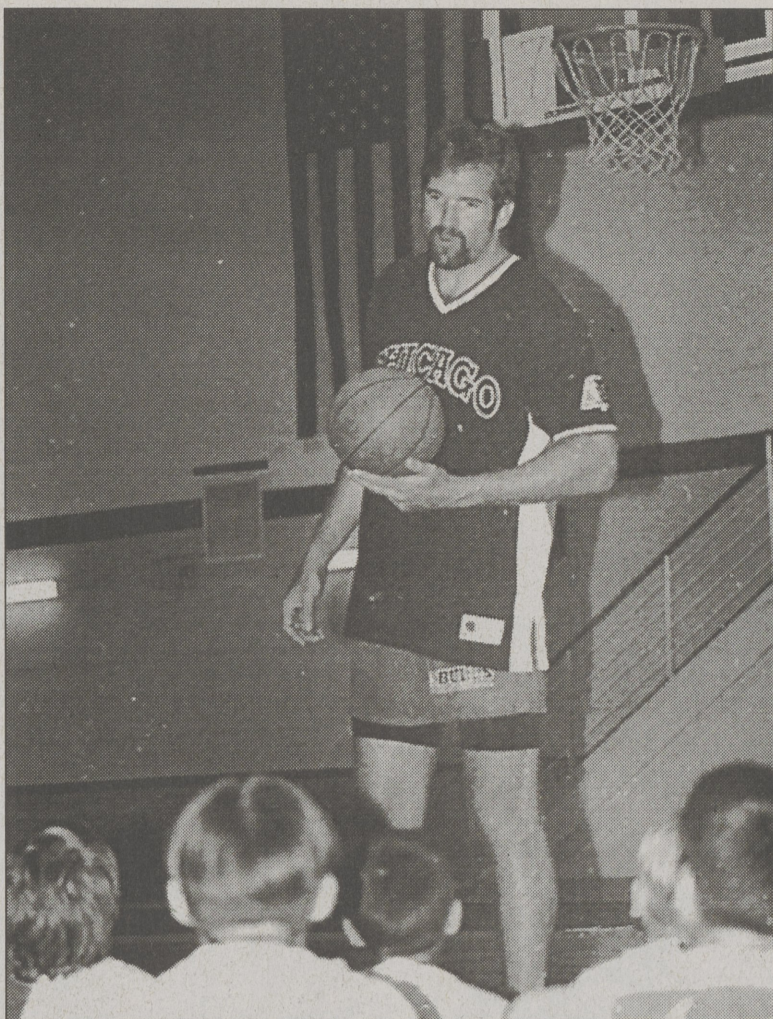




Lessons from a pro

Campers at the College Misericordia boys' basketball camp got a visit from Chicago Bulls center Bill Wennington last week. Wennington has a home at Harveys Lake, and visits the camp each summer for a nominal fee. Brandon Carr of Dallas said Wennington spoke to the campers about avoiding alcohol and drugs, and the importance of staying in school. But he also



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showed them a little about the game. "He taught me how to rebound," said Michael DeRojas. "Using two hands, always above your head." And what did Justin Singer think of meeting someone he's seen on television. "He's big!" Above left, Mike Sobock, Harveys Lake, tried to figure out how to get around the 7' 1" Wennington in a game of one-on-one. At right, Wennington spoke to the campers.

Trinity

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tions with my pastor and he and others encouraged me to (become a pastor). That's when I enrolled at Duke and then transferred to Princeton," explained Harper.

The soup kitchens and prisons gave Harper important lessons he never could have learned in school alone. "I learned many significant lessons (in those places)," he said. Harper's father, Curtis, is a pastor in North Carolina. "Living in a clergyman's household I saw the good and bad aspects of being a pastor," explained Harper. Despite this knowledge, every day is different and new.

"Although I went into it with my eyes open as much as I could, God surprises me every day. It's a privilege to get to work with folks who have given their lives to God in that way."

Harper describes his style of preaching as thoughtful. "I don't want to be an autocrat," he said, with a smile. "I want to nurture and work with people and help them realize their gifts," he said. "The new pastor says he will give himself a year to do some

careful listening within his congregation. "I want to listen to get a sense of the spirit of this particular congregation," he said.

One of the goals Harper has is to challenge his new congregation. He would like to reduce the suburban church's distance with the poor. "I'd like to start connecting our church with single parents struggling to come off welfare."

Also, he would like to start a ministry that reaches out to prisoners. "I'd like (the congregation) to become more involved in the lives of prisoners, considering they are our neighbors."

Harper wants to maintain Trinity's welcoming spirit to children and young families as well as single people and seniors. "Like many pastors I love to see a wonderfully diverse congregation with people of all economic backgrounds and races," he said.

"We have to work hard on our own lives of prayer. If we're not well grounded in our faith as a church we're not going to have much to offer people outside the church."

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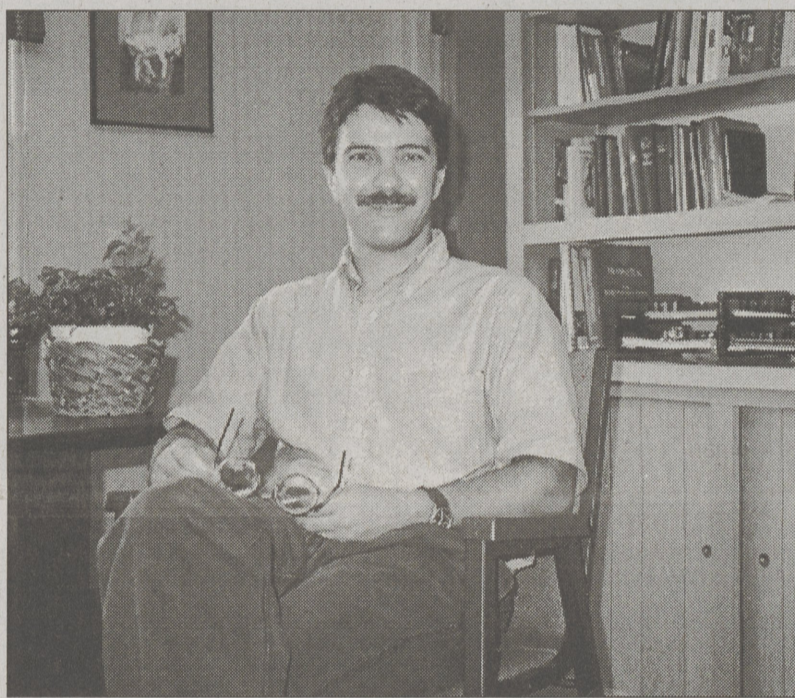
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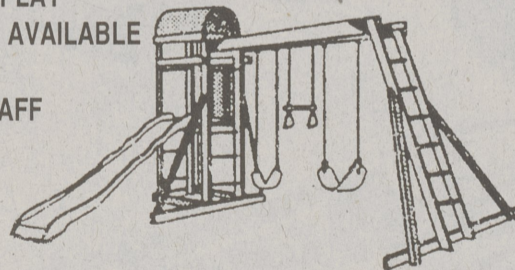
Rev. Mark C. Harper, the new pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, relaxed for a moment in his new office.

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MILITARY NOTES

Senior Airman **Sonja D. Bell**, from Plattsburg, NY, was recently assigned to the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Office 695 Kidder Street, Pine Mall, Wilkes-Barre. Bell is a recent graduate of the Air Force Recruiting School near San Antonio, TX, where she was trained in various areas of study, including the Job Classification System, testing and enlistment processing procedures and public speaking.

Bell earned top honors in her class and was awarded the Distinguished Graduate Award for her efforts. Bell was selected for this special course and recruiting duty as a volunteer with an outstanding Air Force record. Before Bell's assignment here, she was stationed with the 95th Supply Squadron at Edwards Air Force Base, CA.

Army Capt. **William J. Erle** has arrived for duty at Fort George G. Meade, Laurel, MD.

Erle is an assistant judge advocate assigned to the Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison.

He is the son of Judith A. and stepson of Leonard Greskiewicz of Shavertown.

His father and stepmother, William J. and Diane Erle, reside at Endicott, NY.

Erle's wife Erin, is the daughter of Richard and Renee Wallikas of Johnson City, NY.

The captain graduated in 1986 from Wyoming Area High School, Exeter, and received a bachelor's degree in 1990 from Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. He earned a law degree in 1994 from Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg.

Army Reserve Pvt. **Christopher T. Lamoreaux** has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Lamoreaux is the son of Judy and Charles Lamoreaux of Shavertown.

He is a 1996 graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd class **Richard Hodle**, son of Richard J. Hodle of RR 3, Dallas, recently returned from a six-week deployment to the Eastern Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea while assigned aboard the amphibious command ship and commander, U.S. Second Fleet flagship, USS Mount Whitney, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

Hodle was among 50,000 service members from 15 NATO and 10 Partnership for Peace (PFP) nations who participated in the NATO Exercise "Strong Resolve '98". Conducted in the surrounding seas and airspace of Norway, Portugal and Spain, the multinational live exercise tested the full spectrum of NATO missions. It was the first large-scale exercise presenting two simultaneous crises in separate geographic regions.

The 1994 graduate of Dallas High School joined the Navy in 1991.

Brian R. Sickler has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Wilkes-Barre.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Sickler, a 1990 graduate of West Side Vocational Technical High School, Kingston, will report for active duty on July 1, 1998.

He is the son of Robert L. Sickler of Dallas.

Air Force Airman **Michael T. Smith** has arrived for duty at Minot Air Force Base, Minot, N.D.

Smith is an aerospace ground equipment apprentice assigned to the 5th Maintenance Squadron.

The airman is the son of Jean L. Shaffer of Shavertown, and Thomas W. Smith of Wilkes-Barre.

He is a 1997 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Lehman.

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