

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Channel One is bad business for schools

Without little fanfare and less input from the public, the Lake-Lehman School District agreed last week to require its high school students to watch "Channel One," a 12-minute daily television program that includes two minutes of commercials. Channel One is a business venture of Whittle Communications, a subsidiary of the giant Time-Warner organization. Whittle produces other specialized programs as well; many people have seen their "Special Events" television and magazines in a doctor's office. Make no mistake about it, Channel One is business, not education.

Channel One exposes students to a news-type show focused on current events in a variety of fields. The program is professionally produced and generally regarded as worthwhile. So far, so good. But Whittle's contract requires that 90 percent of high school students watch the show at least 90 percent of the time; in other words, Lake-Lehman must provide a captive audience for the two minutes of ads that are broadcast with the program. In return, Whittle gives the school about \$50,000 worth of video equipment. That is a bad business for the school to be in.

Is this a minor point? The educational leaders in California don't think so; they've decided to cut off state funding to any school district that contracts for Channel One, believing that their schools shouldn't become an easy target for advertisers.

Certainly students need exposure to current events and the facts behind them. Many schools make good use of newspapers to supplement textbooks and teaching materials. The differences between those programs and Channel One hinge on the fact that TV is a passive medium; the viewer (or the teacher) doesn't decide what to watch. And no one makes the students read the ads in the newspaper.

Channel One may offer a worthwhile addition to classroom training, but it comes at too high a cost. When it's time to renew the contract, parents and school officials must weigh the decision carefully, lest we train our children that everything has its price.

Great grapplers

Congratulations to the Lake-Lehman Black Knights wrestling team, which has just completed a league-leading season and are ranked as the third best team in the state. The Knights will have a chance to test that ranking as district meets begin; but win, lose or draw this has been a memorable year for the team's members.

Wrestling tests the physical and mental toughness of combatants. The Knights have proven their ability and desire by their accomplishments thus far; their future achievements will be icing on the cake. Good luck.

Letter

Says troops need to see unity on the homefront

Editor:
At a time when the men and women in our armed forces are facing their greatest test, we at home are facing a test as well. Our test is to maintain our unity and resolve, as our troops are doing in the Persian Gulf.

We don't want Saddam Hussein to take this country's tolerance for anti-war demonstrators as a signal he should wait out our resolve in a long and bloody war.

I'm outraged at the brutal treatment of our POW's. And I'm saddened to see the media give so much attention to the small number of anti-war protestors who have sprung into action. It seems that every time a few protestors pick up their signs, the cameras swarm around them, and they end up on the news.

Our soldiers have said that they have a job to do and are going to get it done. I feel I have a job to do, too. And that's to stand up in strong support of our troops.

I want them to know that I and the American people are very proud of them. We are all inspired by their bravery.

I hope that you'll print my letter, and others like it, in the days ahead. Thousands of local American newspapers are reaching our men and women in uniform every day. Your newspaper may be one of them. I want the troops to know that we hold them in our thoughts and prayers every day.

Michael Skopic
Dallas

Praises flag and what it stands for

Poem to the editor:
Our Flag
With your banner waving high
We'll be proud to do or die
We will fight and fight some more
Just to help us win this war.

We'll keep the home fires burning
while our hearts are yearning
We'll salute our Stars and Stripes
Waving highly midst the lights

After this war is won
We will put away our guns
Then dear God we'll worship you
For keeping safe the
Red, white and blue.

Mrs. Matilda Shonk
Dallas



A door once opened

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Library news

'Casey Cash Crunch Fund' allows Back Mountain library to buy two new books

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

What a pleasant surprise on Valentine's Day to arrive at the library in the morning and see a large valentine hanging on the front door. The printing on the valentine read, "Thanks for serving Dallas. You are loved!"

We wondered who the thoughtful person was to do something so nice that it made every person who saw it smile. Evidently, all the business places in Dallas received a Valentine heart on their door. What a nice heart-warming gesture from a very considerate soul.

Our Casey's Cash Crunch project has reached a total of \$138.00 and we are grateful to our patrons for their support. We have purchased two new books from this fund. They are: "Homecoming" by John Bradshaw with a subtitle of "Reclaiming and Championing your inner child."

We first see the world through the eyes of a little child, and that inner child remains with us throughout our lives, no matter how outwardly "grown-up" and powerful we become. If our vulnerable child was hurt or abandoned, shamed or neglected, that child's pain, grief, and anger live on within us. This book offers experiences that reach to the source of problems and literally offer us a chance to grow up again. The book offers a chance for a true homecoming.

"Father Melancholy's Daughter" by Gail Godwin is a novel that explores the tangled emotions and allegiances that are the fabric of

American family. It is the story of Margaret and the fact that her mother left her when she was only six years old and shortly thereafter, was killed in an automobile accident.

Margaret grows up seeking knowledge of her mother and who she really was. One of the questions in the story is "Do we grow up expecting too much of our parents, deluding ourselves into self-pity? The hard part, you have to go on to find out what you are in the human drama.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library held its annual meeting on February 5 and the following officers were elected for the year 1991. President, Attorney Bruce Rosenthal; Vice president, Dr. Durelle Scott; Treasurer, Glenn W. Eyet, Jr., and Secretary, Pauline Kutz. Dr. Karen Boback of Harveys Lake was elected to a three year term on the Board of Directors.

Some statistics from the annual report for 1990: Total circulation was 86,900; 48,639 adult and 38,261 juvenile. New books added to inventory was 1,725 and books discarded 463; total inventory December 31 of 57,797 books. Total new borrowers joining during the year 1,461 and total re-registrations of 3,051. Actual active library borrowers total 11,512 as the library has completed the assignment of library card numbers to each patron. Volunteers donated 2,167 hours of service to the library in 1990.

Advance notice: The 45th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held July 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Monty Evans will be general chairman. There will be a meeting of all committee heads on Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. in the reference room at the library.

All interested community members who would like to become involved with the workings of the auction are invited to attend this meeting. The Odds and Ends Booth has announced they are looking for all saleable items for their booth. These items may be brought to the library from now on, whenever the library is open. Sybil Pelton, Mary George, and Jean Grimes will again head this booth.

New books: "Bo Knows Bo" by Bo Jackson and Dick Schaap is the autobiography of a ballplayer. Bo dedicates his book to the only person he knows who is stronger than he is—and more stubborn...His mom. When he was growing up, she cleaned peoples houses during the day and cleaned a motel at night. She also raised 10 children. His quote "And people try to tell me that playing two sports is hard."

"Low Cholesterol Gourmet" by Yvonne Young Tass is a book of menus for today's lifestyles. It is organized around mouth-watering seasonal menus and features a special star vegetable section. The author combines ingredients to create meals that can be easily adapted to the way you live, with recipes that will quickly become staples in your kitchen.

Girl Scout program aids military kids

The Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council Board of Directors voted at their last meeting, to set up "Operation Community Care."

This is to be a fund for children of parents called to active military service in Saudi Arabia to provide financial aid for their participation in any Girl Scout Troop or Council activities.

The board recognizes that Girl Scout meetings and events can be a stabilizing influence for young-

sters whose lives are being disrupted by the call up of a Father or Mother. Girl Scouting maintains a link with caring adults who can help the youngsters deal with the emotional trauma of separation.

Leaders who have such children in their troop have expressed the feeling that it is vitally important for those girls to stay active. And often, the call up of a reservist means financial hardship for the family left behind.

Penn's Wood Council is soliciting donations to the fund to support this effort. The funds will be used for such things as camping, a troop field trip, or buying a handbook. The intent is to reassure youngsters that they can still do something that is important to them, even if a parent is away, because they live in a community that cares. That is why they named it "Operation Community Care". Please help today.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - March 6, 1931 GIRL SCOUTS PLAN YOUTH FESTIVAL

Dallas Borough Council held its regular meeting Tuesday night and paid bills amounting to \$259.04.

Forty-four years ago this month the worst blizzard to strike the Eastern section of Pennsylvania occurred.

Kingston Township cagers defeated Dallas Borough 23-10 to move into first place.

Local Girl Scouts will take part in the "Festival of Youth" to be presented by the Wyoming Valley Girl Scout Council in April.

"Mountain Justice", starring Ken Maynard will be presented at Himmler Theatre, Friday and Saturday.

50 Years Ago - March 7, 1941 SHAVERTOWN FIRE CO. HITS MEMBERSHIP HIGH

Jack Hislop, a mine foreman for 17 years, spurns the mines to live in Dallas and run a restaurant in Dallas.

Sixth District leaders revolt against the County's high command as stalwart of the Republican stronghold threaten to support independent organizations.

Shavertown firemen lower membership dues as their membership reaches its peak.

Back Mountain draft board will make heavier, more often drawings in summoning men for induction.

Dallas High School athletes will receive their letters at their annual banquet in the high school gymnasium Thursday.

Dallas Borough champions will play Moosic to defend its title at Meyers High School in the PIAA playoffs.

Engaged - Jeanne Hayden and Gerald M. Snyder.

Wed - Martha Jane Wagner and John F. Wise; Marjorie Ide and Gleason Goss.

40 Years Ago - March 2, 1951 FLANNERY IS SPEAKER AT FIREMEN'S DINNER

Orris Aurand, one-time principal of Lehman High School, now chairman of Education at Penn State College, spoke on advantages of consolidation to about 150 Back Mountain residents at Dallas Township High School.

Arthur Smith, director of civil defense in Kingston Township, appoints 130 aides for the township's defense set-up.

Judge Harold Flannery is guest speaker at Lehman firemen's sixth annual banquet.

Quick sand halts construction of new Commonwealth Building on Lake Street but only temporarily.

Dallas Township girls defeat Lake Township 38-36 Tuesday night to win playoff.

Back Mountain Little League needs support as it asks sponsors for two more teams.

Engaged - Nancy Thomas and Marvin Stadt.

Wed - Marilyn Daily and Robert Wrigley.

Four high school players battle for scoring honors with Stan Pincoski in first with an average of 18.7 points; Jack Pesavento on his heels with 18.1 points; Robert Bonning with 17.1 points and Len Kozick the fourth man, hot on Bonning's heels.

Lou Banta sets wheels in motion for bigger and better Easter Egg Hunt in Kingston Township.

30 Years Ago - March 2, 1961 OPERA STAR TO SING AT MISERICORDIA

Dr. Robert Mellman announced that when the new high school building is completed it will be available to the general public whenever extra-curricular offerings of the school permit.

Dallas Chorale elects officers naming Mrs. Howard Garris as president.

Westmoreland defeated Fairview 81-44 to become new North League champs.

Florence J. Hilgert, Trucksville, and Mabel L. Jones, Dallas, completed four weeks of intensive training at Parris Island, S.C., and are Privates in the Marine Corps.

Wed - Alice Jean Piatt and Joseph C. Martin.

20 Years Ago - March 4, 1971 STENGER IS PLANT SUPERVISOR AT C-TEC

Myra Zeiser Risley, former Post owner dies after surgery.

Dallas senior Mary Beth Cully is selected for recognition in "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1970-71."

Commonwealth Telephone Company appoints John H. Stenger as plant supervisor.

Dallas won the Class B title by defeating Plains in playoff competition.

Engaged - Sharon Serio and Henry T. Mastalski.

Robert Brown seeks seat on Dallas Borough Council.

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