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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Mom sounds off about gas compressor station

**Editor's note:** This letter was also sent to the Dallas Township Zoning Hearing Board. The writer requested that it be shared with readers of The Dallas Post.

Dear Editor:

I sincerely hope that you will take just a moment to read this letter in its entirety. I am writing to you today as a very concerned citizen, fellow-taxpayer, resident and mother of three.

My daughters are ages 10, 7 and 5 and they attend Dallas Elementary School. They are the light and loves of my husband and my lives. We have been blessed with the honor and duty from God to be parents and we take this job very seriously.

My husband and I decided to live in Dallas for a multitude of reasons; my husband grew up in Dallas and had a lot of pride in his township, we both wanted a safe, healthy environment in order to raise our children and the school district is far superior to others in the area.

I have a multitude of concerns regarding the proposed Chief Gas Co. Compressor Station which stem from the fact that I am also a health care provider. I am a pharmacist with extensive background in chemistry and biology.

I attended the last Zoning/Hearing Board Meeting with Chief Gas Co. I listened intently to Mr. Wurfel's expert "opinions" regarding the gas compressor station and I am extremely concerned at the magnitude of this issue and how lightly Chief Gas Co. is making this issue. There are so many, many pertinent factors which have either intentionally, conveniently or perhaps inadvertently not been addressed.

No amount of environmental "safeguards" proposed will ever convince me that our children are safe from harm, short-term or long-term. It has been proven time and time again throughout history that no safeguards are foolproof. This proposal should never have been a consideration due to the slightest possibility of harm befalling our children or residents.

No one can convince me that the potential benefits of this facility outweigh the risks in any way. A facility of this nature does not belong in a residential area, let alone so close to a 4-school, 2800+ student school campus.

Why would the Township of Dallas approve of the much-needed and anticipated new high school project and ever consider putting a high powered natural gas compressor unit(s) within 1300 feet of our most prized possessions? Not to mention tapping into a 50 or 60 year-old gas line with an unmentioned number of high-tech, high-powered compressors. Explosive substances under extreme pressure are never a good thing, especially so close to adversely affecting so many lives.

I am certain that you can appreciate the fact that, as a parent, I will not stop in my pursuit of the prevention of this compressor station to the utmost of my ability. I, for one, could not live with myself if anything happened to my children.

I go to sleep each and every night praying for the safety of my children. I do not want to have to pray that they live through their school each day as well!

Please, please vote NO to the zoning variance proposed by Chief Gas!

Teri Thomas  
Dallas Township

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

It was English biologist Thomas Henry Huxley who made the following sage observation: "There is no greater mistake than the hasty conclusion that opinions are worthless because they are badly argued."

- In 1955, a woman in Italy gave birth to a baby who weighed 22 pounds, 8 ounces.
- Two United State first ladies ran away to get married: Florence Harding, future wife of President Warren G. Harding, eloped with her first husband when she was 19, and Anna Harrison eloped with the future ninth U.S. President William Henry Harrison (also known as "Old Tippecanoe") when she was 20 and he was 22.
- The substance now known as cat litter was originally designed to be used as nesting material for chickens.
- Early in the history of the Christian church, tea was considered to be a dangerous intoxicant.



## YOUR SPACE

On a trip back from Red Rock one day last summer, Harveys Lake resident Pat Giordano decided to take the old Noxen Railroad bed back to the lake. What a beautiful ride!

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

Submitted items may include photographs or short stories and should be sent via e-mail to news@mydallaspost.com, by fax to 675-3650 or by mail to The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

Information must include the submitting person's name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions.

Readers wishing to have their photos returned should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Joe Drust and Richard Disque of Dallas, relative novices in woodcarving, walked away with four ribbons in a recent New Jersey show. The pair entered carved ducks in the Tom's River Wild Fowl Art & Decoy show at Tom's River and returned home elated with two first place and two third place ribbons. The men's entries went up against hundreds of competitors throughout the East.

College Misericordia recently congratulated members of the Dallas High School Scholarship Bowl team for their success in the WNEP TV Scholarship Bowl program, which concluded last week. The seven member team defeated Bishop Neuman in its first round and later lost to Bloomsburg High School in the second round. Misericordia, one of four sponsors of the program, presented the team and supporting faculty with Misericordia sweatshirts. Team members are: Jeri Searfoss, Mary Lou Baines, Kristen Gurdin, David Lieberman, Eric Lehman, Keith McDonald. Team coach is Wayne Hughes.



### ONLY YESTERDAY

Dallas Lions held installation of officers recently at the Castle Inn, Dallas. Those installed into office are: Joseph Canfield, president; Frank Rollman, vice president; John Del Vecchio, treasurer; and William Roman, secretary.

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Dallas Lions held installation of officers recently at the Castle Inn, Dallas. Those installed into office are: Joseph Canfield, president; Frank Rollman, vice president; John Del Vecchio, treasurer; and William Roman, secretary.

New members are: Thomas Balutis, Michael Pickup, Tom Pickett and Art Bowen.

Dallas UNICO chapter had induction of 15 members at a dinner meeting Wednesday at the Castle Inn Restaurant, Memorial Highway, Dallas. UNICO District Governor Frank Castrignano was in charge of the ceremonies. Members inducted were: Guy Serpico, Charles Manganiello, Rocco Barge, Phillip T. Russo, Samuel Giordano, Carmen Debiasi, Frank Silva, Leonard Falcone, Edward Grabowski, Rev. Robert Capparelli, Michael Morreale, Julius Parini, Lou Dal Santo, Carl Scarantino and Rev. William Langan.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Glen Kozemchak, Overbrook Road, Dallas, received the God and Country Award from the Rev. John S. Prater during Boy Scout Sunday ceremonies at the Prince of Peace Church, Dallas. Glen, a Life Scout, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 281, which is sponsored by Dallas Methodist church. An eighth grade student at Dallas Junior High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kozemchak.

Three seniors from Dallas Senior High School were elected to participate in the regional competition of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association to be held the first week of April in Plamerton. Brenda Richards, Catherine Wilson and Tom Yarnal were among the approximately 80 students of the Northeast District who were successful in advancing to the regional chorus festival.

### 50 YEARS AGO

J.F. Sallada was elected president and Mrs. Betty Rather was elected secretary-treasurer of the Civil War Round Table at a gathering Friday night at Back Mountain Memorial Library for the election of officers and the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. Howard Risely was elected vice president and programs chairman.

Willard T. Davis of Dallas has been appointed Sales Manager of the new Industrial Rubber Products Division of Eberhard Faber, Inc., it was announced by Louis H. Brown, president of the company. Mr. Davis was vice-president in charge of manufacturing of the Linear Corporation's Dallas plant until recently.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Presentation of the "God and Country" award, highest Scout award for Christian Service, to Eagle Scout John Cashmark, by his pastor, Rev. Robert Webster, highlighted the Forty-First Anniversary celebration of Trucksville Boy Scout Troop 155 and Cub Pack 155 at the White Church on the hill Sunday night. Other scouts taking part in the largely attended service which was conducted entirely by Scouts and Cubs, were: Robert Stuhlmuller, Jackie Pritchard, John Perkins, Robert Davis, Douglas Clewell, Robert Johnson, Harry Johnson, Donald Goodwin, Kimble Stuhlmuller, Arthur Robbins, John Cashmark, William Vollrath and William Hess.

E.L. "Tug" Wyant, newly appointed Town and Country YMCA secretary, has been busy getting acquainted with youngsters in Back Mountain schools and stimulating interest in Hi Y and

Friendly Indian groups. Last week the Mohican Tribe of Friendly Indians defeated Plains Friendly Indians Basketball team 17 to 12 in Dallas Borough gymnasium. Playing for the Mohicans were: Truman Dodson, Robert Piznar, Thomas Richardson, James Tomas and Robert Richardson. Substitutes were William DeRemer and Lee Ohlman.

### 70 YEARS AGO

About 55 members of the Huntsville Christian Church and friends in the community attended the Valentine's farewell party last Thursday night honoring Rev. C.H. Frick who has a year's leave of absence to go to Indian-town Gap with the 109th Field Artillery. Rev. Frick has been pastor at Huntsville for 20 years. Rev. Franklin Payne of Baltimore will arrive March 1 to take his place. Honored at the same party was Carlton Hadsell, a member of the church, who will also go with the 109th. Mr. Hadsell was presented with a soldier's Bible by members of the church.

Mrs. John E. Hildebrandt was appointed chairman of the annual banquet of the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Auxiliary to be held at East Dallas Methodist Church March 18. She will be assisted by Mrs. Joseph Scherer; reservations, Mrs. R.J.W. Temple and Mrs. Henry Disque; program, Mrs. Arthur Newman; decorations, Mrs. George Snyder.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 122 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

## "WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW IN A THEATER?"



"'Dilemma.' It was so funny."

Kiera Gross  
Trucksville



"'Wrest Repo,' a documentary about an Afghan unit."

Arie VanKuyk  
Kingston



"'Stanley Kubrick's '2001 Space Odyssey.'"

Michael Stec  
Dallas



"'No Strings Attached,' a romantic comedy."

Sabrina Zurek  
Dallas



"'Tron,' a Disney movie."

Sherrie Waslick  
Shavertown



"'Transformers.' I think it was a Michael Day picture."

Jared Harteis  
Wyoming