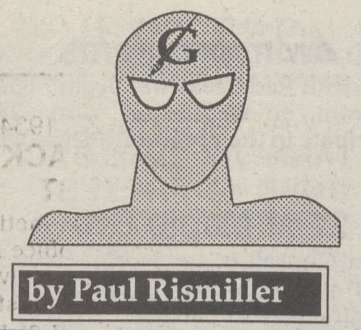


Ghostwriter



by Paul Rismiller

Dept. of Ed. slights kids; education for taxpayers

whose only interest in studying was taste testing various brews? I urge parents to write the Department of Education and voice your concern over yet another attempt to replace equality of opportunity with equality of outcome.

And speaking of studying, for any taxpayer who is feeling overburdened these days (and who isn't?) two books by Martin Gross are must reading. *The Washington Racket: A to Z*, and *A Call To Revolution* show how the federal government's grasp is exceeding its reach, and bankrupting the country in the process.

Granted, the title of the second book is a bit incendiary, but the subtitle says it all: *How Washington Is Strangling America, And How We Can Stop It*. Gross details how many federal agencies are duplicating efforts, many of which are questionable to begin with; how an overpriced, bloated, and patchwork welfare system is enslaving millions in poverty; and how a spend-thrift Congress is spending money faster than we can make it.

Among the more disgusting facts Gross reveals:

- Over three hundred Democratic and Republican party workers are on the federal payroll.
- How real campaign finance and lobbying reforms are squashed by the Congressional leadership.
- How the over-hyped report on government efficiency by Vice President Al Gore makes cuts that are, to be kind, modest; to be honest, ludicrous.

Gross outlines clear and direct reforms on how to cut the pork and waste, and how to cut the federal bureaucracy in half within 5 - 8 years through attrition.

The most intriguing idea is the use of the Initiative, in those states fortunate enough to have it, and pressure on state legislatures in those which don't, to make an end run around the professional political class on three subjects on which they've been thumbing their collective noses at us:

- The Line Item Veto
- A Balanced Budget Amendment.

• Term Limits for Congress. If enough people read these books, and take action on their recommendations, we may be able to rein in a federal government careening out of control.

Will people ever learn?

A perfect example of the type of pork that the citizenry cannot afford is Congressman Paul "PAC-Man" Kanjorski's proposed inflatable dam/riverfront marina project.

While many may be rejoicing that Big Paul has gained enough seniority in Congress to bring home the bacon, they're missing the big picture. Yes, it may bring an infusion of federal dollars to our hard-pressed local economy - but it's all smoke and mirrors: those federal dollars are being picked out of our pockets, and the pockets of taxpayers across the country.

Now multiply the cost of this boondoggle (Which I can guarantee will be far greater than present estimates when and if completed) by the number of the members of Congress and you'll have an idea of how taxpayers are being taken for just one piece of pork for each and every Congressman and Senator - and they generally don't settle for one per year.

This doesn't even take into consideration the still to be found county contribution for raising the dikes, and the cost of finally cleaning up mine run-off to make the water fit to swim in.

There's little question that Wilkes-Barre, and the Wyoming Valley in general, could make better use of its riverfront parks, but the cost of constructing and maintaining an inflatable dam is very questionable indeed.

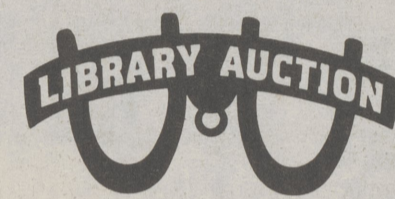
This district, and all of the others that make up the nation, would be far better served if Congressman Kanjorski and his compatriots would concentrate on getting Uncle Sam's long fingers out of our wallets, instead of dreaming up new ways of spending our money.

Besides, those with the great good fortune to own a recreational craft can still float their boats in Harveys Lake.



AUCTION ACTION - The Back Mountain Library Auction took place for years at Howard Risley's barn on Lehman Avenue. Risley, publisher of The Dallas Post, was the prime mover in starting the auction in 1947. This photo is dated 1952.

Library Auction Corner



July 7-8-9-10

For 47 summers, the people of the Back Mountain have come together to donate their goods, services and time for the auction block of the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The life of the library is a year-to-year proposition, and the auction is crucial to its operation. Twenty-five percent of the annual budget comes from the auction.

This year's 48th annual auction will be held July 7-10 at the library grounds on Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Any and all donations of cash or saleable items can help assure continued service of the library to our communities. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

A sampler of items that will be on sale:
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Library news

Fearsome Grendel stalks the library's halls

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has been inundated with green Grendel monsters, thanks to the Humanities I class at Lake-Lehman High School. This class is a team taught experience. Mr. John Comity and Mrs. Jean Lipski, guide the students from the beginning of man to the Renaissance through the use of art, architecture, music, literature and history. Many of the lessons include projects which are directly related to the literature being presented.

After reading the epic *Beowulf*, students were required to construct their version of the monster Grendel. Each student then explained his or her Grendel to the class, giving the interpretation and the steps and materials necessary for building his monster. The project ranged from stuffed animals to paper mache to creatures complete with illuminated eyes and pre-recorded sounds. Each freshman devised

a Grendel which reflected thought and creativity.

The display case at the library is filled with Grendels, they are on the CD cabinet; book shelf, children's card catalog and two larger ones on the adult card catalog. A rather furry large one is on the computer table in the office area. They are in many forms and are really a unique spectacle to see.

Books included with the Grendels include: "Beowulf" retold by Rosemary Sutcliff; "Grendel" by John Gardner; and "Siegfried and Beowulf" by Zebaude A. Ragozin, 1898 copyright. These Grendels can be seen at the library until July 6 and are worth a trip just to see this Grendel project and read the stories about them.

The Kick-Off party for the 48th annual library auction was held at Yesterdays in Trucksville and was attended by 55 fun-loving and enthusiastic bidding supporters of the library. Auctioneers included Dale Duncan, Joe Stager and John Shaskas.

Our library auction and library

volunteers are indeed "A rare breed" as quoted in our local paper in 1983, and unique to the Back Mountain and are a part of the heartbeat of the community. A quote from 1982 said "Cheers" the Back Mountain Memorial Library is really "one for the books". It proves that many of the important things which benefit a community can be done best by its own people if they are sufficiently immersed in the cause.

Auction number 48 is due to begin this year on Thursday, July 7 at 6 p.m. Come and support your library!

The library Book Club will hold its final meeting on Monday, June 20 at 1:30 in the reference room. Rev. James Wert of Shavertown will present a special program on his favorite hobby, trolleys. He will have a video and trolleys of interest for the program. This will be the last Book Club meeting until September. Members and friends of the community are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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