

EDITORIAL

New officials and old can make a productive mix

If it proves nothing else, this week's primary election certainly showed that when voters are given choices for public office, they aren't afraid to stray from the familiar. That was most evident in the races for Dallas school director, but it was also clear in some municipal contests that people are ready for a change.

In the Dallas School District, that change could be substantial. While it's uncertain how the new board members will approach issues such as renovations at the high school, there's no doubt that the old guard won't be pulling the strings. Not only did new candidates emerge victorious, some of them won by wide margins, while two sitting board members trailed the field. Bruce Goeringer was the top vote-getter on both sides of the ballot in his first try at public office.

It's not clear what particular issues — if any — drove voters to stir the pot. Perhaps there aren't burning issues, but in past elections there hadn't been many choices either, and voters jumped at the chance to pull the lever on a new name.

Lake-Lehman voters also displayed a penchant for change, as challengers won November placement in Region 1 and Region 2. In the latter case, Harold Cornell Jr. won both party primaries, while James Welby will apparently square off against incumbent Chuck Boytin in November.

The yen for new faces showed up in Kingston Township as well, where two out of three candidates to survive the primary would be newcomers to office. One of them is Jeff Box, the long-time township manager who brings a wealth of knowledge about the community with him.

It's hard to figure why so many fresh faces drew the public's fancy this year, and it would be unusual for all of them to be improvements on the people they replace. Of course, that judgement is often in the opinion of the observer anyway. Even so, the very liveliness of the campaign is a good thing, and so will be the new perspectives these officials will bring to office. Mix them up with the best of the old, and there's reason for optimism in the Back Mountain.

Editor's note: Final vote totals were not available to The Dallas Post prior to the deadline for this issue. Some results could change.

Publisher's Notebook

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Leaving aside the arguments over whether Annika Sorenstam should be playing in the Colonial golf tournament (that's the Bank of America® Colonial, to us the commercially-correct title), I'd like to extend an invitation to the Swedish Swinger — she can play a round with me any time. And I won't even complain if she outdrives me by 50 yards, which she will, as long as she doesn't make any smart remarks about short putts.

Unlike "Mad Martha" Burk's assault on The Master's last month, Annika's presence on the first tee is less a crusade than a personal quest. If you believe her explanation — and I've seen no reason not to — the Arizona graduate has wondered for some time if she could match up with the guys. Her record last year on the women's tour certainly proves she's more than a match for her gender mates, since she won 13 times, a record Tiger Woods can only dream about. That makes her a golfer who happens to be woman in their eyes of unbiased observers, not someone with a "larger" agenda than testing her skill against the best in the business.

Like millions of golfers and an equal number of curiosity seekers, I'll be watching Annika's performance, and hoping she makes the cut for the weekend. She has said she's not really nervous, that she has nothing to lose, and she may be right. And although I'd enjoy playing with her, I don't envy the two men she's matched with the first two days. Can you imagine the ribbing they'll take if she hits it past them, or beats their pants off?

As for the guys who are howling about this "travesty," maybe they should get a new set of clubs, made by strapping rocks to saplings, which would seem appropriate for their attitude.

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Watching the years go by. Photo by James Youngman.

Memorial books donated to Back Mountain Library

Back Mountain Memorial Library announces the addition of new memorial books

In Loving Memory of Lillian Rasimas, who loved to read, Home Before Dark by Susan Wiggs, presented by Her Granddaughter

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In Memory of Henry Barbero,

The End of the American Era by Charles Kupchan, presented by Dr. Gilbert R. Griffiths

In Memory of Clark Valenti, In Search of Tiger Woods by Tom Callahan, presented by Mr. and Mrs. John N. Moore

In Memory of Joseph Rogowicz, In the Hands of the Great Spirit by Jake Page, presented by Laura Van Jura

In Memory of Eleanor Libener, My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers, presented by Mary Daise

In Memory of Francis Kevin Danaher, Krakatoa by Simon Winchester, presented by Beth and Bruce Rosenthal

In Memory of Aine S. M. Goeringer, Front Yard Gardens by Liz Primeau, presented by Laura Van Jura In Memory of Arthur Nicholson, Places, Towns & Townships presented by Geraldine T. Nesbitt

In Memory of David Carl Scott, Great Stories of the American West II edited by Martin H. Greenberg, presented by Viola and David L. Scott and Twila Scott-Kaplanski

In Memory of David Carl Scott, Education of a Wandering Man by Lou is LAmour, presented by Viola and David L. Scott and Twila Scott-Kaplanski

In Memory of R. Arthur and Anna R. Brown, The Gardeners Palette by Sydney Eddison, presented by Wayne M. Scull

In Memory of Mrs. Agnes Clothier, 93301 Country Christmas Quilt Blocks by Cheri Saffioti, presented by Ann Fannick Smith

In Memory of Arthur Nicholson, The Complete Photo Guide to Outdoor Home Improvement by Black and Decker, presented by Edmund H. Poggi, Jr.



70 Years Ago - May 22, 1933

PLAN TO IMPROVE LAING CO. FIRE APPARATUS

Plans for improving the Dr. Henry M. Laing fire fighting apparatus were discussed at a special meeting of the fire company. Representatives of the Mack-truck Company were present to submit plans and specifications for remodeling the truck with the installation of a six cylinder, 104 horse power motor.

Announcement was made that a three-year lease was signed on the Adelman Lumber company building on Lake street by a milling company that will open for business there. The company will be known as the Dallas Flour and Grain Company.

One of the largest shipments of field seed, ever delivered in Dallas was received by the Risley hardware store. This is the second large shipment received by the local firm this year and constitutes one of the largest stocks of seeds ever carried in Dallas

60 Years Ago - May 21, 1943

CHARLES GIRTON MADE AAF LIEUTENANT

Charles Girton graduated from the Army Air Forces Technical

Training Command's advanced Meteorology School at the University of California, at Los Angeles and has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant. Girton is now a qualified weather Officer.

Harveys Lake Police were unable to solve the mystery of the disappearance of sixty bottles of whiskey stolen from the tap room of Mrs. Anna Zoumensky, at Sunset. Thieves gained entry to "Big Ann's" establishment located near Commonwealth telephone Company. The thieves also took fifty packs of cigarettes.

Movies that played at the Shaver Theatre were: "They Got Me Covered" with Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour; "Seven Sweethearts" with Van Heflin and Kathryn Grayson; "Secret Enemies" with Faye Emerson.

50 Years Ago - May 22, 1953

\$200 IS GIVEN TOWARD PURCHASE OF OXYGEN UNIT

Kingston Township Ambulance Association is making an appeal to all civic, service and fraternal organizations as well as individuals to assist them in purchasing a complete oxygen unit for the community ambulance. Shavertown Fire Company and Trucksville Fire Company have each contributed \$100 toward the \$650 purchase price.

An enthusiastic gathering at Irem Temple Country Club launched the seventh Library Auction with plenty of singing and a minimum of speech-making. The first item of the annual sale was auctioned off by Harry Ohlman.

Annual Pet Parade will be a

feature of Trucksville Volunteer Firemen's Summer Fair. Children under twelve may enter any pet, from turtles to hamsters, including rabbits, dogs, and cats. Cash prizes will be donated by Dr. and Mrs. George Flack.

40 Years Ago - May 23, 1963

FAMILIAR SHAVERTOWN, TRUCKSVILLE, BUILDINGS AXED FOR NEW HIGHWAY

Familiar buildings along Memorial Highway fell to the contractor's axe. John Parrish, Trucksville, was awarded the condemned structures, which are being razed to make way for the new Dallas-Luzerne Highway. Two of the buildings are the former Tichler's Variety store, Shavertown and Davis Cleaners' building.

Lake-Lehman school directors, meeting considered a budget which promises to raise the ante from the present \$752 figuring in the mandated salary increases amounting to \$11,250 and the extra rental of \$17,750 which must be picked up this coming year.

Some of the appliances you could get at DeRemer TV and Appliances used appliance sale: Automatic or Wringer Washers \$19.95 and up; electric ranges \$19.95 and up; refrigerators \$19.95 and up

30 Years Ago - May 24, 1973

SWEAGE AND WATER PROBLEMS CONCERN SOME AREA RESIDENTS

Some area residents are dis-

satisfied with the present municipal authority system of handling sewer and water problems. A small crowd appeared at the Dallas and Junior High School to share their views about water and sewer conditions in the Back Mountain.

Dallas Area Municipal Authority announced at a meeting that permit fees would increase to \$250. The present fee is \$150. DAMA found it necessary to increase the fee because installation of laterals to each home cost DAMA \$300 each.

Brenda Partchey, a member of the Riding Ho 4-H Club, received a first place ribbon at both the county and district level in demonstration competition, issuing stamps on a trial basis.

20 Years Ago - May 25, 1983

MEDICAL CLINIC PLANNED

Plans are underway to build new medical clinic housing three doctors on Old Lake Road in Dallas in the vicinity of the Meadows senior citizen apartment development.

A reaplication to build town houses in Dallas Township in the triangular area bounded by Church Street, center Hill Road and Claude Street has been made by developers Sobek and Lindquist.

In Kingston Township, police reported a rash of Halloween type incidents, the first was that the side door of the Trucksville Elementary School on Oak Street was painted with obscenities and then a 1975 Ford Granada was soaped with graffiti passages.

Q: Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week?

A: Only in The Dallas Post