

# The Dallas Post

## EDITORIALS

### Don't be fooled by those blue used clothing bins

When the blue bins for used clothing first appeared at local shopping centers, Back Mountain residents may have cheered their arrival. Many times they had intended to donate to the needy the pants their child had outgrown or the shirt that had lost its appeal. Now, instead of having to make a special stop on the way to Wilkes-Barre, they would be able to drop the items in one of the handy blue bins, from which they would quickly be distributed to a neighbor in need.

But local people who need clothing have less to choose from because of the blue bins, not more. That's because the bins are part of a scheme to gather goods here and ship them to New York, where they are sold to dealers who may use them to make rags, or to second-hand stores. The company behind the scheme, Long Island based USA Leasing, says that a percentage of the profits goes to charities in New York, but that's small comfort to local organizations like the Salvation Army or Goodwill Industries, which depend on contributions here for supply.

The bins have been placed all around the Wyoming Valley, and throughout eastern Pennsylvania. There is a sticker on them that carries the name of an unfamiliar organization, but the letters are dwarfed by the words "Help the needy. Clothing for the benefit of the hungry and needy."

There's plenty of need right here in northeastern Pennsylvania, so if you have clothing to donate, please bring it to local charities. And shame on them, for not placing their own containers here to make it easy for Back Mountain families to help others who are less fortunate.

### Towns shouldn't take substandard roads

Residents of the Walnut Woods development in Lehman Township have asked the township to take over Walnut Woods Road, which was built in 1984 as a private thoroughfare. The township's supervisors wisely chose to look further into the matter before agreeing to the request, which was one of four like it that have been made of the township recently.

In the end, it may be that Lehman Township should take over one or more of these roads. Before the supervisors vote to do so, though, they'll want to know exactly how the roads were built and what is needed to bring them up to specifications. And they must demand that the owners of the roads pay for the work to do so. If that seems harsh, so be it; the people who live along these roads had the responsibility to know what they were buying when they purchased property and shouldn't expect the rest of the township's citizens to foot the bill now.

Lehman Township is fortunate to have well-qualified people serving on its boards and commissions, but even there developers have been able to construct inadequate roads and then walk away from them. That shouldn't be allowed to happen anymore. It's time that all builders in the Back Mountain are held accountable to meet standards that will insure the value of property and minimal expense to municipalities. The way to do that is to require that adequate bonds be posted and to inspect projects to see that requirements are being met. The old adage, "They'll do 10 percent of what's expected and 90 percent of what's inspected" holds true in this case.

### Clinton's plan is now in hands of the public

Have you noticed that in television interviews and on radio talk shows, when asked if they think President Clinton's economic proposals deserve a try, the folks who are in the middle or lower income ranges voice enthusiasm for a change while higher income people turn thumbs down? That may tell us more about how the last 10-20 years have affected Americans of different financial power than the most extensive charts and graphs.

There's no dispute that since 1980 the rich have gotten richer and every other economic group has stagnated or lost ground. Many of the beneficiaries of the 1980's "boom" will do their best to argue that others will catch up some day, but someday has come and gone and most people haven't gained an inch.

What's done is done; it's time for a change and the President seems willing to lay his political future on the line to push his ideas. That's a big commitment, but it will take consistent pressure on Congress from voters to assure that meaningful legislation is adopted. If you think that America and most Americans can be better than we have lately, let your Congressman and Senators know it, or risk missing an opportunity to revitalize our national spirit.

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Jack Frost pays a visit

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## Library news

### Library notes record circulation increase

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library's total circulation for 1992 was 93,974; which included 52,254 adult titles and 41,720 juvenile titles. The increase in total circulation over the year 1991 was 6,756. This was the largest increase in circulation since 1987. The library added 1,478 books to the inventory in 1992; 1,007 adult and 471 juvenile titles. Books that were withdrawn amounted to 527, making the library collection inventory a total of 58,726 books; which includes 50,549 adult and 8,177 juvenile titles.

Reference questions answered in 1992 - 4,859; Book Club books circulated, 2,902; Volunteer hours amounted to 2,871 and Interlibrary loan transactions totaled 343. New borrowers joining in 1992 were 1,677; 844 adult and 833 juvenile; Re-registrations 2,322; 980 adult and 1,342 juvenile. Total number of active borrowers now stands at 11,667.

The committee for the 47th annual Library Auction will meet Thursday, Feb. 25 with regular meetings in the future on the last Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. Bill Jones, chairman, invites anyone who is interested in working with the auction committee to attend the meetings and become involved. Karen Ceconi will head the publicity committee and Charles Wasserott will be chair of the New Goods with Fran Williams and Lois Townsend, as co-chairs. Auction dates are July 8, 9, 10 and 11; Thursday through Sunday.

New books at the library: "The Children of Men" by P.D. James takes place in the year 2021, and the human race is—quite literally—coming to an end. Since 1995 no babies have been born, because in that year all males unexpectedly became infertile. Great Britain is ruled by a dictator, and the population is inexorably growing older. Theodore Faren, Oxford historian and, inci-

dentally, cousin of the all-powerful Warden of England, watches in growing despair as society gradually crumbles around him, giving way to strange faiths and cruelties. Then suddenly he is drawn into plans of a group of revolutionaries and the action begins.

"Brides of Blood" by Joseph Koenig is a recent purchase for the Book Club shelf in the library. It is a novel packed with a powerful one-two punch of classic crime narrative and authentic foreign intrigue. It features a mesmerizing glimpse inside the seething cauldron that is post-revolutionary Iran. The detective is Darius Bakhtiar, trained in an American law school; the murder took place on a hellish summer night when a young woman was discovered on a bench in Teheran shot point-blank in the head. The Komiteh is a brutal paramilitary organization of religious vigilantes, which focuses on the investigation.

### New books added to library's collection

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas announces the addition of the following books to their collection:

**NON-FICTION**  
Alcohol and Alcoholism by Ross Fishman  
Alcohol, Customs and Rituals by Thomas Babor  
Alcohol, Teenage Drinking by Alan R. Lang  
An Aristocracy of Everyone by Benjamin R. Barber  
The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Insects & Spiders  
The Autobiography: It Doesn't Take a Hero by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf (Large Print)  
The Directory of Business Information Resources edited by Leslie MacKenzie (Reference)  
Image and Substance by Victoria Sherrow  
The Invisible Epidemic by Gena Corea  
The Joy of Signing by Lottie L. Riekehof  
Loss of Eden: A Biography of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh by Joyce Milton  
Martha Stewart's Gardening, Month by Month by Martha Stewart  
The Middle Ages by Giovanni Caselli.  
My Life by Earvin "Magic" Johnson (Biography)  
The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court of the United States edited by Kermit L. Hall

The Pocket Almanac of Essential Facts (Reference)  
Roget's International Thesaurus edited by Robert L. Chapman (Reference)  
Sherman: A Soldier's Passion for Order by John F. Marszalek (Biography)  
Touchpoints by T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.  
What's It All About" by Michael Caine (Biography)  
When Feeling Bad is Good by Ellen McGrath, Ph.D.  
Women Who Run With the Wolves by Clarissa Pinkola Estes  
World Chamber of Commerce Directory (Reference)  
The Complete & Easy Guide to Social Security & Medicare by Faustin F. Jehle  
Fixing Your House to Sell by Time-Life  
Hall to the Candidate by Keith E. Melder  
Omeros by Derek Walcott  
Representative American Speeches 1991-1992 Edited by Owen Peterson (Reference)

**FICTION**  
Degrees of Guilt by Richard North Patterson  
Domes of Fire by David Eddings (Science Fiction)  
Dragon Tears by Dean Koontz

Lost Boys by Orson Scott Card  
Mitigating Circumstances by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg  
Those in Peril by Nicholas Freeling (Mystery)  
Adrift on the Nile by Naguib Mahfouz  
Boiling Point by Kevin Phillips  
Bridging Change by Sally Teller Lottick  
The Buzzards Must Also be Fed by Anne Wingate  
The Cheshire Moon by Robert Ferrigno  
Death by Deception by Anne Wingate  
Devil's Waltz by Jonathan Kellerman  
The Eye of Anna by Anne Wingate  
Exposure by Kathryn Harrison  
Fraud by Anita Brookner  
Hard Evidence by John T. Lescroart  
Kitchen by Banana Yoshimoto  
Paradise Junction by Phillip Finch  
Rebel by Bernard Comwell  
Refinements of Love by Sarah Booth Conroy  
The Shadow Rising by Robert Jordan (SF)  
Sweet Memories by LaVyrre Spencer  
This Day and Age by Mike Nicol  
A Walk Through Wales by Anthony Bailey

## Only yesterday

### 60 Years Ago - Mar. 3, 1993 FIRE DESTROYS MONASTERY AT LAKE

Frank Rusloski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Rusloski of Huntsville and a member of the league-leading Lehman basketball team will be given a tryout with the St. Louis Robins baseball team at its winter training camp in Texas within a few weeks.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Monastery of Congregation of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Harveys Lake, Monday night. Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. responded to the alarm, assisting Harveys Lake fire company in preventing spread of the flames to nearby buildings.

You could get - Flour, 24 1/2 lb. bag 59¢; eggs, 17¢ doz.; Mueller's macaroni, 2 pkgs. 19¢; hams, whole or shank half, 13¢ lb.

### 50 Years Ago - Feb. 26, 1943 HORSE AND BUGGY GO THROUGH ICE AT LAKE

Inscribed with the names of 192 men and women in the armed services, Kingston Township's beautiful new honor roll was dedicated Monday with impressive patriotic services in the high school auditorium. The gift of Edward Hall, Shavertown drug-gist, the honor roll is located in the main entrance of the high school building where every entering pupil passes it daily.

Newell Wood lost his valuable mare Flaxen Lady, Sunday morning when she became frightened by a motor truck while he and his 9-year old son were driving around Harveys Lake. The spirited animal dashed toward the lake throwing Mr. Wood out of the buggy while his son jumped to safety. Then she continued along the lake toward the Outlet until the ice gave way beneath her weight.

### 40 Years Ago - Feb. 27, 1953 STRAY DOG TO BE CHECKED FOR RABIES

The head of a stray dog which bit a little girl on Carverton Road two weeks previously was sent to the Harrisburg for examination on Monday by Dr. George Flack, Trucksville. No report has been received. The child was bitten on the fingers. A child specialist from Wilkes-Barre ordered the dog tied for 14 days, an order carried out by supervisor Arthur Smith and Francis Youngblood. On Saturday, the day before the dog was to be released, he refused food and growled when approached. On Sunday, he died.

Service at the Shavertown Post Office where Irvin C. Davis has been Postmaster for 19 years, was greatly improved and speeded up this week with the installation of 350 new lock boxes and 32 larger second hand lock boxes; the rest of the mail will be delivered at the general delivery window.

### 30 Years Ago - Feb. 28, 1963 STUDENTS HIKE FROM KINGSTON TO LAKE

A cheerful parade of West Side Catholic High School freshmen paced Memorial Highway from Kingston to Harveys Lake, Saturday. They liked it so much they continued to walk around the lake too. They were stopped from continuing back to Kingston only by darkness at 42nd Street. School authorities discovered the plan for the hike a week earlier and announced it did not support or sponsor the hike. However, they voiced no objections to an independent try.

The Back Mountain Library Association executive board announced that a new librarian had been procured, Miss Elizabeth Ryder of Lancaster with 33 years experience will start her work April 1.

The Back Mountain has lost a loyal supporter and *The Dallas Post*, a close friend, with the death of Sen. Andrew J. Sordoni, who passed away in his sleep, early Wednesday in Miami Beach, Florida.

### 20 Years Ago - Mar. 1, 1973 CUBS RAISE \$1,000 FOR DAUBERT FUND

James Bamrick's Mounts shut out Crestwood Comets 52-0 last Saturday while Valley West Spartans conquered Hanover 30-19 to give the Back Mountain grapplers their first league title in the history of the school.

Cub Scout Pack 122, Dallas, presented Jean Hillard of the Dallas Junior Women's Club with a check for \$1,050, the largest amount of funds raised for the Sandy Daubert Fund Drive.

Dallas Area High School cheerleaders put on a dazzling display of accurate timing and precision cheering Saturday, to take the first place trophy in the 5th Annual Luzerne County Community College Cheerleading contest.

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