

Library Auction 2000 July 6 -9 Mark your calendar — tell your friends - volunteer to help! There's a sheet at the desk on which you may sign up to volunteer. People power is needed. Also, see the Dallas Post's "Library Auction Corner" for other ways in which you can support the library's most important fundraising event of the year.

Reminders: The Sand Art Booth needs clean, empty glass jars, and Lipton, Tropicana, Ocean Spray and Snapple bottles, all with lids. The Book Booth needs reading materials, but no Reader's Digest Condensed Books, National Geographics or textbooks, please. Clean, usable household items are needed for the Odds and Ends Booth. New goods for sale over the block are needed. Bring your items to the library, or inquire about pick-up assistance if they are too large for you to transport.

Children's Library The Summer Adventurers Club returns! Six to eight-year-olds are invited to join in the fun on Mondays, June 19 through July 10, from 10-11:30 a.m. Call the library at 675-1182 for more information and sign-up dates.

There are a few openings left in the Story Hours for toddlers and pre-school children. Call the library to register your child.

88 The impressive papier-mache canimals on display in the children's room were made by members of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School's PTO and doaned to the library as a celebration of the newly-begun Summer Reading game. The paper clowns changing from the ceiling were made by the children.

Librarian's report In May Martha Butler attended a statesponsored workshop in Harris-

Dallas Class of 1990 planning reunion

Dallas Senior High School, Class of 1990, is planning a reunion. Any interested classmates should contact either Peter Solinsky

Putskil@mindspring.com or (215) 508-0676, Erica Bullock-Mahoney at 333-5323, or Brenda Olsen at 675-2073. The tentative date for the reunion is set for September 2, 2000.



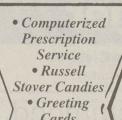
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Children's adventures begin June 19

burg. The title of the workshop was "Managing and Working in the Libraries of Tomorrow." It was informative and helped to clarify new management issues brought about with technology changes. In early June she attended the Northeast Chapter PaLA spring conference, which focused on virtual libraries and how to deal with techno-stress.

On May 24 and 26 four staff members, Millie Zarambo, Margaret Susko, Anna Korey, and Elaine Phoenix, attended Basic Word and Excel computer classes at the Corporate Training Center in Wilkes-Barre. These classes were provided by the District at no cost to the library

Marilyn Rudolph attended two meetings of the Summer Reading Club at the Osterhout Library on May 1 and May 8. The group discussed the use of state funds allocated for family literacy programs. Marilyn and Janet Bauman attended a workshop for children's services at the Scranton Public Library's children's building on May 17.

Renee Evans's Romper Room children, ages 3 and 4, visited the library in May. Mrs. Rudolph gave a talk to the Lehman-Jackson School's 4th grade, and Mrs. Bauman visited the 3rd and 4th grade classes at Ross Elementrary School, to promote the Summer Reading Club. The "Donuts and Discussion" group is filled and will begin its sessions on June 19. Janet Bauman will lead the group.

Statistics for the month of May Total circulation, 12,768; books added, 197; new borrow-

New display Lynn Kirkwood, an incoming sophomore at Dallas High School, has been collecting frogs since she was 4 years old. Her collection encompasses everything from jewelry to knickknacks to clothing. She loves receiving cards with frogs, and has recently completed a 1,000piece frog puzzle, which is now framed and mounted on her bedroom wall.



Civil War Round Table meets June 15

The regular meeting of the Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will be held, Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m., at the American Legion Building in Dallas.

The noted author, John Stanchak will be presenting his recent book, "Visual Dictionary of the Civil War," with more than 250 stunning color photographs and thousands of descriptions and historical facts. He will also be speaking about the Civil War Press Corps - The War's Newspaper Reporters. A book signing will follow his presentation. Mr. Stanchak has contributed Civil War articles and illustrations to publications for more than 20 years. He is the great-grandson of a Union Army veteran.

For information call 675-3803

Chanter's Ladies summer dance July 7

The Irem Temple Chanter's Ladies will hold their annual summer dance on July 7, from 7-11 p.m. on the pavilion at the Irem Temple Country Club.

The theme of this year's dance will be "Christmas in July". King Henry and the Showman will play

You can purchase tickets from any "Chanter's Lady" or call Jean at 824-8650, Dorcas 822-3247, Nancy 823-8719, Marjorie 342-5376 or Mary 675-2915.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Those serving on the committee are: Jean Thesley, Chairman; Nancy Synder, Co-Chairman; Lois Hannigan, Tickets; Jean Evans and Lois Meyers, Decorations; Mary Mohr, Jean Thesley, Ann Rose, Publicity; Ann Rose, Door Chairman.

Pictured from left, first row: Mary Mohr, Lois Hannigan, Dorcas Kretchner, Jean Evans, Jean Thesley. Second row: Dolly Theiss, Edith Baker, Lois Myers, Barbara Tracewski, Carol Stachyra, Judy Theisringer.

Misericordia announces summer fun camps

Children and adults looking for interesting and enjoyable summer activities this summer will find many choices in College Misericordia's annual Fitness and Fun program.

This program includes art and crafts activities, sports camps, theatre workshops and fitness programs for all ages.

This year's schedule features soccer, karate, summer dance, boy's and girl's basketball camps, theatre, swimming and an all children's summer camp.

For information or to register, call the Office of Adult Education

LETTERS

Knee-jerk criticism of school directors unwarranted

Mr. Corbett's (Steve Corbett, The Times Leader) vision of the world is so negative and narrowminded. His most recent column regarding the attendance by various representatives from the Wilkes-Barre Area School District at a national school board convention is characteristically sarcastic, full of degradation, and unfounded. While it is true that representatives from the school district attended a convention located near Disney World, the more pertinent facts reveal that the board members have returned with enthusiasm, knowledge and a new dedication to improve the quality of education in this area.

While we cannot vouch for the character of the other board members, we can attest to the commitment, dedication, and integrity of Ellen Perna Smith, the President of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board. It is obvious that Mr. Corbett has made no effort to explore, even in the most superficial way, the significant and positive contributions that Ellen Smith has made to the educational system in Wyoming Valley.

Further, it is disappointing that Mr. Corbett, as a columnist for a newspaper, fails to appreciate the power of ideas and learning. Advances in medicine, law and humanities come from people working together and sharing ideas with one another. The importance of continuing education is recognized by the American Medical Association which requires that doctors obtain 60 hours (category 1) of credit over a three-year period in the field of medicine. Similarly, lawyers, architects, accountants, nurses, nursing home administrators, and public school teachers, are also required to earn a substantial number of educational credits each year in their respective professions. These professionals benefit from the mandated educational programs by staying on the cutting edge of developments in their field. Significantly, many of our state legislators have recognized the importance of continued training for

school directors, and accordingly, have proposed legislation to mandate educational training for all of the state's school directors.

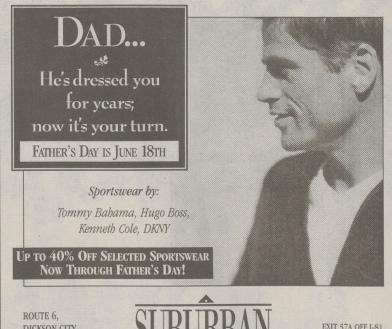
Sadly, Mr. Corbett manifests a disregard for the need to continue to strive for excellence in education. Fortunately, there are fine educators and leaders, like Ellen Smith, who utterly and rightfully reject Mr. Corbett's stagnant views, and who choose actively and aggressively to search for growth and advancement in edu-

Certainly, there is a cost associated with attendance at these educational programs. However, investment in exploring ideas and educational programs is an absolute necessity if we are going to better ourselves. If Mr. Corbett were truly interested in assessing the benefits of this convention, he could have, and certainly should have, prior to writing his column, done a proper investigation by accessing www.nsba.org/conference and downloading some (or all) of the handouts from the various conference sessions and/or reviewing cassette tapes of selected sessions. It is unfortunate that Mr. Corbett chose to ignore the substantive benefits of the convention's work sessions.

The fact that this particular convention site was near Disney World is all that Mr. Corbett seems to care about. He overlooks the fact that the local attendees did not select the site. Further, he overlooks the fact that the site selection certainly served as an inducement to increase the attendance, which clearly helped to make the convention a success. Wouldn't Wyoming Valley love to host such a convention.

The Wilkes-Barre Area School District's budget is approximately \$62.5 million and the school board has invested less than one-tenth of one percent in leadership programs. One must question whether the school board's de minimus expenditure in this area is adequate.

Howard and Susan Levinson, Dallas.



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