

## Voters

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July at the Crosby, Stills, Nash concert at Harvey's Lake.

The registration at the Harvey's Lake concert was done at the request of Crosby, Stills, and Nash Wasserott said. She said that political candidates and private citizens are also able to register voters in Pennsylvania.

Mary Ellen Sacco of the county election bureau said that groups like the League of Women Voters, political candidates and other groups normally encourage voters to register. She said that the bureau's responsibility is to collect and process completed registration forms.

After all of the pre-election activities are completed, Wasserott said that the most important thing a person can do is to become informed about the candidate and then to support a candidate.

"No single candidate will provide every solution for every individual, what is important is for voters to find the issues that are important to them personally, and then support the candidate who will best serve those issues," Wasserott said.

Wasserott believes that the lo-

cal voters guide and newspapers provide comprehensive issue-oriented information to the voter. Contacting a candidate either by phone or letter is another way in which people can discover more about a political candidate according to Wasserott.

"Most candidates for office are interested in hearing what the voters have to say and they are always looking for places to speak," Wasserott said.

### Signs must be registered

Anyone wishing to post signs for political candidates should contact the local municipal office. Some townships require that people register and make a deposit before political signs are posted on property.

"The reasoning behind this is so that the signs can be policed and removed within a reasonable time after the election," Kingston Township Zoning Officer Ben Gorey said.

People posting signs have until 30 days after the election to remove them from their property, according to Gorey.

There is no deadline to register, and the deposit is returned when the signs are removed Gorey said.

## Fake

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one from this office sent that letter to Mr. Searles. None of our intake officers knows anything about it. This appears to be a matter of potential fraud."

Presser said that the letter's last sentence, "Old established haulers are not required to give up old customers in DAMA's territory," is a legal conclusion which his staff would never include in a letter.

Morris Slater, local contact person for the organization, added that the ACLU is looking into pursuing the matter legally. "I have no idea where it came from," he said.

Searles said that the letter, postmarked in Wilkes-Barre, was delivered several weeks ago. The return address and his address - with an incorrect ZIP code - were typed.

His mother, Mrs. Peg Searles, said that approximately a month ago she had heard a female caller on a local morning radio talk show say that she would contact the ACLU.

The taxpayers' situation is further complicated by the group's loss of its meeting place. According to Russell Ockenhouse, lay leader of the East Dallas United Methodist Church, several complaints from members of the congregation prompted Rev. Hamilton Clemow, its pastor, to tell the taxpayers to find another meeting place. The group had been allowed to meet in the church for free.

Rev. Clemow could not be contacted for comment.

"I'm sorry that this happened," Ockenhouse said. "I'll try to help find another place to meet."



## Dallas High to host band tournament

Seven area high school bands will compete in The Tournament of Bands, hosted by Dallas Senior High School on September 27. High school bands from Western Wayne, Coughlin, Hanover, Pittston, Hazelton, Meyers and Nanticoke are expected to participate. An exhibition performance by the Dallas High School band, which is pictured above, will be included in the program. September has been a busy month for the Dallas High School band. They participated in the Miss America parade on September 18 in Atlantic City.

## Books

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gram for Great Books, and I just rose my hand," Ross said.

The Junior Great Books program began in the 1960's and is in use throughout the country. In the past few years the program has been introduced in kindergarten and this is the first year for the Great Books curriculum program, Ross said.

Although Great Books is a part of the curriculum in some schools, Ross said that the Dallas program is something which students can choose to add to their class schedule.

"Great Books is an enrichment activity which students at the elementary school can participate in with a parent's permission," Tetschner said.

Ross and Tetschner took the required leader training program; something that was highlighted by lively discussion.

"We were discussing *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and when the group was asked if Jack was a juvenile delinquent for stealing beans to feed his mother, the room became divided over this issue," Ross said.

Both parental volunteers and teachers participated in the training according to Ross.

The training prepares a does is a leader to generate a group discussion by asking questions that

have no right or wrong answers, Tetschner said.

After completing the training, Ross and Tetschner began their Great Books group in February with 19 students at the school. What attracted Ross to the program was the way it encourages discussion from the group members.

Ross said that Great Books uses interpretive questions to encourage discussion in the individual groups.

"After the group reads a story, the leader poses a question that is open to each individual participant's own interpretation and there are no right or wrong answers," Ross said.

Ross believes that the group is able to learn how to think for themselves and develop their own opinions through Great Books. She said that while she is not allowed

to answer the groups' questions, she can ask questions to stimulate conversation within the group.

While there are a number of benefits to participating in the program, Ross believes that Junior Great Books allows a participant the freedom to discuss the way he or she interprets the story.

"There are a number of kids who come into the group afraid to speak,

and after a couple of sessions, they become the most vocal members of the group," Ross said.

Students are required to read a story at least two times. Ross said that the stories are selected by the Great Books Foundation from folk stories around the world.

The Dallas Great Books program, which Ross believes is the only one in the area, met regularly through the school year and had a brief day camp in August. Tetschner and Ross said that they are planning to continue the program beginning in November.

While she is still the only active volunteer, Ross said that some parents have taken the training and parents are encouraged to become involved with their children.

Also, Ross hopes to get a co-leader for the group and would like to have smaller groups. Ross said that an expanded program will allow students who became involved in the program this year to continue.

To Ross, the only reward of Great Books is when child is able to figure out the meaning of a story.

"We have kids who spend a lot of time thinking and trying to interpret a story and then you can see it on their face when they figure the story out," Ross said

## Judy Fitch

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different live than it does on television, Mrs. Richardson said. The convention center is enormous, with audio and video equipment crowded around the stage.

"We had great seats in the balcony," she continued. "We brought along binoculars so that we could follow Judy's every move. She looked very professional."

Dallas Township supervisor Frank Wagner, one of 500 "Mob" members who donned a glow-in-the-dark necklace to demonstrate support for "our Judy," was amazed by all 50 contestants' beauty and charm.

"They were all perfect," he said. "I'd sure hate to have been one of the judges. I don't know how they made up their minds."

Miss Pennsylvania 1984 Gina Major-DeMichele, who coached Judy for the talent competition and personal interview for the Miss Pennsylvania pageant, said that attending the Miss America pageant as a spectator brought back many memories for her.

"I can really empathize with Judy and the other contestants," she said. "This isn't just one pageant - it's the culmination of three months of intensive training and preparation and two very stressful weeks of rehearsal and competition."

Major-DeMichele has trained seven young women to win the Miss Wilkes-Barre/Scranton pageant, five of whom went on to become Miss Pennsylvania.

Although each contestant's talent, poise and personality play a major role in the pageant, nutrition and fitness were no important.

Ernie Raineri of One-to-One Fitness in Dallas was Judy's fitness trainer, tailoring a special training regimen to Judy's specific needs.

"We tried to create a balanced, symmetrical bodily appearance," he said. "The judges want the girls to look physically fit but not muscular like female body-builders. Judy was very diligent in her workouts."

The nutrition and physical training helped Judy to develop and maintain the high energy level necessary for the demanding competition, Raineri said.

Judy was anxious to rest after her busy schedule as Miss Pennsylvania, leaving Atlantic City for Altoona the day after the Miss America pageant, Mrs. Richardson said. None of "Judy's Mob" were able to chat with her before she left.

"It's a wonderful honor for a young woman to make it to Atlantic City," Mrs. McCue said. "Of course, the Miss America pageant was more special because we knew one of the contestants."

Fans and friends also praise the Fitch family's gracious hospitality at both the Miss Pennsylvania and Miss America pageants.

"We're behind Judy in all of her endeavors," Wagner said. "The township supervisors and I are very proud of her."

## Searles says he turned down buyout approach

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

After his meeting with the Back Mountain Taxpayers' Association, Fred Searles, Jr., co-owner of Searles Sanitation, said that approximately 10-14 days ago, Danella Environmental Technologies approached him with an offer of a buyout.

"Danella's general manager, Mike Kon, called me at home and started talking in a roundabout way about business deals that would benefit us both," Searles said. "When I asked him for specifics, he suggested that we get together to discuss Danella's buying out my business. I told him that I'm not interested."

Kon didn't discuss any figures, Searles said. Searles said that he is doing business as usual with Back Mountain customers, many living in the territory claimed by Danella, the designated garbage hauler for the Dallas Area Municipal Authority.

"I don't want to discuss this at all," Kon said. "It's a confidential matter."

## Library Craft fair and auction set for Sept. 26

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will sponsor a craft fair and one-day auction, on September 26. The library is located on Huntsville rd in Dallas. Over 200 antiques and a variety of new goods will be showcased. The craft fair is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Auction is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## HL Rod and Gun club schedules work day

The Harvey's Lake Rod and Gun Club will hold its work day on September 26. The club's regular meeting is scheduled for September 28.

## Community Awareness week begins October 11

The Wyoming County Community Awareness Program Committee announces Community Awareness Week from October 11-17. During this time activities will enhance the community's awareness of issues related to family, children, and the quality of

## life in Wyoming County.

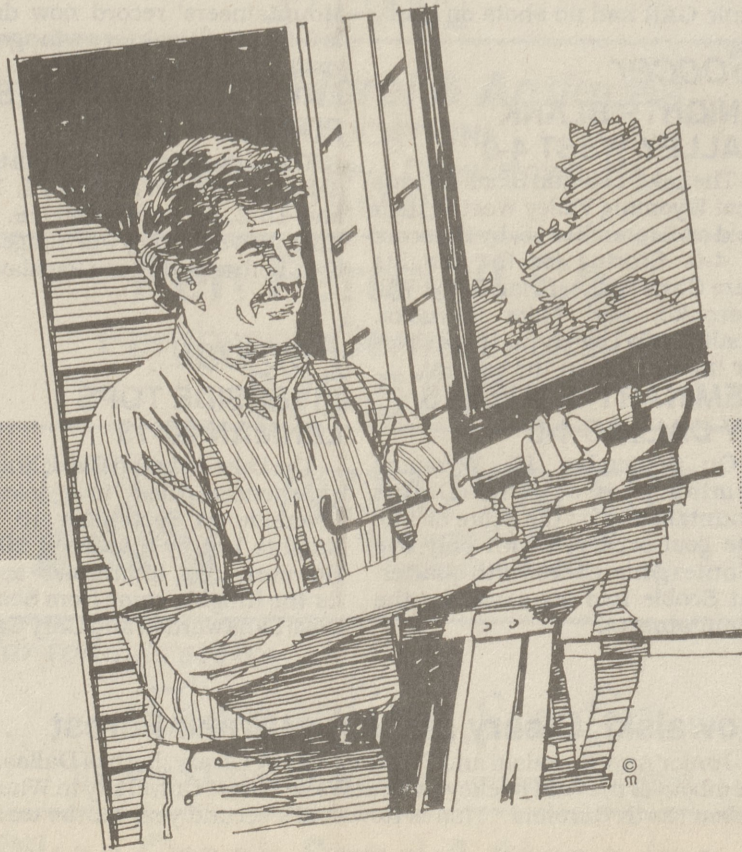
Activities include eight appearances by prominent drug prevention educator Jeff Thaxton and performances by magician Jeff O'Leary, focusing of the family as the agent of making our community drug free. O'Leary will include an

## evening performance on October

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