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Weather

Clouds, may shower.
Wind: Northwest at
9-18 mph. High 56°
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EASTON AREA TODAY

A common bond in tough times

They are blue-collar and white-collar, young and old, skilled and unskilled. Although they prefer to remain nameless and faceless, they by no means are mysterious. Almost one in every 10 people in the Lehigh Valley is out of work. SEE PAGE B-1

Popular game

The numbers game "24", created by Easton resident Robert Sun, is gaining national recognition as schools sponsor tournaments for the game. His invention has found its way into 100,000 classrooms. SEE PAGE B-1

A time for planting

With almost half of the money raised for the \$110,000 arboretum planned in the Forks Township, Pa., municipal park, the township will begin planting its first trees this week. SEE PAGE B-1

Balancing act

How we feel about balancing our checkbook can be traced back to Mom and Dad. Developmental experiences profoundly influence the way we handle money. SEE PAGE A-6

Crime rate climbs

Violent crime reports to police rose five percent nationwide last year, and experts blamed drugs and the nation's economic troubles for the increase. SEE PAGE B-8

All dolled up

Dolls are among the most popular and valuable of all collectible items, and Rose LaMonica's extensive collection of 250 dolls spans the globe. SEE PAGE C-1

Draft day decisions

The Eagles, looking to bolster their running game, pick Alabama's Siran Stacy in the second round. The Giants selected tight end Derek Brown of Notre Dame in Round 1. SEE SPORTS PLUS

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Pa. voters a primary concern on Tuesday

Democrats and Republicans across the state will pick their party nominations for president, Congress and state offices tomorrow.

By RICH KIRKPATRICK
Associated Press

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania voters on Tuesday get their say whether Democrat Bill Clinton is right for the party's presidential nomination.

Voters in the state primary will also be choosing candidates for

U.S. Senate, Congress, the Legislature, three statewide offices and deciding a ballot question whether the state should borrow an additional \$350 million for water and sewer projects.

Clinton, governor of Arkansas, has been ahead in public opinion polls in the weeks leading to Tuesday's decision. But former

California Gov. Jerry Brown hoped to capture about a quarter of voters who were undecided.

"I hope the voters will break my way because people have to know that the present arrangement of political power is utterly failing this country," he said Saturday in Philadelphia.

Clinton, questioned about character issues throughout the primary season, is fighting the perception that he is too flawed to beat President Bush in November.

With voters angry and incum-

bents edgy, Republican Sen. Arlen Specter's re-election this year is seen as another measure of the anti-incumbent mood.

Rep. Stephen Freind of Delaware County is challenging Specter in the primary. Lacking enough money for television ads, Freind is counting on a 12,000-strong volunteer force to turn out his supporters Tuesday.

Freind, the state's leading anti-abortion foe, offers himself as a conservative option to Specter, a moderate.

Specter says he is concerned

about low turnout hurting him. Both his campaign and the Republican State Committee say they will be working hard to blunt Freind's efforts and keep turnout high enough to ensure Specter's victory.

In the Democratic Senate race, political newcomer Lynn Yeakel appears to be riding a wave of resentment that not enough women are serving in the Senate and that it's time for new faces. Her television ads attack both Specter and the Democratic front-runner, Lt. Gov. Mark S. Singel.



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With the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt spread on the Kirby Field House floor, volunteers for the project, who

dressed in white, observe a moment of silence for those who have died of the disease.

AIDS quilt display touches Lafayette

The AIDS memorial quilt display at Kirby Field House through Tuesday honors those who have died and also touches those they left behind.

By SUSAN BASILONE
The Express-Times

EASTON — From budding leaves on oak trees to colorful spring flowers, signs of life are materializing on the campus of Lafayette College.

But for a few hours Sunday, thoughts may have wandered from the beauty of spring as people faced a dismal reality at Kirby Field House.

More than 700 people walked through the doors, not to attend a sporting event but to pay their respects to people who have died from AIDS.

Men and women, children and college students, friends and family, came to view the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. The quilt, made up of 15,000 panels, will be on display at Kirby Field House through Tuesday.

The quilt consists of panels designed by friends and families of people who have died from AIDS in this country and around the world. The bright and dark colored panels bear personal treasures such as letters, stuffed animals, patches and clothing of people who died from AIDS.

In addition to the 632 quilts presently at Lafayette, quilts de-

signed from local families and friends of people who have died from AIDS, will also be exhibited for the first time.

One friend who created such a quilt is Esther Obert of Allentown. Her friend David died of AIDS in February. "I feel like I am helping David live on and say to the world he's not ashamed of who he was," she said as she stood in front of the quilt. "It's my way of saying it's a shame anyone has to die of this disease."

Obert's tribute to her friend David is simple. It is outlined with snowflakes and includes David's name surrounded in red animal paw prints. Obert said she chose these two symbols for the quilt because David loved animals and snow.

A purple crocus, which Obert

said depicts spring, lies below David's name. "It's breaking through to remind us that although times are dreary now it will brighten up again. It says spring is on the way. Hopefully a cure is, too," she said.

"David would be proud of this," she said as she wiped a tear from her face.

"It was like a roller coaster making this. Last night, I dreamed all the snowflakes fell off. I was relieved when I came downstairs this morning to see they were still attached," Obert said. "I hope I never have to do this again," she said of her gift.

Keith Riley, a representative of NAMES Foundation, said NAMES expects about 30 new panels during its display at the college. "That means 30 more

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Bucks County restaurant owner shot to death

A restaurant patron shot the co-owner to death shortly after being asked not to smoke in the establishment.

By CHUCK MALINCHAK and
BOB GOODMAN
The Express-Times

HAYCOCK TWP., Pa. — A 35-year-old restaurant owner was shot in the head from point-blank range and killed Saturday night by a man who several minutes earlier was told not to smoke in the restaurant.

"Then he left," said Harry Grim III, John M. Flaherty's partner in Parkway restaurant, which is about two miles north of Lake Nockamixon. Grim said he was standing next to Flaherty when he was shot.

Grim said John R. Schriener, who lives in a trailer home next to the restaurant on Thatcher Road, then returned at about 9



Book trends

Only two of every five American households bought a book during 1991, a publishing industry survey found.

The survey examined monthly book-buying trends of 16,000 households between April 1990 and March 1991.

Only 40 percent of the households surveyed bought at least one book.

Among the survey's other findings:

- Professional and white-collar workers bought half of all the books sold, and city dwellers were the most frequent customers.
- Households earning \$50,000 or more bought 21 percent of the books, accounting for 41 percent of the dollar sales.
- Households with incomes under \$30,000 accounted for nearly half of all books sold, but 25 percent of the dollar sales.
- Two-thirds of all books bought were fiction, and sales

in this category increased with the age of readers. People over 65 were the largest single group of book buyers, accounting for 16 percent of sales.

Canine devotion

More than 200 people attended a Fort Benton, Mont. ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the death of Shep, the faithful sheepdog who waited 5½ years at a train station for his dead master to return.

The dog's vigil began in August 1936 when Shep watched baggage men load the casket carrying his master, a sheepherder, onto a train.

Etc., ETC.

News you won't find anywhere else

From then until Shep died, the dog met each of the four daily Great Northern passenger trains that arrived in this central Montana town. The vigil ended on Jan. 12, 1942, when the dog fell beneath an arriving train.

Steve McSweeney, 63, who watched the vigil as a boy, recalled at Sunday's service that Shep never met a freight train.

"The story of his devotion was one that touched a lot of people," McSweeney said.

Some honeymoon, eh?

A Longmont, Colo. man who last week settled into a car with his bride and another

couple for a honeymoon endurance test was disqualified Monday after police arrested him on an outstanding warrant.

John E. Lyon III, his bride Rhonda and Sheryl and Vernon Plovman were participating in a contest sponsored by KQKS radio in Denver and the Twin Peaks Mall for a chance to win the \$8,735 Nissan Sentra.

The two couples were married Friday and then jumped into the car. The couple who lasted the longest was to win the car.

Aurora police officers pulled Lyon out of the car inside the mall Sunday night and took him into custody on a warrant for failure to appear to answer

assault and disorderly conduct charges. He was booked and released.

After Lyon was arrested, the Plovmans got the car.

The couples were given 12-minute breaks every three hours; otherwise, they remained in the car.

Gym dress code

Those wanting to shape up must cover up. That's the rule at a new \$1.1 million fitness center at Spokane Falls Community College in Washington state.

The gym, which opened last week, prohibits halter tops, leotards, short shorts or tank-top muscle shirts.

Those who exercise a choice of baggy sweats or loose shorts. Leotards can be worn only with tights or sweat pants.

The dress code prevents self-conscious gym users from feeling intimidated, said Maury Ray, the college's physical education director.

Shooting: Restaurant owner killed

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his side with the barrel facing down.

"We couldn't see the gun," Grim said.

Schriner then stepped up to the serving window where Flaherty was standing, lifted the gun, pointed the barrel at Flaherty's head and fired a 12-gauge slug, Grim said.

"He didn't say a word. Just picked it (the shotgun) straight up and fired," Grim recalled.

"Then he walked out like nothing happened," he said.

After walking out of the restaurant, Grim said, Schriner went back to his neighboring trailer home, where he placed the gun on a parked car, sat down on the trailer's porch and apparently waited for police.

"I was standing right next to John when the gun went off. There was nothing we could do. It was like we saw everything, but couldn't believe it," Grim said.

By the time both men realized what was happening, Grim said, "It was too late. He didn't have a chance."

After the shooting, Grim said he scrambled to get several other employees to safety in the event Schriner would start shooting again.

Schriner lived in the trailer with a friend who refused to give his name.

"I don't want you using my name because everyone thinks I'm part of it. I'm not," the man said.

However, the man, who said he's the caretaker of the trailer, said Schriner had been distraught for several weeks over the death of a friend. The man said Schriner was also having trouble coping with society since his recent release from prison.

Bucks County District Attorney Alan Rubenstein was not available to comment on Schriner's past criminal history.

"Ever since his friend died, he just wasn't right. He couldn't take it," the man said.

"We never thought he'd do something like this. Never. He just couldn't handle society," he said.

When Schriner laid the shotgun on the car and sat on the porch, he called for the man.

"He called me over," the man said. "He said he wanted me with him because the cops were going to kill him."

Grim said Schriner had come into the restaurant several times since he and Flaherty bought the place March 20. "He's come in and bought cigarettes and soda. He seemed a little nuts, but harmless."

State police at Dublin said Flaherty was flown by emergency helicopter to Lehigh Valley Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Lehigh County Coroner Wayne Snyder performed an autopsy and ruled the death a homicide by gunshot.

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United Way groups so far unscathed by scandal

Across the nation local chapters of the charity report little negative fallout over stories of high-living by the group's former chairman, William Aramony.

Associated Press

Most United Way affiliates say they haven't been seriously hurt by stories about the Concorde-and-limousine lifestyle of William Aramony, former head of the charity's umbrella group.

Affiliates across the country are taking no chances, though. From Richmond, Va., to Anchorage, Alaska, they have been taking pains to distance themselves from the national organization's headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

And they're waiting anxiously to see what will happen in their

next fund-raising campaigns, most of which won't be until fall.

"We're concerned," said Mary Ruth Austin, spokeswoman for the United Way of Greater Tampa Bay Inc. in Florida. "We've had some donor cancellations and we've spent a good deal of time addressing some legitimate questions from donors about what we're doing with the money we take in."

Of more than 50 United Way affiliates surveyed by The Associated Press last week, only a few

reported a significant decline in donations since Aramony resigned under fire in February.

Officials of many charities that depend on United Way similarly said they have noticed no immediate backlash from reports about Aramony, who earned \$483,000 a year, traveled on the Concorde and was chauffeured in limousines.

The United Way of America, which Aramony headed, is an umbrella organization that serves as a lobbying, research, advertis-

ing and planning arm for 2,100 local affiliates.

The affiliates, each of which is independently run, collect money from individual donors and channel it to 42,000 charitable organizations nationwide. In 1990, they raised \$3.1 billion.

Most United Way donations come from payroll deductions. Workers sign up during annual fund-raising campaigns. Until those campaigns are held, United Way officials say they have no

way to gauge the impact of the scandal.

It appears to be having no effect on a major campaign that already has gotten under way.

"Early indications look good," said Diane Ryan, a spokeswoman for the Greater Rochester United Way in upstate New York, which holds its fund-raising sign-ups in the spring each year. She said corporate donations were up 6 percent so far.

Many affiliates said there have been scattered cancellations by angry donors.

NATION BRIEFING

From our wire services

Jurors deliberate in 'beating' case

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Jurors continued to deliberate assault charges Sunday against four Los Angeles police officers accused in the videotaped beating of a motorist stopped for speeding.

The six-man, six-woman panel met behind closed doors in the morning, broke for lunch and then continued its fourth day of deliberations.

Police Sgt. Stacey Koon, 41, and Officers Timothy Wind, 31, Theodore Briseno, 39, and Laurence Powell, 29, are charged with the March 3, 1991, beating of motorist Rodney King.

The incident was videotaped by a neighborhood resident and its broadcast sparked national outrage.

Displeasure brewing

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Miller Brewing Co. has set up an electronic phone system to lobby against higher liquor taxes proposed by Gov. Jim Edgar, but some lawmakers aren't too happy with the high-tech campaign.

Under the system, paid for by the Milwaukee-based beer giant, a computer calls voters and asks if they oppose the proposed tax increase. If the answer is yes, the call automatically transfers to a toll-free number with a recorded message blasting the governor's proposal.

After a pause, the line is linked directly to lawmakers' offices, where the caller can express displeasure with the tax plan — without ever having made a phone call.

Sen. Richard Luft, a Democrat who chairs the Senate Revenue Committee, criticized the beer company. Republican Sen. Frank Watson called the electronic lobbying program excessive, but said it was a good way to get lawmakers' attention.

Three Marines killed

FORT KNOX, Ky. — A large truck carrying Marines from a training exercise overturned on a rain-slick road, killing three and injuring nine, officials said Sunday.

Lt. Col. Don Harlin, a division commander at Camp Lejeune, N.C., said 12 Marines were returning from a gunnery range Saturday night at Fort Knox when the driver apparently lost control as the truck began descending a steep road.

WORLD BRIEFING

From our wire services

16 killed in fighting

MOSCOW — Azerbaijan on Sunday accused Armenia of using chemical weapons in the battle for control of the Nagorno-Karabakh region, a news report said. Armenia denied the charge.

Azerbaijani and Armenian forces fighting over the disputed enclave exchanged artillery fire over the weekend, killing at least 16 people, news agencies and television said.

Short, Karpov battle

LINARES, Spain — Britain's Nigel Short and Anatoly Karpov of Russia played to a draw Sunday in the ninth round of the Candidates Tournament chess semifinals, placing Short in a strong position to win the series.

Short now has five points to Karpov's four. A player receives one point for a victory and a half-point for a draw.

Eye on THE NEWS

Region

Every weekday morning, they gather on Walnut Street in Bethlehem. They are the unemployed, and lately, there are many of them. /B-1

Laws governing safety in America lag behind changes in the workplace, according to the president of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. /B-1

With almost half of the money raised for the \$110,000 arboretum planned in the Forks Township municipal park, the township will begin planting its first trees this week. /B-1

A numbers game created by Easton resident Robert Sun is gaining national recognition as one that improves skills and makes math fun. /B-1

More than 500 people converged on the New Jersey Statehouse to vent their anger and frustration at government and to protest tolls on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway. /B-4

Dr. Lois Copeland and her patients are suing the federal government over Medicare bills — which they want to pay. /B-4

National

Most United Way affiliates say they haven't been seriously hurt by stories about the extravagant lifestyle of William Aramony, former head of the charity's umbrella group. /A-3

Democratic presidential hopeful Jerry Brown linked a call for a better environment with his message of cleaning up politics at an Earth Day rally in Philadelphia. /A-10

Democrat Bill Clinton implored a fund-raising audience in Washington, D.C., to put aside any worries about the controversies in his campaign, saying "It's hard for things that aren't true to endure." /A-10

Ross Perot said "all the signs are positive" for his prospective independent race for the White House, and the Democratic chairman said the Texas billionaire should be included in presidential debates if he is a credible candidate. /A-10

Violent crime reports to police increased 5 percent last year while reported property crimes rose 2 percent, government figures showed, and

perts blamed drugs and the nation's economic troubles. /B-8

A Massachusetts family is determined to make a home in the house it purchased after the government seized it from a couple of tax resisters. Problem is, supporters of the former owners won't leave the family alone. /B-8

International

A runoff presidential election has been called in Austria because no candidate received the needed majority to succeed controversial President Kurt Waldheim. /B-7

Authorities blamed city leaders and the Pemex state oil monopoly for several blasts in Mexico that killed at least 190 people last week. Charges could include negligent homicide. /B-8

Money

Walk-in emergency centers offer consumers convenience in health care, but Theresa Veres learned that sometimes they can be a place for improper treatments. /A-6

Checkbook holders are divided between those who faithfully balance their ledgers and those who don't. Here's the reason why. /A-6

Sports

It was good news and bad news for the Philadelphia Phillies. They won for the third time in four games, but lost right-hander Andy Ashby for a minimum of two months. /D-6

Living

As the former owner of a toy store, Rose LaMonica sold more than 500 dolls per year, but as a collector, she's amassed about 250 dolls from all over the world. /C-1

Lotteries

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PENNSYLVANIA
Daily: 067
Big 4: 3951

NEW JERSEY
Pick 3: 391
Payoffs: straight, \$330.50; box, \$55; pairs, \$33

Pick 4: 8722
Payoffs: straight, \$3,161; box, \$263

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Barbra Streisand

Anita Hill speaks to a full house at sexual harassment conference

Anita Hill was the featured speaker at a conference on sexual harassment organized by women angered over her treatment last November by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

More than 2,100 women cheered Hill at the event Saturday in New York that attracted some of the nation's leading feminists, including Gloria Steinem, Catherine Mackinnon and Bella Abzug.

Steinem introduced Hill as "our Supreme Court justice."

Hill testified before the Senate committee that Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her 10 years earlier. Thomas later was confirmed.

"Harassment isn't really your problem or my problem, it is our problem," Hill told the packed auditorium at Hunter College.

"Far too often we fall into the trap... of having to defend our individual behavior as targets and then we ignore how our behavior fits into a pattern prevalent in society."

"Instead of talking about what she did, what she wore, what she said, did she complain... we need to talk about why he abused the power that he had in this situation," Hill said.

Marion Barry goes home to prayers and oat bran

Marion Barry received an unusual gift at a prayer service in Washington, D.C., to welcome the former mayor home after he finished serving six months in prison for cocaine possession.

A supporter handed Barry a package of oat bran Saturday, saying it would help him "sow his oats in the proper places from now on."

Barry was arrested in 1990 in an FBI sting after being videotaped smoking crack cocaine in a

Famous FACES

Keeping up with the rich & famous

hotel room. He didn't run for reelection when his term expired in Jan. 1991.

Speakers at Union Temple Baptist Church praised Barry as a hero of the poor, a champion of the elderly and a friend of youth during his 12 years as mayor.

"Like the prodigal son, I've been in the pig pen of life," Barry said. "Now I've come back home."

"I realize that I violated the public trust by letting my personal life get out of control," he added. "But I know God has forgiven me."

'Magic Castle' comes alive to mark 50th for Barbra

Hollywood's biggest movers and shakers turned out for Barbra Streisand's 50th birthday celebration, but the day belonged to the kids who were welcomed to "Barbra's Magic Castle."

Among the 350 guests at Saturday's celebration in Los Angeles were Tom Hanks, Goldie Hawn, Nick Nolte, Meryl Streep and George Hamilton. Warren Beatty and wife, Annette Bening, also showed up, carrying their infant daughter.

Businessman Marvin Davis and superagent Michael Ovitz were also there, as was Streisand's son Jason Gould, who co-starred with her in *The Prince of Tides*.

The party was dedicated to

Streisand, who turned 50 on Friday, but young people were treated as well. Her former beau, producer Jon Peters, transformed his 12-acre estate into an enchanted castle.

Pickett's car hits man, cops cite him for booze

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