

Author

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Mr. Dombroski has also served as a consultant to the Redevelopment Authority and to the Department of Agriculture.

This is not Dombroski's first experience as an author, either. "In 1978 I published a book titled Creative Problem Solving and it was recently reprinted. That book describes a 5-step problem solving process that I taught to different groups of business professionals. I also presented that program on WRKC which is the King's College radio station. I did a 10-part series of half-hour programs. I still have the cassettes I used," he explained.

Tom Dombroski is also very involved in many community affairs. "I'm chairman of the Wyoming Valley Flood Protection Committee which I organized in 1992 to help prevent the kind of flooding we had in 1972. We're working on eight items and one of them, topping off the dike, is nearly completed," said Dombroski.

He has been involved with Senator Charles Lemmond in implementing a Bus Safety Pilot Program in the Dallas School District which was instrumental in getting the stop-arm safety device installed on school buses. "I'm working on raising the final funds for that pilot program which will be implemented using private funds," Dombroski explained.

Saint Therese's Church in Shavertown also benefits from Mr. Dombroski's volunteer spirit. "I'm an usher at the 11 a.m. Mass every Sunday and I've been president of the Holy Name Society since 1972 — that's the longest in the Diocese of Scranton."

In addition, Mr. Dombroski is a long-standing member of the Kiwanis Club, the VFW, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and is a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

"My wife, Nancy, keeps telling me to slow down," Dombroski said.

His latest book is published by Writers Club Press, a subsidiary of bookseller Barnes and Noble. Mr. Dombroski has appeared at book-signing engagements in Kingston and

"All business deals are private and confidential. Therefore, to come to conclusions you have to use fact, imagination and speculation to understand everything."

Thomas Dombroski
Trucksville



Thomas Dombroski's book is available at bookstores and online.

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Diversity

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going on in the area and attend whatever events they can. Diversity Camp at Misericordia is one of the programs that Jill Youngblood enjoyed. "It was amazing to see so much diversity out there. This school is like being in a bubble," said Youngblood.

"When you have few students of diverse background it's difficult to understand diversity."

Donna Trebilcox
Diversity Club advisor

Club president Corey Pajka has attended Leadership Training seminars at Wilkes University. "I think we're definitely getting the word across. We've scheduled some speakers here at the school and we set up the Martin Luther King Day programs," explained

Pajka.

"We had a speaker from Japan come in to talk about the holocaust," said steering committee member Adam Nolan Morgan. "I also attended a program at Misericordia about the Holocaust and that had a big impact on me," said Morgan.

The Diversity Club has personally helped Traci Patts, club secretary, whose distinct style of dressing doesn't always attract compliments. "Someone just called me a freak," said Patts. "Some of the people here are ignorant of other people. The club helps me because I feel like I can be different. It backs me up," she explained.

"We try to teach the students that you don't respond to violence and hatred with violence and hatred," said Donna Trebilcox. "Instead, we promote living life with tolerance and acceptance."

"I don't know whether it's positive or negative but the student body is definitely aware of us," said Rebecca Hoffman, senior. "I've

"We have to laminate our posters because some kids think it's funny to write on them."

Kris Nardi
Diversity Club vice president

been to several conferences at Misericordia and I think I've learned a lot about diversity."

"I'm very proud of these kids," said Mrs. Trebilcox. "When you have few students of diverse background it's difficult to understand diversity. We want to give the kids information and to help them to feel safe."

"Mrs. Trebilcox has done wonders with the Diversity Club," said guidance counselor Robyn Jones. "Personally, I love this club."

Other members of the Diversity Club steering committee are: Emily Nagy, treasurer, Maria Pierson, and Dan Ungvarsky.

Middle school band toots board's horn

By **ELIZABETH SKRAPITS**
Post Staff

DALLAS - Michael Pawlik, Band Director at the Dallas Middle School, came to the monthly work session of the school board to say thank you.

He said he had been "talking with other teachers about all the things Dallas has that other schools don't," and realized how much the school board had done, and how supportive they had been to the bands and the music departments at the school. As a result, he bestowed on the board the plaque given annually for the past five years to the entity most

supportive of the music department.

Pawlik presented the plaque to board President Ernest Ashbridge, saying, "On behalf of the band students, I thank you." Ashbridge accepted it, smiling, and said, "On behalf of the school board, I thank you!"

In other business, Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, Superintendent, questioned the \$1.5 million discrepancy between estimates prepared by the architects Foreman, Burkavage and the middle school construction manager, Reynolds Construction. Foreman, Burkavage's estimate for all bids is \$16.2 million, while Reynolds

Construction's is \$14.7 million.

Foreman, Burkavage representative Paul DeGillio said his company's estimate was higher because Reynolds had done a more detailed estimate. Board member Anthony Barbose made unhappy noises about the apparent increase over budget, to which DeGillio replied, "We'll achieve that budget, but this is not uncommon for architects and construction managers to disagree at this point." DeGillio assured the board both numbers would be changed and a more accurate estimate would be made as the documents were refined. "There's no fight, there's nothing wrong," he said.

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lawsuits pending against Sun Oil Company by property owners not satisfied with their damage compensation offer. He speculated that "Sun is going directly to those affected...trying to head off (further) lawsuits."

For the second month, there was no representative from the Department of Environmental Protection present at the meeting. Wilkes referred to a letter from DEP stating their intentions to attend township meetings quar-

terly or whenever their presence was needed to answer questions. DEP officials indicated that they had been asked very few questions at several meetings, leading to this plan of future attendance.

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