

# THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

### Michael Dukakis for President

The Dallas Post endorses Michael Dukakis, for President of the United States. We do so because in three critical areas his vision of what is right and best for America and the world differs significantly from George Bush's. These are the federal budget, policies toward Central America and the third world, and the role of government in our economy.

We also endorse Mr. Dukakis because the Bush campaign has been mostly an effort to make citizens fear Dukakis for his supposed liberalism while revealing as little as possible about Mr. Bush's true positions on issues. In that we see a continuation of the present administration's "trust us" attitude toward the American public - and we don't like it. We believe that this unwillingness to come clean with the voters symbolizes an arrogance of power that is very unhealthy for the nation.

Here then are our primary reasons for favoring Dukakis. **The budget** - While neither candidate is willing to talk openly about his plans for solving the problem of the nation's budget deficit, Dukakis has been wise enough (or honest enough), to hold open all options. One would be hard pressed to find a responsible economist who would support Mr. Bush's promise to eliminate the deficit without raising some taxes. Beyond that, Mr. Dukakis offers a more balanced view of what our budget priorities should be, and in the face of overwhelming evidence that the military can no longer have whatever it wants, has named several weapons systems that he would eliminate or scale back. Challenged to do the same, Mr. Bush has been unable to list even one. That shows either a lack of understanding of the problem, or a belief that the American public isn't intelligent enough to demand answers to hard questions.

**Central America** - The candidates couldn't be further apart on the issue of how to respond to the turmoil in this region, especially in Nicaragua. Mr. Bush espouses continued and increased aid to the United States created Contras, while Dukakis favors more negotiations and economic aid. We think that the longer America tries to impose its will on these nations, the stronger will be the resistance to our policies. We may hold the lid on for awhile, but it will surely blow later.

It seems to us that Mr. Bush lacks confidence in the superiority of the American systems of government and economics if he is unwilling to share more of them with the less fortunate. If our way is so good (and we think it is), then shouldn't we be working to introduce it in a manner that it will be accepted. Instead, he would have us perpetuate the worst of our characteristics; the use of raw power to control a neighbor nation. We think it's time for a change in how we approach underdeveloped nations.

**Government and the economy** - Again, there appears to be significant disagreement in the two candidates philosophy. While Mr. Dukakis urges more cooperation between government and business, Mr. Bush says to let the reins fall and may the best horse win. We don't find that a realistic or reassuring approach in the world of international competition that we now inhabit. One need only review the most recent mega-merger proposals to know that good capitalists left alone will inevitably do what is best for their own pocketbooks, not necessarily what is good for the nation. That is no indictment of capitalism; it's simply reality. More than ever before in our history, some direction is needed so that our producers and managers look beyond immediate profit potential to the long range good of the country's economy as a whole. While this may not sit well with those who believe that America alone still commands the high seas of international commerce, it is the way of the world today. If we don't change our thinking soon, the United States could be on its way to being the largest third world country.

These three issues have one common thread; if this nation is to continue to prosper in a rapidly changing world, it must anticipate and respond to the changes. Fundamentally, the Bush campaign has told us that there's nothing to be concerned about, and that a continuation of the policies we have pursued for the past eight years will keep us strong and healthy. Mr. Dukakis has offered instead the idea that we can't be content to stay in the same place while the rest of the world passes us by. We like that attitude better.

### Whoever your choice, vote

We can exercise our right to elect our own officials next Tuesday. That statement may sound pretty ordinary until you take the time to compare our system of government with the ones that the majority of persons on this earth live under.

Along with this right comes the responsibility to make an informed choice when we enter the polling booth. We urge all eligible citizens to fulfill their responsibility to themselves and their nation.



#### Ready for winter

This stately old hemlock in Ricketts Glen State Park has dropped its needles in anticipation of the coming change of seasons. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

#### Letters invited

The Dallas Post encourages readers to share their opinions with the community by writing a letter to the editor. All letters for publication must be signed and include a telephone number so that we may verify their authenticity. We will not publish anonymous letters. Send letters to: The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, PA 18612. Letters received by Noon on Monday may be included in that week's issue.

#### Thanks Post for helping United Way

Editor, Thank you for participating in "United Way Day" at area McDonald's Restaurants. The project was a huge success and judging from the positive feedback, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We realize you are all busy people and, yet you found time to give of yourselves to benefit the less fortunate. On behalf of the 28 agencies you have helped to support, we thank you for being such good sports. Charles J. Reynolds, Jr. President United Way of Wyoming Valley

### Winter parking rules in effect in Kingston Township

#### Winter Parking

Kingston Township Police Chief Paul M. Sabol would like to remind residents that the Winter Parking Ordinance becomes effective on November 1, 1988 and will be in effect through March 31, 1989. Under this ordinance residents are prohibited from parking vehicles on Township streets between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. each day. The ordinance is designed to keep the Township streets open and clear so that snow removal measures can be effectively undertaken by the Road Department.

The chief urges all Township residents to cooperate in complying with the Township Ordinance.

#### Burning ordinances

Residents of Kingston Township are reminded that closed container burning is permitted in the Township for the disposal of paper only, no other household trash is to be

burned. The container must be covered with some type of screening to contain the debris and must be attended at all times. Container burning is permitted from dawn to dusk daily, with the exception of Sunday when no burning is allowed. Township residents are also reminded that the open burning of wood, tree branches, tree leaves, paper or yard trimmings requires a Township Burning Permit. Only one open fire is allowed with each permit.

Residents are reminded that a Township ordinance expressly prohibits the burning of leaves, branches, and lawn clippings in gutters along the township roadways.

Open burning permits may be obtained at the Kingston Township Administrative Office, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30 p.m.

### Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Nov. 5, 1938

#### Back Mountain Lumber & Coal breaks ground

Bert Hill steals the show dressed as Aunt Jemima in the Back Mountain Halloween parade which drew 1,590 persons.

Granville Sowden announced one of the largest and most extensive expansion programs in the Back Mountain as he broke ground for the new Back Mountain Lumber and Coal Company.

Alfred Bronson, president of Sweet Valley Improvement Association, announced that Sweet Valley will have a new dress plant employing 200 to 300 local women.

J.J. Murray of Jackson Township will offer a plan for an incinerator and disposal plant to take care of the Back Mountain communities.

You could buy - Oysters, 73c pt. can; oranges 2 doz. 45c; cheddar cheese 69c lb.; bread 13c loaf.

40 Years Ago - Nov. 4, 1948

#### Dallas Township to vote on high school addition

GOP is hit hardest after recent vote purge and Democrats are in the lead in registration in county.

20,000 persons expected at the homecoming rally at Kingston Armory for Luzerne County's candidate Arthur James of Plymouth.

\$15,000 bond issue for addition to the high school will be on the ballot for Dallas Township voters.

The Dallas Post will have 'Open House' for readers election night with employees working all night to keep people informed of results of Pennsylvania's exciting election.

Kingston Township gridders will meet Forty Fort under the lights tonight at Forty Fort's field.

Engaged - Millicent Rustine and Joseph Hand.

Married - Louise Brace and George Hess; Mary Davis and William Keller.

You could buy - Hams 15c lb.; sweet potatoes 5 lbs. 10c; butter 2 lbs. 51c; coffee 23c lb.

30 Years Ago - Nov. 7, 1958

#### Lehman Scotties work on perfect season

Lopasky & Walters determined to lead Lehman Scotties in remaining undefeated against Wilkes-Barre tomorrow.

Contract for the new boiler for Dallas Borough Elementary was awarded to the Hughes Company by the Dallas School District at its meeting.

Mild weather brings out a record crowd of Halloween paraders highlighted by a huge dinosaur weaving his neck back and forth, champing his jaws and flashing red sparks from his eyes as he came down Main Street.

Lake-Lehman comes from behind to defeat Nescopeck 39-20 at the latters field.

Engaged - Lorraine Romanowski and Daniel Dougherty.

Married - Marie M. Beline and Edward Quinter; Elizabeth Everts and

Benny W. Young.

You could buy - Rib roast 59c lb.; Emperor grapes 2 lbs. 25c; sauerkraut 4 cans 49c; frozen Fordhook limas 2 10-oz. pkgs. 39c.

20 Years Ago - Nov. 7, 1968

#### Representative O'Connell carries area

State Representative Frank O'Connell wins big in the Back Mountain.

Dallas Sesquicentennial ended with the committee placing articles in a sealed box to be stored at Wyoming Valley Historical Society building in Wilkes-Barre.

Despite reports to the contrary no final agreement was reached when Lake Borough and Lehman Township officials sat down to iron out divisions Thursday due to the Borough was created by taking property from Lehman Township there have been problems in resolving issues involved.

Coach Jack Jones Dallas grid-ders lose to the Hanover Hawkeyes.

Marie Bellas led the Ladies Country League last Tuesday with 223 (541) and Arlene Hospodar followed with 206 (518) for Joe's Pizza.

Engaged - Dorothy Kelper and George N. Hettiger, Jr.; Diane Lynn Pattison and Peter T. Donio; Nancy Elaine Eggleston and Paul Edward Bartley, Jr.

Married - Mary Webb and John Honeywell.

You could buy - Chicken quarters 29c lb.; bananas 12c lb.; cream cheese 8-oz. pkg. 29c; garlic powder 1-oz. jar 33c.

10 Years Ago - Nov. 9, 1978

#### Jackson Township proposes zoning

Lake Township needs a new roadmaster following the resignation of Robert Kreidler who was appointed last month. Kreidler resigned to accept a better position.

Lake Borough Council president Robert DeRemer said he has no connection with the ownership of Sandy Beach.

Jackson Township to hold zoning meeting to hear public opinion concerning the proposed zoning ordinances.

Dale Meyers presents watercolor workshop in Hotel Sterling.

Len Groboski's Bootleggers moved into first place in the Dallas Legion Dart League last week.

Nanticoke Trojans edged the Dallas Mountaineers 23-21 in Saturday's game.

Interest charges on bonds used to finance construction of new Lake Elementary School will bring the total cost to \$6,000,000.

Students in Industrial Arts instructor Russell Owens class at Dallas Senior High School built a \$4,000 custom designed motorcycle from a wrecked Honda. They purchased some parts and made some of the parts in designing and constructing the motorcycle.

Engaged - Deborah Jean Jurista and Stephen L. Dubarr, Jr.

You could buy - Chuck roasts 99c lb.; fresh broccoli 59c bch.; Star-Kist tuna 58c can; ice milk 99c 1/2 gal.

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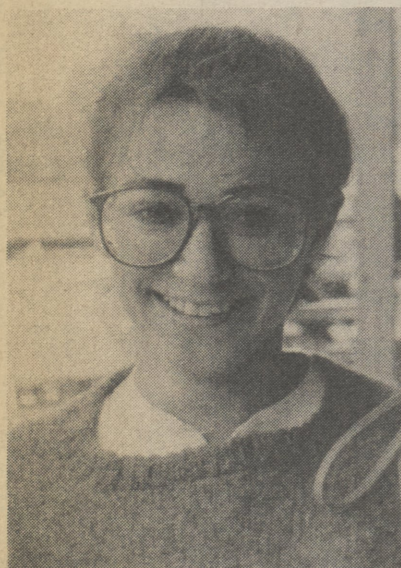
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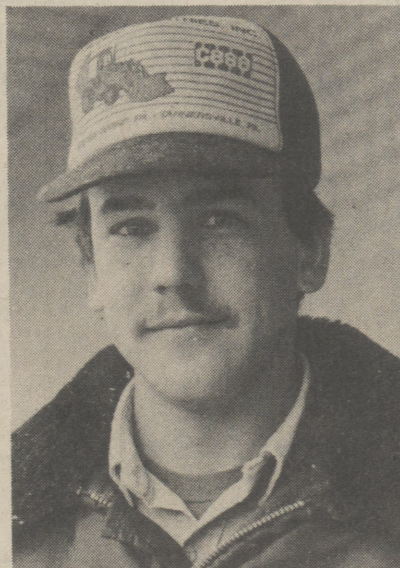
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## The Post asks: "What question would you ask a presidential candidate?"



Rose Hosey

Housewife Dallas "I would ask a lot of things. I guess the biggest one would be what they plan to do about the deficit."



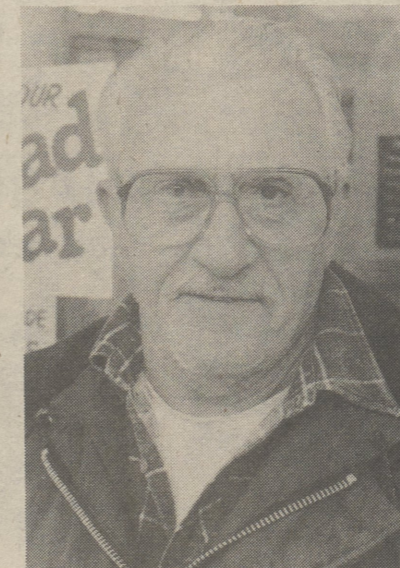
Charles Kasko

Contractor Dallas "The biggest thing is if our economy will stay strong. I feel it is strong now. What would he do to keep it that way and progress it in the same direction."



Steve Kaminski

Carpenter Trucksville "Are you truly honest with your campaign promises.?"



Douglas McGowan

Retired Benton "What's he plan to do for the aging, day care for children of working mothers and also if he's telling the truth."



Nancy Gross

Housewife Sweet Valley "Exactly how do they stand on the abortion issue."



Joseph Guido

Meat cutter Luzerne "What are you going to do about taxes and are you going to raise the minimum wage, what about health insurance?"