

Week in review

Carter arrested

James Kevin Carter, of 2526 Grays Ferris Ave., Philadelphia, an inmate at the State Correctional Institute in Dallas was arrested Jan. 16 for possession of heroin and marijuana.

The arrest, was made by Lt. William McGlynn, Troop P, Wyoming Barracks, as the result of a search conducted Nov. 6, 1983. According to the police, Carter was searched at the prison on Nov. 6 following a visit from a friend from Philadelphia. Police discovered 14 bags of heroin and a small amount of marijuana in his possession.

Arraigned before District Magistrate Leonard Harvey, Carter was recommitted to Chase prison and bail was set at \$20,000.

Boy gets bed

Funds from the Back Mountain Police Association were used to purchase a bed for five-year-old Richard Gilbert of Edwardsville.

Richard was found by police two weeks ago, walking the streets, shoeless and crying, in subfreezing temperatures. Thomas J. Ravert of 18 O'Neil St., Wilkes-Barre, was then charged with endangering the welfare of the boy.

During the investigation, patrolman, Julius Zielinski of the Edwardsville Police Department discovered that Richard did not have a bed of his own and that he was sleeping with his mother.

Zielinski, with the aid of Attorney Ted Krohn and members of the Back Mountain Police Association, saw that Richard got his own bed.

Post seeks Scout information

The Dallas Post is planning to publish special features on Boy Scouts in its Feb. 8 issue in honor of National Boy Scout Week.

In an attempt to include all Boy Scout Troops of the Back Mountain

area, we ask that all troop leaders contact our office and provide us with such information as the troop number, sponsor of the troop and names of the leaders.

The telephone number of The Dallas Post is 675-5211.



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Troop wins contest

Brownie Troop 641 recently captured a second place ribbon in a Girl Scout "Cookie Castle Contest" sponsored by Boscov's. The Brownies constructed the United Nations while Junior Girl Scout Troop 636 made the Liberty Bell and received honorable mention. Those girls from Troop 641 who participated in the

contest are shown here. From left, Kristy Hozempa, Betty Spencer, Shelly Andes, Gina Traver, Lynn Turner, Diane Alters, Janet Ruda, Kelly Komsisky, Jennifer Stark, Lisa Gunn, Kristy Miscalls, Christina Conrad, Karen Komsisky, Christina Jones, Jennifer Heinbach, Tracy Margellina. Absent at the time of the photo was Joanna Arndt.

Governor seeks cooperation in liquor monopoly

Gov. Dick Thornburgh predicted that "Pennsylvania's state liquor monopoly would be broken up within weeks if every consumer and every taxpayer who is fed up with widespread corruption, poor service, high prices, skimpy selections and inconvenient hours would start calling and writing their legislators now!"

He urged Pennsylvanians to do just that.

During a news conference, the governor said: "It is intolerable that a relatively narrow group of special interests can block the sweeping changes that are long overdue - changes that are embodied in our comprehensive proposal now pending before the General Assembly.

"Consumer complaints about the State Store system have abounded for years. Editorial opinion has been nearly unanimous in support of abolition of this archaic system. And public opinion polls, both statewide and those conducted by individual legislators, consistently have demonstrated that fully two-thirds of our citizens favor replacing the current government liquor and wine monopoly with free enterprise," Thornburgh said.

"But special interests in Harrisburg for too long have been able to block the will of the citizens' majority - and now is the time for that majority to make itself heard - in Harrisburg.

"If we are to achieve passage of this legislation, public sentiment

must be translated into direct citizen action. Today, I am asking all concerned citizens to call or write their senators and representatives to let them know their feelings.

"I am asking all concerned citizens to tell their lawmakers that they're fed up with the corruption, mismanagement, poor service, skimpy selections, high prices and inconvenient hours offered by our state stores.

"I am asking all concerned citizens to tell their lawmakers that they are fed up with a system which compels consumers to make up to 25 percent of all purchases in surrounding states.

"I am asking our citizens to tell their lawmakers that they are fed up with declining profits at the

Liquor Control Board, and of their anger at the prospect that one day they, as taxpayers, will be forced to subsidize this outmoded system."

Thornburgh's proposal calls for phasing the state out of the wholesale and retail liquor and wine business over a five-year period. The present three-member Liquor Control Board would be abolished and replaced with a five-member Alcoholic Beverage Commission to oversee licensing and regulation. Enforcement would be beefed up and transferred to a new Bureau of Liquor Code Enforcement in the Revenue Department.

The governor's plan is expected to result in:

Improved service, selection, convenience, prices, and honest and sufficient operations.

Creation of thousands of new small business opportunities and jobs.

Recaptured sales and revenues for the state.

Strengthened enforcement, including stepped-up efforts to control abuse, drunk driving and under-age drinking.

Information 800 answers your questions

Almost everyday the public is subjected to stories on hazardous waste. The stories are often confusing and always scary.

The Pennsylvania Environmental Research Foundation instituted a toll-free telephone line to help the public sort out the confusion over hazardous waste management.

INFORMATION 800 was instituted in January of 1983 because Mrs. Eleanor Winsor, the Foundation's Executive Vice President, realized that the citizens of Pennsylvania had no where to go for information on hazardous waste and hazardous substances. Since then over 400 individuals, businesses, local government officials and environmental groups have called to receive answers to a variety of questions on hazardous wastes and other environmental issues.

INFORMATION 800 is staffed by knowledgeable environmental professionals who have quick access to accurate, unbiased, and up-to-date information on hazardous wastes. Typically, the staff receive questions on groundwater contamination, hazardous substances in the work place, and the management and disposal of hazardous wastes.

One woman called who wanted to know if PERF could help her find a place to dispose of 60 pounds of arsenic that she had in her barn. Staff called a taxidermist who collected the arsenic which he uses in his work.

The staff are sometimes stumped by a question. Last March an employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Health was interested in obtaining information on the possible human health effects of a startling infestation. While startling droppings are not a hazardous waste under Federal & State Regulations, staff rose to the occasion. The caller received a bibliography of books and articles on the control of communicable diseases. In addition,

staff contacted a veterinarian at the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School who was familiar with the problem and its impacts and put him in contact with the caller.

Anyone can call INFORMATION 800-322-9214. The line is in operation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Calls received after 5 p.m. are recorded.

The Pennsylvania Environmental Research Foundation is the research and educational arm of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC). PEC is a non-profit statewide citizen's action organization working to improve environmental quality.

No new heating system at prison

Sen. Frank J. O'Connell, R-20, said there is absolutely no truth to the rumor the State Correctional Institution at Dallas will be changing its heating system from its present coal-fired system.

O'Connell, long a champion of coal use, said unfounded rumors

were being circulated, indicating the institution was planning to change to an oil system.

"After checking with the institution's superintendent, W.M. Ryan, I was able to positively determine that the institution will continue to be heated by coal," said O'Connell.

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