



Annual party held

The annual Mr. Donut Christmas Party was held recently at Roll-A-Way Skating Rink, Dallas. Dinner was catered by J&J Deli, Dallas, with music by Leo Fashions Group. Mr. Donut

employees from Dallas, Kingston, Nanticoke, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton shops who attended the party are shown here. Nick Tsiolios, owner, third row, second from left, hosted the affair.



on entertainment

with Debbey Wysocki

The Recording Industry Association of America has revealed its recent music certifications.

Walt Disney Productions received a Gold LP for its "Best of Disney, Vol. II" collection and five Gold singles for its children's records "The Hobbit," "Wizard of Oz," "Brer Rabbit & the Tar Baby," "Winnie the Pooh & the Blustery Day," and "Mother Goose Rhymes."

The first album of music from a television series to be certified by RIAA was the "Miami Vice" soundtrack. It sold in excess of 2 million units to earn Gold, Platinum and Multi-Platinum awards.



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A total of 15 albums hit the Gold plateau (500,000 sales), eight reached Platinum status (1 million sales), and five albums hit the Multi-Platinum mark (2 million units).

Record albums earning Multi-Platinum honors were Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A.," selling 17 million units internationally; Madonna's "Like a Virgin," which climbed to the 6 million unit range; Dire Strait's "Brothers in Arms," which was noted for 3 million units sold, and Whitney Houston registering sales of 2 million units.

Talking Heads' "Little Creatures," Night Ranger's "7 Wishes," Stevie Wonder's "In Square Circle," Loverboy's "Lovin' Every Minute of It," "Alabama Christmas," Kenny Loggins' "Keep the Fire," and Sammy Hagar's "VOA" achieved Platinum recognition.

Gold and Platinum 45's continued to show a decline this year with only one single awarded Platinum status, and that was the popular "We Are the World."

Other albums that earned Gold awards included: Thompson Twins' "Here's to Future Days," Mr. Mister's "Welcome to the Real World," Klymaxx's "Meeting in the Men's Room," Amy Grant's "A Christmas Album," Starship's "Knee Deep in the Hoopla," George Benson's "20-20," Cameo's "Single Life," Charlie Daniels Band's "Decade of Hits," Lee Greenwood's "Greatest Hits," Kiss' "Asylum," and George Strait's "Greatest Hits."

Speaking of the music industry...residents were pleased to learn

that the rock group Synch earned a national recording contract. It is hoped that their music will be well-received on a national scale. Their song "Where Are You Now" was certainly a big hit on the local scene.

A member of Synch, the drummer Chas Evansky, stands out in one person's mind. A certain teacher has vivid recollections of reprimanding the young man for drumming on his desk during classes. "Chasso," as he was affectionately called, was often mischievous, but always a likeable fellow.

When he was in the eighth grade, Mr. Evansky put on quite a drumming exhibition of "Hawaii Five-O" and "Jingle Bell Rock" for his teacher and classmates. It was evident even then that he had a great deal of musical talent. One never knows what success lies ahead...

The very best of wishes is extended to Chas and Synch on their upcoming tour and future endeavors. Perhaps one day, readers will see Synch's name listed as a recipient of RIAA Gold, Platinum, and Multi-Platinum awards. Wouldn't that be nice!

(Debbey Wysocki is the entertainment writer for The Dallas Post.)

Fire Company holds meeting

The Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company held its monthly meeting in the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the President, Richard Adamchick.

The last report under old business was given by Fire Chief Bill Eck. He reported that there were 76 fire calls for the year of 1985.

The following committees were also appointed and named: Fair, Fund Drive, Audit, Uniform, Fund Raiser, Relief Association and Chaplain.

The officers for 1986 are as follows: President, Richard Adamchick, Vice president, Bill Sarley, Secretary, Mark Metz, Treasurer, Chuck Woolbert, Membership Chairman, Wayne Williams, Fire Chief, Bill Eck, 1st Asst. Joe Bren, 2nd Asst. Brian Jonsson, 3rd Asst. Bill Sarley, Captain, Walter Meade, Lt. Mike Kolesar, Sgt. of Arms Walter Meade, Chaplain, Mike Balonis, Public Relations, George Tucker.

The 1986 Budget was officially adopted.



Joins Air Force

Kenneth A. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams of RD 5, Shavertown was enlisted in the Air Force Reserve during the ceremony held at Wilkes College. Williams, a three-year Air Force ROTC Nursing scholarship winner, attends College Misericordia. Upon graduation from Misericordia, he will enter active duty as an Air Force second lieutenant. Here, Williams, right, takes the oath administered by Lt. Col. Robert F. Cafazzo, Commander of AFROTC Detachment 752.

Unemployment benefits increase

Labor and Industry Secretary James W. Knepper Jr. announced recently that maximum weekly amounts for Unemployment and Workers' compensation benefits will increase as of January 1, 1986. The increase is triggered by an increase in the statewide average weekly wage. The average weekly wage for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985 was \$347.

Under Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation (UC) law, maximum weekly benefits will increase from the 1985 level of \$212 to \$220 for 1986. Similarly, Workers' Compensation benefits will rise from a maximum of \$336 in 1985 to \$347 weekly in 1986.

Unemployment benefits are set annually at a maximum of 66 and two third percent of the average statewide weekly wage for the pre-

vious fiscal year, to which a five percent reduction is then applied in accordance with legislation passed in 1983.

Workers' Compensation benefits are set at a maximum of 100 percent of the average wage.

Knepper explained that the UC benefit increase will apply only to those who file and qualify for benefits after December 31, 1985. Claimants will continue to receive an additional \$5 per week for a first dependent and \$3 for a second for a maximum of \$228 weekly.

He estimated that the increase in jobless benefits will cost an additional \$13 million in 1986.

Post office aids diskette users

Mailers who store their address files on computer diskettes can arrange for the Postal Service to add the new ZIP + 4 codes to their files without charge. Dallas Postmaster, Thomas P. Bly, said the new service will make using ZIP + 4 codes more convenient.

"Many business mailers who formerly stored address files on manual systems now use word processing or personal computer diskettes," Postmaster Bly said. "We're interested in adding ZIP + 4 codes to these diskette lists to help our customers take advantage of the benefits the new code offers."

Bly said mailers who use ZIP + 4 codes on volume First-Class mailings earn rate incentives and other benefits. The per-piece rate for qualifying non-presorted ZIP + 4 mailings of at least 250 pieces is 21.1 cents, and the rate for presorted ZIP + 4 mailings of at least 500 pieces is 17.5 cents per piece, Bly said.

"Many customers adding ZIP + 4 codes to their lists have corrected bad addresses in their files and have earned additional savings by eliminating costly misdirected or duplicate mailings," he said.

The Postmaster invited customers with diskette files of 350 to 50,000 addresses contact him at 675-0131 to take advantage of the free conversion service. He said the Postal Service can add the expanded ZIP Codes to 3-1/2", 5-1/4" and 8" diskettes in most formats.

Customers will be provided with a printed form to submit their dis-

kettes. If they do not wish for the Postal Service to overwrite the original address file, they will be asked to provide a blank diskette with each input address diskette submitted for conversion, Bly said.

Converted diskettes will be returned within three weeks and, in cases where addresses cannot be ZIP + 4 encoded, the customer will receive a computer printout and an explanation of the deficiency in the addresses.

Postmaster Bly said the conversion process also offers customers options to have misspelled street names corrected, delivery address line formats standardized and city misspellings, erroneous state abbreviations and invalid five-digit ZIP Codes corrected.

"This service," he said, "is one of many types of technical assistance we offer to customers who want to take advantage of ZIP + 4 coding. We also offer free conversion service to customers who still manually maintain their address files. Printed ZIP + 4 directories are available, and customers with larger computer-stored lists can use our file tapes for conversion or have one of many private firms add the new codes to their files. We offer a free directory of these firms, he said.

ZIP + 4 coding is important to our customers and to us, because the new code will reduce our costs, keep postage rates stable for longer periods of time, and make mail service more consistent and accurate."

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Strum Jr. announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Finn, Friday, Jan. 10, at the Community Medical Center in Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. Strum live at Timberfalls at Blakely. Mrs. Strum is

the former Karen S. Lefko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lefko of Dallas.

A son was born to Fred and Kay Ostrum, Box 4, RD 6, Dallas, on January 14.

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