

Opinion

Organ Donation

Giving The Gift of Life

The desperate plea by three American families over the last few weeks for human organs to save the lives of their children has once again brought about the discussion of organ donation.

Within the last few weeks, Courtney Davis of Beaumont, Texas, and Michelle Heckard of Shenandoa Heights, Pa. have lost their lives due to defective livers. In both cases, officials were unable to locate suitable donors to save the lives of these little girls.

Most recently, President Reagan has made an appeal for a liver donor to save the life of 11-month-old Ashley Bailey of Clyde, Texas. Little Ashley has just two to three weeks of life left unless a suitable liver donor can be found.

Hopefully, a person who have served his time on earth will heed the president's appeal for this little girl so that she, too may enjoy the kind of life to which most of us are accustomed.

The most unselfish act a human being can render is the donation of his or her own organs so that another

may live.

A lot of times a family member will donate an organ so that another family member may live. These organs, which people can live without, are so precious to others because then they, too can enjoy the gift of life. A greater display of love and unselfishness does not exist.

It may be time, however, for all of us to realize that some people are not as fortunate as us and are brought into this world with defective organs that will strip them of life. We can all help to rid the world of desperate pleas by parents if we can only bring ourselves to be so unselfish to donate a part of ourselves so that someone else may live.

Many of us have come to believe that the physical parts of our bodies are no longer necessary once we pass from this earth. What better way to leave a part of ourselves behind than to donate these parts so that another may live?

- DOTTY MARTIN

Best Wishes to The News Crew

The staff of The Dallas Post sends its heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery to the members of the WNEP-TV/Channel 16 news staff who were injured in an automobile accident in North Whitehall Township on July 20.

Injured in the crash were Susan Jellig, reporter and weekend anchor; John Duffy, photographer; and Fred Lettieri, newsroom assistant. All three were admitted to the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center in Allentown following the incident, which occurred as they were returning from an assignment in Philadelphia.

The crew, riding in a Subaru station wagon, was injured when a homemade trailer can loose from a truck. The news crew's car was hit first by a trailer and then by a 1956 Ford Thunderbird which rolled off the trailer.

Ms. Jellig has just recently regained sight in her left eye and feelings in her legs. She also suffered six

broken ribs, a collapsed lung and facial cuts and has already undergone surgery for the facial injuries.

Duffy, the driver of the car, has undergone surgery for a broken jaw and cheekbone and will have further surgery for a crushed heel and nose injuries.

Lettieri has undergone surgery for a broken ankle and for thumb and head injuries and is expected to be released from the hospital sometime this week.

Any accident which causes injuries to other human beings always hits home, however, there is a certain comradery that exists among members of the news media. We are all in the same business - the business of presenting the news to our readers and viewers the best way we know how - and when injury comes to some "of our own," it hits just a bit closer to home. We want the Channel 16 news crew and their families to know our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

- DOTTY MARTIN

Letters

Feels Inmates Got More Than They Deserved

DEAR EDITOR:

I must protest at your coverage of the three young men who gained college degrees while in prison at Chase. Your extensive coverage, both front page and editorial page, appears to praise these men in glowing terms while we should remember they are where they are for a reason - they have committed serious crimes against society.

Perhaps I am somewhat bigotted, but my first reaction was - is this what we pay taxes for, to educate prisoners? As I read further, I discovered that the program was state-funded for a time. All credit to the young man for finding another source of funding after state money ran out, but we as consumers paid for that indirectly.

Michael Vaccarello, a convicted murderer at an early age, was very young to spend a large part of his adult life in prison, but should we feel sorry for him and laud

his attempts to get an education? I cannot help wondering about the family of his victim. Did the man he kill have a family, perhaps a son or daughter who would be of an age to want to go to college and may not be able to afford to without a father's financial help. Would he or she have to go the route of so many youngsters and seek a college loan, which as we all know means years of repayments? Michael Vaccarello pats himself on the back saying that the inmates are serious enough to buy their own books, but, at least he will not have to go on paying (financially) for many years to clear a loan.

Yes, all credit to these three but I feel it is a strange twist of fate that they are being educated free of charge to lead useful and profitable lives when and if they get out of prison, while others of their age are not so privileged.

A DALLAS TAXPAYER

Inmates Appreciate Coverage

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Dotty Martin, for covering our recently conducted Education Committee Annual Graduation Exercise.

I have enclosed a certificate to show our appreciation.

It is wonderful to see that the press is concerned about the beneficial things that prisoners are doing.

Wants Action Against PP&L Rates

DEAR EDITOR:

Life is full of surprises. People sometimes receive something for nothing. In the past nine months, most folks in PP&L's 29 county service area have done "nothing" to try and defeat PP&L's requested rate hike. So, in September people will receive "something," a 20 percent boost in their monthly electric bills.

Yes, I know people have come to public input sessions and complained to the administrative law judge. But it takes more than one evening to reduce a request for a huge increase. Only a sustained effort produces results. So while most people have been busy watching TV, PP&L has been plugging away at the P.U.C.

Now the final hour is at hand. On Friday, July 29, at 10 a.m., the P.U.C. Commissioners (Box 3265, Harris-

Burg, Pa. 17120) will look at the case during their weekly public meeting. Then, around the second week of August, they will decide that a 20 percent rate increase isn't really that much and nobody will care.

Will people get upset? Will people call or write the P.U.C. Commissioners? Of course they will, but not until they receive their September bill with the increase already tacked inside. By then, it will all be too late.

If there was ever a time to act the time is now. Commissioner Linda Taliaferro (787-4301) and Commissioner James Cawley (783-1001) hold the economic future of our families in their hands. If something isn't done, you will be paying a greatly increased electric bill from September until forever.

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Names Can be Confusing to Kids

Have you ever noticed how puzzled young children can be when it comes to family relationships? They hear Dad referred to as John, Father, brother, uncle, son, husband. A preschool boy who was asked about the other children in the family named "Sally," "Betty," and "Marla" "They're sisters," he explained. The teacher asked, "If they're sisters, what are you?" After a minute he replied, "I'm a boy sister."

How can parents straighten things out? According to "Growing Child", the monthly child development newsletter, a family of dolls (or even paper dolls) with grandmother, grandfather, father, mother, big brother, big sister, an infant, or however many children there happen to be in your household, may be used as concrete ways to help a child sort out the relations of one family member to another.

It will take quite some time to grasp the idea, but once children understand the family relationships they can extend it to other family groups such as those of the teacher or the other children in their class. Children are fascinated with the notion that each child has a family group. The idea that teacher is also a member of a family is difficult for children to understand, however.

Only Yesterday

John Durbin Elected to Dallas School Board

FIFTY YEARS AGO - JULY 28, 1933

John Durbin of Franklin Street, Dallas, was elected a member of the Dallas Borough School Board to fill the unexpired term of Daniel Waters.

During a severe thunderstorm, lightning struck a barn on the A. Platt Bennett farm on the Huntsville to Idetown road in Lehman township. Although two cows were saved, a large amount of hay, straw, rye, new farm machinery and a tractor were destroyed.

Deaths - May Stock, Shavertown; Mrs. Isaac L. Denmon, Shavertown.

You could get - cheese 17 cents lb.; flour 24 1/2 lb. bag 89 cents; watermelons 33 cents each; potatoes 49 cents peck; corn 4 cans-29 cents; Bosco 21 cents jar; Swedish Rye bread 9 cents loaf; asparagus 2 cans-25 cents; spinach lg. can 17 cents; shrimp 11 cents can.

FORTY YEARS AGO - JULY 30, 1943

Howard Hendricks was named supervising principal of Lehman Township Schools replacing H. Austin Snyder. Hendricks, a graduate of Mansfield State Teacher's College and Cornell University, was previously supervising principal at Springville, Susquehanna County Schools.

Lawrence Updyke of Shrine View opened a new store, The Dallas Hardware and Supply Company, on Main Street.

Huntsville Christian Church planned for its 100th anniversary celebration.

Deaths - Ida Covey, Trucksville.
You could get - cantaloupes 17 cents each; watermelons 69 cents each; citrus marmalade 2 lb. jar 29 cents; cucumbers 3-10 cents; cabbage 3 cents lb.; sweet corn 33 cents doz; liver 19 cents lb; franks 29 cents lb; sausage 37 cents lb.; Ivory soap 3 lg. cakes 29 cents.

THIRTY YEARS AGO - JULY 31, 1953

Seven French students live with local families for a month before beginning their year long visit to various colleges and universities in the United States. Host families were the Edmund Dana family; the William Evans family; the John Wilson family; the Stanley Davies Jr. family; the Roswell Patterson family and the Alden Wagner family.

Plans were announced for a 25-30 unit motel, costing \$75,000 to be built in the vicinity of the intersection of Route 309 and Memorial Highway in Dallas Borough. Morris Rosenthal was planning the project.

Engaged - Bobby Lee Crews to Russell A. DeRemer; Elaine Hill to Sgt. K. Glen Roberts;

Cecelia Kasaba to Arden Bruce Roberts.

Married - Emma Mayer Ayre to Clyde Thomas Bullard; Iola Dodson and Carl Smith.

Deaths - Louis Gabel, Harveys Lake; Lucy Honeywell, Alderson; Evelyn Williams, Cambra; Mamie Thomas Shavertown.

You could get - cranberry sauce 2 16 oz. cans-43 cents; Halo shampoo giant size 89 cents; Carnation Evaporated milk 6 tall cans 82 cents; white vinegar 10 cents pt; ducklings 53 cents lb.; fryers 49 cents lb.; steaks 79 cents lb.; oranges 29 cents doz.

TWENTY YEARS AGO - AUGUST 1, 1963

Pauline Farrar and Gale Rumbaugh were honored at Irem Temple Country Club by the Dallas Rotary Club before their departure for Europe where each girl would spend one year as an exchange student. Pauline would live in Svolvaer, Norway; while Gale would live in Oslo. A rabbit fox was shot at the Harveys Lake picnic grounds by George Holowich.

Engaged - Verna Jean Carey to Herbert Reigel, Jr.; Sharon Taylor to John S. Grova; Jean Chambers to David Faux; Janice Esther Rinkin, R.N. to Melvin R. Gongdon.

Married - Margaret Malkemes to Walter T. Mahoney.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. George Dendler, Noxen 59 years; Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaBar, Elizabeth St., Dallas, 25 years.

Deaths - Ralph G. Kocher, Pleasant Valley.
You could get - turkeys 39 cents lb.; chicken legs 43 cents lb.; chicken breasts 47 cents lb.; franks 59 cents lb.; 5 lb. bag sugar 72 cents; sweet corn 39 cents doz.; tomatoes 23 cents lb.; seedless grapes 19 cents lb.; cantaloupes 4 for 99 cents.

TEN YEARS AGO - AUGUST 2, 1973

Maple Grove United Methodist Church celebrated its centennial with a communion service and dinner.

Dusty Goble, son of Dolores A. Goble, New Goss Manor, made his first appearance at the Steel Pier in Atlantic City. Dusty performed in a children's theatre presentation.

Married - Elizabeth DeLeur and Robert Lynch.

Deaths - Susan Bonning, Brair Creek Road, Dallas; Hayden Richards, Lehman Avenue, Dallas.

You could get - tub butter \$1.55 2 lb.; fruit sherbet 25 cents pt.; cottage cheese 25 cents lb.; turkeys 69 cents lb.; pork loins \$1.38 lb.; skinless franks \$1.29 lb.; cantaloupes 2-89 cents; bartlett pears 3 lb. \$1.

Municipalities Will Benefit From Development Program

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

Pennsylvania has launched the Enterprise Development Area Program which could benefit municipalities in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Guidelines to administer an Enterprise Development Area Program have been issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs. Steps are underway to begin the process for designating such development areas. Special funding and special regulatory and taxing procedures will be made available to stimulate economic development in these areas.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has issued a list of programs which could be focused into these areas, and it is expected that a first round of designated areas may occur in 1983 with one in each of the six designated regions covered by offices of the Department of Community Affairs. Thereafter, other enterprise development areas will be designated, with perhaps 25 to 30 in any given year. Communities must be classified as distressed according to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards.

Some, but not all, of the factors which dictate the designation of these enterprise development areas include the following:

A. DISTRESSED POPULATION AREAS
1. Must have a population of 5,000-10,000 in communities of 50,000 or more population, and a population of

1,000 to 5,000 in communities of less than 50,000.

2. Must meet at least two of the following census reported criteria: a. 20 percent or more of the population with incomes below the poverty level. b. 15 percent or more of the labor force unemployed. c. Loss of population for the period of 1970-1980

B. DISTRESSED BUSINESS - INDUSTRIAL AREAS
1. Areas must meet at least two of the following criteria:

a. Firms stagnant, closing or moving because of lack of space to expand, together with available potential sites for demolition, land assembly, or adaptive reuse of existing buildings. b. Access problems which can be remedied. c. Firms stagnant, closing or moving because of high costs of doing business.

Eventually, smaller municipalities may be in a position to take advantage of the enterprise development area program. Therefore, it is important that municipalities in the Back Mountain of Luzerne County, as well as others in Northeastern Pennsylvania become knowledgeable about the potential advantages which exist to having a designated enterprise development area.

Further information may be secured by writing the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 777, Avoca, PA. 18641, or by contacting the Scranton Regional Office of the Department of Community Affairs, at the State Office Building, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

House, Senate Compromise On Twin-Trailer Legislation

Sen. Frank J. O'Connell, R-20, announced a compromise measure has been worked out in a House-Senate conference committee concerning twin-trailer legislation in Pennsylvania.

O'Connell served on the conference committee that rewrote the final provisions of that legislation. The conference committee report has been accepted by the House and Senate and will be sent to the Governor for his signature.

"Many of the terms in the bill are further defined," said O'Connell. "These include specifications governing converter gears, registered gross weight of the total vehicles, terminals for twin-trailers, and tow dollies."

"The bill also provides for grandfathering inspection mechanics certificates," said O'Connell. "So mechanics certified prior to Jan. 1, 1983 will never have to reapply for certification."

O'Connell said this legislation was needed because the federal government allowed twin tractor-trailers to use some roads in Pennsylvania and other states when

the gasoline tax was raised.

"Although the extra revenue from the gas tax will help us to repair and maintain many of our highways," O'Connell noted, "we must now contend with the larger twin-trailers and make sure they travel on roads which can handle their weight."

According to O'Connell, the legislation would allow truck-trailer combinations of more than 60 feet in length as long as each trailer in a twin combination does not exceed 28 feet and that a regular trailer does not exceed 48 feet.

The bill would allow vehicles which are 8 1/2 feet wide to drive on certain accommodating highways.

The provisions also raise the 18,000 pound restriction on steering axles to 20,000 pounds. The bill requires each vehicle or combination to display an axle tax marker under penalty of fines and imprisonments.

"These regulations will answer many of the questions raised about the twin-trailers and will help keep our highways safe for all drivers," said O'Connell.

VA Administrator Names Panel

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Harry N. Walters has appointed a 16-member advisory committee to counsel him in directing Veterans Administration readjustment programs for Vietnam Era veterans.

The committee, which held its first meeting in Washington this month, has been established to assemble and analyze ongoing research and clinical experience to assist in the formation of appropriate policy and organizational structures.

Walters named John Russell Smith of Duke University to serve as chairman for the panel. Committee members, of which 11 are Vietnam veterans, will serve

for a two-year period. They will advise the Administrator concerning agency policies and procedures in relation to readjustment problems of veterans during a post-war period.

"I am confident that this committee will provide us with wise and useful counsel in this important area of services," Walters said.

In announcing the committee members, Walters said the membership is designed to reflect three crucial areas of concern: professional expertise, the various constituencies concerned with the problems of Vietnam veterans; and public credibility.

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