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Egg hunt winners

Shown here are the winners of the Easter Egg Hunt held last Saturday at the American Legion Party Hall, Sunset, Harveys Lake. From left, first row, Sara Trebanack, Josh Sutton, Beth Ann Wagner, Robin Shaver, Matthew Lee Link. Second row, Joy Sutton, Allison Barcheski, Brian Smigielski. Third row, Malisa Barcheski and Cristal Sutton.

Young designs cable TV plan to assist in time of disaster

By WALLY KOCHER
Staff Correspondent

Everyone knows Mother Nature can dish up hazardous natural disasters when she's in the mood, but not many of us know exactly what to do when such a disaster takes place.

Thanks to Damon Young, of Dallas, that may all change.

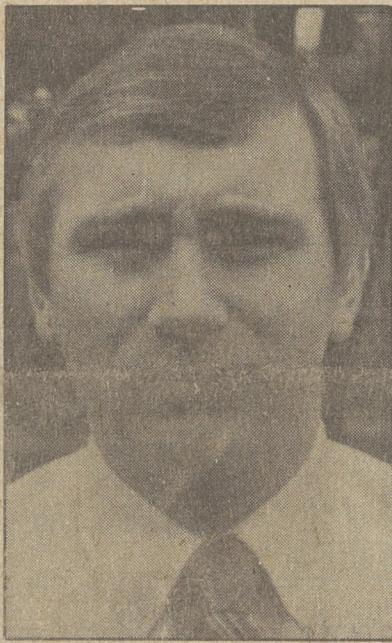
Young, executive director of the Susquehanna River Basin, is working on a plan whereby various cable television stations would be able to announce flood possibilities to their viewers. He got the idea this past February when a flood occurred in Lock Haven, Pa.

"The local cable station gave the warning that a flood was coming," he said. "After the announcement, the phone company reported a record amount of 15,000 calls. We've never had that kind of a response from previous announcements on the radio."

Young applied for a federal grant to fund the project locally. However, he noted that even if the grant fails to come through in July, he will get the money from somewhere else.

Young explained the three segments of the television plan.

"On the first segment," he said, "the station would simply announce that a disaster is eminent. That



DAMON YOUNG

would soon be followed by a second segment which would specify the disaster. During this segment, there would be a 10 or 15 minute 'home seminar' which would show home owners what to do exactly to protect their homes and families from the disaster.

"The cable stations would be allowed to run this clip however often they choose to," he added. "The third segment would be a 'fill

in the blank' segment. During this, the viewers in each community would be told where to go for medical help, where safer water could be obtained, or where evacuation centers were located.

"An advantage to this type of system," Young said, "is that the first two segments can be shown anywhere in the country. For example, if the Colorado River flooded, the residents of the area would see and be told the same things residents of Wyoming Valley would see if the Susquehanna River was to overflow its banks. However, the third, or 'fill in the blank' segment, would be different for the two communities."

Cable stations were chosen over network stations for one simple reason - cable stations serve a smaller portion of the population.

"Network stations are just too widespread," Young said. "For example, if there was a flood in the Wyoming Valley area, and one of the network stations aired the three-segment plan and cancelled all other programs, people in the Williamsport area would also be affected. Individual cable stations can notify only the communities which are in threat of the disaster."

Even though the system will be used at first for flooding only, other disasters such as chemical spills and tornadoes will be covered by the system in the future.



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Sign of spring

Al Shaffer of Mill Street, Dallas, is a well-known sign of spring in the Back Mountain area. Shaffer can be seen almost every day as he perches in his back yard, overlooking Route 309 and observes the daily happenings of the center of Dallas.

Company president explains

New Blue Cross plan may reduce health care costs

By WALLY KOCHER
Staff Correspondent

Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania has introduced a plan that, if successful, would restrain health care costs.

Gilbert D. Tough, of Lehman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, recently held a meeting to point out the four major areas the program would effect.

The four areas are: (1) hospital utilization incentives and controls; (2) eliminating excess health care capacity; (3) implementing new negotiated hospital payment system, and (4) encouraging competition among all providers of health care services.

The first area explained by Tough was hospital utilization incentives and controls.



GILBERT TOUGH

Tough said effective cost containment efforts must focus on the utilization of health care service, starting with new incentives to pro-

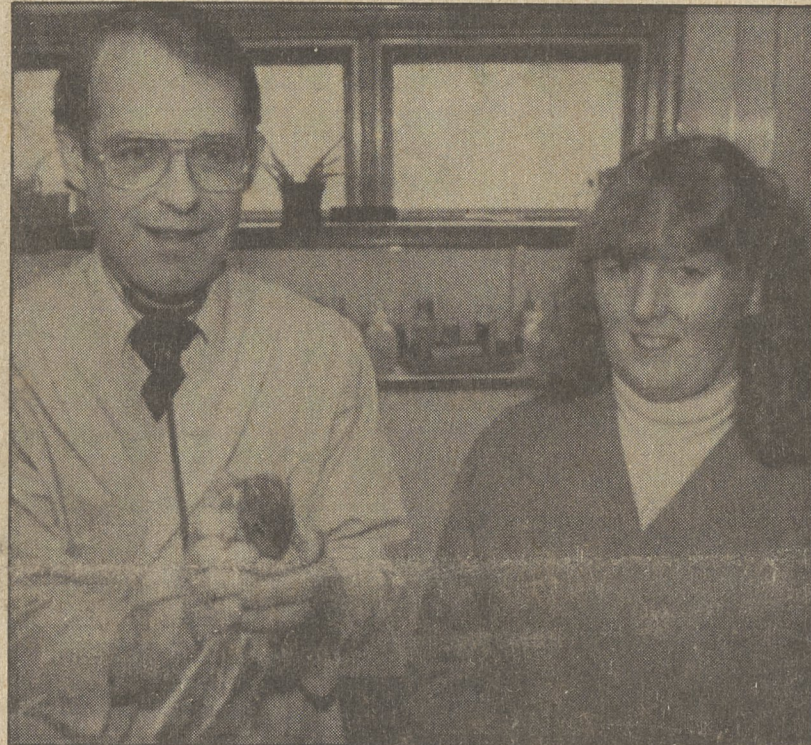
vide treatment in the most cost effective settings. This requires that certain elective surgical procedures be performed on an outpatient basis; the expansion of home health care services; and the use of skilled nursing centers when institutionalization is required for non-acute care. All three methods provide the best in care in less costly settings than inpatient care.

When hospitalization is necessary, pre-surgical laboratory and radiological tests should be conducted on an outpatient basis before admission. This approach will shorten surgical stays and assure improved use of hospital resources.

The second area brought to attention was that of eliminating excess health care capacity.

According to Tough, more than 55 percent of Pennsylvania's hospitals presently have excess beds.

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Newfound friends

Dr. Mark E. Stair, veterinarian, and Patrice "Peach" Brown are shown here with the baby squirrel they treated last week. The little fellow had fallen out of a tree and broken his teeth, of all things. Ms. Brown, who took a special liking to the furry creature, is now caring for the squirrel.

Baby squirrel follows pair

Paul Duda, of Dallas, and his brother, Andy, of Philadelphia, were minding their own business the other day while walking down the street when suddenly Paul had the feeling of being followed. When he and Andy turned to look behind them, there really was something following them.

That something didn't make the brothers either run or jump, but they did become a little curious. Walking down the road and keeping in step with the men was nothing other than a squirrel - and a very small baby squirrel at that.

Considering the fact that squirrels do not usually get very close to people, the idea that this particular squirrel was walking close behind them rose the curiosity of the brothers. When they stopped and knelt down to get closer to the squirrel, imagine their surprise when the furry thing scampered right into their arms!

Paul, who is employed as the manager of Rave's in Chinchilla, felt this movement on the part of the squirrel was a rather strange one and felt the squirrel needed to be observed by a professional.

After a call to the Pennsylvania Game Commission office in Dallas and several attempts to find a



veterinarian willing to look at the animal led them nowhere, the Duda brothers contacted the Trucksville Dog & Cat Hospital and spoke to Dr. Mark Stair.

Dr. Stair, whom the Duda brothers felt was "very receptive" of their plight, performed a complete examination of the animal and rendered a diagnosis of broken teeth. Here, the squirrel had fallen out of a tree and broken its teeth just prior to the Duda brothers finding him.

The squirrel, who is improving nicely, has found a comfortable home with Patrice "Peach" Brown, an employee at the Trucksville Dog & Cat Hospital, who has taken a particular liking to the little fellow and is nursing him back to health.

'Trash Clan' begins work

Sometimes you can't see the forest for the debris. But the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and its annual Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful campaign are out to do something about it.

On Saturday, April 28, thousands of volunteer litter-pickers will hit the six-county District 4 region of northeastern Pennsylvania-Lackawanna, Luzerne, Wayne, Pike, Susquehanna and Wyoming - to clear hundreds of tons of garbage, trash, refuse, rubbish and similar detritus from highways, roadsides, hillsides, playgrounds and surrounding areas.

The volunteers, mostly children between the ages of six and 12, also include many senior citizen groups, churches and synagogues, Kiwanis, Jaycees, neighborhood associations, civic groups, sportsmen's clubs and

other organizations interested in keeping the commonwealth clean.

To contact the Trash Clan coordinator in Luzerne County, call 826-2386.

Ride for Cancer set for May 6

The Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society is making final preparations for its fifth annual "Ride to Stop Cancer" to be held on Sunday, May 6 at Dallas Senior High School. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with the ride commencing at 10 a.m.

For more information or registration forms, call the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society at 825-7763.

Spring clean-up planned

Kingston Township will be starting a two week spring clean-up beginning Monday, May 7. The clean-up will run for two weeks only and there will be no second round made on any street.

Following is the schedule:
Monday, May 7 - Highland Avenue, Terrace Avenue, Skyline Drive, Hillside Street, Spring Garden Street, Clearview Avenue and Westmoreland Hills.

Tuesday, May 8 - Staub Road, Carverton Road from Checkerboard to Route 309, Hill Street, Hickory Street, Maple Street, Elm Terrace, Cliffside, Post Road, Holly Street, all of Midway Manor, Manor Drive, Crane Road, Timothy Lane.

Wednesday, May 9 - Oak Street, Lewis Avenue, Heller's Grove, Grove Street, Orchard Street, Doran Drive, Rice Street, Harris Hill Road, South Lehigh including Division Street, Echo Valley Trailer Park.

Thursday, May 10 - North Lehigh Street, Hazeltine Street, Belford Avenue, Stang Street, Shagbark Drive, Shaver Avenue, Vine Street, North Main Street, Center Street.

Friday, May 11 - Youngblood Avenue, Cedar Street, Wood Street, Hillcrest Street, Goeringer Avenue, Beech Street, Franklin Street, Chestnut Street, Elinore Street, Longdale Avenue, James Street, Ridge Street, Summit Street, Layou Street, Inman Avenue, Glenview Avenue.

Monday, May 14 - Ferguson Avenue, Spring Street, Brook Street, West Center Street, Druid Hills, Harford Avenue, Lawn Street, North Lehigh Street (dirt section), Evergreen Street.

Tuesday, May 15 - Pioneer Avenue, Roushey Street, Perrin Avenue, East Mt. Airy, School Street, West Mt. Airy, South Main Street.

Wednesday, May 16 - Rose Village - Armstrong Drive, Village Drive, Collins Avenue, Mary Street, Williams Avenue, Lincoln Street, Melrose Avenue, Grace Avenue, Holcombe Road, Wellington Avenue, Kenilworth Avenue, Ellis Avenue.

Thursday, May 17 - Davis Street, Stafford Street, Zinn Street, Vonderheid Street, Johnson Street, Warden Avenue, Sutton Road, Church Road (Trucksville), Knob Hill, Hillside Road, Birch Grove, Route 309.

Friday, May 18 - Bunker Hill Road, Dug Road, Atherholt Drive, Carverton Road from Checkerboard to Eighth Street, Brown Manor, Carverton Heights, Mt. Olivet Road, Krispin Road, Church Road (Carverton), Sickler Road, Eighth Street, Bodle Road, Green Road, Sunrise

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Shannon leaves Pennaprint

Officials of Pennaprint Inc., Dallas, announce the resignation of Richard J. Shannon as associate publisher of the Pennaprint newspapers with offices in Dallas.

Pennaprint publishes the weekly editions of The Dallas Post, The Abington Journal and the Mountaintop Eagle as well as the West Side Edition of the Dallas Post and the Trail Edition of the Abington Journal.

A native of Forest City, Shannon was the general manager of the Carbondale Miner prior to accepting the position with Pennaprint. He is also former public relations chairman of District 14-H Lions and former editor of the District 14-H Lions newspaper.

J. Stephen Buckley, publisher of the Pennaprint newspapers, has announced that Charles Trettel will handle the duties of associate publisher until a permanent replacement is named.

Collector lists hours

Kingston Township Tax Collector, Janice Castellani, would like to remind residents that the rebate period will end on April 30 for payment of 1984 County-Municipal taxes.

In addition to her regular hours on that date, she will also be available between 4 and 6 p.m. at her office in the Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg., Carverton Road behind the Trucksville Fire Hall.

Regular office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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