

Being sent to junior high

Baran plans to file grievance against board

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The Dallas School Board may have yet another problem to contend with in the near future. The recent 5-2 vote of board members to assign William Baran, senior high school driver's education instructor, to Dallas Junior High as a social studies instructor gives Baran legal cause to file a grievance against the board and Baran intends to do just that.

Baran, who has been with the district for 29½ years, is convinced that seniority, loyalty and doing one's work efficiently mean nothing to the present board of directors.

"I have been told by some members of the district that there is a

certain faction trying to get rid of me and I'm beginning to believe that it is true," Baran said. "In all the years I have been in the district, it is the first time that the board has voted against the administration officials' recommendations."

Baran has been driver's education instructor for the past 19 years, since the program was initiated in the mid 1960's, and prior to that, taught social studies in the high school. Before this school year, Baran kept the school car in his garage at home where he washed and polished it, changed the oil and did all but major servicing. This year, without any explanation, Baran was directed by the board to leave the car at the school, thus causing more expense for the district since all maintenance was done by a local garage.



WILLIAM BARAN

After 19 years in driver's education without any blemishes on his record, Baran's position was eliminated when a majority vote of the board approved dropping the training program despite objections by taxpayers, insurance representatives and Back Mountain police departments.

Baran is also instructor-coordinator for Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, a position he has had for the past nine years. He taught graduate courses in driver's education at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus for 10 years and has a Master's Equivalency in Safety Education.

"Dr. Richard Shipe, acting superintendent Gerald Wycallis, senior high school principal Frank Galicki and members of Dallas Education Association recommended that due to seniority, I should be given the

opportunity to remain as a social studies instructor in the senior high school," said Baran. "The recommendations fell on deaf ears because although I have not received an official assignment to date, I understand I will be sent to the junior high."

Baran believes that a certain group of teachers in the senior high school resent the fact that he

assisted the administration when called on to do so. When former assistant principal Brook Hunt

resigned, Baran was requested to assist high school principal Edgar Hughes until Frank Galicki was named assistant principal. Following Hughes' retirement, Baran was requested by the administration to

assist Galicki in checking absentees and other minor details during his free periods. In Baran's opinion, this did not prove popular with some of his fellow faculty members.

In the Dallas School District, teachers receive their assignments at the end of the school term in June for the following academic year. Baran and one other teacher are the only ones who did not get their assignments for the coming school year.

After consultation with the legal counsel of the PSEA, Baran learned he has just cause for filing a grievance against the action of the Dallas School Board, which, under the circumstances, he is planning to do. He is scheduled to discuss action with the PSEA officials this week.

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Era ends at lake beach

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A 30-year era of enjoyment and relaxation at Harveys Lake will come to a halt this Labor Day. Jim and Carlene McCaffrey, owners and operators of the Old Sandy Bottom Beach, recently announced their retirement from the resort business.

"After 31 years with this business," said Mr. McCaffrey, "we decided it was about time to retire."

Owning and running a public beach isn't easy. According to Mr. McCaffrey, the family has to do everything that needs to be done.

"We're responsible for everything from clean-up to close-up," he said. "We have to police the beach, operate the refreshment stand, and make all needed repairs. Usually, we're here from 5:30 in the morning till 9 o'clock at night."

Old Sandy Bottom Beach was once a forested swamp. Then, in 1954, Mr. McCaffrey's parents, Joe and Marge McCaffrey, purchased the land with the thought of turning it into a public beach area. The beach was completed by the summer of 1955, and opened to the public. Since then, the beach has played host to thousands of area residents and tourists.

The McCaffreys gave a lot of thought to the sale of the beach. Unlike its past competitor, Sandy Beach, which was sold several years ago for home building lots, Old Sandy Bottom Beach will live on in a new role as an association within the Harveys Lake community.

"Harveys Lake, along with our friends and neighbors, has been kind to us over the years," remarked Mr. McCaffrey, "and it has always been our fondest hope that when the time came for us and our family to move on in life, we would be able to find some way of preserving the beach for continued use and enjoyment. The view from this spot of the lake is one which you have to travel far and wide to duplicate in beauty."

Although the final details of the sale are yet unknown, the McCaffrey's realtor is in the process of transferring ownership of the property to a newly formed organization of private citizens.

According to Mr. McCaffrey, the organization is comprised of residents within and from without the community who are interested in preserving and enhancing the community asset for the use of its members and families only.

The McCaffrey family is unsure of what the future holds for it now. But one thing is for sure, for the first time ever, the McCaffreys are going to be able to enjoy a normal summer vacation.

"My wife, my family and I have never had the pleasure of a summer vacation," McCaffrey said. "The nature of our business precluded that. It was our business to see that our customers enjoyed their vacations and leisure time while they were with us. We are looking forward to be able to see and enjoy the beauty of the lake after all these years - to see from the other side what summer is all about."

Our heroes!



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The Back Mountain Nationals All-Star Team, shown here, was defeated in its quest for a state title this year, but still remains No. 1 in the hearts of Back Mountain Little League fans. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Darren Michael, J.J. Straigis, Eddie Reabuck, Eric Paczewski, David Catrambone, Bob Barbacci, Brian Hampel. Second row, Jeff Tinner, J.J. Konigus, B.J. Mannix, Keith Schultz, Rick James, Eric May, Todd Sallo. Third row, Jack Tinner, coach; Jay May, coach; Joe Konigus, coach; Joe Kelley, manager; Charlotte Kelley, scorekeeper.



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Owners selling beach

Carlene and Jim McCaffrey, owners of Old Sandy Bottom Beach and Picnic Grove at Harveys Lake, have decided to leave the beach business and start enjoying summer vacations. The McCaffrey family, which has owned the local beach for 31 years, are turning the swimming and picnic area over to a private association.

Olympic 'stuff' not easily found here

When one thinks of the Olympic Games, thoughts of patriotism, newly-found heroes, and countries joining hands come to mind. How-

ever, there's a completely different side to these Games as the Olympics can be financially profitable, also.

Businesses in Los Angeles that have stocked their stores to the brim with Olympic memorabilia have been surprised, however. The souvenirs aren't selling all that well, and businessmen are losing money.

What about Back Mountain businesses? Have they been seeing the same trend with their Olympic merchandise? How much merchandise of this type have they been offering?

According to Jordan Moye, manager of the McCrory's Department Store, Shavertown, the demand for Olympic souvenirs in the Back Mountain has been practically nil.

"We didn't carry anything like that," he said. "Perhaps it was a failure on the manufacturer's part. We didn't receive any type of brochures having to do with the Olympics. Maybe they figured that the Olympics would be a flop because of the Soviet boycott."

"Still, if there's a large demand for an item," he added, "and our

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Lack of facilities

Rep. Hasay attacks Fish Commission

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The Pennsylvania State Fish Commission recently came under the attack of Representative George Hasay.

According to Hasay, he has received numerous complaints concerning maintenance procedures at two recreational facilities frequented by 117th District residents.

In letters to Fish Commission Executive Director Ralph W. Abele, the lawmaker complained about conditions at Mountain Springs Lake, at Red Rock, and Harveys Lake.

In an interview with The Dallas Post, Hasay explained his feelings on this issue.

"I believe that the Fish Commission is being irresponsible, stubborn, and irresponsible to the people's complaints," he said. "In fact, I feel they are becoming the most irresponsible agency in the commonwealth."

The complaints Hasay spoke of concerned the access road leading to the Mountain Springs Lake, and the apparent "lack of concern about the condition of restroom facilities at Harveys Lake."

"It's my understanding that the Harveys Lake protective association is now paying for portable restroom facilities," he said. "The protective association or the borough (of Harveys Lake) should not have to take

on this responsibility at the public boat landing area."

According to Hasay, fishing licenses now cost \$12 for resident Pennsylvanians and \$20 for out-of-state residents. There are 1.1 million such fishermen.

"I could understand if the licenses cost less," said Hasay, "but the fishermen are paying high enough prices for these things to be taken care of."

According to Mike Bickler, Director of the Office of Information for the Fish Commission, Hasay's complaints are unfounded.

"First of all, concerning the restrooms at Harveys Lake," he said, "we used to have vault-type toilets in the area. Then, the borough told us that we were going to have to hook up to their sewer system. We agreed and pulled out the vault toilets. Afterwards, the protective association set up vault-type toilets on their own."

"We then met with the Harveys Lake Council, sewer authorities, the protective association, and a representative from Hasay's office, in June," he continued.

"At the meeting, we all agreed that the commission would pay for the restrooms through the month of October. We also agreed that the commission would look into a pump-type toilet that could hook up to the sewer. Everyone left the meeting satisfied."

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The Jackson Victory Tour through the eyes of a fan

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Eleven-year-old Tracy Stahl of Dallas, whose father, Michael Stahl of Lancaster, is the sound engineer for the Jacksons' Victory Tour, was in the audience last week as Michael Jackson and his brothers performed at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. The daughter, also, of Roxanne Opalicki, of Haddonfield Hills, Dallas, Tracy will enter the sixth grade at Dallas Township Elementary School in September. Her sister, Michelle, age 8, a fourth grader, was at the concert, too. Following is a look at the Jacksons' 1984 Victory Tour - through the eyes of an 11-year-old.)



TRACY STAHL

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Special to The Dallas Post

My summer started out like most other summers - walking around the neighborhood, going swimming, the usual stuff.

But, then, it finally happened - my dream came true. I went to a Michael Jackson concert!

I got to the concert because my father is the sound engineer. Michael Jackson was playing in New Jersey at the New York Giants Stadium, so my sister, my stepmother and I drove there on July 29.

As soon as we got settled in, we went right to the stadium where my father works. When we got there, my father introduced us to all the people he knows and told us what they do. Then, my father had to do a "sound-check." He and the other engineer he works with (people call him M.L.) and Kathy Sandor (an assistant engineer) put on a tape and blasted it as loud as the show was going to be.

My father could then talk to Kathy with his walkie-talkie as he went to every level of the stadium and told her if the sound was good or bad. If it was bad, Kathy would change a couple of levers on the

equalizer, then when my father came down, the band was there for the sound-check, too.

What the band does is play certain beats that my father and M.L. tell them to play. If it sounds bad, my father changes a couple of knobs on the console.

Finally, the brothers came for the sound check, too. Michael, Jermaine, Marlon and Tito were all there. Jackie wouldn't come because his leg was broken, so Randy filled in for him. They came because my father had to do the

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Dallas bus sched in today's issue

The 1984 Dallas School District bus schedule appears on page 12 of today's Dallas Post. School starts Aug. 28 and parents are urged to check the bus schedule so as to eliminate any confusion the first day of school.

We have printed this bus schedule in its entirety as a service to parents and would like to suggest you clip it out and save it through the school year in the event you need to refer to it at any time.

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