

Aaron Thomas attends youth leaders' conference

Aaron Scott Thomas, son of Jack and Wanda Thomas of Shavertown, recently attended the 1990 National Youth Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Selected because of his outstanding academic and civic achievements, Thomas was among 200 recent high school graduates from across the nation who participated in the six-day conference.

Focusing on the theme, "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Tomorrow," the conference allowed the students an opportunity to meet with key leaders and

newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps. Highlights of the program included welcoming remarks from a member of Congress on the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, a government relations forum comprised of senior-level congressional staff and lobbyists from corporations and public interest groups, and a panel discussion led by prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Diplomatic embassy visits and a briefing at the State Department were also among the week's activities.

In addition to meeting with Senator John Heinz, III, Senator Arlen Specter, and Representative Paul Kanjorski, Thomas participated in a "Mock Congress on National Service." During this activity, the students assumed the roles of U.S. representatives by debating, lobbying and voting on proposed volunteer service legislation.

A 1990 graduate of Dallas High School, Thomas will be attending Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia, in the fall where he plans on pursuing a Bachelor of Science

degree. The National Young Leaders conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. Founded in 1985, the Council is a non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization committed to recognizing outstanding youth and providing them with a "hands-on" civics learning experience in the nation's capital. Over 300 members of the U.S. Congress join in the commitment to educational excellence as members of the Council's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

Arlene Feleccia named Young Dietitian of the Year

Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Dietitian Arlene Feleccia, R.D., was recently presented with the 1990 Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year award by the Pennsylvania Dietetic Association.

Feleccia was one of four dietitians selected for this annual statewide honor. Recipients were chosen based on demonstrated achievement in the areas of leadership in career guidance, education, legislation, management, clinical dietetics, public relations and community involvement.

She is currently employed as a registered dietitian for General's Weight Management Center at the Thomas P. Saxton Medical Pavilion in Edwardsville. A graduate of Marywood College, Feleccia is a member of the American Dietetic Association (ADA), the Pennsylvania Dietetic Association (PADA) and the Northeast District Pennsylvania Dietetic Association (NEDPDA), for which she currently serves as a quality assurance chairperson.

She is the daughter of Stella and the late John Kopicki of Scranton,



ARLENE FELECCIA

and resides in Trucksville with her husband Robert and sons, Bradley and Brian.



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COMPOSER AWARD WINNER - Shown accepting his BMI Student Composer Award is Erik Santos, from distinguished American composer Milton Babbitt and BMI President and CEA Frances Preston.

Santos wins composer award

Erik Santos, of Swoyersville has won the 1989-90 BMI Student Composer Awards. The winners range in age from 14 to 26. Frances W. Preston, BMI's president and CEO announced the decisions of the jury and presented awards to the winners at a reception on June 7 at Plaza Hotel in New York City. Composer Milton Babbitt, chairman of the BMI Student Composer Awards and Ralph N. Jackson, director of the awards and head of BMI's Concert Music Relations, joined in the presentations.

The BMI Student Composer Awards recognize superior creative talent and winners receive scholarship grants to be applied toward their musical education. Distinguished jury members were Leslie Bassett, George Crumb, Lukas Foss, Leon Kirchner and Otto Leuning.

Santos, son of Prof. Rosendo E. Santos of Wilkes University and Rev. Harriet Santos, pastor of

Shavertown United Methodist Church, holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in voice from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is working toward a Master of Music degree in Composition at the University of Michigan. He is the winner of a 1989 Gladys Fischer Memorial Award for "Continuo," and was a participant in voice at the 1983 Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts.

He also won the 1987 National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition and sang for the well-known opera performer Sheril Milnes. In piano, he won the 1987 Frank Gorell Competition. He recently won first prize for his musical composition which was played by the Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble. Santos has worked professionally as a singer, bassist, saxophonist and drummer. He attends the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Elias to make video tape of Britain pilots at convention

J.T. Elias of Orange, the author of "The Shy Nude," has just received word that he will be able to make a videotape of Battle of Britain pilots at the Air Crew Association Convention. The convention will be held September 28 and 29 in Southport, England.

Mr. Elias received word last week from Squadron Leader Peter C. Crouch, Chairman of the ACA, that arrangements would be made to have Battle of Britain pilots alerted for the taping. The Air Crew Association is an organization of air crew members of Allied Air Forces who served in World War II, and has 11,000 members worldwide. At the last convention, members came from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Jordan, Spain,

North Africa and the United States.

The 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain is being celebrated this year. Fifty years ago, Hitler was riding a crest of victories, and he sent his Air Force to bomb Britain into submission. The British had only a few squadrons battle ready to oppose thousands of Hitler's planes. The British Fighter pilots had to fly sometimes three times a day to meet the Nazi planes, and they had a terrible attrition rate. But they fought gallantly, bringing down Nazi planes every day. Finally, Hitler gave up and postponed an invasion of England because he could not get air superiority. Winston Churchill gave the Air Force pilots the supreme compliment when he said, "Never was so much owed to so few."



PIZZA WARS!

Time's running out... get those entries in by Monday

Well, pizza fans, it's coming down to the wire. There's only one week left in The Dallas Post's "Pizza Wars" contest, and your favorite pizza restaurant is counting on you. Oh, and by the way, you can win a \$35.00 gift certificate to the pizza restaurant of your choice.

We've received hundreds of entry ballots so far, and there's something for everyone among them. We also hear there's been a lot of pizza tasting going on out there (like you needed an excuse to try just one more restaurant), with

the newer shops seeing lots of new faces.

Whether you like thin crust or thick, plain or with "the works," this contest is for pizza lovers of all kinds. To enter, just read the directions on the following page, fill out your ballot and get it to us by Noon on Monday, August 20. We'll be picking the winning restaurants and drawing two ballots that afternoon. Two entries will be selected for the \$35.00 gift certificates.

So, get out there and munch!