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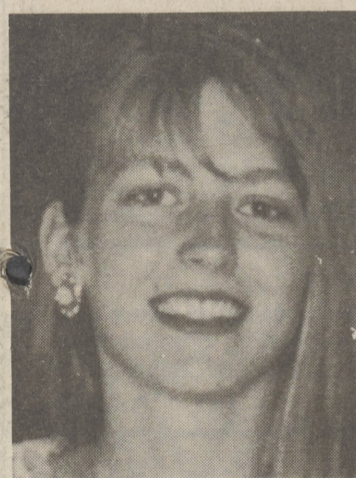


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## ACLU says offer of help to DAMA protestors was fake

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Opponents of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority's trash pickup program received several surprises at their meeting Sunday, September 20.

Fred Searles, Jr. announced that he had received a letter on the stationery of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), indicating that the group was interested in the Back Mountain haulers'

dispute with DAMA. But local and state officials of the organization said the letter was phony, and they might pursue legal action against whoever sent it.

Also, the Back Mountain Taxpayers Forum has lost its meeting place.

Enclosed with the letter, allegedly from the ACLU, which Searles received was a sample complaint form, which Searles duplicated and distributed to the taxpayers to complete.

He asked that completed forms be mailed to his home, so that he could forward them in one packet to the ACLU.

Many people took the complaint forms home to fill out; some requested two or three copies for friends.

After examining a copy of the letter, which *The Post* faxed to his office, the ACLU's legal director, Stefan Presser, commented, "No

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COMING DOWN SOON - The former Hearthstone Pub building in the center of Dallas Borough may finally be torn down if the borough receives a state grant it has applied for. The building is so dilapidated that the Dallas Fire Company is under orders not to enter it should it burn. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

## Dallas Borough expects state grant to pay for pub demolition

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Dallas Borough will soon be relieved of a prominent eyesore, according to borough officials who announced Tuesday, September 15, that they expect to receive a \$35,000 state grant to demolish the former Hearthstone Pub.

"All of the required paperwork has been completed. We're just waiting for the check to arrive," said borough manager Milt Lutsey.

The property has been on the

market for several months, listed with Besecker Real Estate, for \$62,500.

Although the borough obtained permission in 1990 from Luzerne County court to raze the structure, it can't afford the estimated \$35,000-\$50,000 cost.

Once the building is razed, the borough could file liens against it for any demolition costs that run over the amount of the grant, according to borough solicitor Ted Krohn.

The dilapidated building has

been an ongoing headache for borough officials since September 1988, when council first directed former solicitor John S. Fine, Jr., to file the necessary papers in Luzerne County court to demolish it because it had become a danger and a public nuisance.

Difficulty in ascertaining who owned the building delayed further court action for another two years, until August, 1990. Although county records indicated that the

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JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS AT DALLAS ELEMENTARY - 19 Dallas Elementary School students participated in the first Junior Great Books last spring. Front row from left to right: Matt Zinn, Tyler Morgan, Danny Fauerbach, Jeannie Dreier, Morgan McOwen, Abby Ahmad, Norman Krakosky, Jennifer Dymond, Kristin Rosencrance, Tara Dymond, Jessica Stefon, Cheryl Kirkwood. Back row from left to right: Jesse Williams, Micheal Bayer, Casey Hartman, David Norris, Chad Woolbert, Paul Mizenko, Nicole Makara. (Post Photo/Bill Harper)

## Dallas students learn from Great Books

By BILL HARPER  
Post Staff

Discussing literature and participating in book clubs is a hobby which many people enjoy. In fact, there is a discussion group in Dallas which has grown by discussing stories from around the world.

But, this group is different because its members are fourth and fifth graders at the Dallas Element-

ary School.

Great Books, a program in which students discuss different short stories from around the world, began at the school in February because of the efforts of elementary school Principal Ruth Tetschner and parent volunteer Ann Ross.

"I first learned of the program by accident when a speaker at the National Press Club was talking about the great books by writers like Plato," Ross said.

After learning about the Great Books Foundation, Ross was interested in finding an identical program for children. It wasn't until she involved in the school's parent teacher organization that Ross discovered Great Books for Children.

"At the first PTO meeting I attended, Ruth asked for volunteers to attend the leader training pro-

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STILL MISS PA - Judy Fitch has returned to reign as Miss Pennsylvania after competing in last week's Miss America pageant. She, and the other 49 contestants, appeared on a set of trading cards issued for the event.

## Judy Fitch heads home to being Miss Pennsylvania

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

With television cameras, camcorders and several hundred pairs of binoculars following her every move, Dallas Township native Judy Fitch sang, danced and sparkled her way through five grueling days of the Miss America pageant last week.

Family members and more than 600 Back Mountain supporters, including a group of die-hard Miss Pennsylvania fans affectionately dubbed "Judy's Mob," packed several sections of Convention Hall for Saturday's televised finals, while other area fans watched it from afar on television.

Many friends had come to Atlantic City earlier in the week for preliminary talent, swimsuit and evening gown competitions and Friday night's Miss America Parade on the boardwalk, where

the Dallas High School band and cheerleaders marched in Judy's honor.

"Judy looked just like Cinderella in the parade," said Mrs. Grace McCue. "She was just gorgeous! Her flowing white dress had a sparkly beaded top and a high back collar."

"This was quite an accomplishment," said Bob Fino, a "Mob" member who couldn't make it to Atlantic City and had to watch Saturday's pageant on television. "We're very proud of Judy. She made a very nice appearance, as always."

"Judy's large number of supporters demonstrated what kind of person she is - beautiful both inside and outside," noted Sandy Richardson. "We're very lucky to have her representing Pennsylvania."

The pageant looked much  
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## Voters have until October 5 to register for this election

By BILL HARPER  
Post Staff

Although the general election is not until November 3, the most important activity for voters is going on right now.

Voters have until October 5 to register to vote in the November election. In Luzerne County voters can register at the court house or by contacting the election bureau and asking for a registration form through the mail.

"Voter registration increased when we informed residents that the bureau will mail voter registration to anyone who asks for one," Jenny Smacher, a representative of the county election bureau said.

Registering to vote is important to the final outcome of an election. In the last election, there were 8,989,000 people in Pennsylvania eligible to vote: of that total,

6,193,702 people registered and 4,844,903 people actually voted, according to U.S. Census research.

New residents and anyone who has moved locally is required to register to vote before October 5, said Louise Wasserott, President of the Wilkes-Barre Area League of Women Voters. She added that anyone who has not voted in the past two years must re-register with the election bureau because the county removes inactive voters every four elections.

"If a person will be 18 years old on election day, he or she is able to register to vote," Wasserott said.

Wasserott said that the League is mailing forms to anyone who contacts them. The League also has sponsored registration drives at the Penn State campus and in

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### Voter Registration forms at Dallas Post

The Dallas Post will offer voter registration forms for all Back Mountain residents until October 5.

Anyone interested should visit the office of the Dallas Post in the 309-415 Plaza between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to pick up a form.

Also, voters can register at the county election bureau in the Luzerne County Courthouse Annex from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Voters can also phone the election bureau at 825-1715 to request a mail-in registration form.