

Bus driver shows her skill

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DALLAS - For the third time in six years, school bus driver Anita Kuchemba has brought home a plaque from Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18's annual School Bus Drivers' Safety Road-e-o.

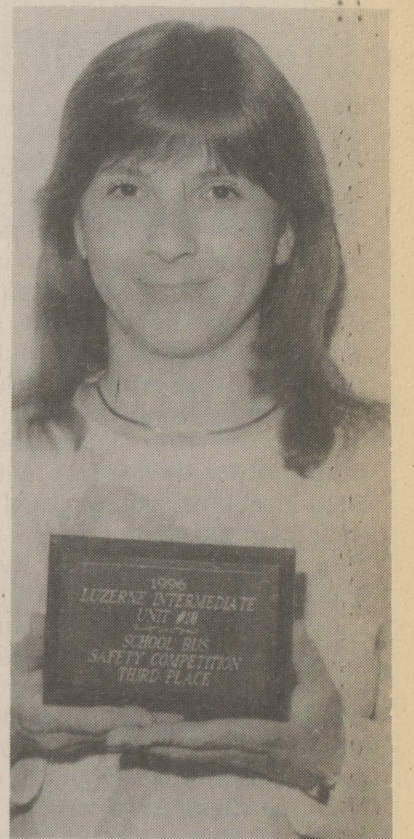
Kuchemba, 30, of Dallas, placed third this year, winning a \$10 gift certificate and a plaque. In 1992 she placed second, and in 1991 - her first year as a professional driver - she also placed third.

"It was nerve-wracking, even though everybody says it's just for fun," she said. "The written part was the hardest. You never know what they'll ask and some of the choices were ambiguous."

The competition consists of a 50-question written exam and a two-part session behind the wheel of a school bus. Kuchemba found the written section a challenge because it included material on diesel buses and buses with air brakes, which she doesn't encounter in her job.

The federal government requires drivers of buses with air brakes to obtain a special certification on their commercial drivers' licenses (CDL), she said.

In the practical section, drivers had to place their buses' dual wheels exactly between two rows of cut-off tennis balls and drive for a short distance, navigate the S-bends of a serpentine course and drive through a diminishing alley which narrowed to four



ANITA KUCHEMBA

inches wider than the bus. They also had to pass a simulated railroad crossing and a bus stop.

Drivers also faced the dreaded "Bug Bus," a school bus with five defects which they had to find during a six-minute inspection.

Kuchemba was one of seven Dallas drivers to enter the competition and the only one to place in the top three. She is the alternate to the state competition in June.

Boro to battle bugs this month

Dallas Borough, in conjunction with the Environmental Special Projects Department of Luzerne County, announces that within the next few weeks, the borough will be sprayed for gypsy moth and native insects (elm spanworm). The spraying will take place sometime towards the middle of May.

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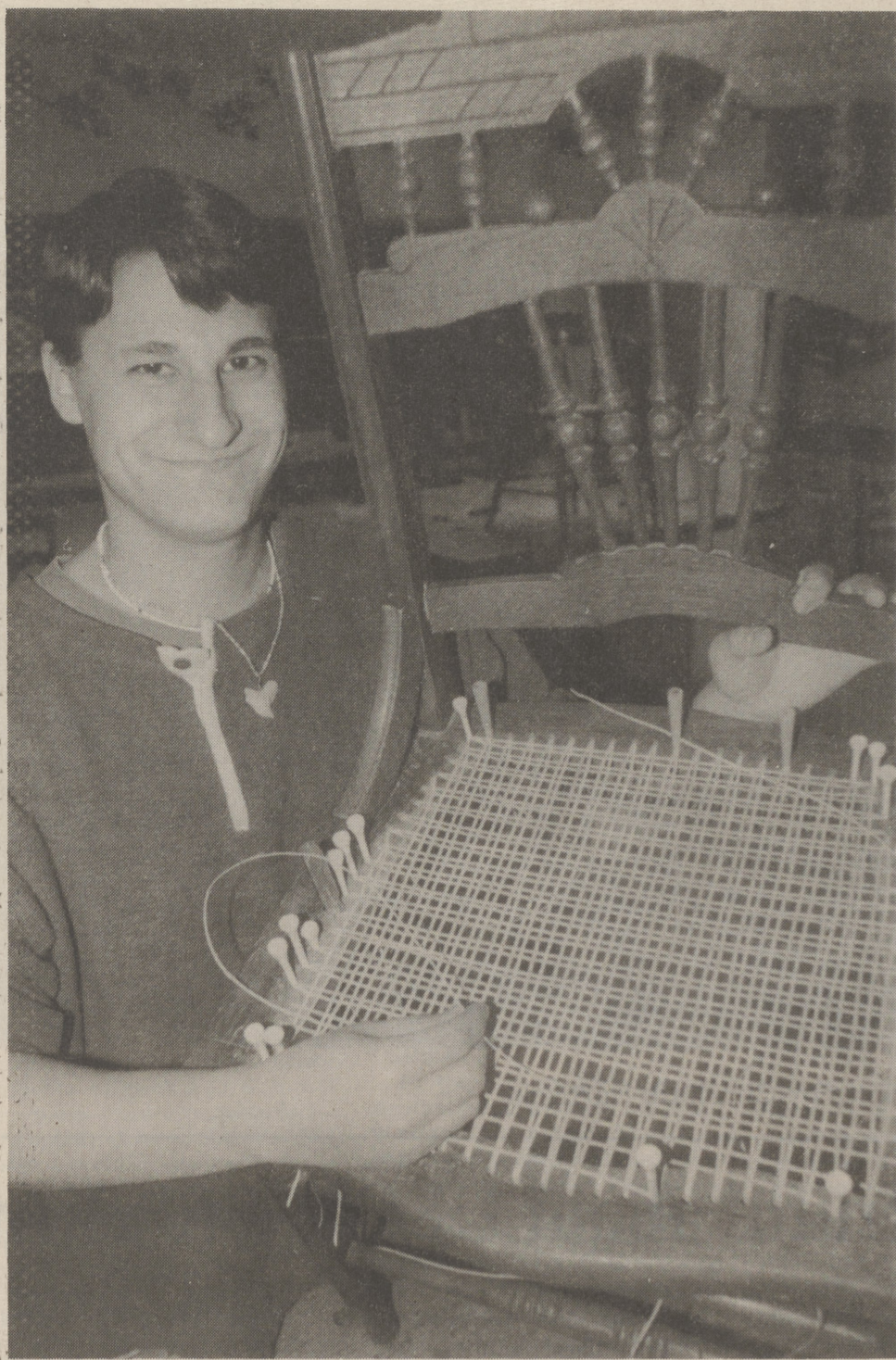
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Director, Maureen Judge Devine, BS degree Elementary/Early Childhood Education and former director of Wilkes-Barre YMCA Youth, Preschool and Aquatic programs.

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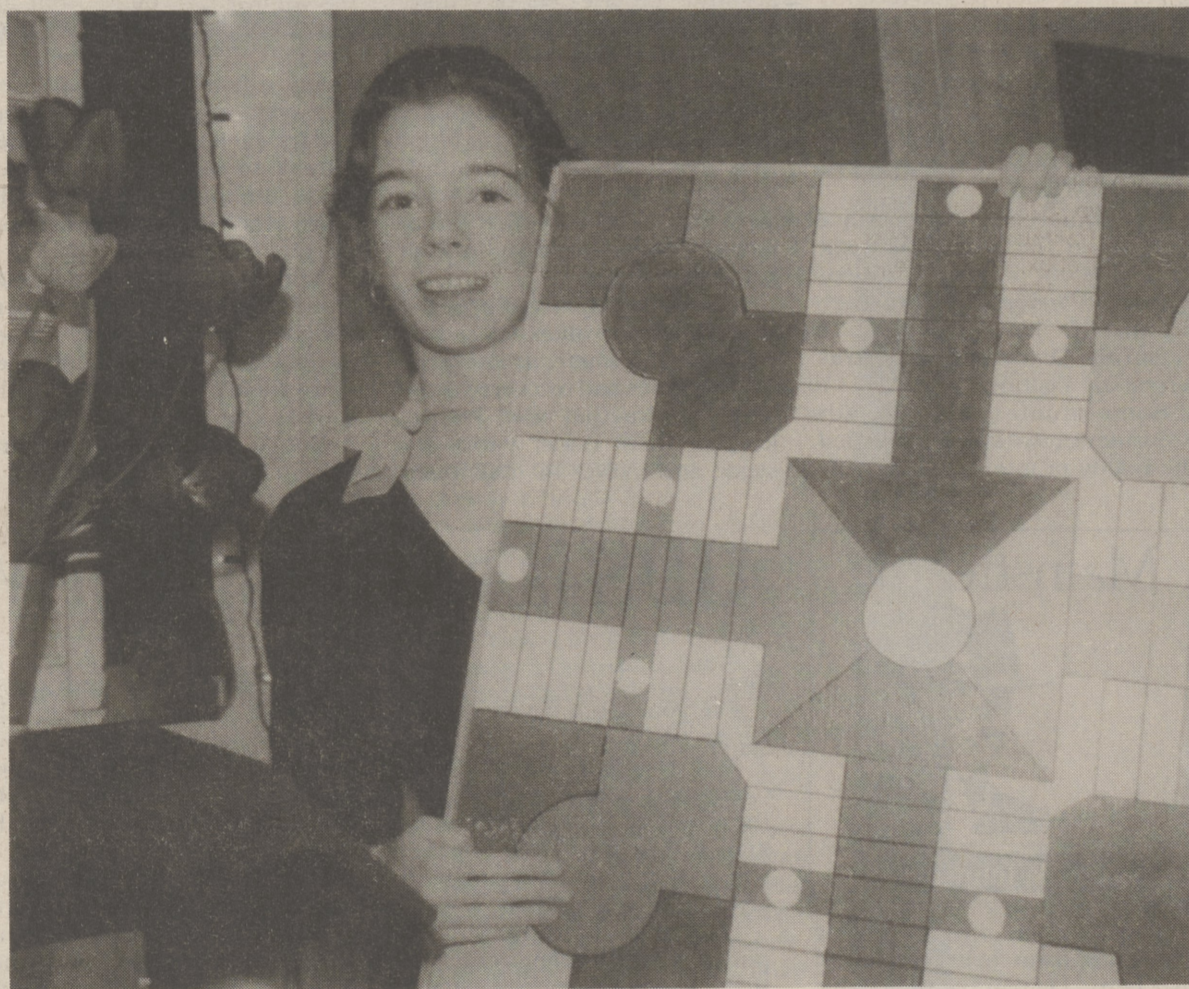
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LOST ARTS REVISITED IN LAKE-LEHMAN CLASS

Richard Derby's art class at Lake-Lehman High School is awash in nostalgic arts, bringing back lost crafts and timely beauty for students and others to appreciate. The chair caning classes were taught by Judy Dawe, Lehman's resident historian. The students learned to rush chairs, do oak splints, refurbish porch chairs and make press-in caning for seats.

Students also proudly showed off handmade game boards, and Derby is especially proud of the exquisite New Yorker covers his class designed. Old-time crafts, yes, but good art and beauty are always timely.

Photos, clockwise from top left, Joshua Grucella showed off his caning work; Ronni Spock with a handmade game board; a set of New Yorker covers; below: Missy Mitchell with a handmade gameboard.



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