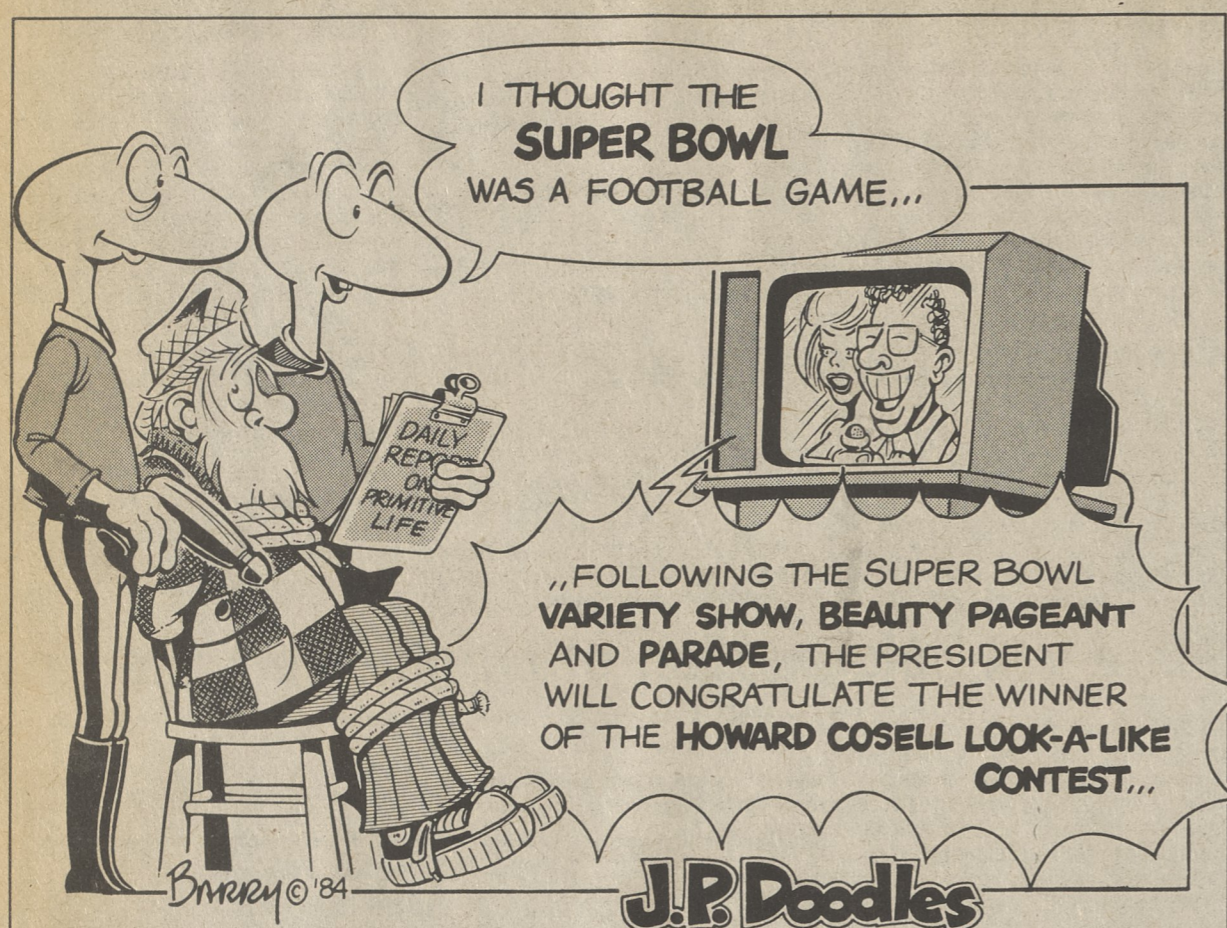


Perspective



Is this a Super Bowl?

The Super Bowl is really a football game, but the pomp and circumstance that surround it make it an entertaining show for the entire family. Super Bowl Sunday is Jan. 22, when the Washington Redskins defend their title against the Los Angeles Raiders.

Only yesterday

Forty men begin work on CWA Road Project

50 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 19, 1934

Forty men, all residents of Dallas Borough, started work on the CWA road project on Davenport Street that brought \$600 weekly in wages to Dallas during the following two months. The work included grading and resurfacing of the street through funds supplied by the federal government. Dallas Borough supplied the materials.

Charges that the costs of filing liens against 246 delinquent taxpayers in Dallas Borough were excessive and wasteful were aired before a fairly large audience at a meeting of Dallas Borough Taxpayers Association held in the high school auditorium.

The audit of the accounts of Dallas Borough School District for the fiscal year which ended on July 1, 1933, showed a sizable reduction in the district's obligations and a generally strong financial condition.

Competing against 17 other groups from different sections of Pennsylvania, the amateur actors representing Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association gave a production of their one-act play in the State Tournament and were anxiously awaiting the judges' announcements.

Deaths - Evelyn Mae Smith, Noxen.

You could get - Tomato juice 3 cans, 20c; cocoa, 1 lb. can, 10c; dates, 2 1/2 lb. pkgs. 25c; prunes, 3 lbs. 25c; sugar corn, three No. 2 cans, 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 21, 1944

Following the lead of other communities where established farm auctions had become important factors in agricultural life, Lawrence Lansbery, of Idetown, leased a farm owned by the Robinson Estate, near the Castle Inn, with an option to buy. Lansbery, with the cooperation of New Jersey interests, planned to open a weekly farm auction at that location.

The Fourth War Loan Drive had a bang-up start with \$1925 in war bonds being purchased at the Dallas Senior Woman's Club booth in the post office.

Nelson Booth of Lehman Avenue, engineer for the Luzerne Throwing Co., was in Georgia completing plans for the shipment of \$700,000 worth of special machinery owned by the Goodrich Tire & Rubber Co.

Deaths - Harold Shaver of Plymouth, Ohio, former resident of Church St., Dallas.

You could get - Pork loins, 25c lb.; stewing chickens, 39c lb.; oranges, doz. 25c; tomatoes, lb. 25c; pancake flour, 20 oz. pkg. 7c.

30 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 15, 1954

Members of the Dallas Community Ambulance Association met and agreed that a new ambulance would be their goal, with hopes of collecting \$10,000 to purchase the vehicle.

Lehman-Jackson-Ross township school board members held a meeting with coal bids received for buckwheat coal for the new building at Ross Township and bids for transportation of the basketball team discussed.

Fire destroyed a poultry processing building at an estimated loss of \$3,000 at the Clarence Hilbert Hatchery in Beaumont.

Married - Beverly Ann Davies, Kingston to Russell K. Beck, Shavertown; Dolores Kenjorski, Jackson Twp., to Laurence C. Kubasek, Mocanaqua.

Deaths - Frank W. Kresge, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Alice Major Campbell, Lehman native; Miss Kathryn Eaton, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Ajax cleanser, 2 cans, 25c; tuna, 6 1/2 oz. can, 37c; ham salad, 5 oz. can, 31c; evaporated milk, 3 tall cans, 21c; Swiss cheese, 69c lb.

20 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 23, 1964

Fire of unidentified origin gathered force on a strong breeze and demolished the four-level brick home of Thomas Metz, high on the hill above the old mill site in Carverton.

Newly-elected Dallas School Board member Andrew Kozemchak argued the idea of hiring a new teacher qualified in German, claiming very little use for the language.

Robert Billings, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Billings, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, was severely beaten in Luzerne by an unidentified assailant.

Married - Mary Ruth Andrew, Dallas, to Robert H. Daniels, Philadelphia.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parsons, Trucksville, 52 years.

Deaths - John Marks, Lehman; Charles Carle, Dallas.

You could get - Grapefruit, 5-lb. bag, 49c; tea bags, 100, 95c; bathroom tissue, 10-roll pack, 69c; peanut butter, 3-12 oz. jars, \$1; mayonnaise, 3-16 oz. jars, \$1.

10 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 17, 1974

Dallas Township and Kingston Township police officers joined with State Troopers as they took part in a countywide raid which saw 18 persons arrested, 15 for drug charges and three on charges having to do with prostitution.

Garbage piled up at Harveys Lake while Council members were involved in a contract dispute with Galka-Bean Sanitation Co.

The Harveys Lake Municipal Authority elected George Alles as its new chairman.

The first President's Report in the history of College Misericordia was published by president Miriam Teresa, RSM, with 10,000 copies mailed to Misericordia alumnae, parents, employees and friends.

Deaths - Myrtle Matilda Berlew, Orange; Harold Davenport, Orange; Peter Beresky, Jr., Trucksville; Edna Pifer, Idetown; John Seymour, Fernbrook.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Michael Passarella, Dallas, 25 years.

You could get - Saltines, 2-1 lb. pkgs., 68c; hot dogs, 1 lb. pkg., 79c; Tide detergent, 49 oz. box, 68c; Temple oranges, 10 for 69c.

Survey will be taken in area

The U.S. Bureau of the Census will conduct a regular survey on employment and unemployment in this area during the week of Jan. 16-21, according to James F. Holmes, Director of the Bureau's Regional Office in Philadelphia.

In addition to the usual questions on current employment, the January survey will include others concerning displaced workers and occupational training. Displaced workers questions will be asked of persons 20 years of age and older, who have lost or left a job involuntarily in the past five years, in an effort to determine which industries and occupations have been affected the most, and what earnings or benefits losses may have been incurred. The occupational training questions will be asked of persons 14 years of age and older who have attended any occupational training program in the past two years.

Households in this area are part of the sample of 72,000 across the country scientifically selected to represent a cross section of all U.S. households.

The monthly survey is conducted for the U.S. Department of Labor and provides a continuous record of activity in the labor force. The November survey indicated that of the 112.0 million men and women in the civilian labor force, 102.7 million were employed.

OPINION

Guest editorial

1984 is here, but have we really reached it?

By EDWIN FEULNER

At last, 1984 is finally upon us. It is a date of peculiar significance, because it has come to mean something entirely different from a mere point in time. As a result of George Orwell's classic novel 1984, it has come to signify the ultimate triumph of totalitarianism.

So, even though it's 1984, a lot of people are asking if we have reached The 1984. And there, the verdict is still out.

Writing in the current issue of *READER'S DIGEST*, author Norman Podhoretz argues that those who seek comparisons between the America of today and Orwell's hypothetical Oceania are themselves practicing the twisted logic of Big Brother.

"In Orwell's Oceania, not even strict obedience to Big Brother is enough; everyone is also required to love him," Podhoretz writes. "In America of 1984, by contrast, there seems to be no limit to the opposition that can be mounted against the President or the government."

But, Podhoretz notes, the way in which Orwell's novel is interpreted by today's left-wing intellectuals, abetted by the news media, could foster the growth of Big Brotherism.

He cites a television documentary hosted by CBS' Walter Cronkite, which compared the constant re-writing of history in the Soviet Union with the periodic revision of textbooks in the United States. How ridiculous, Podhoretz says, to compare the Soviet

Union's practice of distorting the facts to fit the current party line with Western scholarship, which seeks to bring us closer to the truth.

Indeed, the inability to recognize totalitarianism in today's world seems to be the most ominous indicator of our times.

It seems odd that the world community often regards our nation, still the most consistent defender of freedom in the world, as the villain in a global morality play between good and evil. Communist insurgencies, which seek to kill and enslave, are enshrined at the United Nations as "national liberation movements." The Soviet Union, which economically and socially has fallen far behind the Russia of 1914, is credited as "progressive."

And, as Podhoretz reminds us, Western intellectuals so often are the purveyors of this "newspeak."

Clearly, we in the West are headed for the fate of Big Brotherism if we allow ourselves to be deluded into believing that the distinction between our society and Marxist totalitarianism is only a fine one.

That's why it's so frightening to hear the teacher of an adult education class enthusiastically reporting that few students to whom he assigns 1984 give "the kind of full-blown anti-communist reading that was so common in the 1950s and 1960s."

"George Orwell was prophetic about many things," Podhoretz says, "but he neither anticipated nor could have imagined this use of his own work to blur the essential distinction between the democratic and Communist worlds."

(Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.)

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

Economic development and schools are on top of governmental priorities

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT programs and basic subsidy increases for public schools are the top priorities of the Thornburgh administration as it works on the 1984-85 budget proposal. Gov. Dick Thornburgh said that he anticipates no tax increases next year due mainly to a broadening tax base and lower administrative costs.

The governor will present his proposal to the General Assembly on Feb. 7. Thornburgh said he will seek more money for economic development and offer new economic programs.

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IN AN EFFORT to fill long-standing vacancies on the boards of two top state agencies, Gov. Thorn-

burgh nominated five individuals for the posts this week. Two Democrats and a Republican were nominated to fill openings on the Turnpike Commission, and a Democrat and a Republican were selected as candidates for the Public Utility Commission.

The five member Turnpike Commission has been operating with only three members since 1981 and the PUC has had two vacancies for more than nine months.

The governor has been unsuccessful in filling the posts due to Democratic opposition to his nominees in the Senate where a two-thirds majority is needed for confirmation.

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THE CONSTITUTIONALITY of

the state's year-old drunk driving law was upheld by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court when it overturned a lower court decision handed down last July.

By a 6-1 vote, the high court ruled that a driver who consumes alcoholic beverages can be convicted of driving under the influence even if he does not know the alcohol content level of his blood. A lower court judge had ruled that the law was unconstitutional since a motorist has no way of knowing if his blood alcohol level exceeded the .10 percent level needed for conviction.

The Supreme Court said that the state had broad powers to protect the safety of the public.

Library news

Display case features 'soft sculpture'

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is showing some items from Linda Johnson of Beaumont called 'soft sculpture.'

There are four dolls, a grandmother, grandfather, a 'tuffy' in denim jeans with scars on his face and a cheerleader complete with pom poms and a cheerleading sweater with a large letter C and a plaid skirt.

The faces of these dolls are made from nylons, using a special sewing technique for the eyes, nose and mouth. The dolls are 15 inches tall and the body is made from broad cloth.

One other form of 'soft sculpture' is a family portrait and we have included one in the display. There are 11 members in the portrait, all in full dress and three-dimensional. The portraits have become very popular and Linda has made 13 of them so far, is working on two more

at the moment with five more waiting to be started.

Linda has a masters degree in art education and likes doing crafts. She saw this 'soft sculpture' in a magazine, tried to do it herself and couldn't get the knack, but with determination tried again a year later and has now learned how to do it. This is a unique display, involving a very intricate hobby.

Our "Friends of the Library" campaign for 1983 has gone 'over the top'. Our thanks to our community supporters for adding \$3,869.00 to our budget for "Friends of 1983".

We have two rotating collections on loan from the Osterhout Library; a collection of YA paperback books in the Young Adult room and a collection of craft books on the main floor.

New books at the library: "Shield of Three Lions" by Pamela Kaufman is a breathtaking and exciting panoramic tapestry of a novel set in the Middle Ages that weaves the sights, the sounds, the smells and the pageantry of a magical age with the story of Alix, an extraordinary

young heroine. It is bawdy, earthy and full of fascinating detail.

"DelCorso's Gallery" by Philip Caputo is a novel that brings alive the world of modern warfare's camp followers: the journalists and photographers who record the disasters of war. It is a row of filing cabinets in a photographer's studio in Soho, cabinets filled with the reality of war in our time. The consequence of their work occasionally is death.

"The Armageddon Rag" by George Martin is woven around the popular music of the 60's, and brilliantly captures the spirit of a generation, and around that spirit, the author has woven a story that is thrilling, moving and wonderfully fun to read. It is a chilling tale of murder, madness and revolution, about the 60's and 80's, and peace, love and rock 'n' roll.

A person who does not continue year after year to add to his knowledge and insight can never be a really educated man. Let your library help you achieve your goal in life.

LETTERS

FCC cannot ban religious broadcasting

DEAR EDITOR: Despite persistent rumors to the contrary, the Federal Communications Commission is not considering a petition to ban the broadcast of religious programming.

Several times a year, these unfounded rumors surface and the commission is inundated with letters and telephone calls from concerned leaders of the religious community and the general public. The commission has received more than one million calls and letters on this

subject with those contacting the FCC often erroneously referring to "a petition by Madelyn Murray O'Hair" or "Rulemaking 2493."

There is NO petition to ban religious programming currently before the commission nor has there been. Furthermore, the FCC is prohibited by law from ruling on the content of broadcast programming - religious or otherwise. The First Amendment to the Constitution requires the commission to "observe a stance of neutrality

toward religion, acting neither to promote nor to inhibit religion."

Once again it is emphasized that the commission is not considering taking religious programming off the air, nor has a petition making such a suggestion ever been filed with the agency. Please circulate this information whenever and wherever it is needed.

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