



Event benefits Miss PA Scholarship Fund
Miss 1992 World America, Sharon Belden, will make an evening-long appearance at the Overbrook Restaurant, Overbrook Road, Dallas on Thursday, February 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m. In addition, each of the contestants for the title of New Miss 1993 Pennsylvania will model an evening gown, cocktail dress or swimsuit which she will wear during the final night of competition Saturday, February 20 at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center at Wilkes University. The evening will include a full course dinner and a silent auction which will benefit the scholarship fund. A charge of \$50 per person includes dinner, tax and gratuities. Co-directors of the pageant are Candice Miscavage, Gina Major and Donna John. To make reservations, contact the pageant office at 823-3617 or the Overbrook Restaurant at 675-2223. Shown above, from left, Candice Miscavage; Anthony Macri, Overbrook Restaurant; and Donna John.

Project Children gives Irish kids a summertime of fun

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Paul Coulter is just your normal, average, happy-go-lucky 11-year-old boy.

But until last summer, he had never held a basketball. He had never seen a football. And he had never tasted mayonnaise.

And while that may seem a little unusual to most of us, it's the norm for kids in Paul's neighborhood.

You see, Paul is from Northern Ireland.

The 11-year old resident of war-torn Belfast had a chance to do those things during a six week visit to the United States last summer, sponsored by a non-profit organization called Project Children.

Project Children has been in the Wyoming Valley area for the past 11 years. Families in the United States host children from ages 9-14 for six weeks in the summer, usually late June until early August.

Air and land transportation are provided by the local division of Project Children. Insurance, as well as reimbursement for any necessary and unexpected medical expenses, are also provided.

Project Children is accepting applications for this summer and, according to area coordinator Charlie Boyle, there have been many Back Mountain families who have participated.

"We've had a couple of host families at Harvey's Lake," said Boyle, who said the children come from the six counties of Northern Ireland. "We've also had some in Orange and last year, one of the workers at the prison hosted a child. We're looking for families with children in the same general age bracket as the child from Northern Ireland."

The process of being accepted as a host family, according to Boyle, is rather simple.

"We have the interested families fill out the application," Boyle explained. "Then they are interviewed by a committee of 10 people. A team of three or four people will visit the home and bring back a report. Most of the families who apply are accepted."

The visit can be a learning experience, not only for the foreign child, but also for their American hosts.

"It was a wonderful experience," said Peggy Burke, who, along with her husband Thomas and five children were host to Coulter. "The



FUN TIME - For children in Northern Ireland, a carefree trip to MacDonald's is only a dream. This group enjoyed an outing during last summer's visit to this area.

kids learned a lot. It was like having a cousin come to visit. We got to know Paul and his family very well."

The time can be a much-needed break from the pressures of being a child in Northern Ireland, a place where soldiers roam the streets and the unemployment rate hovers around 60 percent.

"The majority of the kids who come here are from Belfast," explained Burke, who has five children aged two through 10. "Many of them come over with little or no money but they don't want you to feel sorry for them."

While he was in the United States, Coulter attended soccer camp, played in a basketball game, ate pizza, went to McDonald's and, yes, tasted mayonnaise.

"We had a great time," said Burke, a resident of West Pittston. "We've kept in touch with Paul and his family. When our two daughters (ages four and six) are about the age of 11, we hope to bring a little girl over to visit. I'd recommend it to anyone."

Applications may be obtained from Boyle by calling 655-0158 or area chairperson Vieve Zaroda at 474-6271.

Deadline near for Rosetti Art Contest

All area students in grades 7-12 are invited to enter the 12th Annual Suzanne Maria Rosetti Memorial Juried Art Contest. The contest is sponsored by Joe and Sue Hand of Dallas in memory of the daughter of Peter and Louise Rossetti of Saugus, MA.

The contest is open to any junior or senior high school student residing in Dallas, Lehman, Tunkhannock and Northwest school districts or any school student who studies art with any private instructor teaching within those geographical areas.

Entries must be delivered to Sue Hand's Imagery, 35 Main Street, Dallas between February 8 and 24. They will be judged

separately on each grade level in a variety of categories including pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil, ink, scratchboard, mixed media, fibers, photography, prints and miniature drawings and paintings. Photographs must be at least 8" x 10". No entry may exceed 40 inches in either direction, frame or mat included.

All entries must be mounted or matted, or framed (exception: works on canvas board or stretched canvas), and be accompanied with an entry form, available from teachers or from Sue Hand's Imagery. Framed work must be wired ready to hang. No saw tooth hangers! Also, please have screw eyes and wire on back

of stretched canvas.

Each student may submit five entries. (Five photographs may be entered in addition to the five other entries for a total of 10 entries.)

Ribbons will be awarded in each category on each grade level by two panels of three judges each. In addition, many specially sponsored cash awards will be given by a separate awards jury.

The winning art work will be displayed at the MacDonald Art Gallery, Regina Hall, College Misericordia, Dallas, March 7 through March 28.

For additional information, call Heather Madeira or Sue Hand at 675-5094.



Scouts adopt a highway

Boy Scout Troop 165 of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints has adopted a two-mile stretch of Manor Road in Kingston Twp. Members participating in Saturday's cleanup included, back row from left: leaders Jim Kelly, Dan Davis; Ed Pitcavage; second row: Jeremy Moshier, Jim Pitcavage, Mike Thompson, Mike Pitcavage; front row Mike Smith, Giynn Wildoner and John Mack. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

Dog licenses available

Dog licenses are now available at the Dallas Township building during regular business hours.

Water company merger approved

On January 21, the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission approved the merger of Harveys Lake Water Company, Inc., Noxen Water Company, Inc., and Shavertown Water Company, Inc. into Dallas Water Company, Inc. The commission also approved the name change of Dallas to General Waterworks of Pennsylvania, Inc. The approval of the merger and name change were made retroactive to December 31, 1992.

Candidates

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the school buses, which he says can be controlled by using camcorders mounted above the driver's seats.

"The use of camcorders is a known deterrent," he said. "School director Ed Kern also favors using the camcorders, but the district says that they have only been able to find camcorders that don't record audio (sound). I know where they can get video cameras that will also record sound."

Two other incumbents, Dr. Martin McMahon and Edward "Red" Jones, both representing Region III, are also up for re-

election in April. To date, the taxpayers' association doesn't have any candidates lined up for these positions, Moss said.

be more frugal in other expenditures.

Both candidates said that the district's school tax collectors, the most highly paid in the area, are due for another compensation increase this year, which they figure could cost Lake-Lehman \$9,000. Moss and Gold don't favor this increase.

Moss is also concerned about discipline problems and students using objectionable language on

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