and songwriter-arranger-producer-conductor David Foster with six. Rockstars Phil Collins, Tina Turner, Sting, and classical conductor Robert Shaw earned five nominations. The rock band Huey Lewis & the News and Don Henley each received four Grammy nominations.

Competing for Record of the Year are "Born in the U.S.A.," "The Boys of Summer," "Money for Nothing," "The Power of Love," and "We Are the World." The Best New Artist Grammy is awarded to a solo artist or group whose first recording was released during the year; those eligible are a-ha, Freddie Jackson, Katrina and the

Waves, Julian Lennon, and Sade. Vying for Best Polka Recording laurels are "Brass with Class," Brass Release (Le Mans); "Polka Fireworks," Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones (Bel-Aire); "Polskie Czucie Polish Felleings," Li'l Wally and Orchestra (Jay Jay); "70 Years of Hits," Frank Yankovic (Cleveland Int'l), and "Simply Polkametary" Lenny Gomulka and the Chicago Push (Chicago Polkas).

"Bullfrogs and Butterflies, Part II," "E.T.A. Hoffman-Tchaikovsky-Nutcracker," "Follow that Bird," "Prokofiev: Peter and the Wolf," "The Velveteen Rabbit," and "We ARE the World" were honored with Grammy nominations in the Best Recording for Children category.

For Best Classical Producer, the nominees were announced as Steven Epstein; James Mallinson; David Mottley; Jay David Saks, and Robert E. Woods.

Madonna, Linda Ronstadt, Whitney Houston, Pat Benatar, and Tina Turner were nominated for Best Pop Female Vocal Performance, whereas Sting, Paul Young, Glenn Frey, Phil Collins, and Stevie Wonder were nominated for Best Pop Male Vocal Performance.

The nominees for Best Country Song are "Baby's Got Her Blue Jeans On," "Forty Hour Week," "Desperadoes Waiting for a Train," "Highwayman," "I Don't Know Why You Don't Want Me," "Lost in the Fifties Tonight (In the Still of the Night)" and "Love Is Alive."

Continuing with news in the music industry, the idea of a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and various sites for it have been discussed for years. Recently, the first awards ceremony was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Those honored as the first inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame were Chuck Berry, James Brown, Ray Charles, Antoine "Fats" Domino, the Everly Brothers, Jerry Lee Lewis, Sam Cooke, Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley and "Little Richard" Penniman.

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Proud owners

Roxanne and John Opalicki stand proudly among the merchandise offered at Heart of Fashion. The Opalickis recently purchased the women's clothing store, located in the 309-415 Plaza in Dallas.

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The owners are new at this clothing store

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Correspondent

The name is the same - "Heart of Fashions." Step inside - the heart-shaped checkout counter is still there, the deep blood red carpeting still covers the floor and the multiple dressingrooms with full length mirrors and heartshaped seats, a delightful contrast with the light rose walls are still there. It is there, however, that the similarity ends.

The owners are new - Roxanne and John Opalicki greet customers with a friendly hello. The young couple purchased the business located in Route 309-415 Plaza and opened Dec. 21, 1985, just before the final holiday rush.

The dress shop was the realization of a dream Roxanne had since she was a young girl and used to talk about it with a friend. Little did she realize then that one day that dream would come true.

Roxanne and John had no experience in retailing, but due to the cooperation of a representative from a Georgia retailing business, they were able to get started. Representatives from the company assisted Roxanne in buying, setting up their business and building an inventory.

A native of Dallas, Roxanne has a twin sister, Donna, who helps in the business periodically and an older sister, Toni, who recently returned to the area, who also assists in the shop.

Roxanne caters primarily to the junior sizes because they are in such demand and carries updated fashions suitable for high school and college age as well as for the more sophisticated adult.

In Heart of Fashions can be found a wide selection of coordinates as well as mix and match in Bobbie Brooks, Bonjour, Gloria Vanderbilt, Organically Grown, Tomboy, Santa Cruz, and numerous other popular designers. Much emphasis can be found in the popular style pants, tops, skirts, sweaters and coordinates.

Roxanne and John keep abreast of today's fashions and presently carry a fine line of sweaters and sweater vests in solids and prints which

have become the "in" look for the "updated" set. Customers will also find a variety of cropped and stirrup pants in a wide range of sizes and colors. For those looking for jeans in sizes five to 13 (juniors, of course), be sure to shop Heart of Fashions.

"We had qualms about going into the business at first," said Roxanne. "John and I talked about going into a retail shop when the shopping center first opened, but finally decided against it, then when the opportunity arose in the winter of '85, we decided to take a chance with a lot of encouragement from a friend."

Heart of Fashions also carries a line of earrings and necklaces so popular today.

Roxanne said she has found a great demand for junior sizes, but in the not-too-distant future hopes to branch out into petites and Missie sizes in clothes.

Presently, however, Roxanne and her husband, John, are content to develop a progressive business around the junior sizes which their customers are looking for. They plan to take their time and move into other fields as the demands merit it.

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Around town

APPROXIMATELY 400 WOMEN participated in the annual Interfaith Tea held on Feb. 4 at Temple B'nai B'rith. Participating were women of the Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith and Temple Israel; women of the North, East and West Luzerne Deaneries Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and women of Church Women United.

The Interfaith Tea is an annual event which is held each February during brotherhood month. This year's theme was "One Nation, Many People". The guest speaker was Rabbi David Saperstein, National Director of Committee for Social Action of Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Musical selections were presented by the Spartan Singers of Wyoming Valley West High School under the direction of Frank Edwards.

Following the program the ladies were entertained at a tea featuring outstanding floral arrangements and elegant food.

**BEST WISHES TO** Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zaruta of Shavertown on the birth of a son Douglas Alan, Jan. 25 at Geisinger-WyomingValley Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Owen L. Williams, Wilkes-Barre. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Zaruta, Wilkes-Barre.

The Zarutas have two other sons, Jeffrey and Robert.

**GATE OF HEAVEN PTG** held a great mardi gras dance recently. The gym was decorated with colorful streamers and lighted trees. Centerpieces featured streamers, and gold coins (candy and gum inside). A delicious buffet was served. Dancing music was provided by WARM DJ Terry McNulty. Warm thanks to Bob and Mary Paley, dance chairmen, and their committee for a most enjoyable evening.

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 633**, Juniors, recently held a meeting which featured a variety of scientific experiments. Under the direction of their very able leader Mrs. Karen Adams, the girls worked on such interesting experiments as identifying different rock forms, star gazing, floating objects in both salt and regular water, and making music from ordinary objects like bottles filled with various degrees of water. For their efforts, the girls were able to earn a Sleuth Badge in one evening.

Although the experiments were all very interesting, I must admit that my favorite was the music experi-

ment. Fred Adams, Karen's husband, sure does play a mean wax-paper covered comb!

**MRS. ROSE KOWALSKI**, Toms River, N.J. announces the engagement of her daughter Helen Ann to Jeffrey G. Balmer, son of Mrs. Phyllis Balmer, Dallas and the late James H. Balmer. Miss Kowalski is also the daughter of the late Fred Kowalski.

Miss Kowalski is a graduate of Cranford High School, Cranford, N.J. and Wilkes College where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Psychology. She is pursuing her Master's Degree in Health Administration at Wilkes College. She is employed as the coordinator of transfer students at Wilkes College.

Mr. Balmer is a graduate of Dallas Senior High School and Wilkes College where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. He is employed as an assistant staff accountant for Parente, Randolph, Orlando, Carey and Associates, Wilkes-Barre.

The wedding will be solemnized May 17 in St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Elizabeth, N.J.

**MEMBERS OF THE** Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary will be bringing back a lovely tradition when they begin having monthly teas. These friendship teas will be held to help local civic and church groups become familiar with the Nursing Center and its auxiliary.

Personally, I have lately felt that our more casual standards have made some formal occasions like teas seem outdated. I'm so glad to see the Auxiliary ladies holding these teas which I'm sure will be enjoyed by all who attend.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Lorraine Susan Davis and Mark John Alles who were recently married in Shavertown United Methodist Church. Rev. James Wert performed the double ring ceremony.

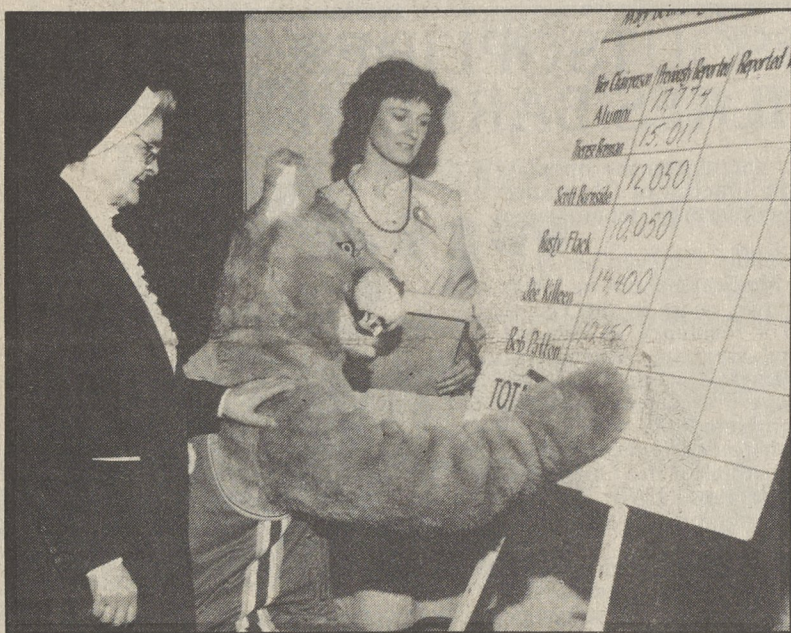
Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Irem Temple Country Club.

The Alles are residing in North Andover, Mass. following a wedding trip to the Poconos.

**THE BOUTS OF TERRORISM** experienced throughout the world are affecting the Back Mountain. Both Lake-Lehman and Dallas High School have had to cancel trips to Europe planned this year. I'm sure the kids are very disappointed, but of course, their safety is the important thing.

Still, it makes me furious to think that travel has to be restricted because of these people!

**MR. AND MRS. WARREN FITZGERALD**, Dallas, have announced the engagement of their daughter Susan Fitzgerald to David Setzer, son of Eugene Setzer, Wilkes-Barre and Beverly Reichen, Danville.



Entering amounts

The Misericordia Cougar, portrayed by sophomore Walter Kierzkowski, enters total amounts raised to date by the five community vice chairpersons of the college's 1986 "Funds for a Better Future" campaign. At a campaign report meeting held recently, co-chairman Glenn Forney reported 41 percent of the \$325,000 goal has been reached, or \$133,250. Assisting the Cougar with the results were Dallas residents, Sr. Eloise McGinty, RSM, alumni phonathon coordinator; and Linda Ross, institutional advancement secretary. The campaign will conclude on March 5 with a victory celebration.

District sponsors seedling sale

Punxatawny Phil didn't see his shadow on February 2nd, so spring must be just around the corner. As our thoughts begin to drift to clear, crisp air, crocuses poking up through the last, stubborn snow, and bursting buds that tinge twigs and branches with white, pink and pale green, many of us start planning the landscaping improvements we've been putting off for so long.

To assist area residents in their spring planting projects, the Luz-

erne County Conservation District is sponsoring its annual seedling sale.

Three-year-old seedlings are offered at nominal costs. Three species of evergreen seedlings: Colorado Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir and Scotch Pine, are available for those persons planning windbreaks, wind-screens, and habitat improvements. Seedlings of European White Birch, a hardy, graceful tree, and Black Locust, a species often used for erosion control, are also available.

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