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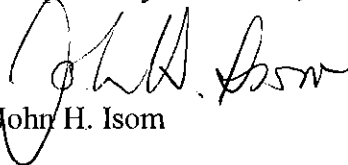
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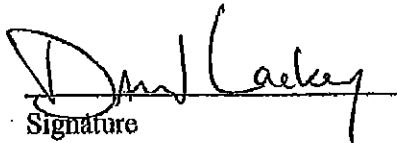
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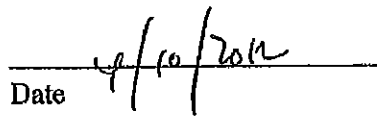
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# Teen's fantasy book a reality

LOWER NAZARETH'S VICTORIA WEBER has first of what she hopes is three-part trilogy published.

BY PAMELA SPOHR-RODMAN for the Express-Times

L. NAZARETH TWP./Victoria Weber started writing when she was 14 years old, using a keyboard and computer when at home and a pen and notebook hidden under her desk while in school.

Weber, 19, of Lower Nazareth Township, was driven to finish her fictional story while fighting an ordinary teenage life at Lehigh Valley Christian High School.

She was ridiculed by teachers for writing and not paying attention in class, but motivated by friends who threatened to tell her to quit if she didn't complete an important chapter, she said.

She finished the book, "Rising Sun," by age 15. In February it was released nationally by Oklahoma-based Title Publishing.

The fantasy novel focuses on a 15-year-old orphan, Khrin, who was reared at the prestigious Academy of the Dragons Knight, a school and training

facility for the elite guard of the country.

When Khrin accidentally burrs a fellow classmate, a destiny arises in which she wants no part. Khrin is the fourth and final Adiktia, the so-called hero, and it is her duty to save her homeland from a never-ending evil.

Weber got the name "Rising Sun" while driving to the Jersey Shore and seeing the phrase posted on a sign. She has plans to turn the novel into a three-part trilogy and is working on its sequel.

Weber, now a sophomore at Lehigh College, recalled sending the 412-page manuscript to two publishers. The first sent an email back stating fantasy wasn't their genre.

This Publishing, however, mailed her back a contract. "That sort of blindsided me a bit," Weber said. "I didn't plan on anything when I first wrote it."

Although the book took more than two years of editing and 70 percent re-writing with



Illustration by Victoria Weber

Victoria Weber, 19, of Lower Nazareth Township, wrote the fictional book "Rising Sun" while attending Lehigh Valley Christian High School.

the removal of 15,000 words, Weber said the beginning and ending remain true to what she originally wrote.

She revealed the ending will surprise many readers, describing it as a "climacter." Readers will have to wait until the second or third book to get more answers, she said.

Weber said she became a

## MEET VICTORIA

Victoria Weber will sign copies from 1 to 3 p.m. April 28 at The White Horse Coffee & Espresso Bar, 414 N. West St., Bethlehem.

bookworm in fourth grade and devoured novels in "The Chronicles of Narnia," "Harry Potter" and "Twilight" series. Her aunt, Diane Peter, a middle school librarian in Pine Hill, N.J., turned her on to fantasy reading.

Now, Weber visits middle schools to help motivate youngsters to become better readers. Her advice: It's OK to struggle and if you hate reading, you just haven't found the right book yet.

"Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling got denied by 12 publishers, she said. "You just have to be persistent, you have to keep trying."

Support for Weber's books in Lehigh Valley can be reached at 610-282-7371 or photo@lehighvalleylive.com. For more information, visit us at lehighvalleylive.com/vic.

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The new substation will be constructed on both E and W Lehigh Valley High School property. The first line will be approximately 800 feet in length and connect the existing D54 at Lehigh Valley and E 150th Street to the proposed E 150th Street Substation. The second line will be approximately 1.1 miles in length and connect the existing D54 at Lehigh Valley and E 150th Street to the proposed E 150th Street Substation. The project will be completed within 18 months. PL Electric will be conducting a public hearing on the project on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lehigh Valley Convention Center (LVCC), 1000 Lehigh Valley Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103.

If you wish to participate in the public hearing, you should contact: Executive Director, Deputy Secretary, Lehigh Valley Convention Center, P.O. Box 2263, Allentown, PA 18103.

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# Parade caps off St. Paddy's celebrations in Allentown

BY PAMELA SPOHR-RODMAN for the Express-Times

ALLENTOWN'S A charge of luck turned a gloomy morning into a sparkling afternoon and perhaps nobody appreciated it more Sunday than the green clad, cheerful crowd that lined the streets for Allentown's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade, which celebrated its 50th anniversary, began only as a two-hour marching procession Sunday and has since grown into a long-top of Allentown's West End with more than a weeklong celebration leading up to parade day.

"This is the largest parade we've ever had, and the involvement by the community, the local bands, with the most kids involved," said John Chaya, parade president. "It's really a great event to honor

the history of the Irish in America."

Parade events spanned three days leading up to the oldest Lehigh Valley Irish celebration. It began March 9 with the coronation of the 2012 parade's King and Queen, King and Queen.

Also included in the festivities was the pub crawl March 10 around 10 participating West End pubs, a concert at Hamilton Street and two stage shows at the top of Allentown's West End with more than a weeklong celebration leading up to parade day.

"I've been coming to this parade for a while and my involvement by the community, the local bands, with the most kids involved," said John Chaya, parade president. "It's really a great event to honor

with a 9:30 a.m. St. Patrick's Mass at Immaculate Conception Church and a breakfast at Agricultural Hall.

Racers took off for a 5k race through the Allentown streets at noon, and a hands exhibition featuring 10 bands at 4 p.m. followed the parade.

The bands included Celtic United Pipe Band, City of Bethlehem Bagpipe Band, Celtic March Pipe Band, Hamilton Street Pipe Band, Irish Thunder Pipe Band, Killeen Pipe Band of Turk, Mackay Pipe Band, Philadelphia Emerald Society Pipe Band, Rampart Lion Pipe Band and Washington Memorial Pipe Band.

Following the parade, pubs featured in the pub crawl hosted post-parade, and the Symphony Hall held an Irish Rovers concert.

## Continued from B1 ELONIS: Man on his third attorney

It, assigning Mark Cedrone to represent the 25-year-old.

Cooper had defended Elonis at trial, attempting to convince the jury that there was enough doubt about the meaning behind the rants to warrant an acquittal. Elonis, the sole witness for the defense, broke down on the stand, claiming the posts, some referencing rap lyrics, were merely a way for him to vent his frustrations after his wife left him.

Cooper described his relationship with Elonis as "irrevocably broken" in court papers before the split.

Cedrone's tenure as Elonis' attorney was not long-lived. Court papers dated Feb. 9 indicate Elonis requested a new attorney just as Cedrone was simultaneously asking to be removed from the case. Beyond that, details on the separation are scarce.

Cedrone declined to elaborate about the departure.

"I don't really feel that liberty to discuss the circumstances of his change in counsel," Cedrone said.

Elonis obtained Ronald Levine as his new attorney after the judge granted his right to dismiss Cedrone, court documents show.

Levine would not discuss Elonis. "I'm certainly not going to comment on my client," he said.

Elonis was originally scheduled for a sentencing on his conviction in January, but the court changes have set the timeline back. Levine said no new sentencing date has been set for his client.

There is no mandatory minimum sentencing requirement for the charges for which Elonis has been convicted, but he could face up to 10 years in prison.

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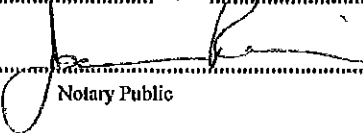
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The Pennsylvania Electric Company (PEC) is currently in the process of constructing a new transmission line in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. The project is located in the area of the Lehigh River and is intended to provide additional capacity for electricity in the area.

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Secretary, Transmission Construction Division  
1000 North 33rd Street  
Allentown, PA 18103

If you wish to participate in the process before the PSC, you should contact:

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100 North 33rd Street  
Allentown, PA 18103-1000

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For more information, please contact the Lehigh County Office of the PSC at 610-262-3333.

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By .....

**FAMILY**

**HELP FOR FAMILIES**

# How can I help my son be a better parent?

My son's girlfriend has four young sons. Three of the boys live with them and she has shared custody of her fourth. The boys are well controlled and do not listen to me. My son said he would like to take a parenting class and I think that they both need classes desperately. They are struggling to make ends meet. Are there any programs that could help them?



KATHY LAUER-WILLIAMS

At the Help for Families panel, Kathy Lauer-Williams offers advice on how to help young men become better parents.

As the Help for Families panel leads your positive, proactive approach to your son and his girlfriend and their children. "Good for you, that you are recognizing that this young man needs help and supporting him rather than blaming him," says panelist Michael Danala. "It's better to take a preventative approach before one of the children gets to the length of getting in serious trouble," agree panelists Denise Contreras and Rochelle Friedman. The Lehigh Valley is rich in resources for parents, the panel says.

"It's good news that your son wants to take a class," says panelist Rochelle Friedman. "All parents make mistakes. It all comes down to how high you teach, and you can get a lot of new strategies from classes."

She says Project Child in Bethlehem has a Saturday morning parenting class that costs \$52 for nine weeks. The class is ongoing, so you can register by calling 610-861-9901.

Project Child also runs a free parent support group at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Methodist Church in Bethlehem. And Lehigh County residents can take a parenting class at 7 p.m. Mondays at South Street School in Allentown.

Many of the area's schools offer the Strengthening Families Program, a science-based parenting skills, children's life skills, an 8-family life skills training program designed for high-risk families. For parents in the Lehigh Valley, the program doesn't offer it, there is a home DVD of the program available at strengtheningfamilies.org.

First United Family Services in Allentown offers, from March to May, a free parent Family Life Education program to help families deal with problems of family life.

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- All parents can benefit from taking classes.
- The parents should consider couples or family counseling.
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**THE TOPIC TEAM**

Parenting experts and guest parents who help guide our experts. **Denise Contreras**, family living specialist for Penn State's Lehigh County Cooperative Extension, South Whitehall Township. **Rochelle Friedman**, program coordinator for Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House. **Bill Vogler**, executive director of Family Action, Allentown. **Michael Danala**, caseework supervisor, Pinebrook Family Services, Allentown. Help for Families is a collaboration between The Morning Call and parenting professionals brought together by Valley Youth House's Project Child.

log, says Danala. For information, call him at 610-432-3300.

"You need to look at the entire family system," he says. "The kid may be out of control because the parent isn't being successful, suggests panelist Bill Vogler."

"Your son and the boys' mom might think about programs that would help them in other ways such as with finances and work-life balance."

He suggests you start with Pennsylvania Career Link, which offers vocational training at www.careerlink.pa.gov.

If your son is still just talking about being a family, he and his girlfriend may benefit from couples counseling," Vogler adds.

**HELP FOR PET OWNERS**



Columnist Karen Ste Trock in the kitchen with her Newfoundland, Barry, who has been diagnosed with degenerative heart valve disease.

# Columnist's Newfie has advanced heart valve disease

I have some bad news. Turns out my Professor Barry's heart is too big for his own good. Literally. A canine cardiologist confirmed the scary diagnosis last week: "Advanced degenerative valve disease." Prognosis, poor. He's expected to go into heart failure in 6 months to a year.

It's a scary diagnosis for just 6 years old. If not for a remote echocardiogram in the stomach after the cardiologist explained in painful detail what's going on with his

looking, undrugged Newfie, I may not realize he's sick or why he doesn't have quite the "get up and go" he once had. So we are off on a new journey to make the time he has left as happy, comfortable and stress-free as possible.

Since our last two Newfoundland lives to age 13, it's the last thing we want to expect on things happen for a second. To look at this little handsome giant you'd never know there was anything wrong with him. That's why they call it the problem, about 10%.

My purpose in writing about this is to use Barry's situation to educate all dog owners. This particular breed of heart disease fills many dogs (and cats) who say older and leaner than my age.

The big question is what the greater plays. In other words, is heart disease inherited or acquired? The answer is either — but the likelihood of inheritance is strong. No one can say for sure in Barry's case, because the genetic picture of his otherwise perfect pedigree is incomplete.

Like most owners receiving such shocking news, my first reaction was a highly emotional, "I want to know more — the first thing Barry's brother who is highly respected in Newfoundland circles or maybe my veterinarian didn't listen to his heart closely enough during routine exams. I wanted answers. NOW."

Once reality set in, I realized burning bridges would only close doors and I had made a few mistakes, too. Unleashing my wrath on my dog's life. The most emotional, "I want to know more — the first thing Barry's brother who is highly respected in Newfoundland circles or maybe my veterinarian didn't listen to his heart closely enough during routine exams. I wanted answers. NOW."

So let the dog begin. What remains of Barry's life is far from perfect. I hope with a step-by-step to check his heart and breathing rate.

As with my dad — the real Professor Barry — he is provided in May — his family nurse practitioner on the right tradition of education.

Karen Ste Trock is a pet columnist based in Germantown, Pennsylvania. [kate@morningcall.com](http://kate@morningcall.com)

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For more information please contact: Melissa Stumpf at 610-432-2100.

**PET PHOTO OF THE WEEK**

**'Coco kitty enjoys dinner conversation with the family'**

**FEL: Coco, a tortie kitten**  
**Dinner: Joe and Daphne Urena of Bethlehem**

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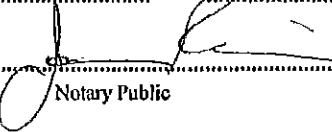
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The new substation will be constructed on land to be purchased by PPL Electric from Lehigh County. The land is located northeast of the northern terminus of Public Road. The transmission tap line will be built in a right-of-way across property owned by Lehigh County located north of the proposed substation property. The new transmission tap line will extend approximately 800 feet in length and connect the existing Elliot Heights #1 and #2 Transmission Tap Line to the planned Fountain Hill 138-12 kV Substation. The power line will be designed for double-circuit 138 kV operation. However, it will initially be constructed with a double-tap single feed configuration and will initially operate at 69 kV.

On February 27, 2012, PPL Electric filed a "Letter of Notification" with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), which must approve the project before work can begin. A copy of the "Letter of Notification" is available for public inspection on weekdays during business hours at the following location:

Salisbury Township Municipal Building  
2900 South Pike Avenue  
Allentown, PA 18103

If you wish to participate in the process before the PUC, you should contact:

Rosemary Chiavetta, Esquire  
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As a reference aid, be sure to include the project's "docket number," which is A-2012-2290574.

For more information please contact Melinda Stumpf at PPL Electric at 610-774-5249.

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FAMILY

HELP FOR FAMILIES

Our adopted son behaves at school but not at home

By Michael Daniels
If you're a parent of a child who behaves at school but not at home, you're not alone.



BY MICHAEL DANIELS

As your son may not have the ability to make attachments to you as parents and his could be a reason he is fine at school but shows bad behavior at home, the Help for Families panel says.

Experts believe a child's ability to form attachments is created in the first three years of life, panelist Michael Daniels says.

"It is not unusual for children who are adopted to show symptoms that relate to issues with the psychological separation of attachment," agrees panelist Bill Vogler.

Attachment refers to how parents teach infants to fall in love with them, Daniels says. "This child was not taught to fall in love with his current parents."

Kids with this problem are often "superficially charming," Vogler says and project an image of self-sufficiency that hides their insecurity.

It's easy as parents to feel blamed because he seems fine everywhere else, Daniels says. In reality these kids often are unable to form deep emotional relationships with others.

Also adding to the problem is that as age of children's emotions tend to be frustrated, panelist Denise Cortez says.

The good news is attachment can be mended at any age, Vogler says.

Even though it has been seven years since you adopted your son, you are still eligible for post-adoption services, Daniels says.

SWAN, the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, at www.adoptpubids.org has information about post-adoption services or call the help line at 603-585-7920.

Experts counsel on attachment issues, suggest panelist Joanne Nigro-Rafax. Read books or visit www.attach.org.

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HANDLING ATTACHMENT PROBLEMS WITH AN ADOPTED CHILD

Attachment is formed in the first three years so don't feel you're to blame.

Attachment problems can be mended at any age.

Get a counselor who specializes in attachment problems.

Look into post-adoption services available from SWAN, the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network.

Advocate yourself on attachment issues from books or at www.attach.org.

Love the child into compliance with eye contact and encouraging closeness.

THE TOPIC TEAM

Parenting experts and guest panelists who helped this week:

Denise Cortez, family living specialist for Penn State's Luzh County Cooperative Extension, South Whitehall Township.

Joanne Nigro-Rafax, registered play therapist and parenting educator.

Bill Vogler, executive director of Family Answers, Allentown.

Michael Daniels, case work supervisor, Firebrook Family Services, Allentown.

Help for Families is a collaboration between The Morning Call and parenting professionals brought together by Valley Youth House's Project Child.

through which the Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children offers information and resources.

If it is attachment issues, the normal types of treatment for behavior such as natural consequences, time outs and behavior modification will not work, Vogler says.

One of the techniques is "loving the child into compliance" which looks like lots of eye contact and encouraging closeness, Vogler says.

HELP FOR PET OWNERS

Should you allow a dog to pee on neighbors' lawns?

Q: What do you think of dog walkers allowing their pets to pee and/or poo on private lawns as they're strolling around the neighborhood? When I walked my black lab, I did not allow her to even walk on the neighbors' lawns. She had to wait until we reached the public park or woods across the road.

A: I realize not everyone has access to a public park but I have dozens of dogs during my long brown horse trips every day. I don't want to force the dog walkers, but don't want what little lawn I have ruined either. What do you think?

—Fred, Enniscorthy

As allowing Fido to pee or poo on others' neatly manicured lawns -- or any private property -- is a no-no, it's a dog walker's job to make sure the dog doesn't do it.

Urine soaks the grass AND burns up the neighbors, as well it should.

You've broached the subject calmly, but this issue has caused many a neighborhood dispute, some the point of violence -- harm to the dog walker or both.

Just last month a Philadelphia homeowner and his neighbor whose Chihuahua kept peeing on his lawn.

A walk is just that -- a walk. Not a non-stop potty mission, and showing respect for others' property not only promotes good neighbor relations but also teaches dogs where and when to go.

Dogs instinctively like to "mark" things, such as trees, shrubs and leave their calling card on previously soiled areas, but they don't need to stop every minute to do so. If they can hold it long enough, they can wait until the walker has reached a neutral zone.

Fido's first and most urgent elimination should be confined to the owner's property or pet-friendly areas before venturing out into the neighborhood. My pups have never peed or pooped on anyone's lawn or shrubs because they've learned the command "OK" that curbed walking elsewhere until the leash is taut and to go. A very simple command to teach. Nothing wrong with smelling the roses, but no "go" until midway says so.

An obedient dog lover like me don't appreciate burn marks on the front lawn or dead spots on the ornamental shrubs surrounding the property. It's unnecessary. And while most walkers carry poop bags, they don't always use them.

Homeowners who invest time and money in beautifying their lawns have every

right to upset with folks who use their property as a doggy latrine. As usual this is a "people" not a dog problem.

Thank you for your attempt to keep peace in the neighborhood.

—Fay Tempin, Zionville

Dear Marisa (about 10 years ago we took our mini shure schuster to a canine allergist/dermatologist in Trapp, Va. She tested positive to many things including grasses and shrubs. The doctor made an antiparasitic specifically for her allergies and taught us how to inject it. It was given weekly at first, then twice a month until she was maintained on a monthly injection. The quality of her life was greatly improved and I'd do it again in a heartbeat.

—Fay Tempin, Zionville



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