

## THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

## Ban Jones from bar business for life

Will a month in jail convince David "Jigger" Jones to stop selling alcohol to minors? Assistant District Attorney Jim Phillips said in his summation at Jones' sentencing last week that Jones is commonly known to have been an easy source for underage drinkers, and is thought by many to have been the supplier of booze the night Richard Hillman was killed nearly two years ago. One has to wonder how many more tragedies liquor from Jones has contributed to.

Is Jigger a threat to more young people's welfare? According to several who spoke to The Post, he may well be. They told our reporter that Jones' bar was a source of alcohol as late as several weeks ago, long after he was charged and convicted of sales to minors. And what about other violations at the bar, for which the Liquor Control Board has cited Eleanor Jones, who holds the establishment's permit. One charged the bar with selling liquor on Sunday when it did not properly qualify for a Sunday sale permit. Yet the bar has been seen operating on Sunday since the charges were filed.

So, does 30 days in jail—which Jigger's lawyer is trying his best to reduce to 0, claiming Jones' health is too fragile to stand incarceration—make up for the offenses to society that have been perpetrated by Jigger Jones, and does it assure that he mends his ways? Experience says no. It would be far better to see that Jones' bar shuts down permanently, and that David and Eleanor Jones are barred for life from any association with liquor sales. That might set an example for all the parasites who would prey on our children.

## Honoring scholars

The Post is proud to publish photographs and a story about the Dallas High School Honors Banquet that was held May 22. The young men and women who were recognized there are fine examples of what's good about youth today; they stand in stark contrast to the stereotypes that are so often offered on television or by politicians trying to get a vote.

It seems that local athletes are much more in the news than scholars. Even when students are both (and they often are), their exploits on the playing field garner far more attention than their achievements in the classroom. We're glad to have had the opportunity to right the balance.

## Getting ready for the next round of growth

There's a big change taking place at the Dallas Shopping Center, and it bodes well for the Back Mountain. A new sign has been installed and plans are underway to connect the two buildings on the property, adding store space. Along the way, the entire center is to receive a much-needed facelift.

The renovations will bring the Dallas center up to the visual standards already set by Country Club Plaza and the Dallas Village Shopping Center, where Weis Market is located. More important, the center's owner is showing his faith in the Back Mountain's economy by investing in the expansion. And for good reason; with the completion of the Cross Valley Expressway less than six months away, the region will be poised for a new round of development that will probably dwarf what has occurred in recent years.

Let's hope our municipal officials recognize what commercial interests already know; the Back Mountain's attractions to business and homeowners are growing rapidly and we had better be prepared for the consequences.

## 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.

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Iris in the spring

(Photo by (Charlotte Bartzek))

## Library news

## Back Mountain Memorial Library to begin summer children's programs June 25

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

Summer story hours at the Back Mountain Memorial Library will begin with the Toddler program on June 25 and the 3 to 5 year olds will begin June 26. Registration for both programs will be "Out Of This World" and will begin on June 17.

The Read to Me program and the regular reading game will be available for sign up anytime after June 17. The program will include children up to and including the 6th grade. These activities will take place in the children's room.

The Ham 'n Yegg letters, the special financial contribution to the auction for the 45th annual library auction are in the mail. To date, \$1,815 has been received for this project. This money is part of the budgeted proceeds included in the overall profit from the auction.

A brief explanation of what the Ham 'n Yegg Club means: This Club originated in the 1960's when Mrs. T.M.B. Hicks and William Moss came up with the idea of inviting all professional men to contribute a ham to be auctioned off over the block.

This proved to be not very practical because there was not enough refrigeration to store all the hams, and they solved the problem by asking for a check in the amount of \$10.00 or more in lieu of the hams.

This was so successful and other area residents were included in the request to become members. Bill Moss wanted to call the group 'ham and eggs', but Mrs. Hicks said, no, they are a bunch of yeggs, and that is why it is still called the Ham 'n Yegg Club today. The inflation through the years has made it necessary to ask for the contribution to be \$25.00, if possible. This becomes the seed money for the annual auction.

The Book Club of the library met in the reference room and announced there are now 207 members for 1991 and \$1,890 has been received in dues to buy books for the special Book Club shelf. Eighteen members attended and enjoyed an interesting program presented by the membership; including a discussion about genealogy, the Genetti and Music Box Playhouse shows, a book review on Helen Hayes, a trip to England including a visit to Emily Bronte's birthplace and the fact that Agatha Christie's play, Mousetrapp, is in its 38th year and still playing to a full house. Guests included Carol Murdock and Marcella Hiller. Grace Martin and Frances Linskill presided at the tea table. The next meeting will be Monday, June 17, at 1:30 and the last meeting until the Fall.

Monty Evans, chairman of the 45th annual library auction, has announced the New Goods Chair-

men will be newcomers, Frank and Carol Zeske. This couple has accepted the chairmanship of this committee with enthusiasm. The letters have been mailed to the merchants and we are looking forward to the support of the community.

The committee is looking for cookbooks and children's books for the book booth and odds and ends for that booth. The chairman of the Antiques Committee, Ernest Ashbridge, has already acquired many of the lovely antiques which will be available for the auction during the auction days of July 3 through the 7th.

New books at the library: Book Club purchase: "Pacific Beat" by T. Jefferson Parker begins on a May night in Newport Beach's Back Bay, when the discovery of a brutally murdered woman with roses bound to her body sets off the kind of manhunt the police and their families dread. The victim is one of their own—and so, it appears, is her killer.

"Wallis: The Novel" by Anne Edwards is the story of Wallis Warfield Spencer Simpson, her name before her third marriage. After the marriage, she became known to the world as the Duchess of Windsor. Proud, willful, wildly ambitious, she ruthlessly used the men she loved as stepping-stones to success, financial security and self-esteem.

Senate that would severely limit the jurisdiction of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. According to one story, when John Sununu was Governor of New Hampshire, his pet project would have destroyed a wetland. The EPA and Corps of Engineers said, "No." Sununu vowed to get even. As Chief of Staff, he has already done so. His animosity toward Bill Reilly of EPA is well known. So it is not surprising that a new version of Section 404, scheduled to be released this year, may result in removal of millions of acres from the laws protection.

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## Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - June 5, 1931  
TALK ALMOST DONE FOR BANK'S NEW HOME

Dallas Township Vocational School will hold its Class Day and Commencement Exercises in Himmler's Theatre next week.

Keller Class of Shavertown M. E. Church will present a minstrel "At The Pirates' Cave", this evening.

Rev. Thomas C. O'Reilly, Bishop of Scranton Diocese, will officiate at College Misericordia Commencement, Sunday, June 7, at St. Nicholas Church.

Negotiations are almost completed for the Reese property on Main Street to construct First National Bank's new home.

50 Years Ago - June 6, 1941  
AVERETT BROTHERS UNITE AFTER 27 YEARS

Brothers Horton Averett of Shavertown and James K. Averett of Iola, Kansas, met again after being apart for 27 years.

Dallas Junior Women's Club sponsors a dental clinic for school children under the direction of Dr. Robert Bodycomb.

Andrew J. Sordoni directs defense service to aid production.

Lehman boxer Tommy Dropchinski wins fans approval after winning a fight with Buddy Nesby at Newark, New York, recently.

Engaged - Esther Marie Rogers and Francis McDonald.

Wed - Faith Kocher and John Honeywell; Violet Kline and Harry Snyder.

40 Years Ago - June 1, 1951  
ROSE NAMED MAY QUEEN

Harold Souder and Herbert Brobst of Dallas enlisted in the Air Corps and are stationed at Sampson, N.Y. for boot training.

Janice Rose is named May Queen at Kingston Township High School.

Engaged - Lois Ann Warriner and Robert L. Morgan.

Wed - Gloria Sickler and Pvt. George Parrish.

A line drive with two out by Walt Kozemchak, won the game for East Dallas as Tex Wilson scored from third.

Hillside Farm buys milking shorthorns.

30 Years Ago - June 2, 1961  
LEHMAN SHOOTS DOWN ADVANCE IN WAGE TAX

Back Mountain garnishes cemeteries and plants flags for Memorial Day.

Lehman directors vote down wage tax in advance of public outcry.

Lake-Lehman educators honor retiring teachers and school nurse and present them with service pins at a dinner at Irem Temple Country Club.

Lake-Lehman Band enters contest in Sherburne, N.Y. in highest class.

Engaged - Margaret Louise Turner and A/2C Paul W. Laning, Jr.

Wed - Janice Ann Bertram and 2/Lt. William Joseph Lopasky; Barbara Ann Conney and Larry Farr.

20 Years Ago - June 3, 1971  
DALLAS TEACHERS AGREE ON CONTRACT

William W. Davis, former Globe Store executive joins Greenstreet News Co.

Dallas teachers agree on proposed contract with starting salaries ranging from \$6,400 to \$6,700, with an additional \$100 in the fifth and 11th steps.

Local contractor set to build 30 apartments in Dallas Borough on Burndale Road.

Eight Back Mountain students receive degrees from College Misericordia.

Nineteen students confirmed in St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Allan J. Cease received his Master of Divinity degree from Esley Theological Seminary.

## Anderson afield

## Public outcry needed to save wetland protection regulations

By JOHN M. ANDERSON

Take a pound of greed, an ounce or less of knowledge about the economic value of wetlands, mix thoroughly, and what do you have? You have the formula for the modern real estate developer. It also fits the average prairie farmer and oil company executive.

We have learned the hard way that the millions of tiny ponds, known as prairie potholes, served as reservoirs, holding spring rain temporarily where it fell. But to the wheat farmer, they appeared as holes in his pocketbook. Consequently, he got taxpayers' money

to help drain them. The floods you see in the Mississippi Valley every year are an unexpected result.

A few years ago, this situation became so obvious that even the priests and politicians could see the folly of it. The latter became rather nervous when polls showed about 80 percent of the voters were willing to pay for clean water and preservation of wetlands. The result was Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This federal law was and is primarily responsible for regulating the draining, filling, and development of wetlands.

Admittedly, to do anything in wetlands - even sincere efforts to

protect them - required a permit from the Corps of Engineers, the EPA, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, plus state agencies. The bureaucratic tangle was frustrating, to say the least. But it halted - or at least slowed down - the indiscriminate, disastrous destruction of our priceless wetlands.

For example, a real estate developer in Sarasota, FL, when told his cutting of red mangroves was illegal, said, "Go ahead and fine me. It's the price of doing business". To his great surprise, he would up spending 20 days in the pokey and paying \$10,000. It seems the cost of doing business is going up.

But now an industry-led lobbying consortium is working feverishly to remove the legal restraints on unbridled destruction of our wetlands. It calls itself the "National Wetlands Coalition". It includes real-estate developers, dam builders, oil and gas industry representatives, and farmers. It's safe to assume the Secretary of Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, and John Sununu are cheering them on. Unfortunately, a growing number of congressional members and administration policymakers are paying close attention.

There are two bills pending in the House and another in the

Senate that would severely limit the jurisdiction of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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But your senators and congressman are not in the consortium's

pocket. You can write to them and ask them to oppose any bills that would weaken Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Such bills include the Hayes Bill (HR 1330) and the Hammerschmidt Bill (HR 404).

So far we're talking only of dollars. The millions of waterfowl, shorebirds and furbearers that depend on wetlands can't vote. But you can. In June, 1989, George Bush solemnly promised, "No net loss of wetlands". Let's hold him to it.

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