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## OK Heart Project

### Pat Taylor got a second chance

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Each of us at one time or another have had to deal with the final stage of life — death! Whether it be a family member, relative or friend, the painful reality of a loved-one suddenly passing away is often very difficult to accept.

But how many of us have actually been told by a doctor that our days on this earth are limited and that we should go home and wait to die? What would your reaction be? Disbelief? Confusion? Fear?

Forty-one-year-old Pat Taylor of Hauppauge, Long Island, New York has faced what seemed to be imminent death at least three times. The cause — accelerated atherosclerosis, a form of hardening of the arteries. In other words, heart disease.

In fact, Taylor, who was the inspirational patient of Dr. Edward Diethrich of the Arizona Heart Institute which spawned the current Wyoming Valley OK Heart project, was told in May of 1980 by a well-known cardiologist "Nothing can be done. Go home to Long Island and die."

Pat Taylor was in Wyoming Valley last week to help kick off the second phase of the OK Heart testing project at the Sterling Hotel, Wilkes-Barre. She appeared incredibly healthy, vibrant and had a glow about her that only a woman given a second chance at life could possibly have.

"I smile every morning when the sun comes up," Taylor said, while recalling her numerous close calls with death. "I really feel that I am here today to help and educate people on the issue of heart disease."

After three heart attacks, three catheterizations, two open-heart surgeries, two bypass grafts, enormous doses of cardiac medicine and contradictory medical diagnoses, Pat Taylor now lives a relatively normal life, drug free and pain free. Taylor either walks or jogs 20 min-

utes a day, rides an exercise bike, plays racquetball and cares for a family of three, husband Richie and sons John, 17, and Alex 14.

According to Taylor, people must become aware of the risk factors relating to heart disease and that they might even have to alter their lifestyles in order to save their own lives.

"You know, it is strange. If I were to tell you I was a cancer patient, you would probably cringe," Taylor said. "If I say I am suffering from heart disease, you don't respond. That is tragic. Heart disease is the number one killer in America and people need to become aware of its causes."

Taylor, who was taking 38 cardiac pills a day prior to entering the Arizona Heart Institute in 1980, says people are dangerously unaware of the basic knowledge needed to avert major heart disease problems.

"Making yourself aware of the risk factors involved with heart disease is very important," Taylor said. "It is also important to understand that not everyone can have an operation for a heart disease problem. Many medications," Taylor continued, "can carry serious long-term affects."

Taylor said Dr. Edward Diethrich, of the Arizona Heart Institute and founder of the Dietrich Program of exercise and diet, has not only taught her how to live healthy, but also has given her a second chance at life.

"He (Diethrich) really has given me a second chance at life," Taylor said. "I really felt after getting involved with his program that I was given a new lease on life. I love that man and I have a great deal of respect and admiration for him," Taylor said in recalling her eight-week stay at the Arizona Heart Institute.

Taylor entered the Arizona Heart Institute as a last resort, following her "Go home to Long Island and die" diagnosis. While walking up two short flights of stairs at the AHI, Taylor found herself gasping

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### Home from Jamboree

Local Boy Scouts who attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree are, from left, Lee Willames, Robert Skursky, Aric Gingo and Darren Michael.

## Scouts thrilled over their experiences at Jamboree

By JOHN F. KILDUFF  
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*"On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty to God and Country, and to obey the Scout law, to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong; mentally awake and morally straight."*

If these words sound familiar, they should. They signify characteristics needed to become a member of one of the United States' most celebrated organizations — The Boy Scouts of America.

This past July 24-30, The Boy Scouts of America celebrated their 75th anniversary of Scouting at the 1985 National Boy Scout Jamboree held at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. An estimated 30,000 Boy Scouts from around the world and the United States attended the event. Among the throng of Scouts were nine Back Mountain Boy Scouts, representing the Penn Mountains Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Back Mountain contingent included, Darren Michael, 13; Aric Gingo, 15; Danny Holdredge, representing Dallas Boy Scout Troop 281; Bob Skursky, 15; Lee Willames, 15; Jamie Strange, Shane Willames, representing Dallas' Gate of Heaven Troop 232; and John and Ray Baller representing Troop 155 of Trucksville.

And, as you might guess, the young men say they had quite an exciting time.

"The opening and closing ceremonies were incredible," said Eagle Scout Lee Willames. "There

were so many things to do. We had a bit of everything."

Willames said that one of the most interesting events at the Jamboree was when an estimated 30,000 Boy Scouts each lit a single, hand-held candle and stated, in complete darkness, the Boy Scout Oath. "It was real neat to see all those candles lit at the same time," Willames said.

"I liked the opening, the closing and everything in between," said Life Scout Bob Skursky. "Opening night we saw the Beach Boys and I really liked that," Skursky said. "The whole thing was really something to see."

"I thought the most exciting thing was the terrible tornado we had," Aric Gingo joked. "It rained so hard, and the wind was blowing hard, that our gear was soaked and just about every tent was blown over." Gingo said that after the storm, "Other Troops came by our area and asked if we needed help. That was real nice."

Darren Michael said he liked the closing ceremony, which included a concert by country pop-rock group, the Oak Ridge Boys and an impressive fireworks display, because "it was neat to see exactly how many of us (Scouts) were actually there." As part of the Jamboree, the Back Mountain scouts were treated to an opening concert by the Beach Boys, including an encore performance. There was hiking, patch trading, armed services demonstrations and even a visit by First Lady Nancy Reagan.

"We were waiting for Ronnie (Reagan), but he did not show up," said Skursky. Reagan was recuperating at Bethesda Naval Hospital from his colon cancer surgery.

Michael has a total of five years in scouting and (See SCOUTS, page 12)

## Blaze claims another

The death toll from a July 23 fire at the Thomas Guest Home in Sweet Valley has risen to nine.

Miss Ruth C. Loescher, 67, died Saturday in the Leader West Nursing Home, Kingston, just one day after she had been transferred from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She had been a patient in General Hospital since the fire.

According to Luzerne County Coroner Dr. George E. Hudock Jr., Miss Loescher died as a direct result of injuries suffered in the fire. Since authorities have determined that arson was the cause of the fire, the death is considered a homicide.

Seven people died in the blaze which is still under investigation while an eighth person died a week later in Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Four residents of the home at the time of the fire remain hospitalized. Miss Mary Shimborski, 71, and Leonard Ostapovicz, 60, are in critical condition in the burn unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown. Helen Shypulefski is in serious condition in Geisinger Medical Center. Mrs. Clara Hess, 74, was upgraded from serious to fair condition Saturday in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Mrs. Mary Perry, 77, another resident at the guest home at the time of the fire, was released from Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, last Thursday.

## Personnel accept contract

Members of the Dallas School Service Personnel Association recently approved the four-year contract offered them by the Board of Directors. At a meeting of the Association presided over by the president, Louis Boback, a majority of the members voted to approve the contract which was retroactive to July 1, 1984 and is in effect until June 30, 1988.

Chairman of the negotiations committee John George stated that the contract included increases of seven percent for the years 1984-85 and 1985-1986; six and one half percent for 1986-87, and six percent for 1987-88. He explained that the DSSPA is comprised primarily of maintenance workers and housekeepers with the exception of one secretary. However, all service employees are controlled by the Association and covered by the terms of the contract despite not being members.

The only exceptions under the contract are those employees defined as confidential, although there were no guidelines available to explain how an employee is determined to be confidential within the district.

George stated that it was his understanding that most confidential employees come under the administrator and are usually appointed by him.

The district's service personnel received their retroactive increase for the 1984-85 term, Friday, Aug. 9. A similar increase of seven percent is in effect for the 1985-86 term which began July 1 of this year.

The next negotiations to come before the Dallas Board of Directors will be the professional employees contract which ends during the 1985-86 term.

— CHARLOT M. DENMON

## Dallas Board meeting reset

The Dallas Area School Board has rescheduled its August meeting for Monday, August 19, at 8 p.m. in order to accommodate vacationing board members, a district spokesperson told The Dallas Post.

The school board meeting was

scheduled for Monday, August 12, but was called off because a number of board members were on vacation and the board would not have been able to come to a quorum on the various issues.

## Fall Fair plans swingin' along

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Plans to open the Luzerne County Fall Fair with Country and Western singer Jeannie C. Riely of "Harper Valley P.T.A." fame and a closing ceremony featuring a spectacular fireworks display just may make this year's fair, as General Chairman Ray Hillman said, "much more exciting than last year."

The 1985 Luzerne County Fall Fair has literally been re-designed,

adding additional parking facilities and a brand new Horse Show Ring. The new ring will be used throughout the five-day fair slated for Wednesday September 4 through Sunday September 8 and will include special livestock and horse shows.

"We plan to have a special livestock and horseshow on Sunday," Hillman said. "We will feature over 100 head of livestock. This is something new and we really look forward to it."

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## Monty Evans named entertainment chairman

Monty Evans, Dallas, will chair the entertainment committee for the Luzerne County Fair. The announcement was made recently by 1985 fair chairman, Ray Hillman.

The fair is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 4 to Sunday, Sept. 8, at the fairgrounds located on Rte. 118, Dallas-Lehman.

Monty is responsible for the five days of live entertainment planned for the fair. To date, he has confirmed the appearance of Jeannie C. Riely (Harper Valley PTA) for the opening night of the fair, Davis Street Exit for Saturday, Sept. 7 and the Great Rock Scare for three shows on Sunday. Pat Ward will be on the grounds "clowning around" during the fair days and the closing

will consist of a gigantic fireworks display. Entertainment for all ages is being planned, according to Monty.

The \$2.00 admission charge includes all entertainment. The fair provides five days of arts and craft, 4-H and livestock exhibits and shows; thrill rides by S & S Amusements, hundreds of commercial exhibits and ethnic food concessions, for more than 40,000 people annually.

Monty is a graduate of U.C.L.A. with a bachelor of science degree in science and did his graduate studies at Fordham in business administration and marketing. He is the owner of Monty Evans Enterprises and Monty's located in Luzerne.



### Clowning around

Monty Evans, right, recently-appointed entertainment chairman for this year's Luzerne County Fall Fair, spends a few minutes clowning around before getting down to business of setting up programs.

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