

Artist

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drawing animation characters at a young age. "I used to draw comics for my friends in fifth grade."

He taught cartooning at Sue Hand's studio last summer. "Teaching gave me a chance to actually look at other people's styles and come up with my own style. By helping others, I learned a lot more about my own work," said Barilla.

This young artist has had a lot of support. Both his parents, Joyce and John Sr. and Hand, his mentor, have been there every step of the way.

"I started art lessons with Hand in third grade. She taught me everything I know," he said.

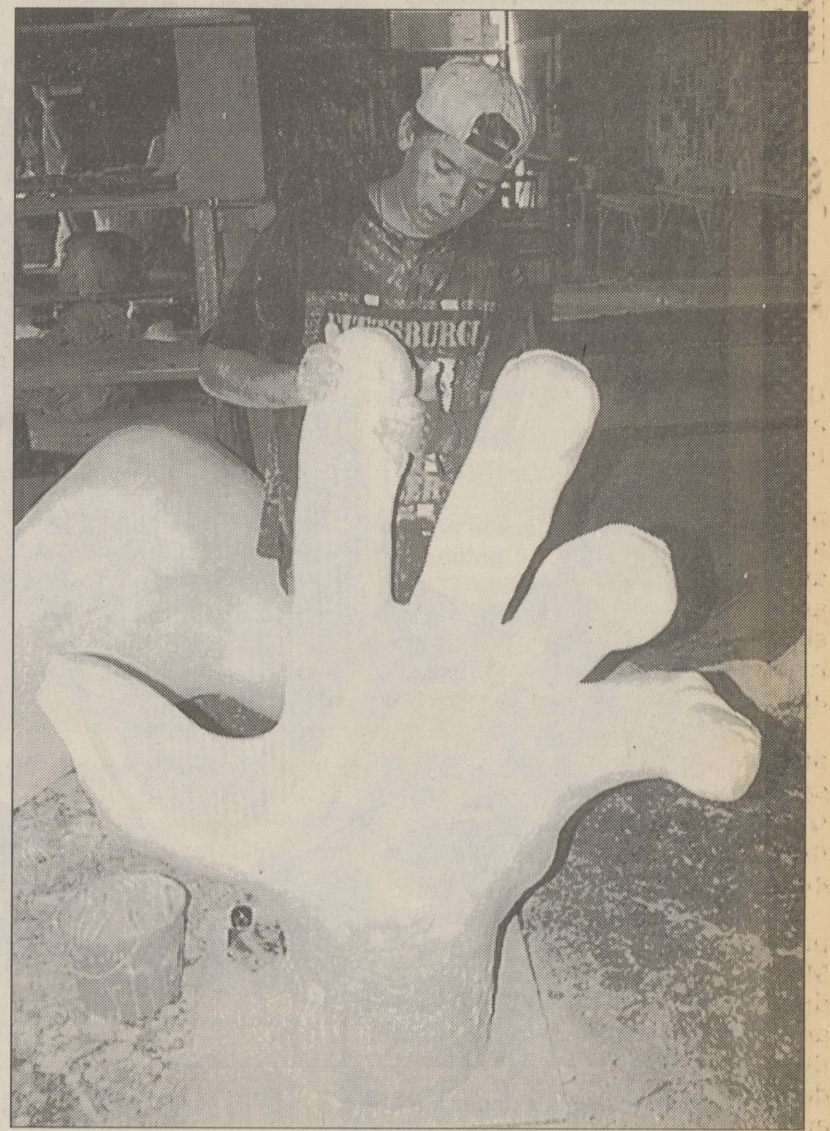
"She is fantastic. What she does is her gift," said John Barilla Sr. of Hand. "She really goes out of her way to help everyone and volunteer her time and talents."

His parents began entering his art into contests and fairs to help show Barilla what he was capable of and to learn one of life's lessons. "We entered him in contests so he could feel both rejection and winning," said Barilla Sr.

Barilla is making his name known as he swipes top honors at contests throughout the area. Most recently, he won "Best of Show" for the Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Art exhibit at College Misericordia. He has also showed well at both the Luzerne and Wyoming county fairs and the Bloomsburg Fair.

He is capable of creating everything from post-impressionistic landscapes to naturalistic still-lives. His influences include various animation artists and Vincent van Gogh.

For Barilla, art is something to love. "It gives me something to do since I wasn't into sports too much except for baseball,"



John Barilla Jr., working on a sculpture made of layers of plaster-soaked fabric over a wire frame.

he said. "It's almost like a problem solving thing."

He is active in both the community and school. He has helped with school plays, designed the school calendar and helped design the yearbook. Also, he is a member of the Wyoming Valley Art League and altar boy for St. Frances Cabrini Parish.

"I like science and biology. I'm always trying to redo the pictures in the books."

John Barilla Jr.
Dallas

Library news



Nancy Kozemchak

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has received shipment of the children's cookbook "Junior Chefs and Artists". The book is presented by the Children's Wing of the library. The library has proudly served the Back Mountain community for over 50 years. Now, after a major capital campaign, it is expanding to create a larger, more advanced children's wing. The young people have cooked, written recipes and shared their artistic talents to make this book, in honor of their new library addition. We commend them for giving of their time and talents.

This special book is dedicated to all children although it was designed to give joy to all our friends, young and old. Sue Hand served as a member of the cookbook committee. The artists who have illustrated the book have made it a treasured memento for everyone. We thank the young artists: Krystin Kopen, Joshua Kryston, Helene Jayne, Matthew

'Junior Chefs and Artists' cookbook now in stock

Wilson, Laura Eckman, Samantha Decker, Kristina Klokus, and A.J. Son.

The contents include beverages, appetizers, soups, salads, breads, rolls, vegetables, desserts and main dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The cookbooks sell for \$9.50, which includes the tax, and are available at the information desk in the library.

A special announcement! A room has become available and the library can now accept donations for the 52nd annual auction. Books and Odds & End items may be brought to the library whenever the library is open. Inquire at the front desk as to where you should drop them off.

The library has received three "Nearly New" books as a gift. These books are in great condition and worthy of mention. "The New York Yankees" by Donald Honig was originally copyrighted in 1981 and was quoted as "the most famous athletic team in America, and perhaps the world". The book follows the dynasty from its early humble beginnings to its current base-stealing magic.

"Players of Cooperstown" baseball's Hall of Fame, copyright 1993, allows us to share in the single greatest accolade a player

can receive. The book includes profiles Al Spalding, Cy Young, Connie Mack, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

"The Babe" a life in pictures is the larger-than-life story of George Herman "Babe" Ruth, the greatest player of all time, copyright 1988.

L.C.C.C. to hold Freshman Orientation on August 22

The 30th annual Freshman Orientation Program at Luzerne County Community College will be held on Fri., Aug. 22, beginning at 9 a.m., outside the college's Educational Conference Center at the main campus in Nanticoke.

According to Thomas P. Leary, dean of admissions and student affairs/registrars, applications for the Fall 1997 semester are showing an increase over Fall 1996. Overall enrollment of full and part-time students for the Fall is expected to be more than 6,000.

The Orientation Program will begin at 9 a.m. with a general session, outside the LCCC Educational Conference Center. Leary will welcome the incoming freshmen; Dr. John Pisano, vice president for academic affairs, will offer remarks on academics at the college; and Dr. Ann Williams, dean of continuing education and community services, will address opportunities available to students entering the community college.

Following the general session, small group discussions will begin at 9:30 a.m. College staff will lead the discussions and allow new students the opportunity to discuss any concerns or ques-

tions they may have relating to the start of classes, the college and its policies. Tours of the campus will be conducted beginning at 10:15 a.m.

A session for parents will be held at the Education Conference Center at 10 a.m. College officials representing various departments on campus will be available to talk with parents and answer questions concerning tuition costs, admissions procedures, financial aid, and program offerings.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., an activities fair and picnic will be held in the college's courtyard area. During this time, advisors of campus clubs and athletic teams will be available with information on the various clubs and organizations open to the new freshmen. A student leadership session will be offered by Dean Leary at 11 a.m. in the Gymnasium. The session is intended to provide students who are interested in leadership on the campus and in the community an outline of the opportunities available at the college. A counseling session will be held beginning at 12:45 p.m., at the Educational Conference Center.

O'Reilly to sponsor craft show Sept. 13

The Public Relations Committee of Bishop O'Reilly High School is sponsoring a fall craft show on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the high school. Over 50 crafters from Northeastern Pennsylvania are participating. A variety of crafts will be available including stained glass, jewelry, decorative woodcrafts, dolls, pottery, and many others. The committee is sponsoring a bake sale and a craft raffle. Lunch will also be available.

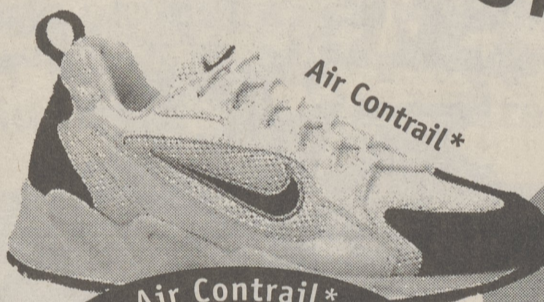
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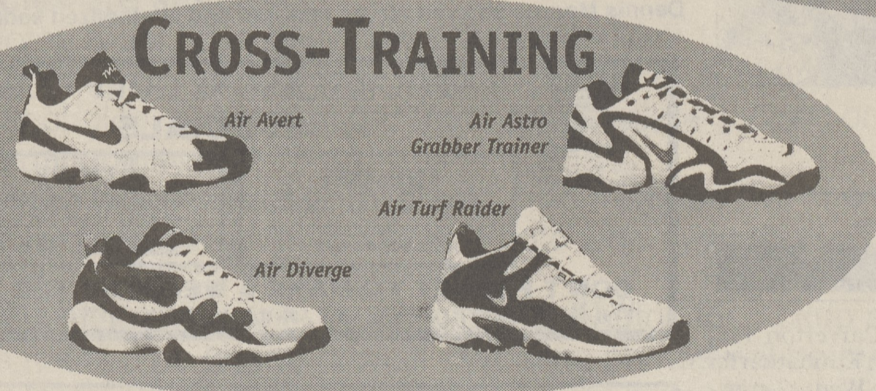
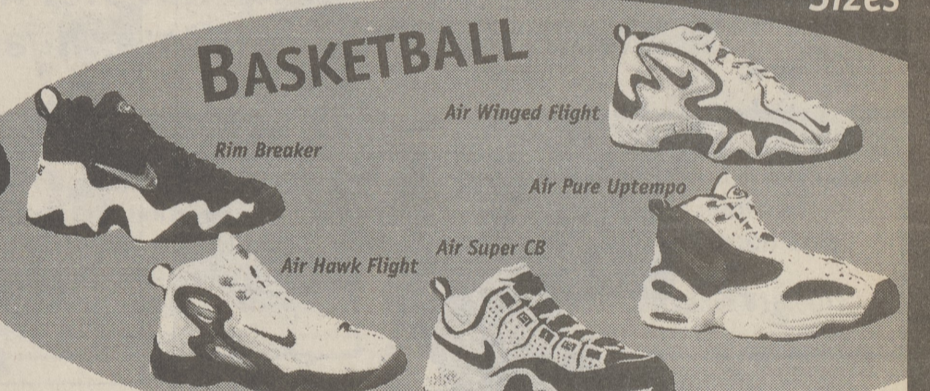
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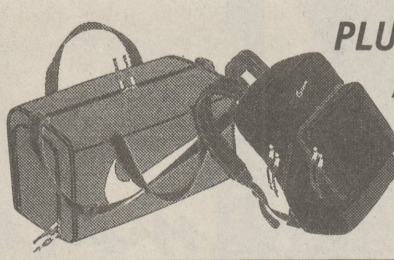
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