

Why not ask the kids what they want?

What a mess! Steve Fugowski would like to operate a video-game arcade at Hickory Corners on Carverton Road.

Betty Williams, who lives about a block away on Highland Avenue, doesn't want it in her neighborhood.

Joseph Blazes, who lives about a mile away and is owner of the property at Hickory Corners, is interested in renting the arcade and has promised to be a strict landlord.

Joseph Voitek, a teacher, feels that children that frequent arcades are troublesome and it bothers him that these children can "throw away \$20 in one night."

Mr. Fugowski replies to charges of children creating disturbances by drinking and doping that there is a bar just across the street. Ambrose Gavigan, township supervisor, states that the bar doesn't serve children. Mr. Fugowski says that not only children but even adults frequent arcades.

Implicit in the desire of Mr. Fugowski to enter the mainstream of the free enterprise system, is the desire of others to deny him that choice. Implicit in the desire of Mrs. Williams and others is to be free from fear.

So fear and free enterprise is fought out in a public forum, the democratic way. But missing from the forum is a major subject of the conflicting desires—the children. They love those quarter-eating machines and we would suspect that they see no evil whatsoever in their playing them.

We will pass no moral judgement upon the spending of money on games of any kind, but we will condemn the wholesale condemnation of children as being, or possibly being, drinkers and dopers. We know of many people who play those new video-games and we know them to be of sound character and of sound mind.

J.A.

Learning from history, or not only yesterday

From the New York Times, June 6, 1932:

"Eugene Olsen, 16 years old, a senior at George Washington High School, standing high in his classes and especially interested in scientific studies, committed suicide by hanging himself with a dumbwaiter cord in the basement storeroom that was his home.

"His father, a carpenter, had been out of work for several months. Unable to pay the rent, the family had been evicted and were occupying a basement storeroom rent-free. The father said the only reason he could give for the boy's suicide was worry over their financial condition."

"How I stopped worrying and learned to live with nukes"

The following is excerpted from the "Control Center Comments," a monthly news sheet produced by the Luzerne County Civil Defense Control Center, Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The heading "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Live With the Nuclear Plant," is a not-so-light warning of how the citizenry is lulled into complacency concerning the safety of nuclear power plants, and is the opinion of the undersigned, not necessarily that of the Post.

JOHN ALLEN

The heading used by the Civil Defense is simply entitled:

NUCLEAR FACILITIES TEST EXERCISES

Three Pennsylvania nuclear plants are scheduled to hold full scale test exercises within the next few months. Included is the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Salem Township. The purpose of the exercises is to test the feasibility of the emergency response plans from all levels of government, as well as the utility company involved. Although this is the first "full scale exercise" for the plant, numerous "drills", testing the feasibility of certain aspects of the plan, have been held. The "full scale exercise" will combine all the aspects of the plans already tested in "drills", and a simulated accident scenario, developed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. After the initial notification that an "accident" has occurred, all involved agencies and participants will be activated and practice reacting to the situations as they are given. This may begin as an "Unusual Event", where no action is required, and work up to a "General Emergency" status.

The involvement and testing of the municipalities' reaction is also required, and it will be necessary for the municipalities to demonstrate certain aspects of their plans. The extent of participation from the municipalities has not yet been determined, pending further information and the scenario finalization. Further information pertaining to the municipalities participation will be discussed in two upcoming workshops; one dealing with emergency workers and one designed for elected officials and local Civil Defense Directors. Information on both workshops is included in this month's comments and we urge the local Directors to contact members of the organizations within their municipalities to ensure their attendance.

March 18, 1982 is the scheduled date for the exercise involving Luzerne County and the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station.

Letters

TO THE POST:

Please print this letter and please let every paper in the U.S. print it also. I am very sorry I have to write this letter in pencil. I don't own an ink pen.

Our government freezes our wages, car industries have to give up benefits that they have worked for all their lives and yet the biggest racket of all, the Blue Cross which is run by big shot doctors and medicare that I carry, go up every other month. I just cannot afford to pay such high costs for medical attention. Some factories can not afford to give us workers the best policies.

Why not let the state or government take over these hospitals and medicine we need? We would only be too glad to pay so much for every member in our family.

Our government could train people to be good doctors and be specialists in certain fields of medicine and get rid of all the crooked doctors in this country that rob us poor people.

Wise up America, it's time to get rid of this sort of highway robbery of us poor people.

Please, won't some one in this country of ours help us poor people? Let these doctors work for the same wages we have to work for.

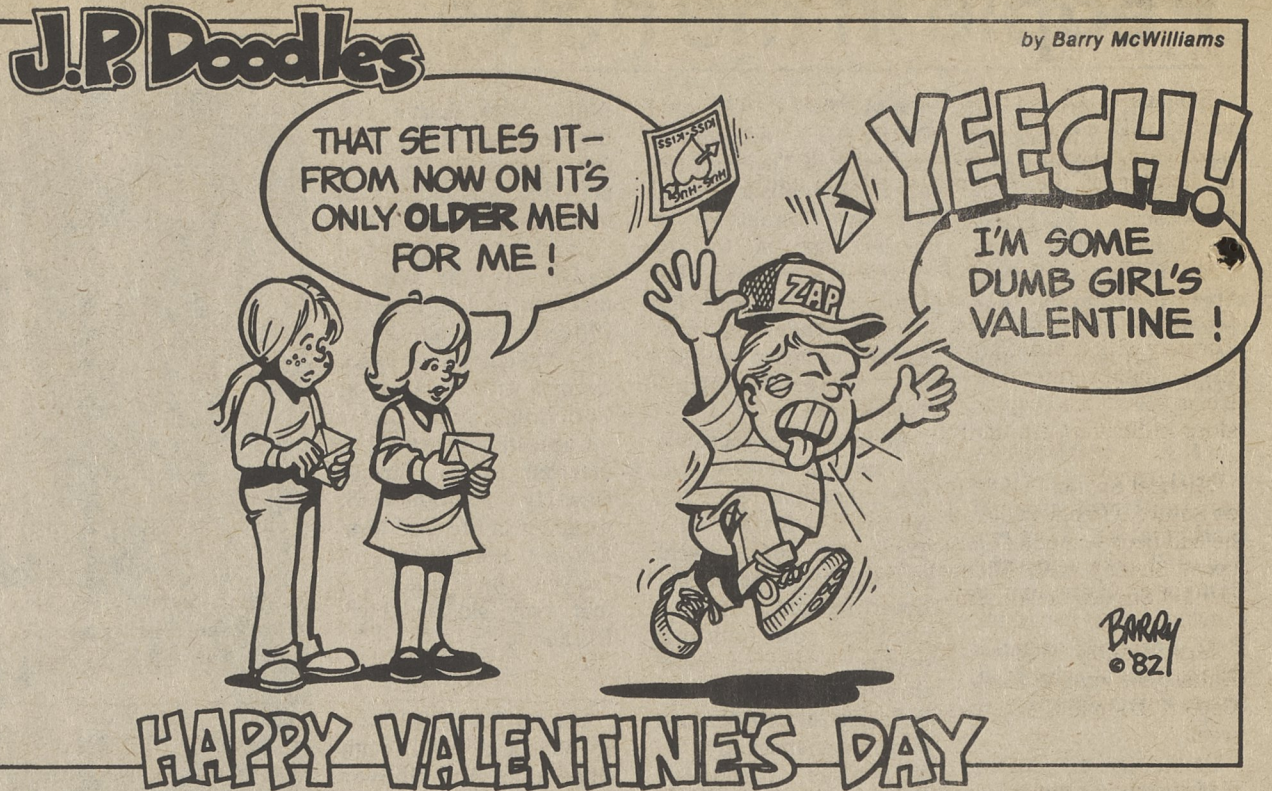
Tired of being bled to death month after month. I just cannot afford all these food, oil, and doctor bills just to stay alive.

A DALLAS CITIZEN

(ED.NOTE: Why, oh why do people with strong beliefs fail to stand up and give their name? If your ideas are worthy of publicly stating, state them loudly and as clearly as possible, but always stand behind them by declaring who you are. The Dallas Post will not print letters that specifically attack individuals BY NAME unless the author identifies himself. Exceptions are made when the letter speaks in generalities, such as the above.)

Thought for Today...

The wealthy dominate throughout the world...working people fight for security...the rich use their wealth to make more millions...the laboring class struggle to survive. Wealthy corporations monopolize, with more inflation to burden the poor. Greed and selfishness are names of the game, people are victims of more of the same. The elderly and retired wonder why...little concern whether they live or die. The inflationary spiral is so high, it's more like a crust of the same old pie.

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DALLAS

Only Yesterday

Mad foxes in Trucksville

30 Years Ago - Feb. 8, 1952

Mad foxes were still on the rampage in the area with a huge grey fox killed in Trucksville and many sighted throughout the area. Mrs. Harold Dixon, who was admitted to the hospital Jan. 31 after being attacked by a rabid fox 10 days before, was being given the anti-rabies serum and was reported in good condition.

Robert Hontz and Richard Perry were elected State Representatives to the Legislature and represented to the Legislature and represented to the Legislature and represented to the Legislature in Harrisburg. Westmoreland was the only Back Mountain school represented in this program.

Engaged--Vera Whitesell to Gilbert Tough.

Married--Lorraine Casterline to Robert A. Moore; Ola Mae Montross to George Schoonover.

Deaths--Guy T. Sowden, Wilkes-Barre; Jack Pauling, Dallas.

You could get--Smoked hams 59c lb.; standing rib roast 79c lb.; shrimp 79c lb.; oysters 89c pt.; haddock 45c lb.; slicing tomatoes 15c per pkg.; lettuce 10c head.

20 Years Ago - Feb. 8, 1962

United Presbyterian Fellowship purchased a seven-acre plot of ground adjacent to the Dallas Junior High School on the road leading to Irem Temple Country Club. Rev. Andrew Pillarella was appointed organizing minister for the new church.

Ross Township School raised \$316 for the Fred Hennebaul Fund. The school planned to hold a variety show to reach their goal of \$500. Recently injured in a wrestling meet, Hennebaul was recuperating at Geisinger Medical Center.

Engaged--Patricia Ann Jenkins to Andrew G. Stasko; Carol Meade to Robert Turak.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs. Torrence Naugle, Sweet Valley, 57 years; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crispell, Harveys Lake, 49 years.

Deaths--William Barnard, Lovelton; David D. Evans, Shavertown; Margaret Hildebrandt, Dallas; Theodore Dix, formerly of Dallas.

You could get--Tuna 3-6 1/2 oz. cans 95c; fig newtons 3 1-lb. pkgs. \$1; Campbell's soups 6 for \$1; hams 39c lb.; rib steaks 69c lb.; wholewheat bread 21c loaf.

10 Years Ago - Feb. 17, 1972

Dug Road Taxpayers Association presented a petition to the Kingston Township Board of supervisors requesting installation of sewers in their area. Luzerne County Housing Authority was dragging its feet on sewer connections for Meadowcrest. The Dallas Area Municipal Authority was assured by solicitor Merton Jones that the housing authority could be made to hook on if it did not cooperate.

Engaged--Kathleen Whitesell to Edward Jones, Jr.; Donna Lockhart to Harry Galletly.

Married--Mary Lou Jackowski to Keith Arsenault.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs. Harold I. Smith, Beach Haven, formerly of Dallas, 50 years.

Deaths--Luella A. Roberts, Dallas; Steven Maceiko, Carpenter Road; Laura Whitesell, Huntsville Road, Glen Clark, Beaumont.

You could get--Turkeys 33c lb.; pork chops 89c lb.; sliced bacon 1-lb. pkg. 39c; Temple oranges 59c doz.; ida Red apples 4 lb. bag 49c; 21 oz. can cherry pie filling 49c.

50 Years Ago - Feb. 5, 1932

An athletic benefit dance was held at Dallas Borough High School by the Sunowa Club. Proceeds from the affair were used toward the purchase of showers for the athletic dressing rooms.

A midnight blaze destroyed two automobiles and the garage at the home of Mrs. Charles Brobst. The fire was believed to have originated from short circuited automobile wiring and caused more than \$2,000 worth of damage.

Married--Harry A. Kresge to Frances DuBois.

Deaths--James S. Kunkle, Kunkle.

You could get--Fig bars 2 lb. 19c; eggs 19c doz.; cocoa 13c can; pineapple 2 big cans 27c; raisin bread 16 oz. loaf 10c.

40 Years Ago - Feb. 6, 1942

Rev. Roswell Lyons began his pastorate at Shavertown Methodist Church. More than 150 people attended the reception held in the church parlors to welcome Rev. Lyons.

men from 20 to 45 years old must register with the draft board. The community banded together for the war effort. Boy Scouts collected books for service men and a play netted \$150 for the Red Cross.

Engaged--Jane Gail Bishop to Bill Kistler; Hazel West to Jimmie Kistler; Hilda Wech to George Hofmeister; Emma Ruth Shaver to William Broad.

Deaths--Rev. Samuel D. Knecht, Shamokin; Tom Warmouth, former Lehman resident.

You could get--Chickens 29c lb.; oysters 32c pt.; rock lobster tails 29c lb.; cabbage 4c lb.; lettuce 7c per lg. head; grapefruit 2 for 9c.

Pac Man and Hickory Corners



A day with Debbie

Hey look everybody, I'm here--not there--or gone, but here. What's going on? I'll fill you in--grab a seat.

I'll start with the controversial issues down in Kingston Twp., namely; Hickory Corners where a gentleman has proposed a new arcade. I say "great", along with hundreds of other youngsters (I'm still in the young age bracket) in the Back Mt. I've been doing some Pac-Man, (Video Games in General) research and so far I can't really say that I have found the ideal arcade. And to put the lady who is worried about the drugs, etc. that arcades bring, I'll point out that lady is still living in a time warp fantasy. Maybe the best cure for her would be to visit some arcades. If she is up at the mall, she may have to wait her turn for a machine--most of the sales clerks from various stores occupy the games on their "coffee" breaks.

If she finds that surprising I suggest Fat Man's in Luzerne. You can't get in the place with even a regular cigarette, yet along a "funny" one.

Of course the people who "down" arcades haven't been there--the computer world is vicious. Why with all those time zones, and galaxians chasing you if I didn't know better I'd be petrified!

So far in this valley, I've given the Space Trek, behind Ollies in Edwardsville top billing. They had some music along with the video's the other night, and it was very relaxing.

I never really thought of it but when I'm in Franklin's, I can usually depend on Cathy Kittle, a

'79 graduate of Lake-Lehman to be my waitress. Not only is the food good, but the service is commendable.

Some of you Rod Stewart fans (including yours truly) should be glad you weren't in Pittsburg to see Rod. I've heard through my Pitt connection that a mad man was near the civic arena about a week ago with a sawed off shot gun bombarding all the buses passing the arena. What a nightmare!

I've met an interesting girl who has transferred from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh to College Misericordia. Her name is Meredith and she lives in Trucksville. She is pursuing a journalism degree and with the inflating tuition costs, took a break from the \$10,000 a year Duquesne to pick up some credits at "Miseri".

Title I future rests with parents

Members of the Dallas School District's board of directors and interested parents may soon be asked to exert some influence on representatives at all levels of government in order to save the Title I reading program.

At a recent meeting of the Parent's Advisory Council, Jack Wega, Dallas School's Title I director, said, "We might have to exert some pressure on parents of these children. If they care about what the program is doing for the children, we may then ask them to make calls to school board members."

Mr. Wega presented a summary of a presentation given by Bill Dallam, head of Compensatory Education for the state of Pennsylvania. The presentation dealt with the changes affecting Title I reading and math programs for the coming year.

The federally funded program

was started during the early 60's and is designed to strengthen a child's basic skills in reading and math.

The changes which will take effect on July 1, include a 30 percent to 40 percent cut on the state level. Local funding will be influenced proportionally. Other changes reflect a general shifting away from federal to state and local involvement.

The new law, which is give pages long, fails to address parental involvement, except for one sentence that calls for programs to be designed and implemented in consultation with parents and teachers.

However, Mr. Wega feels that parents are vitally important to the Title I program at Dallas. "Our greatest asset in keeping this program alive is the Title I parent," he said. "Dallas has always had parental involvement and we plan to continue to have the parent

meet. I'll be looking forward to seeing you guys.

By the way, where's my buddy Sue Burk. I hear, (through Mr. Borton) that Sue and my other buddy, Eileen Borton, are starring in the Swoyersville Dinner Theater "Brigadoon" soon to be released. I'm glad to see they're not letting their talent go to waste. Congratulations Sue and Eileen!

Another person with some trivia last week was Cindy Sutton. Over some chocolate fried ice cream, Cindy was pointing out the fact that Luzerne County is ranked third in the state for the most bars. She recalls the figures to be something like one bar for every 145 people. Now that's a lot of bars. Really, there's got to be something better for the "over-21" crowd to do besides chug a mug! How about a game of Pac Man?

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The parent council is made up of parents of Title I children, parents of children in the Dallas District, and teachers. Meetings are held four times a year.

The program is offered in the first through eighth grades and involves 30 percent of the children in those grades. "That's an awful lot of kids to ignore," says Wega. "The future of Title I in Dallas hinges on what we hear from Harrisburg in the next few months."

Last year the variance across the state ranged from one district that got an increase of 3 percent to districts that took a 25 percent cut. This year districts expect to face a similar drop in funding.

We'll just have to hold our breath until we hear something definite on next year's budget," says Mr. Wega. In the meantime, he plans to go before the schoolboard and explain the program to new members of the board.