

EDITORIALS

Private hearing best for commiunity in football incident

Unfortunately, tempers appear to have cooled little in the episode involving a parent, a player and a coach on the football team at Dallas High School. If anything, the stakes have been raised as all sides prepare for a hearing on the incident. The coach's attorney has released a laundry list of documents and people he intends to call to testify, and you can bet the school administration is preparing voluminous evidence of their own, as they must. Rumors are flying about evidence that supposedly will show how undue influence on school directors and other nasty factors led to the suspension of assistant coach Brian Brady. Each side appears to feel that only an apology by the other will satisfy their demand for justice. That's a pretty wide gap to bridge.

There are a couple of important issues in this mix, and a lot of bruised egos. The two important ones are: 1) Did Brian Brady risk injury to a young player by administering extra physical discipline? 2) If he didn't, does Brady stand to lose any chance of a coaching career if he is reprimanded or worse for this incident?

Other than those considerations, this has become a battle of egos and rigid defenders of their respective positions. As long as the sides continue to hold their ground, the prospects for a swift resolution are dim.

We're concerned that the hearings as they are now being described will serve only to inflame passions and sully reputations. If that becomes the case, no one will win and everyone will lose. Worst of all, football team members will be caught in the middle of a rancorous fight that revolves more around adult power than young players' health.

Everyone involved in this incident has talked about "the kids" and their desire to do the best by them. The best thing they could do—for kids and the entire community—is to settle this matter as quickly and gentlemanly as possible. Otherwise, the most memorable thing children will see is their elders engaged in a fruitless quest to prove they're 100 percent right.


A settlement doesn't have to end the concern for students' welfare. Members of the Dallas Gridiron Club are talking about supporting school board candidates who will be sympathetic to their priorities, so the benefits they see deriving from the football program are not threatened. That is not only their prerogative, it is a responsible action. But if this incident sinks into mudslinging, it will be difficult for anyone to ask for a vote of confidence.

The best thing that could happen now would be for the parties to sit down in private and hammer out a settlement. While open meetings of official bodies serve the community interest, a public display of everyone's dirty laundry is likely to open wounds that will take years to heal. You need only recall the travesty of the O.J. Simpson trial to see the wisdom of conducting appropriate hearings behind closed doors.

We hope everyone on every side of this issue can swallow a little pride and work together for a solution that does as little damage as possible to the individuals, the team and the community at large. That would best serve the interests of the young people everyone claims to care so much about.



As I was saying



Jack Hilsher

This isn't going to make you an oenophile (e' na fil - noun, a person who enjoys wine) but it will surely add to your enjoyment of a life if you aren't already aware of man's most satisfying beverage.

Wine has no single inventor, but somewhere an early caveman must have discovered how, because fossilized grape leaves and stems have been found in early caves. One of those guys must have put down his club long enough to press juice out of some grapes, let it sit for a few days while it fermented, and found that it tasted heavenly.

Ancient Babylonians drank wine more than 4,000 years ago. One of the oldest set of laws, the Code of Hammurabi, said that a wine seller who gave short mea-

Enjoying the fruit of the vine, pt. 1

sure was to be thrown into the sea. The Old Testament frequently mentions wine, and the Book of Proverbs says, "Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress; let them drink, and forget their poverty, and remember their misery no more."

In the New Testament nine books refer to wine, including St. Paul's admonition to Timothy: "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake."

The Greeks brought wine making to a fine art; their "cellar masters" periodically inspected and tasted wine jars. After months the jars were poured into long-necked bottles and kept for several years before being drunk. Heavy wines with strong alcoholic content were kept for five years, just like the best Bordeaux of our time. Homer went bonkers over wine, writing that a favorite was "sweet and marvelous such as no one could resist."

Current retail sales are said to be \$12 billion, which works out to about eight bottles for every man,

woman and child in the world. The same place those statistics came from also claims Thomas Jefferson purchased 20,000 bottles of wine during the eight years of his presidency. (How did he ever keep from being constantly smashed?)

In America we are not youthful wine lovers. Only six percent of our wine consumers are aged 30 or younger; 75 percent are over 40. But the occasional drinkers pay close attention to TV...last year "60 Minutes" broadcast wine's health benefits and red wine sales shot up over 25 percent.

"20/20" mentioned Bordeaux and its sales increased markedly, but it was short-lived since Bordeaux is an acquired taste not for everyone; the bottles probably sat around after being tasted once and the wine market gained no new customers.

Reading about wines, especially reviews of new wines by professionals, will cause one to believe these people walk around with their feet barely touching the ground. (I always felt the word

"fey" would apply quite well to them.) For instance, one reported "Balanced and rich with high levels of fruit, acid and tannin. The lush fruit is married well with complementary notes of chocolate and coffee. Silky smooth texture carries through to the finish."

And this: "Complex and extraordinarily aromatic. Offers myriad flavors reminiscent of pears and apples. Serve with chicken." Or: "Sports a soft, round mouthfeel and terrific length of fruit."

I believe you get my meaning. They also remind me of a *New Yorker* cartoon where a taster, frowning, looks at his glass and says, "I don't find that very amusing." (The magazine also had a great captionless cartoon of a huge tank truck driving along with a tanksign reading, "CHEAP WHITE WINE.")

So you think you'd like to become an oenophile? Well I will help. Next week you will learn where to go and what to buy.

In the meantime, as they say in the big time, stay tuned.

Publisher's notebook

Ron Bartizek



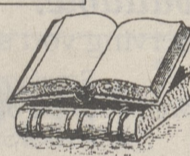
I can't take it any more. I'm voting for Ross Perot November 5, and here's why. First, why not. I don't think the Little General is the best candidate for President I've ever seen, and he probably isn't the best this year. But the other two main choices represent an electoral system that is so far out of whack that I'm ready to cast a protest vote. I never thought it would come to this.

Bob Dole nearly had my vote until he presented a tax cut as his primary economic theme. This from a man who had proudly been a voice for fiscal sense throughout his years in the Senate. Instead of campaigning on the consistent record he had built up for 30 years, through Democrat and Republican administrations alike, he chose to appeal to our base instincts, even when polls consistently show Americans prefer deficit reduction to tax cuts.

My main gripe, though, is that our political system has become so corrupted by money that neither candidate can afford to take positions of real leadership and responsibility. Bill Clinton said in 1992 and again in 1994 that he would press to reform this national travesty, but he did almost nothing to follow through. Still, if I felt he could be trusted, I might give him another chance. Enough said about that.

So I'm left with Perot, who, for all his bluster and naked egotism (he just doesn't hide his lust for power as well as the others), talks plain common sense on most economic issues. Not "pocketbook" issues, real economic ones, like the fact that Social Security and Medicare are headed to hell in a handbasket unless we take dramatic steps to save them. Steps that, by the way, would have been far less draconian if prior administrations and Congresses had had the courage to address the problems. I know there won't be any President Perot; heck, I'm even a little glad there won't be. But I can't stomach supporting candidates who bow to the altar of big contributors while ignoring the issues that mean the most to our citizens.

LIBRARY NEWS



By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is showing an interesting arrangement of sculptures and art work from the collection of Henry Moretti. These were loaned to the library by Sean Moretti, Henry's grandson. Henry now lives in Ft. Lauderdale, FL where he is doing his current works. He has a studio in Italy near a marble quarry, where he rough cuts the work prior to shipping the art to his finishing studio in Florida. Ft. Lauderdale gives out an annual award called the Moretti Award for contributors to the arts. His work is sold and collected throughout the world.

ONLY YESTERDAY



60 Years Ago - Nov. 6, 1936
DEMOCRATS SWEEP TO VICTORY FOR STATE HOUSE

Although they clung tenaciously to their long-time Republican loyalty as predicted, voters in this normally dry territory upset tradition on Tuesday by turning "thumbs down" on the local option. In Lake Township, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township the largest number of citizens ever to vote on a municipal question here turned in a decisive majority in favor of the sale of licenses to sell liquor in local communities.

Luzerne County contributed generously to the Democrat victory on Tuesday by sending eight New Dealers to the State Legislature, a Democrat chairman to the

Moretti sculpture, paintings on display

There are sculptures and paintings on display in New Jersey, Florida and Paris, France. He also is an architect and has designed several of the sky scrapers in Ft. Lauderdale.

The items on display now are available for sale, and have his 'signature' on them near the base of the work. The larger two sculptures are made from important Italian marble on mahogany pedestals. They sell for \$3,400 and \$3,200. The smaller wooden sculpture is made from mahogany imported from Guatemala, South America and is on a marble pedestal that sells for \$2,300.

The two paintings are done in Indian silk with oil pastel for added color. They would sell for \$700 each.

There are papers with the display explaining many other features of the works. Further information may be obtained at the library. The display will be here

until November 20.

New books at the library: "Siererra" by Richard S. Wheeler is an epic of riches, greed and love set against the backdrop of the greatest gold stampede in American history, the California rush of 1849. Two unlikely adventurers are snared by the promise of wealth in the streams and foothills.

"The Last Thing He Wanted" by Joan Didion is a novel of suspense, a work of art, a darkly thrilling narrative of discovery and conspiracy set in California, the Caribbean, and Washington, D.C. Elena McMahon makes her way to Florida to see her father, Dick McMahon, who does deals for people.

"Intimate Strangers" by Juliette Mead is a novel of modern love and marriage engaged with the passion, vitality and sensuously detailed settings and provocative characters. It is a powerful and

emotional impact.

Recent visitors to the library have been delighted by the large illuminated balloon on the Library grounds announcing our new campaign slogan "Watching Ideas Soar". The balloon has generated considerable interest in the campaign to add a new children's wing to the Library. The balloon will soon be joined by billboards and banners on Route 309, inviting the public to participate in this important campaign effort.

The plans for the children's wing provide an area three times the present space and include a performance area for story telling and other presentations, expanded shelving and reading areas, and multimedia computer stations for learning and enjoyment. Campaign pledge cards are available at the library circulation desk for all who wish to participate in this important project.

cealing nursery trees making apprehension at night difficult.

40 Years Ago - Nov. 2, 1956
RICES TAKE OVER DAIRY FREEZE RESTAURANT

Culminating several weeks of negotiations, Kenneth Rice and his son, Bobby, have purchased the business of Casper's Dairy Freeze Restaurant and have taken a 10-year lease with option to buy the building and land. The property is located at the intersection of Rtes. 309 and 115 opposite the Quaker Motel.

Mrs. Harry Ohlman, president of Dallas Senior Woman's Club says that organization will spearhead an outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest in collaboration with You could get - Veal chops, 59c lb.; beef liver, 33c lb.; McIntosh apples, 4 lb. bag, 49c; toilet tissue, 10 rolls, \$1.; Virginia Lee Donuts, pkg. of 12-17c.

30 Years Ago - Nov. 3, 1966
UNITED FUND TOPS GOAL IN BACK MOUNTAIN

Vandalism and cruelty has been reported from Lehman Township

during the past week of Halloween and continuing after that celebration has passed. On Carpenter Road, a man and his wife have been harassed increasingly by youths ages 13 to the higher teens. Last week their windows were soaped and they did not object but when dead bleeding rabbits were placed in their mailbox, they were driven nearly to distraction.

Back Mountain was tops in the United Fund round-up rolling up a score of \$7,730.73 a percentage of 110.4. The goal for this area was \$7,000.

20 Years Ago - Nov. 4, 1976
HARVEYS LAKE MOVES ON MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Harveys Lake planning commission agreed to recommend a municipal building site to the borough council during a session last Friday evening. Councilmen Giordano and DeReemer invited the opinions of residents attending the meeting regarding a parcel of land owned by William Heck and adjoining the borough's sewer authority. Consensus appeared to strongly favor the proposed location.

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