

# Gallagher garners second Emmy award

David Copperfield is again the charm for Dallas native

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DALLAS - It's a long way from The Dallas Post to the Emmy awards, but Dallas native Neal Gallagher has made the trip for a second time.

Last weekend Gallagher, a freelance movie cameraman now living in Orlando, FL, received his second Emmy award in two years, for outstanding individual achievement in technical direction and video for his work on the David Copperfield special "Unexplained Forces," which aired in May.

Copperfield seems to be Gallagher's good luck charm; he

earned his first Emmy for a Copperfield special in 1993. A technical Emmy is television's equivalent of an Oscar or a Pulitzer Prize, something which all cameramen aspire to, Gallagher said.

"Our technical team - five camera operators, the video operator and the technical director - shared the award," Gallagher said. "We shot five shows in one weekend and combined the best shots for the broadcast."

Gallagher's job was to follow Copperfield with the camera, which can be quite a challenge. In one segment, the script called for 160 shots of the magician (closeups, full-length shots and shots of his hands or head and shoulders) during a 13-minute act, or approximately one shot every six seconds. Every shot is different. The camera must be in perfect focus at all times.

"You must be well-rehearsed and pay strict attention to what's

*They expect absolute perfection.*

Neal Gallagher  
Two-time Emmy winner

happening," Gallagher said. "It takes a lot of concentration because some acts are extremely fast-paced. They expect absolute perfection."

He has also filmed programs for MTV and the Disney Channel, Boyz II Men in concert, the Disney Channel show "Sing me a Story" and "Action Man," a syndicated kids' show which combines live action shots with animation. He started working this week on "Inside Out" for the Disney Channel.

Recently he worked on six shows of "Heavens to Betsy," a CBS sitcom starring Dolly Parton, which didn't make it this season. "Dolly was really nice to every-

one in the crew," he said. "The first day she went around to all the camera operators and introduced herself. She couldn't have been more pleasant to work with."

Gallagher also spent a day filming an interview at Burt Reynolds' home. "He's a very nice guy," he said. "We got into a rather lengthy discussion on stunt men."

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Gallagher of Dallas, Neal is a 1976 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School. He studied commercial art at Luzerne County Community College and filmmaking at Bloomsburg University.

Gallagher's first professional job was taking photos for The Dallas Post while he was in high school. He was a news photographer at WNEP-TV, where he met his wife, Kathi Belich Gallagher, between 1983 and 1986. Kathi is a television news reporter in Orlando, where they live with their cats, Fred and Barney.



NEAL GALLAGHER

# 'Phone Pioneers' brush up a geography lesson

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LEHMAN - Thanks to some elementary school students at Lake-Lehman will be able to tour the United States without leaving the playground.

Ten members of the Bell Telephone Pioneers' Greater Wilkes-Barre Council of Life Members Club volunteered to paint large maps of the United States at the Lehman-Jackson and Lake-Noxen schools.

The volunteers are part of an effort by different chapters of the Bell Telephone Pioneers to paint U. S. maps on the playgrounds of every elementary school in the country.

Each identical map shows the 50 states, outlined and painted in bright colors, using paint donated by the Martin Senour Paint Co. of Ohio, which has donated base coat and permanent road paint for the entire nationwide project. The paint for the Lake-Lehman maps was supplied by Carbondale Decorating.

"Okay, you can take a turn with the brown," wisecracked Back Mountain resident Joe Canfield to a reporter as he cleaned

paint rollers Friday morning. Canfield is past president of the local Life Member Club.

"What color is Delaware?" asked Shavertown resident Bill Lawson, carefully touching up a section of Virginia.

"I hope this dries quickly," said Lake-Lehman graduate and Greater Wilkes-Barre Council president Elva Sickler Birosak, as she carefully stenciled a sign below the map. "The weather turned cold when we started and the paint hasn't been drying properly. We still have to finish up at Lake-Noxen before we go to Ross."

When the maps are finished, the Bell Telephone Pioneers will give principals Charles James and Robert Kunkle instructions and bean bags for several learning games which teachers can use to help their students learn United States geography.

A stencilled sign below the map informs the public that the map was painted by members of the L. H. Kinnard Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America Bell Atlantic.

The non-profit organization is made up of Bell Atlantic employees and retirees who volunteer for area community service projects.



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Elva Sickler Birosak adjusted a stencil for a sign under the United States map which volunteers from the Bell Atlantic Telephone Pioneers of America painted at the Lehman-Jackson School last week.

# Meeting on bug spraying program Sept. 26 at Kingston Township

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors will conduct a special public meeting for interested residents with Mr. Ron Rugletic of the Luzerne County Environmental Special Projects Office regarding the spraying of native pest caterpillars in the spring of 1996.

The county and the township are aware of concerns expressed by residents over the caterpillar infestations which occurred in 1995. This meeting is for all Kingston Township residents who want their property to be a part of

a large-scale spraying program in 1996. The county will organize the spraying program with a designated spraying contractor at reduced rates for residents who are interested in having their property sprayed.

The meeting will be held September 26, at 7 p.m. at the Kingston Township Municipal Building. Further details will be available at the meeting from county officials.

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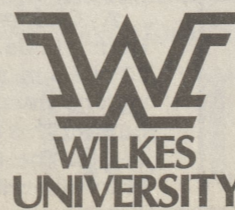


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In addition to her roles on *The Bob Newhart Show* and *The Simpsons*, Wallace has guest-starred on shows such as *Murder, She Wrote*, *Magnum P.I.*, *Taxi*, *The Love Boat* and *Fantasy Island*.

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