



FRANCESCA STUPPINO

## Dallas girl wins beauty title

Francesca Stuppino, a student at the Dallas Senior High School, captured the first place title of Miss Sweetheart Beauty in the Teen Division. She also was the runner-up in the bathing suit competition.

The pageant was held recently at Montage Manor in Moosic sponsored by the Gail Barbrie Modeling Co.

Francesca has studied classi-

cal ballet with the Civic Dance Co. in Scranton and also does modeling in the area.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francesco Stuppino of Dallas and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stuppino, Plains and the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dattilo of Old Forge. She is also the great granddaughter of Mrs. Grace Dattilo, Old Forge.

## Sisters of Mercy Dallas Community elects officers

At its March 11-12, 1994 Assembly of Election, the Sisters of Mercy, Dallas Regional Community re-elected Sr. Maureen McCann, RSM, president of the community. Also re-elected to a second-four year term were council members Sr. Martha Hanlon, RSM and Sr. Marie Francel D'Andrea, RSM. Newly elected council members were Sr. Catherine McGroarty, RSM, vice president and Sr. Mary Ellen Fuhrman, RSM.

The Dallas Regional Community is one of 25 communities that make up the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy, a 7,000 member international organization of women religious.

Sr. Maureen McCann, RSM, president of the Dallas Regional Community since 1990, is responsible for the human and material resources of the 427-member community of women religious which ministers throughout the United States and in Guyana, South America. In addition to a number of social service and outreach organizations, the Community sponsors two colleges and co-sponsors 25 hospitals and long-term care facilities.

Sr. Martha Hanlon, RSM, a member of the leadership team of

the community since 1990, holds a masters degree from the University of Scranton and is a doctoral candidate at Lehigh University.

Sr. Marie Frances D'Andrea, RSM, has also served in community leadership since 1990 and holds a masters degree from St. Francis College.

Newly elected as vice-president, Sr. Catherine McGroarty, RSM, is currently President and CEO of Mercy Hospital, Port Huron, a division of Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation, Farmington Hills, MI. She has a masters degree in health services administration from the University of Michigan and a masters degree in nursing administration from Boston University.

Sr. Mary Ellen Fuhrman, RSM, Director of Development for the Dallas Regional Community holds a masters degree from Manhattan College.

The Dallas Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy sponsor several major ministry sites in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Altoona/Johnstown and Harrisburg/Lancaster areas of Pennsylvania; and Long Island, NY. Sixteen Sisters of Mercy of Dallas are serving in Guyana, South America.



**SISTERS ELECT OFFICERS** - Recently elected leaders of the Sisters of Mercy, Dallas Regional Community are, seated: Sr. Martha Hanlon, RSM; Sr. Maureen McCann, RSM; standing: Sr. Marie Francel D'Andrea, RSM; Sr. Catherine McGroarty, RSM and Sr. Mary Ellen Fuhrman, RSM.

**Q: Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week?**

**A: Only in The Dallas Post**

## Girl Scouts will honor two area Women of Distinction

Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council will honor 11 women of Distinction at a luncheon Saturday, March 26, at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Wilkes-Barre. These women have been nominated for their efforts in the performing arts and are from all areas of the Council.

Back Mountain honorees are: Jane Tomassetti, Trucksville and Madelaine Fitzgerald Volpetti, Dallas.

If anyone in the community would like to join in honoring these outstanding women, reservations may be made by calling Joyce Zeveney at Penn's Woods Council at 829-2631. The cost for the luncheon will be \$20.00.

Jane Tomassetti is one of the founding members of Showcase Theatre, the only arena theatre in Northeastern Pennsylvania, which began in 1964.

She set up classes on costumes, makeup, lighting, and renovating of the building which is now the permanent home for Showcase. Jane has been active in all phases of theatre work, from noted actress to renowned Director of Plays.

Madelaine Fitzgerald Volpetti founded the International Children's Theater in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Area seven years ago. Working with the Kirby Per-

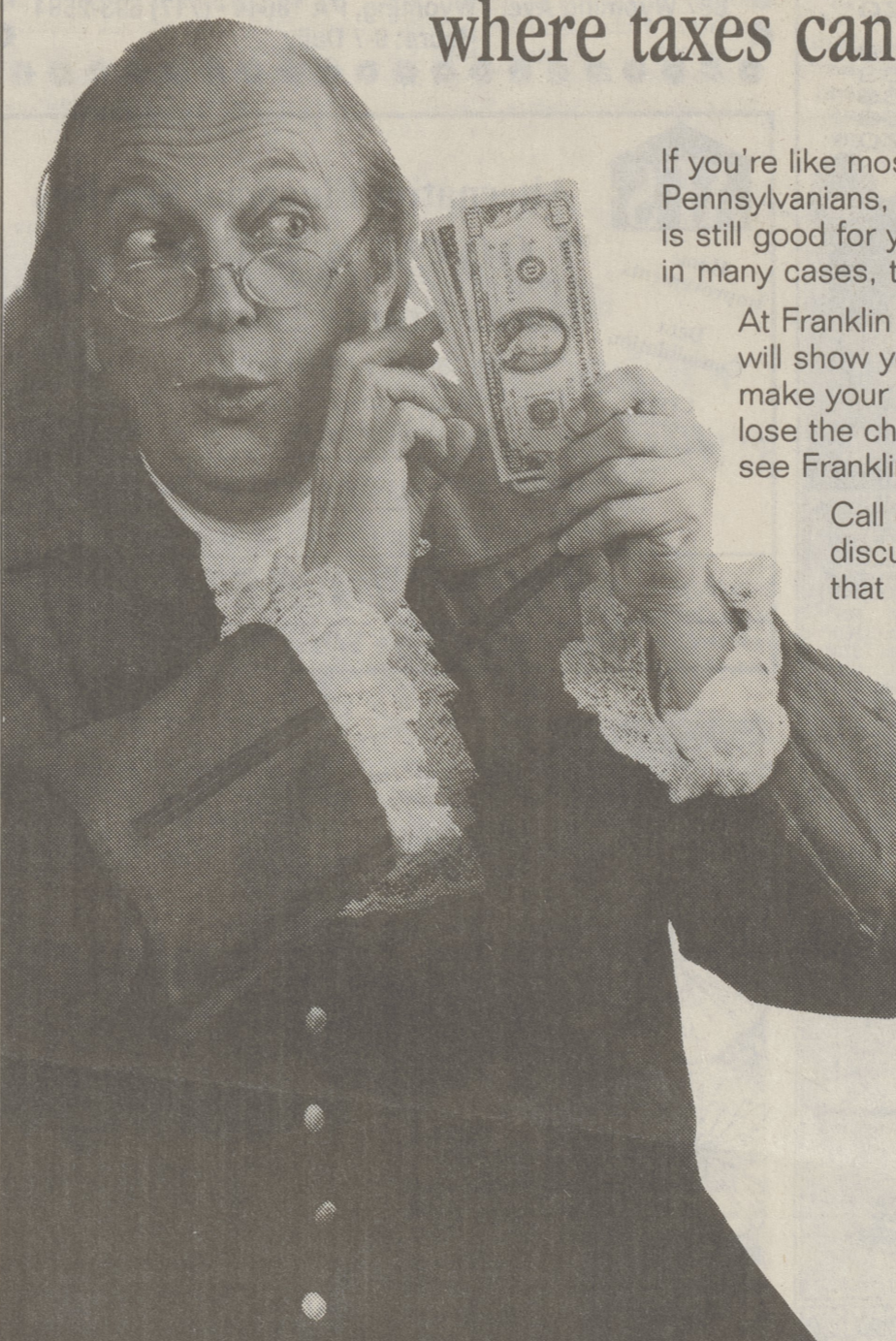


JANE TOMASSETTI

forming Arts Center, she found four major corporations willing to provide the necessary seed money. Booking was done so that Northeastern Pennsylvania was able to take advantage of performances slated for Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. In addition, a hands-on opportunity was offered on the River Common, called Playworks designed to stimulate children's imagination, increase their knowledge of how the theater actually works, and to offer youngsters a full day of culture and fun.

# Send the IRS a little less

April 15th is looming. Quick! Lock up some cash at a high rate in a place where taxes can't touch it.



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## Back Mountain briefs

### Audubon Society to host field trip March 26

Migrating waterfowl will be passing through our area all this month. Long time Audubon Society member Bill Evans will lead a field trip to the best of the local birding hotspots to see these migrating waterfowl.

Bill has been birding and photographing nature around Wilkes-Barre for many years and is always happy to help beginners identify and photograph the surprising number of different waterfowl species that use area wetlands.

This trip is open to all Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society members and the general public. Bring binoculars and field guides and meet Bill at the Dallas United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. on March 26.

### Photos with Easter Bunny March 27

Easter Bunny photos will be taken at Rave's in Shavertown, March 27, from 1-4 p.m. The photos are sponsored by GFWC, Harveys Lake. Donation \$4.00.

### Diabetes Ass'n. taking orders for Rose Sale

The members of the Mother's Day Rose Sale committee of the Luzerne County Chapter of the American Diabetes Association met recently to bring plans for their sixth annual Rose Sale.

Red roses are being sold boxed in dozens for \$20 or three in a vase for \$6, to benefit the American Diabetes Association's camp programs, diabetes research, support groups and more.

Orders for roses can be made by calling the ADA Regional office at 823-3355 before April 26. Roses will be available on May 6 for Mother's Day.

### Boro to enforce curfew

Dallas Borough police will strictly enforce the borough's 10 p.m. curfew for all persons under age 18, as announced by police chief Jack Fowler.

### Pilgrim Virgin statue in area until March 26

The Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be at the home of John and Dianne Murray, 290 Parrish Street off Huntsville Road, Dallas, until Saturday, March 26. Rosary Devotion will commence each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in any of these Rosary Devotions is most welcome.

### Franklin Twp. Fire Co. holds Easter egg hunt

The Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. in Orange will hold its annual Easter Egg hunt March 27 at 2 p.m. at the fire hall, rain or shine. All kids are welcome.

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