

# THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

### Man challenges Nature - and loses

Some natural disasters seem to reach out and touch us far beyond the boundaries of the affected areas. Both Hurricane Hugo and the recent earthquake in California are among them.

These catastrophes have sent strong signals about the powerlessness of man over the large forces of nature. In both cases, man has seemed to challenge nature by building homes and businesses - indeed, whole cities - directly in the way of clear dangers. And all indications are that we will go right back and do it again as soon as the debris is cleared away.

Perhaps we have raised such challenges in South Carolina and California because we are willing to take risks to live in beautiful places. Both locations are among the most attractive in our nation, and both have been alive with promise in recent years.

Yet, there was something ominous about these two deadly disasters. In California, the loss of life would have been far less if a double deck highway had not collapsed. From here, it's easy to ask why that highway was ever constructed in such an earthquake prone area. So, man's own edifice brought doom to scores of other human beings.

In South Carolina, feverish construction of dwellings on fragile barrier islands resulted in the loss of much of the property, and risk to some occupants. We have heard the warnings for years, yet paid no heed until it was too late.

Are we foolish, or just shortsighted? Or are we willing to risk all for the joy of a beautiful sunset and pleasant climate?

Whatever the answer, we hope one result of these tragedies is a more thoughtful approach to our inhabitation of high risk places, and a renewal of healthy respect for the forces of the natural world.

### It's only a game

Perhaps it was meant to be a reminder that these are, after all, teenagers, with still many years to grow and mature. Or maybe the combination of errors on the field by both teams should tell us that even when many mistakes are made, only the ones that cost something make the headlines.

Whatever your feeling, the Dallas-GAR football game last Saturday was first and foremost a high school sports contest. And compared with other events during the week, it wasn't all that important.

That thought may be close to heresy to some rabid high school football fans; the kind who put major league pressure on still young minds and bodies. And some of the players might even believe the game is as important as it seems to them now, or that they should expect perfect performance at all times.

But it's only a game. All of us who have played sports or performed any other activity that requires practice and skill know the heartache that comes with making errors. But we've all made them, and will again, though hopefully not the same ones.

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#### Katie's choice

A young girl gleefully chooses her favorite among the pumpkin crop at Dymond's Market in Dallas. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

### Library news

#### Local woman donates tape of her lullabies to the library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has received a gift of an audio cassette tape donated by the person who made the tape. Our own local, home-town girl, Gloria Miller, has made a tape of lullabies and was gracious enough to donate one to the library.

The tape is called, "Lullaby Baby" and was recorded at Holland Sound Studios, of Scranton. Lyrics by Gloria Miller, Music by Rosendo Santos, Jr., accompanist, Nathan Santos and engineered by Ken Brophy.

The lullabies include: Cradle Song, Mother's Lullaby, Evening Prayer, Sleep Little Child, Bed Time, Rock a Bye Baby, All Through the Night, Sleepy Time, All the World is Sleeping, Sleep Little Child and Cradle Song. The tape is a lovely assortment of lullabies and would probably even put an adult to sleep.

The tape will be available for borrowing from the library on the cassette shelf in the office area of the library. Thank you, gloria, for allowing the library to be part of this lovely tape and your new adventure.

Arriving at the library one evening last week were six Cub Scouts who were working on a Cub achievement. The boys had reached Wolf rank and were working on achievement No. 8 on the Bear badge, which is a look back in time. They were using the bound volumes of The Dallas Post to find out what happened on the day and year they were born and what also

happened five years before that time.

Another requirement was to find out something about their community. The boys were from Den 7, Cub Scout Pack 241, sponsored by the Lehman United Methodist Church. They were accompanied by their den leaders, Linda Walters and Paula Birth. The Scouting movement is still a super learning experience.

The library has stored in the archives of our basement, the bound volumes of The Dallas Post beginning with 1929 and these are available for the public use while in the library. A year's publication of the newspapers are bound in each volume.

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire"; well, not quite yet, but soon; at least in New York City. A discussion developed in the library the other day regarding chestnuts and horsechestnuts and we decided to research the subject. "Under the spreading chestnut tree" is appropriate because the tree has spreading branches which make it an excellent shade tree, and has toothed, glossy green leaves. The nuts develop in a prickly, clinging bur, and are excellent for eating either raw or cooked. It is valuable for its long-lasting wood, as well.

The horsechestnut has dark green leaves and beautiful white flowers, used for ornamental planting. One large distinction; the horsechestnut is bitter tasting and poisonous if eaten raw.

#### 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 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.

### Only yesterday

#### 50 Years Ago - Oct. 27, 1939 YEAR'S FIRST SNOW STORM HITS DALLAS

Two important highways, the one in Luzerne and the one, Route 92, between Dallas and Tunkhannock, will be completed within the next two weeks.

An attempt to revive the Dallas Borough Alumni Association and make it a potent force in the community will be launched next Wednesday night at a meeting in the high school.

The first snow storm of the season arrived in Dallas during this week.

College Misericordia will host the Catholic Peace Association of the Middle Atlantic States Nov. 11.

Engaged - Madeleine Sullivan and Joseph Edward Sheridan.

Wed - Kate Parrish and J. Lloyd Drake.

#### 40 Years Ago - Oct. 28, 1949 GOERINGER OPPOSES PLANNED ZONING CODE

Harry Goeringer, real estate operator, was one of the first to oppose the zoning code proposed by the Dallas Township supervisors.

The annual Back Mountain Halloween Parade will be held Monday night.

Lehman-Dallas Township football classic holds the spotlight for what promises to be the battle of the season this Saturday.

Wed - Jane Weiss and Charles C. Mekeel; Dorothy Mitchell and Edwin A. Wright; Marjorie Hilbert and Herbert Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Jeter left to attend the American Bankers Association Conference in San Francisco, California.

#### 30 Years Ago - Oct. 29, 1959 DALLAS SCHOOLS TAX MILLAGE FIGURES AT 45

Back Mountain has 109 blood donors eligible for the Gallon Club dinner Wednesday evening.

All districts of Dallas Schools pay 45 millage tax.

The Dallas Ambulance & Fire Company members request the rest of the community residents to send in their coin cards.

Dallas Kiwanis members will tour the new state institution at Jackson Township today.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank has been established at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital under the supervision of Dallas, Harveys Lake, Edwardsville, Noxen, Larksville, Luzerne and Kingston Lions Clubs.

Nick Stredny broke all records at Crown Imperial Lanes Monday night when he bowled a near perfect game of 299 while bowling with the Lehman D team of the Back Mountain Firemen's League. Stredny won \$100 and a special patch for bowling 11 consecutive strikes before leaving the '5' pin standing on his last ball.

### Governor announces recycling poster contest

Governor Robert P. Casey has announced a statewide recycling poster contest for students in grades one through 12 in honor of October as Recycling Month.

"We want to give students a head start in making them aware of their important role in controlling our trash problem," Governor Casey said.

Finalists will be selected by a blue ribbon panel of judges, with one winner chosen from each grade. The governor will personally notify each winner and invite them to a special ceremony at the Governor's Residence.

Each winner and sponsoring teacher will receive prizes underwritten by the Steel Can Recycling

Engaged - Louise Williams and John Fink.

Wed - Lois Ann Moss and Raymond Malak.

David Ell scores twice for the Mountaineers as they defeat Edwardsville 13-0.

#### 20 Years Ago - Oct. 30, 1969 FIRE STRIKES DALLAS AREA TASTEE FREEZE

The First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre at a recent Dallas Council meeting announced that it planned to open temporary Dallas quarters in a trailer specially designed for bank business near the Suburban Restaurant on land the bank now owns.

Fire damaged the Dallas Tastee Freeze located on Route 309 south of Dallas at the Overbrook Avenue bypass when flames licked through the cinder block building shortly after noon on Tuesday.

Dallas Borough Park has been delayed again due to the fact the first part of the application for matching funds, although approved by the Department of Community Affairs, it has not been approved by the state planning board.

Engaged - Mary E. Harned and Walter R. Chappell; Rita Bombick and David Fitch.

Wed - Susan F. Scheff and Richard K. Farr; Theresa Krouse and John Gorda; Carole Ann Dillon and Kenneth Chapple; Ayleen James and Thomas Landon.

Ken Engler's three touchdowns and Scott Lefko's three extra points led the Dallas Mountaineers to a 21-21 tie with Nanticoke.

#### 10 Years Ago - Nov. 1, 1979 LAKE COUNCIL RACE KEYS ON PROPERTY

Back Mountain Protective Association President Dr. F. Budd Schooley urges customers of UGI to participate in the Nov. 8 rate hike hearing.

The Harveys Lake Council race is the culmination of a standing three-year feud over the acquisition of the stone house and some lakefront property owned by family members and business associates of Helen Sgarlat, prominent businesswoman and Democrat party worker.

More than 300 children attended the Dallas Kiwanis Club's Halloween Party at the Gate of Heaven auditorium Sunday. The parade was held inside due to the inclement weather.

Engaged - Lois J. Miller and David Nygren.

Wed - Elizabeth Fielding and Peter Oliver.

Harveys Lake resident Dr. John N. Kennedy performed on the organ in the Church of Our Lady in Brugge, Belgium in celebration of Brussels' millennial festival.

Dallas Mountaineers defeat Bishop Hoban Argents 14-0.

Institute, a national recycling association headquartered in Pittsburgh.

Winners from grades one through eight will each receive a \$500 gift certificate towards the purchase of a home computer or video equipment. High school students will be given the option of the gift certificate or a \$500 scholarship to be used at any institution of higher learning. Each winners' sponsoring teacher will receive a \$250 gift certificate.

Application requests or questions should be directed to Patti Vathis at the Department of Education, 717-783-6994. All entries must be received no later than December 8, 1989.

### Opinion

## Census Bureau, municipalities getting ready for 1990 count

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

While the 1990 Census may be 11 months away, the Bureau of the Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce is furiously preparing for the special day which will quickly come to pass on April 1, 1990. If that day seems a long way off, it is necessary to remember that it has already been nine years since an official population count was taken in the United States.

The expectation is that close to 250,000,000 people will be counted in the 1990 Census. The meaning of these counts is important to all municipalities and citizens and officials in the region, since it is estimated that over \$33,000,000,000 of Federal funds is distributed on the basis of official population counts. When this figure is added to federal and state allocations which are based on

population counts, the impact on the public and government alike is evident.

Some other reasons why a population count is important include Congressional redistricting which is based on the population count taken every 10 years. Sometime in the early 1990's, redistricting will take place and the number of Congressional seats will either stay the same, gain, or be lost, to a variety of states across the nation. To cite some examples, it is expected that the State of California will gain five or six Congressional seats, while the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will lose some Congressional seats.

Another important use of Census information is by the corporate and business sector. Statistical marketing information is used by the business community to help determine the amount and direction of advertising costs as well as the test marketing of products and other types of business

decisions.

Municipalities, planning agencies and others use Census information as a tool for determining actions which will impact all citizens such as the construction of public sewerage systems, the expansion of municipal facilities, the need for transportation improvements, and many other impact decisions.

In the 1990 Census, special efforts will be undertaken to reach sectors of the population which some say have been undercounted in the past.

These include the homeless, illegal aliens, minority groups, and others. This is extremely important to municipal governments since their funding support on the part of federal and state grant agencies is often determined on the basis of population statistics, as noted in the above paragraphs.

The Census Bureau will employ close to 400,000 persons nationally during the hectic population

count, including preparation time, the actual count itself, and the post Census time. The questionnaire to be utilized for the Census is still in the design stage, however, most of the questions have been decided upon and most are those familiar to persons who have filled out Census forms previously.

While the basic Census is performed through a mail-out, mail-back system, in selected cases representatives of the Census Bureau will visit sites and obtain the Census information. This will include, but not necessarily be limited to large public housing projects, shelters for the homeless, prisons, specialized health facilities, and others.

One of the past criticisms of the Census is the slow release of information of importance to public and private sector officials and individuals. The Census Bureau is attempting to speed up the process and has developed a schedule as to which types of information

will be released early.

Since redistricting is critical, information which affords an opportunity to enhance Congressional redistricting will be released at the early stage and, in fact, must be made available no later than April 1, 1991.

College students are counted at the institution by which they are located on April 1, 1990, not at their home of residence. The same holds true for those persons located in nursing homes, other types of specialized health facilities, prisons, military installations, etc.

Special efforts are being undertaken to inform local elected officials as to the forthcoming Census and to encourage their involvement in helping to promote and inform the public of the importance of filling out the Census forms.

To help stimulate the cooperation of regional citizens, a Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Complete Count Committee is being organized by the Economic Development

Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP) to focus attention on the importance of the 1990 Census.

The Council is an affiliate Data Center to the Pennsylvania Data Center and will be an important focal point for information pertaining to the 1990 Census results. EDCNP has information pertaining to the 1990 Census and will make such information available to interested officials and citizens.

The President of EDCNP, John E. Walsh, urges "all interested citizens and officials to communicate with EDCNP relative to the forthcoming 1990 Census and to help promote and publicize why it is important for all persons to cooperate and fill out the Census forms when they are made available."

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