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Kindergarten no longer a place for the young at art

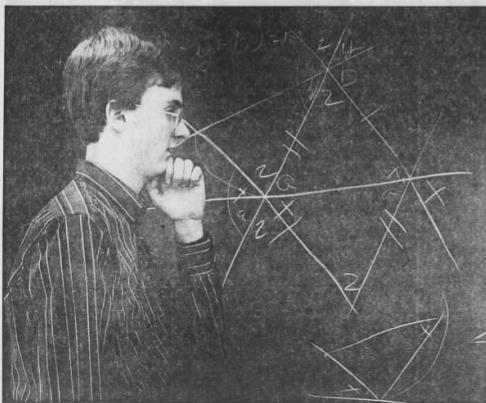
By RON DEVLIN
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Kindergarten used to be the place where young children first learned to hold a pencil and make marks on paper. Now, however, kindergartners are being asked to do more than just make marks. They are being asked to draw pictures, to write their names, and to do other things that were once reserved for first graders.

Education officials say that giving youngsters the additional time to mature will result in their doing better in school. They argue that kindergartners who are not ready to learn will be among the students in first grade.

Parents who are concerned about their children's readiness for kindergarten should talk to their teachers. They should also talk to the school principal. They should also talk to the school board.

Kindergarten is a time when children learn to follow directions, to work with others, and to take care of themselves. It is a time when children learn to be responsible and to take pride in their work.



Cary Ester of Freedom High School ponders a problem during math contest at Muhlenberg College. DON FISHER/The Morning Call

It all adds up for Salisbury team

By ANN WLAZELIK
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Salisbury's basketball team captured the state championship for the first time in 25 years. The team, coached by Brad Mann, defeated the defending champion, Muhlenberg College, in a thrilling overtime game.

Salisbury's success was the result of a combination of factors. The team played hard, smart, and as a team. They were led by their star player, Charles 'Chay' Ester, who scored 24 points in the final game.

Six arrested, cocaine seized in L.V. drug raid

Police officers arrested six individuals and seized a large quantity of cocaine during a raid on a residence in Lehigh Valley. The officers were part of a task force that has been working to combat drug trafficking in the area.

The raid was conducted early in the morning. Officers searched the residence and found the cocaine hidden in several locations. The individuals arrested are being held on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Poison-prevention program pays tribute to 'Mr. Yuk'

By RON DEVLIN
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The National Poison Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The center has been instrumental in educating the public about the dangers of household poisons. It has also been instrumental in developing poison-prevention programs for children.



Parents and children listen to a poison-control demonstration at Allentown's Agricultural Hall.

Unions battle to represent ASD teachers

By TOM LOWMY
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The AEA has defeated the APT in its bid to represent special education teachers. The AEA won a vote of 100 to 70 in a recent election. The AEA has a long history of representing teachers in the area.

The AEA has a strong track record of advocating for teachers. It has fought for better salaries, benefits, and working conditions. It has also been instrumental in securing the right to represent teachers.

Special education teachers have long been a part of the AEA. They have benefited from the AEA's efforts to improve the profession. They are now looking forward to continuing their work with the AEA.

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