

'Pepsi' — our mascot

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Rain, shine, sleet or snow, and sometimes not even a weekend will keep this guy from going to the office.

He very rarely gets to the plant later than 8:30 in the morning. He doesn't take much vacation time - and rarely a personal day. He's always willing to stay a few minutes overtime, if necessary. Aside from the fact that he isn't very productive, he is the type of employee of which every employer dreams.

You see, he is "Pepsi", the newly-adopted mascot of The Dallas Post.

Pepsi is a 14-year-old Cocker Spaniel/English Setter who belongs to the Kostrobala family of Powderhorn Drive in Dallas.

Having recently returned to The Dallas Post after a leave of absence, Pepsi finds himself right at home. When the offices of The Post were located at Lehman Avenue, Pepsi was usually a daily visitor, but when the newspaper moved to Main Street, for some reason, the canine had difficulty finding his way to the office. Now with our plant located in the Jean Shop Building, however, Pepsi can walk to work within a matter of 20 minutes or so.

He won't let the weather stop him from making his way, either, as he has shown up for work sometimes, looking almost as if he had to swim across Harveys Lake to get there. Soaking wet, he sits quietly in the corner reserved for him and licks his paws.

Olga Kostrobala, Pepsi's "mother" and the typesetter at The Dallas Post, has found herself more than once in a situation where she had to go back to the office to get Pepsi. Although Pepsi is somewhat regular in making appearances at the office, his timing is somewhat precarious. At times, he finds himself working hours other than Olga's and needing a ride home.

Many times, Olga, who works a half shift on Tuesdays, has had to return to the office later in the afternoon to pick up her canine friend who had trouble getting up that morning and chose to work the second shift instead of the first.



"PEPSI," THE DALLAS POST MASCOT

Trying to make Pepsi understand that every time Olga leaves the house she is not going to work is another problem the Kostrobalas have been faced with. One time, Olga left the house shortly after the family had eaten dinner and went to do some grocery shopping. Pepsi, who saw her back the car out of the driveway, simply assumed she was on her way to the office so he started down the street. Fortunately, one of our employees was working that evening and was kind enough to take Pepsi back home.

Most of the time, though, Pepsi lays quietly under Olga's desk and passes the time away by snoring peacefully and just plain, old taking it easy.

Once in a while, he takes a walk down to Daring's Market and scratches on the back door

of the store in hopes of having a bone tossed his way while other times, he sits quietly outside our front door and greets our customers.

Regardless of the fact that the other employees work a lot harder than he does in an eight-hour shift, we have adopted him as one of us. We ridicule him, we tease him and we sometimes even blame our mistakes on him. But, we love him just the same. Our readers will find that out for themselves when they see Pepsi's name included in our employee greeting advertisement in this week's Christmas edition.

Pepsi has been with us long enough for most of us to become rather accustomed to seeing him around. When he isn't at the office, we miss him. And things just wouldn't be the same without him.

Week in review

Murrays plead guilty

William J. Murray, of RD 3, Box 130, Wyoming and his son, Martin William Murray, of the same address, pleaded guilty on Dec. 12 to charges of criminal mischief in connection with the Nov. 24 shooting incident on their farm in Franklin Township.

The two were fined \$25 each and ordered to pay \$48 in court costs.

District Justice Earl Gregory of Shavertown, who presided over the preliminary hearing, reported that recklessly endangering charges were withdrawn when the pair agreed to pay approximately \$500 for damages to a four-wheel drive vehicle damaged in the shooting.

An affidavit filed with Gregory charged the Murrays with shooting between eight and 10 shots at four Pittston residents who drove onto the Murray property.

The Pittston residents were identified as Jeffrey Norris, RD 1; James McGovern, RD 4; Kimberly McGovern, RD 4; and a 13-year-old girl. The Pittston youths were charged with criminal trespass in connection with the incident and paid \$25 fines each and approximately \$48 in court costs.

Gregory sentenced

George S. Gregory, 62, of Warren Drive, RD 2, Dallas, was sentenced to one year in prison, three years probation and \$1.00 in federal court on Dec. 13. Gregory, who will serve only four months of the

prison term, was charged with failure to file a federal income tax form in 1978. The other eight months of the prison term will be added to his three year's probation.

A real estate appraiser, Gregory was also ordered to pay all taxes plus penalties and interest for 1979 to the present.

His sentence will begin on Jan. 13.

Proposal rejected

Kingston Township supervisors rejected a zoning change request by John Brdaric of Brdaric Excavating Co. at its Dec. 14 meeting. Brdaric had requested to change the zoning on more than 200 acres of land to allow him to store and bury debris from demolished buildings.

The supervisors, in denying Brdaric's request, felt the zoning change was not in the best interest of the citizens of Kingston Township.

Business burns

Fire destroyed an upholstery business at the corner of Lake Louise and Orange roads in Franklin Township on Dec. 17. Approximately \$30,000 in damages have been reported.

The building was owned by Stanley and Nellie Paczkow, 57 Main St., RD 10, Wilkes-Barre, and was leased to John E. Curtis, Pad 19, Copperkettle Trailer Court, RD 5, Tunkhannock.

State Police at Wyoming and Franklin Township police are investigating.

MAGISTRATE REPORT

Prisoners charged

Two prisoners at the State Correctional Institute, Chase have been charged with an attempted prison break. William Geiger and Randall H. Chumley were both charged with Criminal Conspiracy and Criminal Attempt to Escape.

Chumley was also charged with Possessing Weapons or Implements for Escape, specifically a pair of bolt cutters. The pair were arraigned before District Magistrate Leonard Harvey with bail set at \$25,000; they were remanded to the State Correctional Institute pending a hearing.

Youth found guilty

A 14-year-old boy was found guilty in Magistrate Court last week of harassing a hunter with a loaded

shot gun. The juvenile was driving a three-wheel all-terrain vehicle at the time of the incident which took place in the vicinity of Cornell Farms in Lehman.

The hunter, Charles Barby of Box 1969, Overbrook Avenue, Dallas, made a citizens complaint against the youngster. The case was heard before District Magistrate Leonard Harvey who fined the 14-year-old \$50 plus costs.

Hearings waived

Alan Lord has waived hearings on charges filed against him to Luzerne County Criminal Court rather than have them heard by District Magistrates Leonard Harvey and Andrew Barilla.

Lord, of 89 Parrish Street, Dallas, is accused of hiring a state policeman to blow up his former girlfriend's trailer and of shooting at

the trailer himself. He is being represented by Atty. Ettore S. Agolino.

VanKeuren charged

A Prima Facie case has been found against Douglas VanKeuren of Hilltop Apartments, Edwardsville and 83 Rice Street, Trucksville. Charges against him are Possession of a Controlled Substance, Conspiracy and Intent to Deliver.

VanKeuren was arrested by Corporal Thomas Baggett, Pa. State Police on charges that he supplied 10 grams of hashish that was delivered by a contact to an undercover agent in the vicinity of the Westmoreland School. He was represented by Atty. Joseph Yeager at the hearing before District Magistrate Earl Gregory and was remanded to Luzerne County prison to await a court trial.

Man arrested following gun incident

Following an incident at the Pizza Bar, Route 309, Trucksville a gun wielding Dallas man, John Arnold of 120 Jackson St., was arrested Dec. 13 and confined to Luzerne County Prison pending a hearing.

Kingston Township Patrolman Walter Davis charged Arnold, 26, with two counts each of Recklessly endangering Another Person, Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats and Carrying Guns Without a License.

Police allege that Arnold, while a customer at the Pizza Bar, threatened both owner Ted Toma and barmaid Elaine Zukosky. Patrolman Davis assisted by Dallas Borough Patrolman John Fowler, responded to the call and subsequently disarmed and arrested Arnold who was seated at the bar.

Two fully loaded weapons were discovered concealed on Arnold's person according to police they were a six-inch barrel Don Wesson clipped to a holster on his belt and a 38 caliber Smith and Wesson worn on a shoulder holster under his left arm. Both weapons contained six full rounds of ammunition.

Arnold was arraigned before District Magistrate Earl Gregory and confined to Luzerne County Prison

in lieu of \$5,000 bail. A hearing has been set for Dec. 22 in Magisterial Court.

Obituaries

DR. JAMES AIKMAN

Dr. James Howard Aikman, 53 of Dallas, a retired colonel of the U.S. Air Force, died Dec. 11 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. He was employed as director of administrative systems operations at Wilkes College.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rita Balayzis; daughter, Anita, a student at Wilkes College; son, James H. Jr., student at Dallas High School; sister, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Nampa, Idaho.

PETER KERPOVICH

Peter J. Kerpovich, 78, of 73 Manor Drive, Shavertown, died Dec. 12 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital following an illness.

Surviving are his wife, the former Pauline Denman; sons, Theodore and Arthur, Shavertown; Thomas, Wilkes-Barre; Richard, Edwardsville; daughters, Mrs. Betty Metzgar, Shavertown; Miss Emily Kerpovich, Courtdale, Mrs. Shirley Bruzauskas, Kingston; brother, Joseph Karparitz, Lareysville; sister, Mrs. Della Price, Baltimore, Md.; 20 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

PETER ZUMCHAK

Peter Zumchak, 65, of 37 Longdale Ave., Shavertown, died unexpectedly Dec. 13 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Zaboltny, formerly of Swoyersville; sons, Gary and Gregory, both of Shavertown; brother, Joseph, Glen Rock, N.J. He was preceded in death by brothers, Nicholas, Stephen and Jack.

Funeral was conducted Dec. 16 from Edwards and Russin Funeral Home, Edwardsville, with Divine Liturgy at St. Vladimir's Church, Interment, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

FLORENCE ROBERTS

Florence O. Roberts, 85, formerly of 49 Davenport St., Dallas, died Dec. 14 at Valley Crest Nursing Center, Plains Township, where she had been a guest for five years.

Surviving are sons, Harold, Hayward, Wis.; Robert, Bell Aire, Md.; Glen, Manassas, Va.; Bruce, Bear Creek; Lowell, Kunkle; sister, Mrs. Marie Garinger, Dallas; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

LOUIS ALAR

Louis Alar, 49, of 158 N. Lehigh St., Shavertown, died Dec. 14 at his home of an apparent heart attack.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dolores L. Pollick, daughter, Mrs. Doreen Edwards, Trucksville; son, Louis P. Alar, at home; grandson Palmer Brad Edwards; sisters, Mrs. Helen Rushnock and Mrs. Martha McMartry, both of Pompton Plains, N.J.; brother, Robert, Jersey City, N.J.

WILLIAM J. OWENS

William J. (Herk) Owens, 61, of Shawanese, Harveys Lake, died Dec. 17 while driving his car in Lake Township.

Surviving are his wife, the former Florence Gallup; son, William, at

home; brothers, Lancet, Wilkes-Barre; Owen, Liberty, N.Y.; sister, Mrs. Margaret Mitchum, Utica, N.Y.

IDA THORNTON

Mrs. Ida H. Thornton, 58, of RD 1, Dallas, Kunkle, died Dec. 14 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Surviving are her husband, Oscar H. "Alabama"; sons, Daniel J. and Jay R., at home; daughter, Mrs. Sue E. Rosser, Trucksville; two grandchildren; sisters, Miss Geraldine Smith, and Mrs. Helen Boston, both of Kunkle. A son, William, died in 1978.

Funeral was held Dec. 17 at the Kunkle United Methodist Church, Kunkle, with the Rev. Pegg Ainslie Richards, pastor, officiating. Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

DOROTHY BROWN

Dorothy L. Brown, 61, of 200 Ferguson Ave., Shavertown, died Dec. 17 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after a prolonged illness.

Surviving are her husband, Arja E.; son, Robert, Anchorage, Alaska; daughter, Mrs. Nancy Campbell, Sweet Valley; two grandchildren.

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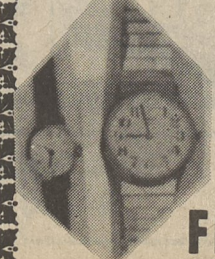
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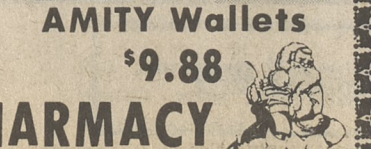
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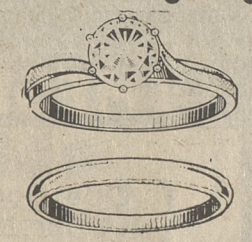


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