

Editor's notes

MY APOLOGIES to the three firemen who appeared in a photograph on the front page of last week's Dallas Post. The three were incorrectly identified as being from the Kingston Fire Department when actually two of the firefighters were from the Kunkle Fire Department and the other is from the Dallas Fire Department.

The three were using a 45-foot ground ladder belonging to the Dallas Fire Department during a drill to commemorate Fire Prevention Week. Thanks to Dallas Fire Chief Bob Besecker for bringing this error to my attention.

AND, WHILE WE'RE MAKING GOOD on our past mistakes, our sincere apologies to Sophia Fronczek Dymond of Tunkhannock for incorrectly identifying her in a photograph a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Dymond was depicted in the photo when she is accepting a "mock" diploma from Calvin McHose who was the Dallas Borough High School principal in 1934. The presentation was made during the 52nd anniversary class reunion of the Dallas High School Class of 1934 held recently at the Castle Inn with 12 of the graduating class's 17 members and their guests in attendance.

Mrs. Dymond, who was incorrectly identified by using only her maiden name, resides on Maple Lane in Tunkhannock.

MUCH THANKS to the wonderful people I work with for remembering or should I say reminding - me on Boss's Day. That's right, Boss's Day.

Boss's Day was Wednesday, October 15 and for all you people out there who forgot to honor your boss on that special day, shame on you. What I want to know is how do bosses rate to have their own day. Is there such a thing as an Employees' Day?

FLYING HIGH ON MEMORIES these days are Flossie Finn, Maureen Purcell, Barbara Schulte, all members of the Lake-Lehman teaching staff and Cheryl Travis who recently traveled to New York to be part of the Phil Donahue



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staff.

As avid fans of Phil himself, the group had been planning for weeks and almost couldn't believe it was really happening when they finally made it to the show.

Why, they even got to shake hands with Phil Donahue and, later that same day, saw Phil walking the streets of New York. Needless to say, the women are still flying high from that trip.

THE STUDENTS AT THE DALLAS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL had a good time the other week during their annual "Egg Day." On this day, the students are required to take an egg to school and the students are responsible for the welfare of that egg for the entire day.

The eggs are inspected at the beginning of the day to make sure there is no damage to them and they are inspected again at the end of the day to see how they fared during their day in school.

The students are offered babysitting services by dropping their eggs off at the office and picking them up later for a mere 25 cent fee.

The students, prior to the beginning of Egg Day, also had the opportunity to either be a single parent or to choose a partner for the day so their particular egg can be raised by two parents. Interestingly enough, in one particular class, only to students chose to be "married."

Times sure are a-changing, aren't they?

MUCH THANKS to Janice Blight of Dallas for bringing "Joy" to our office so we could meet her.

Joy is a standard bred poodle and is a member of Therapy Drugs International. Therapy Drugs International is a group of dogs and their

owners who get together to visit elderly in nursing homes. By responding to the animals, the nursing home guests are given an opportunity to love and relate, something most of them don't ordinarily do with people.

Joy was pretty interesting in that she performed several commands for us while she was at the office - such as fetching her owner's crutch and picking it up in her mouth and handing it to Janice.

Joy is soon to become certified to be a service dog, which, like a dog for the sight-impaired or hearing-impaired is a dog to aid the handicapped.

GLAD TO SEE that Janice is doing so much better herself these days. Having had a hip replacement just a few weeks ago, Janice claims she is feeling much better these days and can now start living again.

Depending on just a single crutch these days, Janice hopes to be able to chuck that soon, too. Good luck to you - and to Joy.

A TIP OF THE HAT to little five-year old Jeffrey Nutche of Midway Manor, Shavertown.

Jeff, who was let in the kitchen of the family with his two year old brother the other morning while their mother, Susan, walked yet another brother out to the bus, encountered a rather frightening situation for a young man.

While Susan was out of the house, the younger Nutche boy accidentally turned on one of the stove burners. As something plastic was nearby and got on fire, the kitchen began to fill with smoke.

Thinking quickly, Jeffrey got his brother out of his chair and, despite some protest from the brother, managed to drag the boy out the back door. Jeffrey then informed his mother, who was just rounding the back of the house, that the kitchen was on fire and she should stay out of the house.

Luckily, there wasn't a whole lot of damage and no one was injured - thanks to Jeffrey.

(Doty Martin is the Executive Editor of The Dallas Post. Her column appears regularly.)



Improvements begin

Improvements to Frances Slocum State Park are now underway. The park of more than 1,000 acres with a 165 acre lake is being improved to allow camping. One hundred campsites together with related improvements are being funded by the Commonwealth's Department of General Services at a cost of slightly more than \$1 million dollars. Visiting the park with Senator Charles Lemmond were, from left, Martin Dougherty, Architect, Smith, Miller; Gene Comoss, D.E.R.; Lemmond, Ralph Barkac, D.E.R.'s Park Superintendent; and Arthur R. Thompson, Architect, Smith, Miller.

Grossman on economics

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN
Special to The Dallas Post

Will the last five years of the 1980's prove to be the turning point in history of Northeastern Pennsylvania? In all likelihood, the recent announcements of major new projects in Northeastern Pennsylvania may mark a watershed era in the history of the region.

These new projects range from an AAA Minor League Professional Baseball Franchise to the opening of the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre, to the revitalization of Downtown Scranton via an \$80 million Scranton Mall project.

These and many other projects which are on the drawing board for the betterment of Northeastern Pennsylvania's future seem to be coming together as the pages of 1986 begin to hurdle forward 1987. A new spirit of enthusiasm has infected Northeastern Pennsylvania as a result of these announcements. It may be the year in which a majority of the citizens of the region recognize the assets which the region offers, rather than playing up the negatives.

While these projects and the enthusiasm generated by them do not remove the problems which exist in Northeastern Pennsylvania, they offer new opportunities for positive economic change. They can be utilized as marketing tools to entice new economic development to take place in the region which hopefully can lead toward substantive jobs of long lasting nature.

The manufacturing economy in the region has been buffeted by imports of foreign products which adversely affect how our own manufacturing plants can compete effectively in the world market place. All of the new enthusiasm needs to be coalesced in a true regional and metropolitan marketing sense to entice new industries to locate in the region and to further encourage

existing businesses and industries to expand. The current regional positive feeling should be used to help protect the long standing economic friends of the region such as the needle trades and others.

In the history of the region, never have there been more incentives to encourage economic expansion as a result of the state financial programs as well as creative tools such as the recently announced Luzerne County Financial Loan Pool coordinated through the efforts of the Luzerne County Commissioners, the County Office of Community Development, and local financial institutions, together with the Committee for Economic Growth.

Thus, these remaining years in the 1980's may well be the final drive which is necessary to stabilize the economy of Northeastern Pennsylvania, at least bringing it into a level which will enable the region to effectively compete. Issues and problems will not go away by themselves. Much is needed to correct deficiencies, but some of these deficiencies are out of the region's hands and in the market place of national and international politics which require solutions at that level. One of these is clearly the aforementioned import problem and the overall trade imbalance which currently exists vis a vis the United States and other nations.

A spectacular surge of new enthusiasm may create even more successes as success generally breeds success. Therefore, Northeastern Pennsylvania public and private sector organizations and individuals should utilize the new burst of energy to maximum advantage in expanding all means by which the quality of life of Northeastern Pennsylvania can be a showcase for the rest of the nation as the region rapidly transforms itself to the 21st century.

(Howard J. Grossman is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeast Pennsylvania. His column appears periodically in The Dallas Post.)

Something to think about...

In today's fast-paced, stressful world, it seems harder to say "I love you" to those we care about. It embarrasses us.

Long periods of time can go by without a husband and a wife saying those three little words to one another. When was the last time you said them to a sister, a brother or a friend?

The nature of love has infinite variety. Making a good meal for your family says love. Working hard to provide for your loved ones says love. Showing your child how to tie his shoe laces says love. Taking some chicken soup to a sick friend says love, also.

But saying the words "I love you" means something really special. It reinforces the bond between two people.

"What the world needs now is love, sweet love. That's the only thing that there's just too little of." These lines



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from the song say a great deal. Imagine the world filled to overflowing with love. The more love there is, the less room for hate.

We are taught to "love our neighbors as ourselves." How many of us do that? If we could all manage that, perhaps the stubborn problems that have plagued mankind for all his history on this small planet would be solved at last.

Sound impossible? Sound idealistic? Just think about it. Start with yourself. Make peace with the neighbor you have been feuding with.

Apologize to your mother for being disrespectful. Do something nice for someone just out of the goodness of your heart, not for reward or thanks.

Sharing love with others makes us feel warm and good about ourselves. It makes us more like the children of God that we are.

There is great joy in giving and receiving love. That is what separates us from the animals, the ability to say "I love you" and feel its power all through our being.

"I love you!" Say those words every day. It will make you feel good.

It's something to think about...

(Toby Coleman, a Back Mountain resident, is a columnist for The Dallas Post. Her column appears regularly.)

Letters to the editor

Woman argues against candidate's views

DEAR EDITOR:

The upcoming race for U.S. Senator between Arlen Specter and Bob Edgar presents those who want an end to the killing of unborn babies with a difficult choice. Both candidates have solidly pro-abortion voting records in Congress, but there are some crucial differences which have led the pro-life movement to support Arlen Specter for U.S. Senate.

As a Senator, Specter has voted to confirm all three of President Reagan's nominees to the Supreme Court. The next Reagan nominee could change the balance of the Supreme Court from pro-abortion to pro-life. Edgar has stated he will definitely not support a Reagan nomi-

nee. Thus, the combination of the positive Specter record on Reagan nominees and Edgar's stated, negative position make an Edgar election "certain death" to pro-life hopes for a reversal of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision.

Additionally, despite their similar records, Edgar is a far more outspoken advocate of preserving the "right" of abortion on demand and of taxpayer funding of abortion on demand. He has emerged as a pro-abortion leader in the House and would likely continue that role in the Senate.

We are, then, confronted with a choice that is difficult but necessary, if we keep our eye on the goal - rever-

sal of the Supreme Court's abortion on demand decision. We cannot reach the goal by electing a Senator who will do everything in his power to preserve the "right" of abortion on demand. We cannot reach that life-saving goal by voting for a write-in pro-life candidate who cannot be elected. Nor can we achieve our goal by not voting.

Four thousand babies a day are dying from abortion. The election of Arlen Specter can bring us one step closer to ending this national scandal. The choice for pro-life voters on November 4 is, then, clearcut, necessary and vital.

GRETCHEN O'BOYLE
SCRANTON

Doctor dislikes violence on television

DEAR EDITOR:

As a pediatrician dedicated to the health and safety of children, I am concerned about the increasing amount of violence shown on television. Next to the family, television is one of the major influences in a child's development, and it can serve a very positive, educational role. Unfortunately, television also can serve a negative role, such as exposing children to excessive amounts of violence.

In the past six years, the amount of violence shown on American television has doubled; children are bearing the brunt of this increase. Research shows that chil-

dren's television programs are six times as violent as adults' shows. During one hour of cartoon-watching, children are exposed to about 20 acts of violence. In the course of a year, the average American child watches approximately 12,000 violent episodes. Dozens of studies have shown that children and adolescents can imitate the violence they see on television.

Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) has introduced legislation that would provide an exemption from the antitrust laws to allow the television networks, independent stations, and the cable industry to work together to reduce

television violence. The legislation also would order the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a definitive study of television violence.

These bills, S.2322 and S.2323, supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, should be coming up soon for a vote on the Senate floor. I urge Senators Heinz and Specter to vote in favor of the bills. Concerned parents should contact their own senators to urge action on behalf of this important legislation.

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State Capitol roundup

Here is a summary of important events that occurred on Capitol Hill last week from Rep. Frank Coslett, 120th Legislative District.

CAPITOL EXPANSION INVESTIGATION - The ranking Republican of the committee investigating the Capitol expansion project this week charged the panel's

Democratic leadership with the destruction of evidence, leaking false information, and possible perjury in its operation of the committee.

Rep. Jeffrey E. Piccola (R-Dauphin) called on the Speaker of the House to "rein in" the Democrats and cautioned the media not to accept all information released by the panel as

fact. At a Harrisburg press conference, Piccola noted a number of recent instances where Democratic actions appear to be politically motivated.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL - Installation of a high speed rail line between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh would significantly boost Pennsylvania's economy, creating as many as 12,500 new permanent jobs.

"It could have an awesome impact on our economy," said Rep. Richard Geist (R-Blair), commission chairman.

(Rep. Franklin Coslett serves the 120th Legislative District which encompasses parts of the Back Mountain. His roundup appears regularly.)

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