

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Writer cites actions of local policeman

## Dear Editor:

I would like to bring attention to the fine men and woman protecting us day and night in our communities - police officers and firefighters. Without them, where would we be and what would our communities be like without them?

With many cities, boroughs and townships in tight budget crises is it the right decision to look at cutting or eliminating police and fire services? Our police officers and firefighters are the cheapest form of insurance we have as residents. We can never have enough police officers and firefighters protecting our communities.

Crime statistics are at an all-time high in our neighborhoods. Criminals outnumber the police officers by staggering numbers and notice how many crimes and fires have ended in fatalities in our area recently.

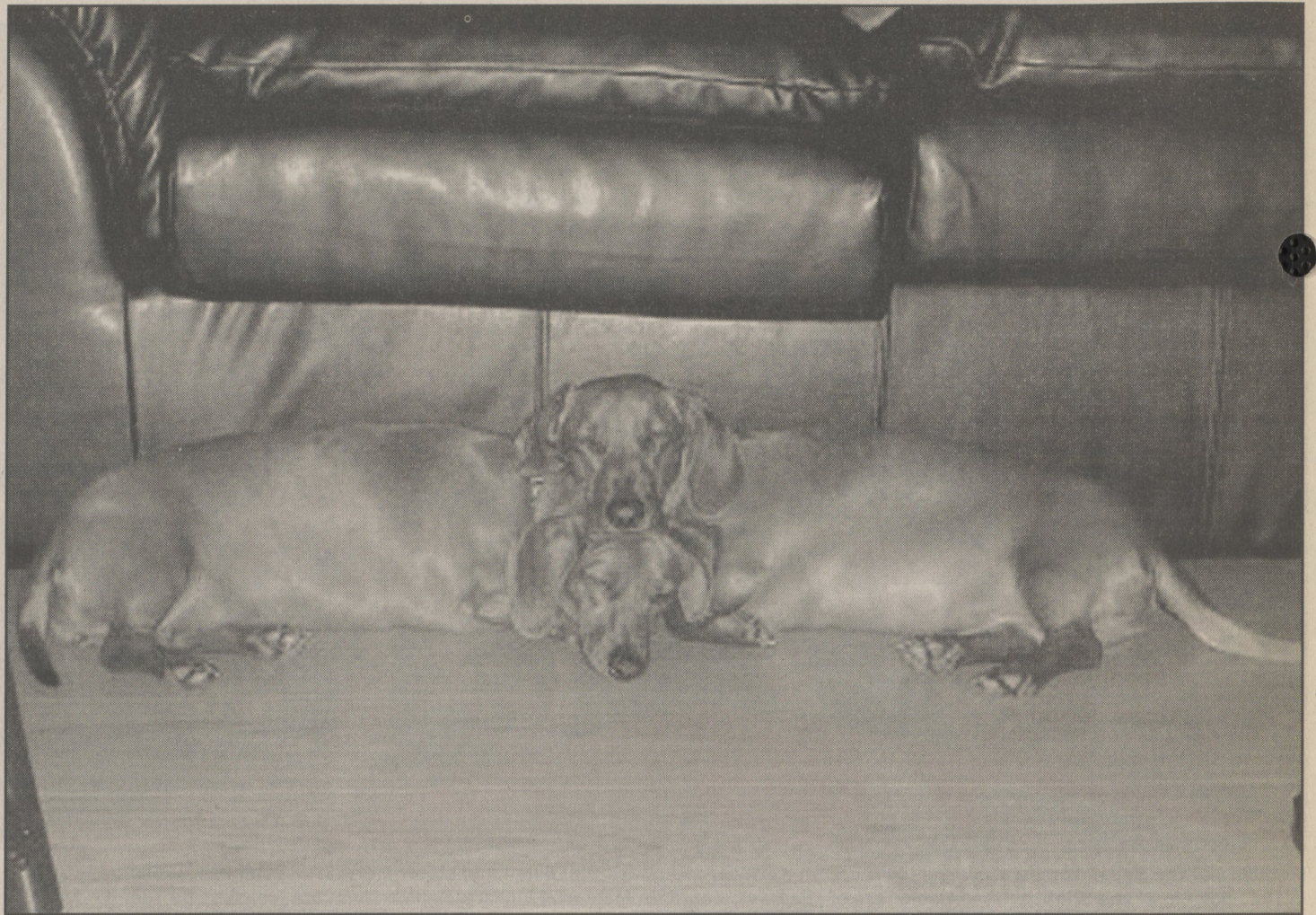
This brings me to the heroism displayed last week by Edwards-

ville Police Officer Dan Lewis. I cannot imagine the thought of being awakened from a deep sleep by a police officer trying to gain entry to my home to alert me and my family that the house is on fire. If not for the quick thinking and unselfish heroism displayed by Officer Lewis, a family may not be here today to reflect on this.

I have always known Officer Lewis as "Dan the Man" for the way he displays his dedicated professional manner with every situation he encounters. Calling him a hero is something he has now earned and deserves.

Officer Lewis is just one of many fine examples of the dedicated professionals who protect our communities and neighborhoods day and night. Ask yourself the question-what would you and your family do without these valuable and possibly lifesaving services?

John Jay Wilkes Jr.  
Jackson Township



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## MAN & BEAST

Miniature dachshunds, Penny and Oliver, take a snooze in this photo. The dogs and their owner, Erin Warner, reside in South Carolina and Warner brings her "babies" to Pennsylvania a few times a year to visit their "grandparents," Robert and Jan Warner who live in Sweet Valley.

## SHARE YOUR PET PICTURES WITH OUR READERS

Who's your best friend? If your very best friend in the whole wide world is your pet, we want to know about it.

Send us a picture of your pet - whether it be a lovable puppy, a slimy iguana or a parrot with an extensive vocabulary - and we'll share it with readers of The Dallas Post.

Tell us your name and address, your pet's name, his or her age, his or her breed and anything else you'd like everyone to know about your pet. Be sure to include your telephone number in the event we have questions.

Send everything to "Man and Beast," c/o The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 or e-mail the picture to us at news@mydallaspost.com.

If you send a picture and would like to have it returned, be sure to include a self-addressed/stamped envelope.

We'll publish the pictures in the order in which we receive them.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

### The History Channel

• On Feb. 27, 1827, students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations. The students, inspired by their experiences in Paris, donned masks and jester costumes and staged their own Fat Tuesday festivities.

• On Feb. 25, 1890, Vlachoslav Skryabin, foreign minister for the Soviet Union who took the revolutionary name Molotov, is born in Russia. An advocate of Marxist revolution, he promoted the practice of throwing bottles filled with flammable liquid at the enemy, and the famous "Molotov cocktail" was born.

• On March 2, 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss, author of such children's books as "The Cat in the Hat," is born in Springfield, Mass. Geisel's first book, "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," was rejected by more than two dozen publishers before making it into print in 1937.

• On Feb. 29, 1928, director and screenwriter William DeMille, brother of director Cecil B. DeMille, hires Beth Brown to write jokes for the film "Tenth Avenue." Brown was the first woman on record to work as a Hollywood comedy writer.

• On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy establishes the Peace Corps, which would send American men and women to foreign nations to assist in development efforts. Since 1961, more than 180,000 Americans have joined the Peace Corps, serving in 134 nations.

• On Feb. 26, 1972, a dam collapses in West Virginia, flooding the Buffalo Creek Valley and killing 118 people. The collapse unleashed a 20-foot wall of water that roared through 17 towns, leaving 4,000 people homeless.

• On Feb. 28, 1983, "M\*A\*S\*H," the cynical situation comedy about doctors behind the front lines during the Korean War, airs its final episode after 11 seasons. The last episode drew 77 percent of the television viewing audience, the largest audience ever to watch a single TV show up to that time.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

• Those who study such things say that baboons can only throw underhanded, never overhand.

• It was British playwright Oscar Wilde who made the following sage observation: "Only the shallow know themselves."

• Baseball is the national pastime, and even those you might not immediately think of as sports fans can get caught up in the excitement. Take composers, for instance - they're generally thought of as a rather stuffy lot, right? Well famed composer John Philip Sousa was an avid fan. In fact, at the request of Judge Kenesaw Mountain, major-league baseball's first high commissioner, Sousa composed the march "The National Game" in 1925.

• Are you a turophile? I certainly am! "Turophile" is just a fancy way of saying "cheese-lover."

• Weddings are universal. In all countries and cultures, all over the world, there is a ritual of joining people together in a lifelong bond. Of course, they don't always do it in exactly the same way. In India, for instance, as a part of the Hindu marriage ceremony the parents of the bride wash the bride and groom's feet with milk and water. Seems like an odd way to start out a relationship with your new son-in-law.

• Most people are aware of the fact that scorpions have eight legs, but you probably didn't realize that they also have eight eyes.

• Those who study such things say that India was once an island. It was some years ago, of course -- about 50 million years ago.

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Thought for the Day: "The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything -- or nothing." -- Nancy Astor

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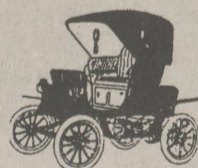
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### ONLY YESTERDAY

15 years. He graduated from Dallas Senior High School and attended Luzerne County Community College for courses in Criminal Justice as well as various seminars in police work on a regular basis.

A veteran Luzerne County businessman and community leader, Leonard Falcone, has announced his candidacy for the position of delegate to the Republican National Convention. Falcone, a resident of Kingston Township and executive vice president and sales manager of the Falcone Beverage Company, is seeking the post as one who will be committed to Vice President George Bush, currently staging a leading battle for the Republican nomination for president.

Miss Theresa Dresslar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dresslar, Dallas, has been selected as an entrant in the 1989 Miss Pennsylvania USA Pageant to be held March 5 and 6, 1988. Theresa, who was selected as an entrant at-large, will be competing with girls from all over the state for the title of Miss Pennsylvania USA. She is a graduate of Dallas Senior High School Class of 1987, and is now a student at Pennsylvania State University, Wilkes-Barre campus, where she is majoring in engineering.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Dallas Borough at its meeting last week named Patrolman Jack Fowler acting police chief of the borough to fill the position left vacant by the death of former police chief Edward Lyons. Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fowler, Sr. of Dallas, has been a member of the borough police department for the past

### 30 YEARS AGO

Members of the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Auxiliary who work throughout the year to assist the community's firemen and ambulance members met recently to plan fund raising projects for equipment. Members are: Sandy Seehan, Blodwen Shaffer, Resia Carroll, Edith Shaffer, Janette Grieves, Evelyn Kenealy, Mary Wright and Karen Spudis.

For the second time in recent weeks, a Memorial Highway service station owned by John Gorda was reported robbed by an armed intruder who forced the attendant, Matthew Shaver, to hand over cash to him. Kingston Township Police Sgt. William Pugh and Patrolman John T. Appel were told by Shaver that at about 10:30 ON Thursday evening a man entered carrying a hunting knife and forced Shaver to turn over \$61 cash from his pocket, fleeing on foot south along Route 309.

Members of the Dallas United Methodist Church began their mile of pennies at a wishing well. They are collecting the monies to assist Wesley Village, a Methodist retirement community. Participants in the project include Gregg Roman, Scott Common, Scott Jobson, Paul Jobson, Bruce Common, Joey Maniskas, Marjorie Myers, Elaine Kapson, Ellen Kapson, Linda Akers, Doug Roman, Bob Stair, Nancy Fitch, Georgia Dombek and Dawn Campbell.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Lake-Lehman High School wrestlers won the Thomas Longmore Trophy by defeating Dallas for the second year in a row. Kent Jones is captain of the Lake-Lehman matmen.

Sally Myers, a senior at Dallas Senior High School, won first place in a recent contest sponsored by the Dallas Senior Women's Club. Myers, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Myers of West Elmcrest Drive, Dallas, will enter her painting in the National Hallmark Scholarship Art Contest in Allentown.

Mrs. Joseph Ruotolo, Harvey's Lake, is co-chairman of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Laetere Concert of Saint Ann's Academy Orchestra. Her two daughters, Carole and Sharon, are included on the programs to be held in Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, Sunday night. Carole, a sophomore at Saint Ann's plays violin and piano. Sharon, a sixth grade student, plays the clarinet and piano.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Richard Hogoboom, Trucks-ville, has been named chairman of the 1958 Easter Seals campaign for Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association, according to an announcement by Robert E. Pickup, president of the Association.

Back Mountain residents stayed off the highway, heeding the warnings of State Police and the Wyoming Valley Motor Club that roads were almost impassable in this area, and completely blocked in other sections. Folks who blithely ignored the warnings regretted it later. The storm started Saturday afternoon and continued all night, dumping a foot more snow to add to the fourteen inches of a week earlier.

At the Himmler Theatre, Dallas, Ann Blyth and Paul Newman were featured in "The Helen Morgan Story."

### 60 YEARS AGO

With newly elected officers presiding, the Executive Board of Back Mountain Memorial Library met Tuesday night and heard Henry Peterson report that the Association now has a cash balance of \$6,440.25. A part of this, possibly \$2,000, will be invested as an endowment fund to ensure the permanent exist-

ence of the library and to help tide it over any future contingencies.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, include "Unfinished Dance" starring Margaret O'Brien and Danny Thomas; "That Brennan Girl" starring Mona Freeman and James Dunn; and "King of Wild Horses" starring Preston Foster, Bill Sheffield and Gail Patrick.

### Seeking slightly read books

We are also accepting donations of slightly read books, which may be dropped off at the library during our regular hours. However, we are not able to accept encyclopedias, textbooks or Reader's Digest Condensed versions of novels. All books should be clean and free from dust and mold.

For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

### 70 YEARS AGO

Although The Post occasionally hears of subscribers who have taken the paper since it was founded it encountered for the first time this week a man who helped to print the first issue. He is Joseph Bulford of Trucksville, who operated the hand press upon which No. 1, Vol. 1 of The Dallas Post was printed in 1889.

The Father and Son Banquet of the Trucksville M.E. Church was held in the church on Tuesday night with more than 100 men and boys in attendance. Mr. Haskins was the speaker representing the fathers and Clarence Jones and William Griffith represented the sons.

The Junior Class of Kingston Township High School will produce "Red Hot Pepper," a novel farce comedy by Reby Edmond, in the high school auditorium on Wednesday night at 8. Miss Sophia Morris is coaching the thespians.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post, which is 119 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.