



HATS ON FOR EASTER

Gate of Heaven School first graders held their annual Easter bonnet parade Monday. Among the appropriately festooned paraders were Niccole Rivero, top photo; Rachel Tooley, below left, and David Puffenberger.



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History

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place in first, second or third go on to a state competition.

out with research and that museums are very generous. I wrote to a few museums and they sent me copies of photographs for free. They even paid for the postage and everything," Blidner said with a laugh. Her project neatly displayed photographs of Japanese-Americans in the camps during the war and U.S. propaganda enforcing the discrimination.

The project was mandatory for her Humanities I course, but the competition was her choice. "I felt it would be a good experience," she replied when asked why she entered her project. "I wanted to go beyond my comfort zone whether I win or lose." Those who

Dallas junior Joel Withers, 17, explored a major morale builder for U.S. soldiers and a significant part of print journalism. He did his project on the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper, which has been reporting on military events since World War I.

"What struck me most was that you never hear about what keeps soldiers' spirits up," said Withers, whose uncle and grandfathers served in the military. "It is a different look at war." Withers said history is his favorite subject in school. He credits Dallas history teacher Maryann Storz for helping him with the concept of his research. Withers worked on his project for approximately six months.

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Lake-Lehman freshman

Dallas students in the competition did their projects voluntarily. "There is no grade involved, it's strictly a personal decision," said a proud Storz. The students formed a History Day Club, in which they learned how to research their subjects. "The academic benefits are immense," said Storz, who has been known to make house calls to students homes in order to help.

One student picked her subject to pay homage to her late grandfather and learn about a war she knew nothing about. Jennifer Sutton, a freshman at Lake-Lehman, chose the Korean War for her History Day debut. Her grandfather, who passed away in 1992, was a veteran of the war. Sutton displayed his first-hand photographs of Prisoner of War

camp and mass graves to show the reality of that war.

"My grandfather was friends with a POW who escaped and took these pictures from inside the camp. They still can't find those camps today," said Sutton. For her, the display was a tribute and a means to connect with her grandfather's experience. "It's part of my heritage. I didn't understand it so I did a project on it," explained Sutton.

She also displayed pictures and newspaper articles documenting the memorials that have been created in the last few years. "I was surprised to discover how ashamed the soldiers were. For some reason they didn't get public support like in other wars."

Dallas High School History Day participants who placed were, Alison Piazza, Tracy Jones, Robert Webb, Arthur Gay and Kevin West, first place in group project; Kathryn and Amanda Palmatier, second place in group project; Morgan McOwen, Norah Krakosky, Brittany Bartolini, Amanda Jenkins, third place in group project; James Gavin, second place in individual project.

Tower

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Frank Wagner, Dallas Township supervisor, responded to resident concerns by saying, "What about the water towers? You people don't complain about them." Wagner also told residents, "When it comes time for the county to put them up, we have no jurisdiction."

Bob Davidson, also a resident, fears the type of precedent the township might be setting. Currently, there is a 35 foot height limit in the township. To erect the tower, Cellular One will have to seek a height variance from the zoning board. Davidson explained that to receive a variance, the township or Cellular One would have to prove there is no other economic use of the property without the variance. Davidson warned the board, "This would establish a precedent for other private enterprise to come in and ask for a variance based on the same criteria."

When questioned about other possible sites for the tower, Rusnok said, "The tower had to be located somewhere between College Misericordia and the Dallas Township property. No matter where the tower is located, it would have to be at the 280-foot range."

Nause asked Rusnok if two smaller towers would work instead of one large tower. Rusnok said, "A smaller tower would not work for us. It would be less expensive. We are not out to construct the Taj Mahal. We are trying to construct the smallest, most efficient tower we can."

Rusnok also said construction of the tower would fall under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Rusnok said that under the act, the federal government mandated that communities are not allowed to outlaw or prohibit cellular facilities. Rusnok also said the act

Cellular One will seek zoning board approval Tues. April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

mandates the construction of an efficient cellular system.

That isn't what the Act says, according to Rodney Hopp, an aide to the House Commerce Committee in Washington. He said municipalities retain all their local zoning rights, but they cannot simply ban towers. "You can't say no," Hopp said. "That you can't put any towers anywhere." But towns can restrict where the tow-

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Township supervisor

ers are placed.

Rusnok reminded residents of safety issues citing the company's record of 57,000 911 calls in Northeastern Pennsylvania in the past 12 months. "God forbid a life is hanging in the balance and somebody can't use a phone," Rusnok said. Nause accused Rusnok of "painting a picture that plays on emotions." To which, Rusnok responded, "Cellular phones have saved lives."

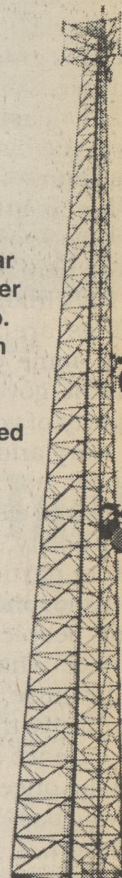
Nause asked the board if the township has considered erecting a smaller tower to improve police and 911 service. Police Chief Carl Miers said the township found that a 185-foot tower for emergency services would cost the township \$250,000. Miers said, "The cost of the tower would double the millage in the township."

Dallas Township resident Roger Landry said, "I would encourage the township to poll the people." To Rusnok he added, "You have a lot to gain by easy access. I find it hard to believe that between here and College Misericordia that you couldn't find another place."

"We're here because we care. We're trying to take a step back, take a look, and stop. I care about this community," said Geri Gitlin. Township supervisor Phil Walter responded by saying, "It's all progress."

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This photo shows a Cellular One phone tower in Hanover Twp. that is similar in size and appearance to the one proposed in Dallas Twp.



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