

# Commentary

## Our one greatest need is courage

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The elections are over, but the challenges that face our nation and the world are the same. As the twenty-first century beckons, our government must cope with new problems. Regardless of who won the elections, they need our prayers.

Our greatest need in America is a return to the traditional, moral, and family values that made us great. We do need a balanced budget and a strong national defense. We also need moral responsibility and courage to protect the unborn and reject ethanasia. Our students need school prayer rather than teenage birth control. Until there is a moral and spiritual restoration, drug and alcohol abuse will remain a major problem.

Our greatest need is for courage to face and deal with these

problems which threaten our American way of life. The influence of secular humanism must be stopped or all moral values will gradually disappear. We must understand this new religion and its powerful influence.

Humanism says there is no God. Christianity says there is a living creator, God. The humanist believes man is central, his reason is supreme, and his salvation is science. Their most powerful pulpit and sanctuary has been the public school room.

It may not be fashionable to write about God, morality and traditional family values, but this is our only hope to save our future. We must protect our Constitution; and as Christians, influence our society.

(Clyde Dupin is author of a column entitled "Religious Viewpoint." His column appears periodically in The Dallas Post.)



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### Remembering their founder

Back Mountain Girl Scouts place stones bearing their initials around a tree they just planted in honor of the 75th anniversary of Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouting. Planting the tree on Carverton Road in Trucksville were Dorothy Wadas, Jamie Kozemko, Mary Lou Swingle, Margaret Harrison, Marianne Macri, Jenny Metzgar, Mary Nafus, Linda Poulos, Karen Adams, Frances Williams, Margaret Craft, leaders; Stephanie

Pacovski, Marilee Bostock, Sara Nafus, Danae Husband, Susan Stritzinger, Christina O'Kane, Laura Uzdilla, Kerri Bachman, Jennifer Lyons, Michele Metzgar, Valerie Gorda, Heather Adams, Beth Delesavage, Lois Koval, Janel Burakiewicz, Bonnie Poulos, Stephanie Warner, Amy Samuels, Jennifer Mosier, Kristy Woolbert, Rebecca Hoover, Jesse Kozemko, and Jessica Husband.

## Something to think about

Peace on Earth - what a longed-for, but so far, elusive dream.

Heads of governments come together in history - making summits to thrash out their differences - complicated differences that have prevented peace for generations.

Most of us are not privy to the details of these talks. All we know is what we are told by our leaders and the media.

Admittedly, these super-power meetings are necessary. I wonder, however, if there isn't something each of us can do to bring this dream to fruition.

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

Let it begin with me - that phrase suggests to me that, if one is at peace within oneself and at peace with family, friends, and neighbors, this feeling would radiate like the rays of the warming sun from home to neighborhood to community and from nation to nation throughout the world.

One need not attend momentous international conferences to address this issue. One need only take a very private journey - the journey inward. Take some time during the course of your

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busy week to sit quietly by yourself and think about your feelings.

Ask yourself some hard questions. "What can I do to make myself a better person?" "Are others responsible for making me happy?" "What don't I like about myself?" "Is what scares me real?" "What is my responsibility towards the well-being of others?"

By asking yourself these and other such searching questions, you have taken the first step towards inner peace. Perhaps "Peace on Earth" really means something very personal. "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

It's something to think about... (Toby Coleman, a Back Mountain resident, is a columnist for The Dallas Post. Her column appears regularly.)

## Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

Here we are! October's ending and Halloween is with us.

A special thank you to Mary for sending us some cornstalks along with pumpkins and some very fancy gourds. These made the entrance to the library most festive. Unfortunately, the pumpkins and gourds lasted only a few days, having been whisked away to be smashed on the road. The children's story hours had their Halloween parties during the week and were attended by some different looking little people such as bat man, space girl, big bird, a princess, a quiet ghost, a scary skeleton, an ugly witch, a clown with colored hair, a cowboy, a goony bird and our own children's librarian became a neat scarecrow. The children has a parade, refreshments and some fun games.

An interesting quote for the season, "Skeletons aren't scary. Everybody has one inside." A fun time season before approaching the winter months.

I had a very busy but enjoyable weekend beginning with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Concert on Friday night featuring guest conductor, Enrique Diemecke and featured violinist, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg.

This violinist was absolutely fascinating and played the violin as if it was part of her; a truly exciting, electrifying per-

formance. The guest conductor was also a joy to watch and the orchestra was superb.

I drove to Philadelphia on Saturday to visit my son, Cliff, and his wife, Barbara. Cliff was in a special race regatta with his single crew shell on the Schuylkill River and this was a most fascinating experience. I had not seen him race before and he was in the Championship single scull race and came in 21st out of 50 entrants, which he ways is very good for him, considering he was racing against the best in the country.

His time was 18 min. 16 seconds and first place was 16 min. 30 seconds. The course is 2 3/4 miles long; and very thrilling to see the four men, six and eight man and some women in the race, with their own shells. We came back to their home in time to see Penn State beat Alabama, went out for dinner to a quaint little restaurant in Chestnut Hill called Rollers, and returned home to watch the Mets beat the Red Sox in the bottom of the 10th inning.

Sunday morning we attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill and had brunch at the Cock 'n Bull Restaurant at Peddler's Village where we celebrated Cliff's birthday which was on Monday.

(Nancy Kozemchak is the assistant librarian at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Her column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

## Letters

### She claims federal funds are drugging animals

DEAR EDITOR:

Did you know that federal funds that should be used to treat humans addicted to drugs and alcohol are being used to fund drug and alcohol addiction research on live animals?

Your tax dollars to the tune of \$311,495,000 will be wasted in 1986 on animals "models" of cocaine killings, alcoholism, heroin, LSD, angel dust, marijuana and Valium addiction and the list goes on. Millions of animals from snails to dogs to primates and even horses and elephants are the "models" for barbaric experiments that cause pain, fear, and agonized death. These funds should be used to expand existing rehabilitation programs and implement programs where none exist.

It is impossible to simply transfer the results of animal experiments to humans. Ani-

mals live under completely different conditions than man. The experimental situation is artificial, one-sided, and does not correspond to real life situations. These innocent, animals are forcibly addicted to drugs and alcohol. Since the animal does not choose drugs or alcohol they are forced through starvation, electric shock, and deprivation of water to name a few methods.

In 1786, dogs and rabbits were addicted to opium. In 1887, animals were poisoned with cocaine and the first barbiturate poisoning took place as early as 1911. Since 1948, experimenters at the Addiction Research Center in Lexington, Kentucky have been performing revoltingly cruel addiction research on spine severed dogs. These animals are forcibly addicted to morphine, angel dust, and other

drugs and then plunged into the agony of withdrawal by either cutting off the drug or injecting an "antagonist" which brings on the withdrawal syndrome immediately.

Symptoms include rapid heart rate, seizures, fever, "continuous stepping" of the paralyzed hindlimbs, retching, vomiting, hair standing on end, "canine delirium" and more. The experimenters also routinely torment the dogs by pinching them with forceps and by burning their skin. Other "discoveries" at the center include: Spine-severed rats twitch their legs more after amphetamine dosing.

Spinal reflexes in morphine-addicted, brain-injured and spine-severed cats are less than in brain-injured, spine-severed cats not addicted to morphine. These experiments are not only unscientific; they are also inhu-

man and brutalizing. The application to man from these experiments; none.

There are modern methods available to test the effects of addictive drugs. By using the alternatives, the terrible suffering of forcibly addicted animals, which has been going on for 200 years, can be totally eliminated. Demand that these experiments be stopped and the money used for treatment of human addicts. Write to Senators Heinz and Specter and your Representative in Washington.

If you would like a free brochure "Animal Agony in Addiction Research" write to L.O.V.E. (League Opposing Vivisection Experiments), P.O. Box 1284, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703.

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SECRETARY  
LEAGUE OPPOSING  
VIVISECTION EXPERIMENTS

### Air Access Carrier Act is a reality, but long overdue

DEAR EDITOR:

Americans who cherish our democratic system of government have cause to rejoice over legislation enacted by President Reagan on the civil rights of the handicapped who use the nation's commercial airlines.

"The Air Access Carrier Act of 1986," signed into law by President Reagan, makes law the right of Americans with a handicap to use commercial airlines with safety and dignity.

For the handicapped traveler, "the adventure of flying" has been just that, prior to the passage of this important legislation. Until now, the handi-

capped air traveler could expect any number of difficulties, from being refused one's choice of seat to being refused passage altogether. Other restrictions often included an extra handling charge for wheelchairs, being required to travel with an aide, or being forced to give advance notice of one's intent to travel - as a handicapped individual - well in advance of departure. Each of these restrictions was at the complete discretion of the airline official on each particular flight - with no consistency among airlines or even among different flights of the same airline.

The quick passage of the legislation, actively supported by the Paralyzed Veterans of America and a broad range of organizations serving the needs of handicapped Americans, is an indication of the growing feeling nationwide that we can no longer tolerate discriminatory treatment of people who happen to have a handicap.

The "Air Carrier Access Act of 1986" addresses this critical need to protect the civil rights of the handicapped passenger aboard commercial airlines and is a tribute to the fine leadership of Senator Robert Dole (R-KS) and Representatives John

Paul Hammerschmidt (R-AR) and Norman Mineta (D-CA) in the House of Representatives.

We owe our thanks and appreciation to these members of Congress and many others in supporting our nation's ideal of "equality for all."

In advocating full citizenship, dignity and safety for 35 million handicapped Americans within our great democracy, our nation's representatives have further protected these rights for all Americans.

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PARALYZED VETERANS  
OF AMERICA

### Conference invitation issued to all tax-paying citizens

DEAR EDITOR:

During the last few years, and especially in 1986, school boards across the Commonwealth have used their practically unlimited taxation powers to increase radically their citizens' tax burden. Currently, plans are under way in at least eight school districts to double and triple the school

taxes.

All this is legal and may well occur in your school district. Pennsylvania is virtually the only state in the Union where school boards can sell bonds without a referendum. Vested interests with powerful lobbies want to keep it that way.

The Annville-Cleona Taxation

Advisory Committee (ACTAC) will hold a conference on the issue of TAXATION POWERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Lebanon County, PA on November 22, 1986. Its purpose is to investigate the use and abuse of the current school financing laws, and to lend support to

several bills which were introduced in the legislature to remedy an impossible situation.

If you wish to attend this meeting and to help bring about a change, please write to ACTAC, P.O. Box 132, Annville PA, or call (717) 867-2135.

JOERG MAYER  
CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

## State Capitol roundup

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

**DER REPORT** - A report critical of the state's Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program was issued this week by the Democratic chairman of the House Conservation Committee. The study was dismissed as political and without merit by both the head of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) and the ranking Republi-

can of the Conservation Committee. DER Secretary Nicholas DeBenedictis defended his agency's management of the mine reclamation program and said the attack on the program was politically motivated. Rep. George C. Hasay (R-Luzerne) said the report was without merit since committee members were not involved in the investigation and were not asked to accept or reject the findings of the report.

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LCB REFORM - The author

of legislation to abolish the Liquor Control Board (LCB) this week urged the committee studying LCB sunset review measures to significantly revamp the agency. Rep. Joseph M. Gladeck Jr. (R-Montgomery) called the LCB "outdated, inefficient and anti-consumer." Gladeck suggested that the House-Senate conference committee studying the sunset legislation consider a number of proposals he has introduced. The committee must take action on the sunset review legislation

by Dec. 31 or the LCB will expire. "Pennsylvania consumers are sick and tired of having to face more high prices, poor service, questionable licensing and limited selection. Once again, we have an opportunity to do something positive and we cannot afford to fumble the ball," Gladeck said.

(Rep. Frank Coslett serves the 120th Legislative District which encompasses parts of the Back Mountain. His column appears regularly in The Dallas Post.)

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