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## TV preachers must be accountable

BY J.W. JOHNSON

Several readers loyal to a variety of electronic ministers wrote this week to question last week's column by pointing out that not all such so-called ministers prey (no pun intended) on the gullible.

To be sure, this is true; however, and to paraphrase my grandfather, if the frock fits, wear it; otherwise fet not about your appearance.

One reader claimed that last week's column was a persecution of such ministers. I hardly think that the reader, or our current crop of electronic preachers, have the foggiest notion about true persecution.

Some history: When reform and rejection of the Catholic Church began in Germany in the 1500's by Martin Luther and others, the movement spread quickly... a case can also be made that Luther laid the eventual seeds for the spread of anti-semitism in Germany, but that's another column.

Luther, in his rejection of traditional Catholicism, touched a nerve of those who had grown weary of paying priests to obtain a place in Heaven.

The Protestant reformation movement was to make northern Europe Protestant. In turn, it triggered a counter-reformation, a military effort of invading armies, designed to force newly-converted Protestants back into the Catholic Church.

## Earth Day

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After lunch, the movie "The Bear" will be broadcast over the television sets in the student's homes.

Lake-Noxen Elementary will celebrate Earth Day a little early on April 16, with Bob Sabol, a summer ranger at Frances Slocum State Park, presenting programs throughout the day to classes. During the school year, Sabol is a teacher for the intermediate unit. There will also be a contest to see which homeroom can bring the most cans in to be recycled. Each student will also be given a seedling to plant with instructions.

The Dallas Elementary School will hold Earth Day observances on May 18, with the theme "Every Can Be Earth Day."

For the young, as well as adults,

These armies, especially the Spanish, often burned and sacked towns and cities, or whole regions, and burned at the stake all the men, women and children who would not renounce Protestantism.

Lutheranism gained a foothold in France, and many of France's leading families and scholars became Protestant. Within 10 years, French Protestants began to be persecuted by French Catholics and the government itself, which was officially tied to the Vatican.

Persecution became so terrible, French King Henry IV finally gave Protestants protection signing the Edict of Nantes in 1598. April 13, will mark the 394th anniversary of that signing.

And it came many years too late. The most notable example of mass murder of Protestants had come more than 25 years earlier on St. Bartholomew's night in August, 1572, when thousands of Protestants, trapped in their churches, were savagely murdered.

Henry IV, in the Edict of Nantes, granted liberty of conscience, allowed leading Protestants (Huguenots) to attend public church services, and permitted Protestants to have their own colleges and seminaries.

Protestants were also allowed to hold public office, but had to continue to pay tithes to the Catholic Church and to observe Catholic festivals.

Louise XIV revoked the edict and persecution of Protestants

a variety of events are scheduled for Earth Day, April 22, at the River Commons in Wilkes-Barre, from noon to 6 p.m. located across from Wilkes University.

The festival will feature live entertainment provided by folk singer Don Shappelle and the Pick-Ups, rock band Simple Rhyme, and the duo Genuine Folk. Solo artist Gary McCoog of Kingston Township will also perform at the festival.

A variety of environmentally related exhibits also will be at the festival.

At 7 p.m. on April 22, WVIA-TV channel 44 will broadcast their public affairs series "Both Sides Now" from the Stark Learning Center, Room 101, at Wilkes. The show will feature guests from both

began again. This sent hundreds of thousands of Frenchmen who would not revert to Catholicism to Switzerland, England, Holland, Germany—and to South Carolina, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the West Indies.

Still, even the reformation found as much Protestant hating and persecution of Catholics as was the reverse.

And that's because movements are concerned with obtaining adherents and acquisition or control of the adherent's mind. Why? Because it's easier to expand the number of your adherents—and keep them—if you put before them the opportunity to get at a real or perceived source of oppression. All power brokers know that the way to get power—and keep power—is to insure the adherent's emotional energy is directed out and away from its actual source. That's how power is obtained and secured, in broad daylight. Right under the noses of those whose principle freedoms exist at the whim of theological edict, and most of which real freedoms have long since been buried in the rubble of theological rhetoric.

So forgive me if I'm not too sympathetic toward the radio and TV preachers who also are seeking adherents, who operate virtually unfettered in this free land of ours in doing so, and who must suffer the outrageous indignation of simple accountability as the price for the privilege.

sides of the battle for balance between economic growth and protection of the environment.

Luzerne County Community College will host two scholars in residence from April 21 to 23.

LCCC will bring Dr. Ken Dychtewald and Dr. Steve Taylor to the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the implications of the aging population of America on our future. Dychtewald is president, and Taylor vice president of Age Wave Inc., a communications and consulting firm which advises business and industry.

Dychtewald and Taylor will also speak on April 22 at 2:30 p.m. and April 23 at 12:30 p.m. at the college's campus.



## Police Breakfast will benefit Association for Retarded Citizens

The Back Mountain Police Association will sponsor its 9th Annual Ham 'N' Egg Breakfast, Sunday, April 26, at the Dallas Senior High School cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the Association of Retarded Citizens of Luzerne County. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Back Mountain Police Association or at the door. A donation of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 years and younger will be asked.

Pictured, is Co-chairman Chief Gerald L. O'Donnell, Kingston P.D.; Chairman Chief Paul M. Sabol, Kingston Township P.D. and Co-chairman Chief John R. Fowler, Dallas P.D.

## Dog owner

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The owner of the dog, Beth Franconi, did not attend the meeting, but said that her dog has never been on anyone else's property, or chased anyone.

"Ninety percent of the time she's tied," said Franconi. "She's extremely well-trained."

Franconi said that the only time the dog is not tied is when she is outside with it, and that many of the neighborhood children know the dog from visiting their yard.

Jones recommended that the people see if the situation improves with the citation.

Township manager Jeffrey Box suggested that the residents call the police if any other incidents occur.

The township supervisors also:

- Awarded J.P. Mascaro and Sons of Souderton the contract for 30 yard transfer containers for the spring clean-up at the bid price of \$390 per container. About 30 containers are used in the spring clean-up, which will run from May 11 to 16 this year.

The township will not collect white goods, or large appliances, this year. Box said that the reason large appliances will not be accepted is that residents can take them to scrap yards themselves and receive some money for them.

- Authorized the drafting of a resolution to change the traffic signal at the intersection of Carverton Road and Route 309 from flashing between the hours of 11 p.m.

and 6 a.m. to a regular signal. The change is made after a letter from PennDOT recommending it.

- Held the first reading of an ordinance amending the township's firearm regulations to make it conform to state Game Commission regulations. The ordinance will mean that firearms cannot be discharged within 150 yards of any building, where the previous ordinance prevented them from being discharged within 200 yards of a building. Under the former ordinance hunting was only permitted in agricultural and conservation zones, and violators of the ordinance could have their weapons confiscated. Those provisions have been deleted from the new ordinance.

## Library news

### Antiques for Prince of Peace on display

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is showing a collection of special antique items to announce the 40th annual Antiques Show and Sale sponsored by the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Main Street in Dallas. The show will be held Tuesday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, May 6, from 11 to 5 p.m. In addition to antiques, the churchwomen will have flowers, a flea market and a snack bar with homemade food to sell.

Featured in the display at the library are some Royal Doulton Toby jugs and character jugs. These are 20th century descendants of a long historical line of tankards and jugs fashioned in human likeness by potters in Babylon, Egypt, Greece and Crete.

Some of the jugs shown in the display are The Cardinal, a dignitary of the Roman Catholic Church, ecclesiastically ranking second only to the Pope; The Beefeater,

the popular name for a member of the Queen's Bodyguard, the yeomen of the Guard; Granny, beloved in memory, refuge for childhood's griefs in all lands, repository of wisdom and comfort; 2 Dickens: The Fat Boy, when asleep dreaming of food, but when awake wagging a tongue to make his listeners' flesh creep; and Mr. Pickwick, whose adventures and good nature attracted to him a galaxy of fascinating folk.

There is also in the center of the display, a large Lord Nelson. The display includes sterling silver Old English pieces; candlestick with attached snuffer; warm milk pitcher, tea strainer, salt and pepper and salt cellar set with King pattern spoon and cobalt blue liner; Sheffield soup ladle; group of napkin rings close to 100 years old and a cut glass decanter with small liqueur glasses. The churchwomen will have a special celebration to mark the 40th anniversary on set up night for dealers and parish

members. The display will be here until May 6.

Our library does need an economic boost during these trying economic times. Our annual auction is one of our greatest fund raisers, our book sales and other fund drives are major money making projects. The recent dance-a-thon held in support of our library was a huge success. Other group are planning a bowl-a-thon and an elementary quilt project. We know our Back Mountain neighbors do go the extra mile for the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The library serves as a mecca of education and entertainment, and we are indeed your windows to the world. We are so appreciative of our fund raisers and our volunteers.

The library will be closed April 17 in observance of Good Friday. We will be open on Saturday for regular hours. Our wishes are for a very peaceful and meaningful Eastertide.



JoAnn Castellino, prop.

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