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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Don't let Master Gas take over our lives

### Dear Editor:

When coal was King, mining put boys to work, doing without schooling, and accepting injury or death for their meager wages. Mine owners made lots of money and blessed the communities with culm, water pollution and subsidence that is taking generations and lots of taxpayer dollars to correct. There was no dollar value placed on the young lives impacted.

Today the Marcellus gas "bonanza" is promising mega dollars for the natural gas beneath our neighborhoods and farms. It cares little about pollution of wells, streams, rivers, so long as it simplifies disposal of the fracking fluids that come to the surface when a well is completed. Gee, who does it hurt when a well pad is planted in a residential area? The gas companies are making money and that is number 1, isn't it?

Furthermore, who cares if there is a public school campus within shouting distance? Why should the gas companies feel any responsibility for the safety of the 3,000 kids who happen to be in those schools? Nobody puts a value on those lives - after all, they are just kids - they don't produce any dollars, not even as much as those breaker boys did. Do those emergency responders really need to know how to evacuate those kids if the unthinkable were to happen? That couldn't happen, could it?

And what is in it for the Dallas Township Zoning Board?

Only one of them has any connection to the gas companies. They can let the meetings drag on until the community's short attention span wanes and people don't come to meetings and make noise anymore.

What's in it for us local folks? Will we get the gas to use for our heat, light, etc. at a fair price? All the signs are that the foreign companies buying into these local drillers will export our gas to take care of their needs, not ours.

All of which makes me wonder if we really are that stupid. We saw and paid for all that King Coal did for us, and now we are sitting back and letting Master Gas do it to us again. Or are we? Will we get off our duffs and go to the meetings that will, in the end, decide the future for this wonderful community? No one will speak for us if we don't speak for ourselves. No one will speak for our children and the world we are making for them. It will take many voices speaking together to make a difference.

There are not enough dollars to pay for the loss of one child to water or air pollution, a fire or an explosion. Those children are our future to be protected and cherished. We must find better answers. Let's have a moratorium until the gas companies prove that gas extraction can be done safely without destroying the quality of life we all enjoy in the Back Mountain today. Let's not become the East Coast Texas.

Eleanor Kandler Rodda  
Shavertown

## New books are added to shelves at BMT library

The following new books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, for the month of May 2011:

### EXPRESS

"A Turn in the Road" by Debbie Macomber, "Eve" by Iris Johansen, "Night Road" by Kristin Hannah, "The Sixth Man" by David Baldacci, "Quicksilver" by Amanda Quick

### FICTION

"A Turn in the Road" by Debbie Macomber, "Eve" by Iris Johansen, "Bel-Air Dead" by Stuart Woods, "Guilt by Association" by Marcia Clark, "The Sixth Man" by David Baldacci, "Quicksilver" by Amanda Quick

### BIOGRAPHY

"The Dressmaker of Khair Khana"



## YOUR SPACE

"Blue" loves to run but when he runs in the mud after the snow has melted, he creates quite a mess. "Blue" is a 9-month-old sheep dog and weighs in at 75 pounds. He lives with his owner, Jim Kozemchak in Harveys Lake.

"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

Members of Brownie Troop #704 at Lake-Noxen Elementary School participated in the fourth annual clean-up day at Harvey's Lake. David Abod, coordinator of the event, said that more than 10 local organizations took part in picking up garbage along Lakeside Drive. Participating Brownies included Carrie Gordon, Brian Ruda, Jennifer Frank, Amy Ruda, K.C. Boback, Christie Gordon, Tara Birt, Tara Burak, Kristen Ruda, Jamie Laubenstein and Angela Bu-



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"Walk a mile in my shoes!" says Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's Terese Capece of Carverton, a fast moving messenger who in an average seven-hour work day walks about 14 miles. "In this job, you will have to enjoy being on the move," she declares. Donning her trademark white walking shoes, Capece says her primary responsibility is to pick up and deliver a multitude of items to various areas of the hospital including "stat" (emergency) medications, patients' case histories, x-rays, files, reports and drawn blood samples. On a hectic day, she can respond to over 100 requests!

### 30 YEARS AGO

The Back Mountain Jay-Cettes recently held their 1981 Installation at the Overbrook Inn in Dallas. Installation was

conducted by Carolyn Bulford and the following officers were installed for the 1981 term: president, Rose Burleigh; internal vice president, Barbara Regan; external vice president, Sharon McDermott; secretary, Joan Marshall; treasurer, Gail Killeen and directors, Karen Tupper, Haniuce Keen, Connie LaJeunesse and Mary Jo Shisko.

Bill Kalinowski, Dallas Lions Club, chairman of this year's Back Mountain Citizens of the Year Committee, announced that the committee had selected Ray Hillman of Lake Silkworth, as male Citizen of the Year, and Ann Rowlands of Dallas, as the female Citizen of the Year.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Dallas Senior High Chorus presented a concert last weekend at Dallas Senior High School. It was the first time the concert was presented to the public. In the past, it has been a private presentation for parents and non-professional employees of the school. Members of the Chansonaires who performed with the chorus are: Brenda Richards, Barbara Reese, Joanne Gensel, Diane Morgan, Kitty Vernon, Nancy Pichert, Gwynneth Whitehouse, Sandy Barakat, Cindy Smith, Cathy Wilson, August Walters, Harold Hoover, Phillips Scott, Brock Phillips, Harry Swepton, John Engler, Tom Yarnal and Bob Carle.

Edmund Labatch, Jr., senior at Dallas Senior High School, has received an appointment to The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. His nomination was sponsored by the

Hon. Daniel J. Flood. Ed was also accepted at Cornell, Lehigh and Penn State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Labatch Sr., Dallas.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Lake-Lehman High School vocal department under direction of Bernard Gerrity presented an evening of song last Friday in the school auditorium. The Senior chorus gave a varied program, interspersed with readings by Dean Long, piano solos by Larry Carpenter and Mary Ann Laskowsky, and a piano duet by Gloria and Dean Long. Vocal solos were given by Karen Poshoski, Sharon Coombs and Allan and John Landis.

Frank Slaff, Machell Avenue, was honored guest (man-of-the-year) of the Atlantic Coast Independent Distributors Association at a dinner held last Thursday night in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City during the twenty-sixth annual four-day convention of the association. Eight hundred attended.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Old Toll Gate Lions Club held election of officers at Tuesday night's meeting, with Lion Samuel Patton replacing George Howe as president, and Mr. Howe assuming the office of Immediate Past President. Robert J. Williams was elected 1st vice president; Raymond Stroud, 2nd; J. Lear Wagner, 3rd; George Prater, secretary; Owen Williams, treasurer; Chester Hartman, lion tamer; William Dierolf, tail-twister;

Rev. W.F. Moock, Jr., Joseph Blaze, Vernon Ash and Harry Smith, will serve as directors for 1951.

Louise Brzyski has been elected Queen for the May Day exercises of Dallas Township Schools to be held this week on the school grounds. Miss Barbara Brace was elected maid of honor. Elected as attendants were: Seniors, Dorothy Edwards, Nancy Fahringer, Marion Parsons, Dorothy Prutzman; Junior Class, Joan Davis, Marilyn Rogers; Sophomores, Nancy Elston, Irene Schultz.

### 70 YEARS AGO

Junior music pupils of Vera Whitesell entertained their mothers at a piano recital at the Whitesell home Sunday afternoon. The program consisted of piano solos and duets and a song, "Mister Moon and Miss Sunshine" sung by Anita Ambrose and Priscilla Cooper. Taking part were Janet Wright, Priscilla Abbott, Marilyn Williams, Bernadine Krasavage, Anita Ambrose, Polly Lou Cooper, Priscilla Cooper and Tommy Elston.

Miss Betty Naugle, clarinet soloist of Lehman High School Band, will be this section's only representative in the All-State band when 175 youthful musicians from eight district bands of the State gather next Saturday at Lock Have High School for their annual concert.

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 IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTHER'S DAY MEMORY?"



"When my children were younger and we spent the day with their grandmothers."

Vivian Bednarz  
Shavertown



"Breakfast in bed by the kids - of course, I bought everything."

Michelle Lavelle  
Plains



"I loved the homemade cards. I still get them."

Gail Stevens  
Harveys Lake



"Breakfast in bed from my kids."

Patti Snyder  
Shavertown



"Every year has been a beautiful experience. Each one is different as the kids get older."

Hayley Baseski  
Shavertown



"When my husband gave me a double-twisted diamond bracelet after our second child was born."

Terry Serafin  
Shavertown