

CALENDAR

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SPECIAL EVENTS

DEC. 19, CHILI & CORN BREAD SUPPER, Maple Grove United Methodist Church hall. Adults \$4.25; children under 12, \$2.25. Church is on the Sweet Valley Road in Pikes Creek, about 1/4 mile from the intersection of Routes 118 & 29.

DEC. 20, SILENT WAS THE NIGHT, Christmas Cantata, Kunkle United Methodist Church, behind the Kunkle Firehall, Rte. 309. 7:30 p.m. Information: Keith Benjamin, 298-2503.

DEC. 20, HANNUKKAH DINNER & FAMILY FUN NIGHT, outdoor candle lighting, chicken and potato pancake dinner, children's presentation of "Hannah and the Chanukah Goblin." Klezmer band. 5 p.m., at the Jewish Community Ctr., River St., Wilkes-Barre. Adults \$12, children \$7.

THROUGH DECEMBER, 'PARADE OF TREES', vote for favorites, on display at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake. Contributions go to charity.

EXHIBITS

THROUGH-DEC. 19, FERDINAND BAUER: Australian Flower Painting. MacDonald Art Gallery, College Misericordia, Dallas. Tues.-Thurs., noon-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Fri., noon-5 p.m.; Sat., Sun., 1-5 p.m. 674-6250

THROUGH DEC. 20, "BUILDING A COLLECTION: A QUARTER CENTURY AT THE SORDONI ART GALLERY" from the permanent collection. Daily noon-5 p.m. Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre. 831-4325.

THROUGH JAN. 15, BEHOLD THE CHILD, The Everhart Museum, Nay Aug Park, Scranton. Special holiday exhibition of art from the Museum's permanent collection depicting children and the world of childhood. Portraits, toys, clothing and sculpture. Poems, riddles, games and storybook characters throughout the exhibition provide a special historical view of childhood. Wed.-Fri., noon-4 p.m.; Sat., Sun. noon-5 p.m. 346-7186.

CLUBS/GROUPS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings in the Back Mountain: **Monday**, 7:15 p.m. (OD) and 8:30 p.m. (OS) Prince of Peace Church, Main Street, Dallas.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (OD) at the Lehman Fire Hall, Lehman

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. (OD) at Loyalville Methodist Church.

Friday, 8 p.m. (OD) at St. Therese's Church Rectory, Pioneer and Davis St., Shavertown. OD: Open discussion; OS, Open speakers.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS, for ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) and other dysfunctional families are held every Sun., 8 p.m. Blue doors of Mercy Center at College Misericordia, Dallas. For more information, call the Help Line at 829-1341.

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Chapter 1360 meets every Thursday at the Shavertown Methodist Church, Shavertown. Weigh-ins from 5-6 p.m. followed by a brief informative meeting. Anyone interested is welcome to join as a guest for the first meeting. Call Crys Jennings 675-4336 or Margie Hislop 696-1212.

REACH OUT SINGLES EVERYWHERE (R.O.S.E.) Membership is open to all singles 25 years and older. For more information about membership or activities call, Carol, 824-3185, Chris 736-6655, Phil 344-0646.

OUTDOORS

DEC. 19, CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, to count owls, meet at Jersey Shore restaurant at 5:30 a.m.; for others, at Harveys Lake boat launch at 7:30 a.m. Call Ed Johnson at 675-3376 for information. Free, open to public.

STAR-GAZING, Friedman Observatory at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, begins 8 p.m. on Wed. and Fri. nights, weather permitting. Sessions are free and open to the public. Groups of 10 or more are asked to call for reservations. For more information, call 675-9278; or leave a message at the Observatory at 675-9149.

'The Gift' brings the Christmas story to life

The true meaning of Christmas comes to life in the Back Mountain once again.

Record crowds totaling over 5,000 last year caused an expansion of the 6th annual live nativity production of "The Gift" to three nights this year. The live musical play, which is sponsored by the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly and free to the public, features over 100 performers and a wide variety of live animals in an outdoor setting.

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. each night, Friday, Dec. 18 through Sunday, Dec. 20, with seating on a first-come basis. Expanded parking and shuttles will be available at the church grounds - 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville, just 1/4 mile off route 309 past Pizza Perfect. Bleacher seating will again be available. New light towers and a larger



"The Gift" will offer three shows this weekend.

sound system will surely add a greater impact to the live production set to a musical backdrop. The show lasts approximately one hour.

The play realistically depicts the birth of Jesus Christ set to music, with a few new additions to the song list and production for

mat never seen before. From centuries on horseback, Mary and Joseph with their donkey and a specular entrance by the three wisemen to honor baby Jesus in the manger, this year's production promises to again touch the hearts of many families who have made it a Christmas tradition over the past five years.

Pastor Dan Miller cordially invites all visitors to fellowship afterwards in heated tent areas where hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be available. All ages are welcome and urged to dress warmly and arrive early.

MUSIC

MOZART CLUB of WILKES-BARRE. The club meets the third Monday of the month at Church of Christ United, Market St., Kingston with a concert following each meeting at 8 p.m. and sponsors a Junior

Club for students. For more info, call 472-3250 or 655-3184. Concerts open to the public.

NORTHEAST PA DOO-WOPP SOCIETY seeks new members. Meeting/social hour at Lisi's Lounge, Fox Hill Road, Plains Twp. first Tues. of every month, 7 p.m. for details call 842-0730 or 696-4325 nights.

KIDSTUFF

STORY TIME and special events. Tudor Book Shop and Cafe, 651 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, Wed. at 4 p.m. Fri., 10:30 a.m. Free. 288-9697.

AT THE KIRBY

DEC. 19, DEVONSQUARE, AZTEC TWO-STEP, folk-rock. 7 and 9:30 p.m. \$14.50 in advance, \$16.50 at the door.

DEC. 18-19, THE NUTCRACKER, ballet performed by Ballet Northeast. 7 p.m., \$12. 826-1100.

STAGE

MUSIC BOX PLAYERS 1998 SEASON, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville, Thurs., Fri., Sat., 6 p.m. open; 8 p.m. curtain; Sun. matinee, 1:30 p.m. open; 3:15 curtain. Adults \$30, \$22 children 12 and under. Show only, \$17 adults, \$15 students, \$13 children. 283-2195 or 1-800-698-7529.

DEC. 17-19, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, based on the Dickens Classic.

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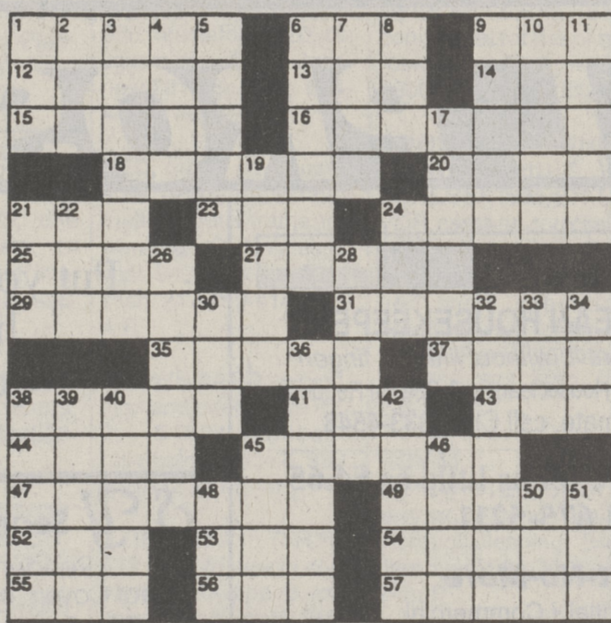
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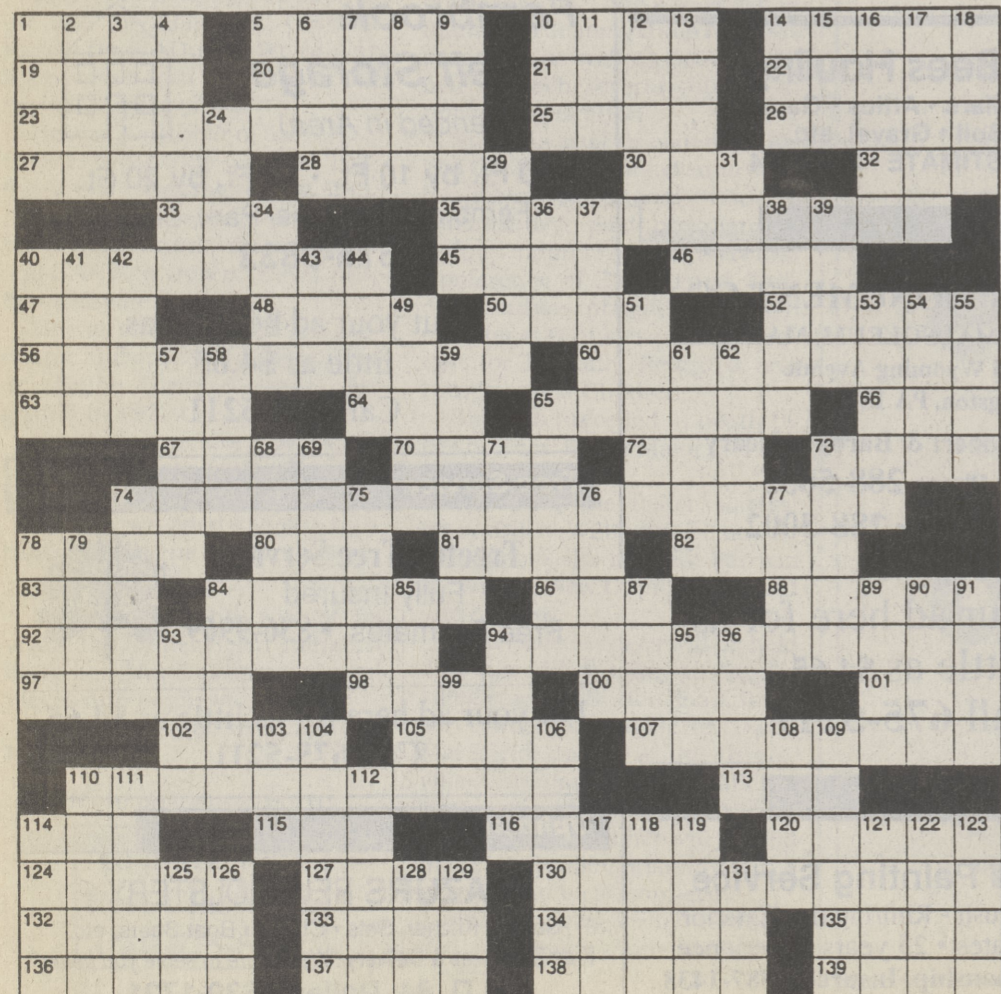
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CROSSWORD CORNER

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| ACROSS
1 Each
5 "Turandot" tenor
10 Prejudice
14 Delhi dignitary
19 Lurd Lugosi
20 Maine town
21 Bound bundle
22 Manage to miss
23 Sociopath's stationery?
25 Chilly powder?
26 Committee
27 Robbed
28 Lauren of "The Love Boat"
30 Rob Roy's refusal
32 Spigot
33 Fall behind
35 Dinky Olympic award?
40 Grand
45 Actor Jacques
46 Ration, with "out"
47 Tennis term
48 Tackle a bone
50 Snoozes
52 Bolivian capital
56 Disney film about a big-time butcher?
60 Rule out
63 "Salome" | character
64 Nationality suffix
65 Las —, N.M.
66 Charged atom
70 Cuban currency
72 Clear (of)
73 Word before Domini
74 Roth character goes with the flow?
78 They may need you
80 Knock
81 Like a garage floor
82 Chinese principle
83 Past
84 Seoul man?
85 Finish
88 Make one's hair stand on end?
92 Nader's beneficiaries
94 Intellectual Beach Boy?
97 Style
98 Dermatological problem
100 Mrs. Zeus
101 — Lanka
102 Illinois neighbor | 105 "— No Sunshine" (71 hit)
107 Ingenious
110 Sci-fi real estate show?
113 Zsa Zsa's sister
114 Unsold or Craven
115 Martini ingredient
116 "Steppenwolf" author
120 Dodge
124 "Here You Come —"
127 Actress
130 Really dull conflict?
132 Tenor
133 Pinnacle
134 Pays attention to
135 Dictates end?
136 Make tea — majesty
138 St. — fire
139 Last word of the year?
DOWN
1 Basics
2 Saucy
3 Spread in a tub
4 Spanish specialty | 5 Cagney or Lacey
6 Smell — (be suspicious)
7 Easy stride
8 From the top
9 Sherwood or Arden
10 Small shot
11 Publisher Ballantine
12 Solitary
13 Alaska Purchase pusher
14 Agt.
15 Pie — mode
16 Government group
17 TV's "Let's Make —"
18 '65 Beatles flick
24 — moss
29 Colorful language
31 Funnyman Philips
34 Leslie Caron role
36 "Make — double!"
37 Copperhead or cotton-mouth
38 Designer
39 Cain or Rusk
40 Waikway
41 Flu symptom | 42 Wolf's expression
43 — Margaret ("68 song)
49 Like some hair
51 Drink noisily
53 Canvas cover?
54 Like — of bricks
55 Greek philosopher
57 Rock's Los —
58 Smell
59 "Schindler's List" star
61 Sans emotion
62 Radio and TV
65 Picnic need
68 Senator Thurmond
69 Trap
71 Part of B.S.
73 "Johnny —"
74 Inclined
75 Where divas dominate
76 Sociable starting
77 Pro foe
78 Truth
79 Frankenstein's helper
84 Acclaim | 85 Music org.
87 Spare fare
89 Guy Fri.
90 Painful
91 Geraint's better half
93 Tizzy
94 Park feature
95 Pro-gun grp.
96 Corduroy ridge
99 Long or Peeples
103 Assumed name?
104 Gorilla or groundhog
106 Cut canines
108 Always
109 Orange features
110 Valid
111 Missouri leader
112 Marsh bird
114 Witty ones
117 Cartoonist Silverstein
118 Line of clothing?
119 Spanish river
121 Out of town
122 Time to crow?
123 Gaelic
125 — de France
126 Puppy bite
128 Legal matter
129 Firefighter's tool
131 WWII agcy. |
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| ACROSS
1 Bank vault
6 Literary monogram
9 Rushmore visage
12 Chalice-dony type
13 Creditor's evidence
14 Stocking mishap
15 Food from heaven
16 Auto radiator part
18 Some-where out there
20 Fad
21 Shell-game need
23 Maglie of baseball
24 Stairway piece
25 Nobleman
27 Bowling-alley butt
29 Long- | running musical
31 Tweeter's companion
35 End of a Bogart
37 Birth-certificate datum
38 Paint type
41 Delivery co.
43 Gist
44 Author Wister
45 Country music?
47 Dream
49 Wipe out
52 Ring decision
53 Carnival city
54 Senescence
55 Longing
56 B&B
57 Norse conqueror | DOWN
1 Director Peckinpah
2 Muslim bigwig
3 Big buildup
4 Sicilian spouter
5 Burns a bit
6 Flutter
7 Idle
8 Baltimore newspaper
9 Geometry finds
10 Swell
11 Use the door
17 U.K. citizen
19 Moved the boat
21 Cribbage score-keeper
22 Listening device
24 — Speed-wagon
26 Dirge
28 Won every game
30 Clinton's instrument
32 Letters from admirers
33 Aussie avian
34 CSA soldier
36 "Guys and Dolls"
38 Towering
39 No longer dormant
40 Mortise's mate
42 Cut
45 "A — apple"
46 Cartesian conjunction
48 Onassis
50 Comedy in brief
51 I, to Caesar |
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challenger THE INTERNATIONAL CROSSNUMBER GAME

DIRECTIONS: Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
• Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
• Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
• Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION

Today's Challenge
Time 6 Minutes
8 Seconds

Your Working Time
Minutes
Seconds

4			18
		3	15
			4 13
		3	10
14	14	14	14 17

Answers to Crossword, Challenger on page 16

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