



Irene Seward of Beaumont came down Monday to take advantage of the special bargains at the Shavertown BiLo store.

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99. Penn Traffic's sales have been declining since 1996, and its stock price has fallen from a high of 45 3/4 in 1995 to a low of 2 3/8 earlier this year. The stock closed at 2 3/4 Monday. The company

reported a \$61 million loss in its latest fiscal year. Costs were reduced by eliminating 375 administrative and executive positions.

Most Penn Traffic stores are in smaller communities, where the

company is almost always the number one or two grocery in the market. Penn Traffic had been attempting to sell its northeastern Pennsylvania stores and some wholesale operations, but has

been unable to find a buyer. While the closing of two other stores is blamed on low sales, the company said in Shavertown it had been unable to negotiate a new lease for the space.

Personal watercraft operators will need to be certified

Operators of a special class of small, highly maneuverable motorboats will soon be required to earn a safety certificate before they can operate their craft on Pennsylvania's waterways.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, which oversees pleasure boating in the state, adopted the safety certification requirement at its recent quarterly meeting.

Under the new regulations, operators of Personal Watercraft (PWC) - specialized boats known by brand names such as Jet Ski, SeaDoo, or Wave Runner - must

carry a boating safety education certificate with them on the water. The Commission issues the certificates to individuals who successfully complete an approved boating safety course. The regulation requiring the certificate takes effect January 1, 2000, giving operators well over a year to complete a course.

While PWC currently make up a mere 6.3 percent of the 340,000 boats registered in Pennsylvania, they are involved in a disproportionate number of boating accidents. In 1997, 27 percent of all reported boating accidents in-

volved at least one PWC, and 43 percent of all boating collisions involved at least one PWC. In 1996, 61 percent of collisions involved a PWC.

Analysis by the Fish and Boat Commission shows these accidents are usually caused by operators not keeping a proper lookout or operating the boat in a reckless manner. Many of the accidents are caused by people new to boat operation, and nearly all of these accidents are avoidable.

The Commission will explore development of a mechanism for

the potential issuance of temporary certifications for rental and new PWCs.

Boating safety courses are offered through the Commission and other organizations such as the U.S. Power Squadron and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

A list of boating safety courses can be found on the Commission's web site at <http://www.state.pa.us/Fish/boatinf.html>. Courses can also be located via telephone by calling the Coast Guard Auxiliary at 1-800-AUX-USCG or Boat US at 1-800-336-BOAT.

New memorial books at library

In memory of Rhoda Lefko, "Helen Steiner Rice: Ambassador of Sunshine" by Ronald Pollitt. "Charlton Heston Presents the Bible" and "Simpler Times" by Thomas Kinkade, presented by Helen Dymond, Dorothy Werkheiser, Phyllis Adams, Blanche Hoblak and Dorothy Nicol.

Also, in memory of Fred Kaufman, "Symphony No. 2" by Peter Tchaikovsky, "Red to Blue" by Leon Redbone, "Revisited" by Tom Lehrer and "Interiors" by Rosanne Cash, presented by Drs. Matthew and Achina Stein.

In memory of William Cochran, "How to Behave So Your Children Will, Too!" by Sal Severe, Ph.D., presented by Alda Maturi.

Also, in memory of Irene Thomas, "The Ultimate Horse Book" by Elwyn Hartley Edwards and "The Kids' Horse Book" by Sylvia Funston, presented by Water Aerobics; "How to Draw and Paint Animals" by Linda Birch, "Painting Sunlit Still Lives in Watercolor" by Liz Donovan, and "Painting Expressive Portraits in Oil" by Paul Leveille, presented by Anne A. Holmes and Frouke DeQuillettes. In memory of

Lawrence L. Adams, "Money and Morals in America" by Patricia O'Toole., presented by Dell Luke.

In memory of Marge Parry, "Writings, 1903-1932" by Gertrude Stein, presented by The Dallas Rotary Club.

In memory of Loretta Holko, "Scrap Quilts Fast and Fun", presented by Bob and Ginger Ritts.

Also, in memory of Clementine Kristopa, "The Literary Gardner" by Walter Chandoha, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Minckler.

In memory of Jane Bolger, "How to Draw Portraits in Colored Pencil from Photographs" by Lee Hammond, presented by Susan and Ken Sternfeld.

Also, in memory of William Flowers, "Eyewitness to Gettysburg" by Charles Carleton Coffin, presented by Alda Maturi.

In memory of Helen Sara Gregory, "Creating Radiant Flowers in Colored Pencil" by Gary Greene, presented by Denison Advocates.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library announces the addition of the following honor book:

Also, in honor of Ed Roman, "The Last Full Measure" by Jeff Shaara, presented by Debbie and Ben Maskalis.

Chase Prison seeks volunteers

The "Threshold" program at Chase Prison is seeking volunteers for the program that begins in September.

Threshold is the decision making program that is taught to inmates at the correctional facility in Dallas who are about to be released. The Threshold course is taught by volunteers, on a one-to-one basis over a period of nine weeks. The only prerequisite to become a volunteer is to be a caring person who wants to reach out to someone about to make a new beginning. There will be a training session on Sat. and Sun., Aug. 29 and 30.

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DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. William D. Lewis, Pastor. Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. Douglas and Janet Bryant Clark. Music Dir., John Vaida. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service; SUNDAY: 10 a.m. Worship Service. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Sat. Worship 5:30 p.m.; Summer Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Phone 675-3859 or e-mail: stpaul@epix.net for more information. Everyone welcome! Rev. Charles H. Grube, Pastor.

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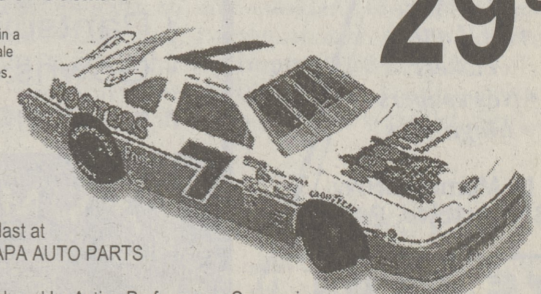
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