

## Damian: Part Two

## Not just a dog story

On Page One of this issue of The Dallas Post there is a story concerning a friendly pup named Damian. It is not a complete story as some pertinent facts are missing, facts that might make the reader, if not angry, at least a little disgusted. The anger or disgust may be directed at the abuse of technology as opposed to simple human values.

The technology in this case was the use of a dart gun on a "dumb" animal by a policeman who, had he no such weapon, might have been more inclined to use his common sense when approaching "man's best friend." We would defy anyone who knows Damian to say he deserved to be shot, or injured in any manner. And we would add that not to know Damian would be further justification in using common sense when approaching someone's property.

The police could say that Damian was acting vicious, but only eyewitnesses to the shooting would really know, and even then those persons who know the big pup would find that impossible to accept. So what's all the fuss about? It was, after all, just a dog being someplace he shouldn't have been, in this case on a stranger's property. But dogs are known for not paying much attention to the laws of man. Well, the fuss is that Damian was shot at such close range the dart, which is designed to penetrate the skin, became lodged somewhere inside, requiring, later, a major operation.

So much for Damian. But Damian's owners, quite naturally, were upset about what they feel was an unnecessary and unjust act. At first they did not want the story published because they feared alienating the police. The inclination of many newspeople in a case such as this is also not wanting to alienate the police and to "down-play" the story. That is what you may read on Page One. But we believe there are lessons here for all of us, and that by not telling them, we are all diminished.

Mr. Hoover, Damian's master, admitted the responsibility to keep his animal under constant control is his, and because of that - and because he also feared possible police harassment - is reluctant to make a complaint. He has also been cited for not licensing the animal, but said that he honestly thought a dog less than a year old didn't have to be. A week after we first talked to him, and after he had already expressed much reluctance to the publishing of the story, we called him again to see if he would change his mind. He said that since he had just read an article in the Post wherein the Dallas Borough Police warned dog owners to keep their animals tied, he thought the story could be printed using the angle that his particular case could serve as a good example to other pet owners. However, he was still concerned enough to want to read the article before it was printed.

JOHN ALLEN

## A Dallas businessman on truth about Social Security

BY HUGH P. KING

Congressman Jim Nelligan has introduced a bill which he contends would prop up the ailing Social Security System for the next 40 years. Essentially, he would commandeer revenues from offshore oil and gas leases and dump these monies into the tottering mess which some clown has termed "Social Security."

However, if past experience is any guide, the chances that this infusion of dollars from hapless oil and gas companies would "solve" our Social Security problems for even 5 years seem mighty slim. The fact is, that Uncle Sam has sold the American people a "pig in the poke" and, although no politician can afford to admit it, the whole Social Security scheme is based on the biggest swindle of all time.

Back in the late 1920's a swindler named Ponzi developed a scheme based on exactly the same principles as our present day Social Security System. He collected many dollars from many people and paid a lot of dollars to a relatively few. The scheme worked as long as more people were paying than receiving. But like all similar schemes, (remember the pyramid clubs?) the whole thing falls apart when the number of new "suckers"

dwindles and more can't be found. As Congressman Nelligan observes: "When Social Security began in the 1930's, there were 15 workers for every recipient. Currently, three workers support each recipient. In the year 2025, when the post-World War II "Baby Boom" generation is fully retired, there will be only two workers for each retiree."

The outlines of the biggest swindle of all time are therefore becoming increasingly clear. Looking into the future, we can see that the list of "suckers" is going to run out and, eventually, the whole System must inevitably collapse. No one—especially politicians—wants to tell all of those nice folks who are on Social Security, or soon hope to be, that they have been swindled, that the money is gone, and the game is over. So, for the past decade or so, we've been putting band-aids on the fatally wounded victim and promising that now everything is going to be okay. The fact is, that it isn't!

You know, they put Ponzi in jail for perpetrating fraud. But he was really only "small time" compared to the legislators who "stuck us" all with Social Security. Most of them are now dead. But can we pray that they now enjoy their just deserts?

## Image and perception retard economic growth

BY HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

Two words describe the challenge which awaits Northeastern Pennsylvania in the 1980's: "image" and "perception." Recently, I attended meetings where these words became touchstones for identifying what holds back the economic growth of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, it takes more than money and buildings to overcome the hidden problems which these words signify.

"Image" and "perception" represent what people perceive to be the characteristics of our region, but in reality are myths and false images which in many ways perpetuate the economic crisis which holds sway in much of this region.

It is due to the above factors that the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania undertook, three years ago, to launch an Image Improvement Campaign to educate our own citizenry as to what the region's assets are. It is, also, for this reason that the Council is launching an external Image Improvement Campaign through a series of efforts to encourage investment in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

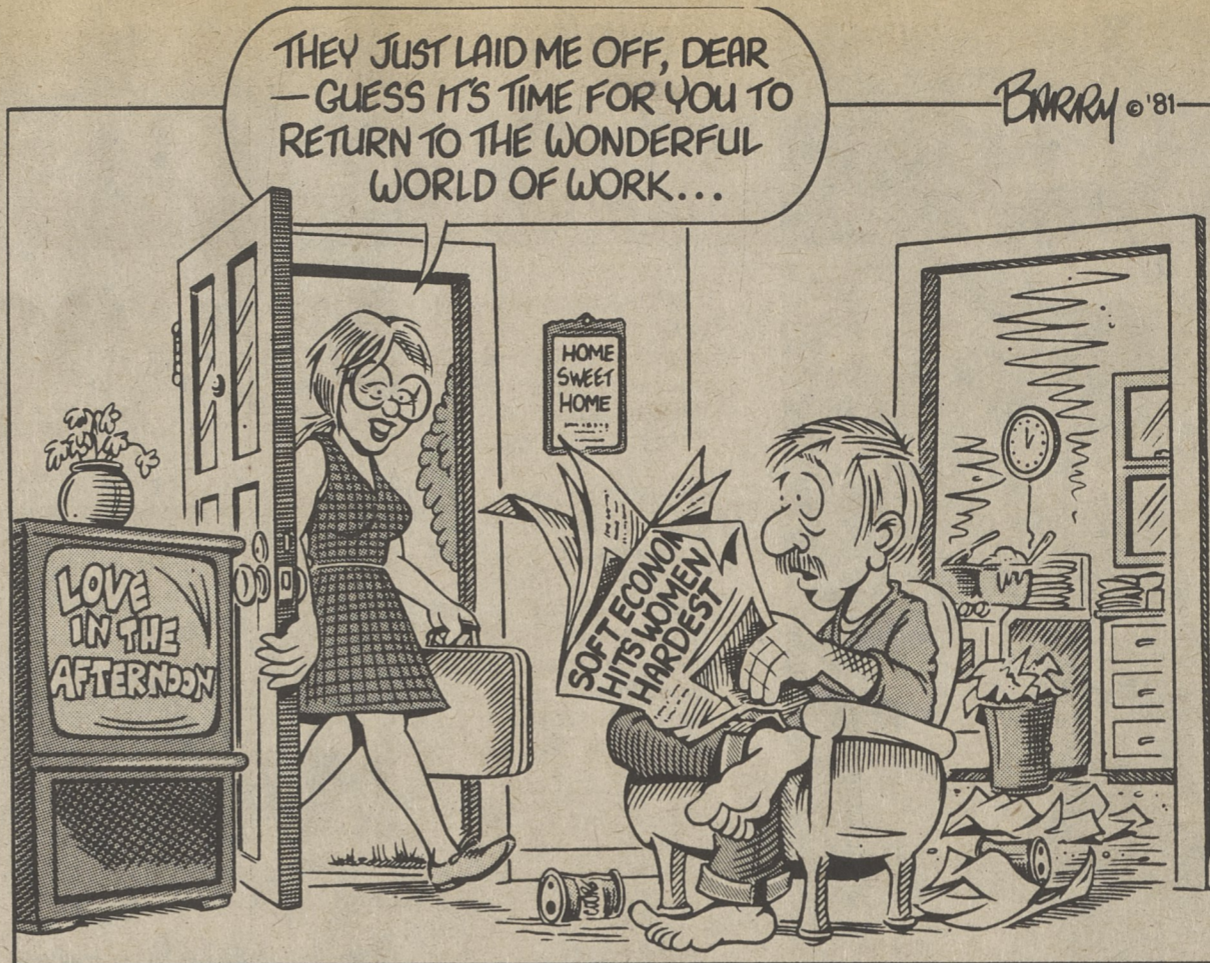
One of the more recent, successful events was an Investor Visitation Program wherein ten executives representing three major national insurance companies were invited to visit Northeastern Pennsylvania and tour much of what the region offers. As a result of this effort, initial perceptions of what the region seemed to be like were changed and those who had no knowledge of Northeastern Pennsylvania were impressed by what we had to offer.

Another external image program being studied and evaluated is a

regional promotion and marketing focus which would advertise the fine assets Northeastern Pennsylvania has to offer. The formation of this program is built around a series of elements which affect economic development including, but not limited to, research and data support, international trade, advertising and promotion, liaison with governments and much more.

Some of the perceptions which exist regarding Northeastern Pennsylvania as identified in recent meetings of the Northeast Legislative Delegation, as well as through other meetings with key regional officials, include beliefs that the region has an undue number of work stoppages and strikes, that the region has an unduly high tax package, that the region still relies on a coal based economy, that bad politics still dominate the mainstream of the region's life and much more. As an added image issue which strongly inhibits economic growth, these perceptions and images are attributable to the State, as well as focused on Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The region's slogan, The Pocono Northeast: A Place To Grow, dramatizes the determination which does exist on the part of a core of futurists who believe that Northeastern Pennsylvania offers rare opportunities for economic investment. The image improvement campaign, both internal and external, represents a strong signal that stagnation is no longer an acceptable mode and that change is basic to achieving significant job generation throughout the seven counties of the Pocono Northeast. (Mr. Grossman is executive director, Northeastern Pennsylvania Economic Development Council.)



Only Yesterday

## Tannery closing cost 108 jobs in '61

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 13, 1931

No shortage of turkeys as 54 percent of the birds were ready for the table at Thanksgiving.

Married—Marion Williams and Herman Kern.

Deaths—Mrs. Edward Eyerman, Sr., Shrineview; Corey E. Major, formerly of Lehman; Rachel S. Thomas, Alderson; Michael Gilvary, Trucksville.

You could get—Butter 3 lb. 97c; medium sharp cheese 19c lb.; bacon 14c lb.; smoked hams 15c lb.; prunes 4 lb. 25c; soda crackers 3 lb. pkg. 35c; salmon 3 tall cans 25c; California seedless raisins 2 pkg. 15c.

40 YEARS AGO - NOV. 14, 1941

Several Dallas dogs made a fine showing at the American Kennel Club Sanction in Hazleton. Mitsie, a Welsh terrier owned by Mrs. Thomas Robinson, Rosalie, a wire-haired terrier owned by Harry Griffith and Dr. Malcolm Borthwick's bull terrier, Buster were among the prize winners.

Plays provided interesting entertainment with many community organizations presenting them. Dallas Township High School's senior class presented "The Haunted High School"; Idetown Church presented "Death at the Wheel" while Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company showed "Golgotha" a movie of the passion play.

Engaged—Betty Ide and Roy Covey; Lillian Ward and Sgt. Richard Huddy.

Married—Doris E. Little and George Scovell, Ruth Ross and Ernest Gay; Marion Eipper and Pvt. Allen Ockenhouse; Dorothy Hughes and Robert Royer.

Deaths—Jennie May Honeywell, Atlantic City; Mesech Roberts, Hillside.

You could get—Chuck roast 23c lb.; fresh cut hamburger 21c lb.; balgona 25c lb.; iceberg lettuce 6c head; fresh mushrooms 25c lb.; pascal celery 10c lb. bunch; mayonnaise 23 pt. jar; mince meat 3 pkg. 25c; pumpkin 3 lg. cans 25c; pineapple juice 2 cans 23c; dog food 3 cans 25c.

30 YEARS AGO - NOV. 16, 1951

Bishop W.J. Hafey dedicated Gate of Heaven School. A parade, Mass and dedication address marked the occasion.

Asa L. Day, Dallas was elected to the 12-man board of directors of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages. Day, president of Keystone Coca-Cola Bottling Company, was awarded this national honor for his 25 years of service to the industry.

Engaged—Helen A. Helfrich and Leland Guyette.

Married—Mary Jacobs and Curtis Conklin.

You could get—2 lb. fruit cake \$1.89; turkeys 59c lb.; ripe cranberries 25c lb.; Lifebuoy soap 3 bars 25c; pumpkin, lg. can 17c; Long Island Ducks 39c lb.; standing rib roast 79c lb.; pork chops 79c lb.

20 YEARS AGO - NOV. 16, 1961

The Dallas School Board held a "Hail and Farewell" dinner at the Castle Inn for faculty members. Those retiring from the district were Philip Cheney, Francis Ambrose, James Hutchinson, William Clewell, Walter Mohr, Lewis LeGrand, Henry Hess and Don Hislop. The board welcomed Mrs. Thomas Vernon and Mrs. Louise Steinhauer, newly-elected board members.

The 70-year-old Armour Leather Company Plant, Noxen closed. One

hundred and eight employees will lose their jobs. The tannery, one of the last vestiges of the once thriving lumber industry, was established in 1889 by G.K. Mosser of Allentown.

Married—Marjorie Redmond and John Dorshefski.

Deaths—Charles B. Gates, Dallas.

You could get—Cooked hams 49c lb.; turkeys 32c lb.; Ocean Spray cranberry sauce 2 cans 41c; Red Emperor grapes 2 lb. 29c.

10 YEARS AGO - NOV. 18, 1971

A survey of five elementary school buildings in the Dallas School District showed classrooms barely adequate for the number of pupils.

College Misericordia students form Girl Scout group called Campus Girl Scouts. It gave college students an opportunity to serve a need while completing their formal education.

Carolyn Edwards, Lake-Lehman High School band member represented her school at All-State Band at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Convention, Pittsburgh.

Married—Susan A. Kitchen and David E. Kuppelweiser; Gail Telford and Joseph I. Killeen; Jane Chase and Raymond Shultz.

Engaged—Diane L. Martin and William Howard Miller; Linda Finn and Arthur Baird.

Deaths—Maria Neuner, Dallas; John Shorts, Union, N.J.; Thomas R. Kelley, Conn.; Charles Weaver, Noxen; Albert Jacobs, Bunker Hill; Charles Nicol, Trucksville.

You could get—Tangelos 49c doz.; cranberries 29c lb.; potatoes, 5-lb. bag russets 39c; Joy liquid detergent 44c; handi plasticwrap 35c roll; turkeys 39c lb.; flour, 5-lb. bag 29c; sliced bacon 39c lb.; coffee 99c lb.



A day with Debbie

## Is it Christmas already?

BY DEBBIE Z.

Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy! I just realized it was the middle of November. See what happens when I polish my finger nails.

Let me see. Oh yes! It's Nov. 17 and you're reading this over your bowl of soup at Franklin's during the Kiwanis Buck-a-bowl day! But, I know, you already knew about that.

I'm about ready to take on competition with my racquetball. Every Wednesday I play till my body aches. (That's not too hard) If I can interest you in a game—call me!

Christmas is in the air (Isn't it disgustingly early!) Jim Eason and I were discussing how all the stores have their Christmas displays up and how Dallas has the lights up on the Main Street. (They were up last Wednesday). Now I found out why I really like Mr. E. He shops like I do. The day before I need something. We were discussing Dec. 24th—you know—the day before Christmas. That's our shopping day, and this year we're both broke, so we won't even need the whole day to shop.

How about a big "Hi" this week to the Doerfler family. I was just thinking about them. A while ago I saw Mrs. Doerfler in Country's Best checking out all the goodies and it was so nice to chat with her and find out what's new with the family. So this week to all the Doerflers—5 of them—I send out a big "Hi". (I was eating a brownie—scrumptious—and the though popped into my head.)

I was in Wong's the other day telling Mr. Wong how I wish he'd let

me take his fish tank home. It is one of the neatest tanks I have seen. It's a 100 gallon tank, and it's filled with loads of gorgeous fish. I don't have much room for it at home, but I'm sure I can persuade my mom to let me keep it on top of my stereo, which is on top of my typewriter, on top of my skis, on top of my camera...

Thinking of all that made me go to Davies Pet Land and pick up some gold fish. My 10 gal. tank was a little low on fish and I thought I'd buy some friends for my other friends. You have to admit fish are the easiest pets—at least I think so—they don't bite, bark, rip papers apart, or make a mess. I just feed them a little on occasions and they swim merrily on their way. By the way, if you're stuck on a Christmas gift, aquariums are wonderful gifts and Davies sells the complete kits. They're great for all ages and they brighten up any room.

At my Girl Scout meeting last week Laurie Dunn informed me that the Dallas Senior High School will be sponsoring a road rally on Nov. 23. It starts at the school and you can register on the 23rd. All you need is a car, a driver, a navigator and \$5. The proceeds are going to one of the organizations at the school (I forgot which one she told me) and you're sure to have a good time. So I do hope you get out to see, or participate in the rally.

You know what else you can do for the holidays? Order an ice cream cake from Carvel. You can get one for Thanksgiving or Christmas or birthdays or for just anything. They taste fantastic, and everybody just loves ice cream. So,

brighten up your day with an ice cream cake from Carvel.

Well, I don't know about you guys, but I'm tired out. So, I'm off to bowling to become more tired out, but "I'll survive". So in the meantime—Don't drive too fast!!!

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## A special message

DEAR FRIENDS IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN.

Thanksgiving Day brings memories of those times in the past when we celebrated with family and friends around the table laden with food. The good times we shared are important to us for they filled the heart even as the food nourished our bodies.

The holidays can be especially lonely for those who are separated from their families. The festive atmosphere of the Thanksgiving feast is difficult to capture when it is for one or two.

Should this be your experience, we invite you to join with us in Thanksgiving Day Dinner as our guest, November 26, 2 p.m. at the Dallas United Methodist Church. Come and share together in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Please make your reservations no later than November 22nd by calling 675-5701, or 675-0122. We will provide transportation for you.

In the richness of God's love,  
Sincerely,  
Council on Ministries  
Dallas United Methodist Church

## Praise, and a bit more

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to praise Councilwoman Michelle Boice, and Jack McManus for conducting a very high level campaign for the voters of Harveys Lake, even though Bud Hoblack and Cappellini, embarrassed, harassed and caused neighbor to be fighting against neighbor. Councilwoman Boice and Jack McManus together with a fine list of young enthusiastic candidates brought their team to a winning victory without throwing one speck of mud and without causing one neighbor to fight their neighbor. I wish them all a successful term in office.

Yours truly,  
Richard Tattersall

## A thankful parent

To The Editor:

Recently the Back Mt. Teeners held their annual banquet at the Woodlands Inn. Those in attendance were honored with a very special evening high-lighted with guest speakers from the Philadelphia "Phillies." The entire affair was "First Class" and the teenagers departed with memories that will last for many, many years.

Praise must go to the many dedicated people who were involved with the arrangements. Only because of these considerate individuals, such an evening was possible. We are extremely proud to have our teenage son affiliated with such a fine and thoughtful organization.

The support for this endeavor from the entire Back Mountain is to be commended.

A Thankful Parent.

## History does repeat itself

"And in the insatiable thirst of enjoyment, the ordinary revenues no longer sufficing, they were augmented; the cultivator, seeing his labors increase without compensation, lost all courage; the merchant, despoiled, was disgusted with industry; the multitude, condemned to perpetual poverty, restrained their labor to simple necessities; and all productive industry vanished.

The surcharge of taxes rendering lands a burdensome possession, the poor proprietor abandoned his field, or sold it to the powerful; and fortune became concentrated in a few hands. All the laws and institutions favoring this accumulation, the nation became divided into a group of wealthy drones, and a multitude of mercenary poor; the people were degraded with indigence, the great with satiety, and the number of those interested in the preservation of the state decreasing, its strength and existence became proportionally precarious.

On the other hand, emulation finding no object, science no encouragement, the mind sunk into profound ignorance.

The administration being secret and mysterious, there existed no means of reform or amelioration. The chiefs governing by force or fraud, the people viewed them as a faction of public enemies; and all harmony ceased between the governors and governed."

Volney's "Ruins of Empires." 1791