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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Only in Dallas'

Dear Editor: "Only in Dallas" has one man dedicated 27 years of his life to teaching the game of football to hundreds of young men.

"Only in Dallas" has one man given up countless hours with his own family and friends to make sure that his players were prepared for their upcoming opponents.

"Only in Dallas" has one man, with the help of the best assistants around, built a football program from the ground up.

"Only in Dallas" has one man put Dallas Football on the map.

On the other hand...

"Only in Dallas" can certain school officials who have only been involved with the district for a few short years find a way to rid a man of a job he held and was successful at for close to three decades of his life.

"Only in Dallas" can the smallest faction of critics have enough influence on the right people to get a man fired.

"Only in Dallas" can the future of a man's job rest in the hands of individuals who can't seem to find the time to attend a Dallas football game but somehow find themselves qualified enough to vote to fire the head coach.

"Only in Dallas" can a school board ignore and vote against the hundreds of members of the tax-paying community who

crammed into an elementary school cafeteria to demonstrate (yet again) their unwavering support and loyalty to not only a great football coach, but more importantly, a great man. A man who affected each and every one of the attendees lives in a positive way and a man who rightfully deserved his job back.

Looking ahead to the 2012 Dallas football season I will not feel sorry for my dad or his coaching staff because although they may not be on the sidelines for the first time in 27 years at Dallas, they are not going to be the ones suffering the most.

Instead, it will be the upcoming players who are going to be most severely affected and that is with whom all my sympathy lies. I feel bad that you will start and finish your high school football "glory days" never knowing what it was like to play for a coach like Ted Jackson. I feel bad that you will miss out on not only the football knowledge he has to offer, but also the life lessons he teaches and the character he instills within each of his players.

I feel bad that you, the players, were not heard when you asked for your coach to be retained and now you, the players, will be the ones who suffer the most.

**Jill Jackson
Shavertown**



YOUR SPACE

Blue Jays may be one of the nosiest birds alive but they are one of the prettiest feathered friends. Photographer Pat Giordano, of Harveys Lake, claims to always hear the blue jays before she sees them.

"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 - 1992

Alyssa Askew, four year old daughter of Cory and Peggy Askew of Dallas, was crowned Baby Miss Talent Olympics, after placing first in the modeling division of competition. Alyssa competed in the party dress, playwear and bathing suit categories in the contest held recently at the Mountain Laurel Inn,



**ONLY
YESTERDAY**

in the Pocono Mountains.

Who's that girl? If you ask that question while looking at the latest full-page ad for Chef Boyardee products, the answer could be that it's your neighbor. For 15-year-old Becky Mathers of Trucksville, an initiative taken five years ago has finally paid off. The ninth grade student at the Dallas Middle School is appearing in a Chef Boyardee advertisement in the February issues of six national magazines.

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Tri-captains of the Dallas Mountaineers football team recently presented the team's Wyoming Valley Conference Division AA tri-champ trophy for display at the school. Captains are: Andy Manusky, Kurt Goeringer and Norm Bordley.

Tracy Turner was presented a game ball during the Lake Lehman girls' basketball games against GAR. The ball, presented by Coach Joe Martini, commemorated her 1,000th point

scored as a Lady Knight.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

The Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company of Dallas recently held its annual election and installation of officers after which its members had dinner at the Brothers 4. Bob Richardson was reelected as president of the volunteer organization. Also reelected to offices were: Henry Peterson, vice president, and Bill Baker, secretary. Paul LaBar took office as treasurer.

Admirals and captains have been named to chair the Dallas Rotary Club's annual turkey dinner to be held Feb. 26. The dinner "bosses" include William Dierolf, John Casner, Earl Phillips, Francis Ambrose, Ed Delaney, Perry Karnofsky, Walter Mohr, Dan Chapman and Peter Arnaud.

50 YEARS AGO - 1962

The first meeting of the newly organized United Presbyterian Women's Association of the United Presbyterian Fellowship in the Back Mountain area was held Monday at Back Mountain Library Annex. Mrs. Thomas Bobo was installed as president. Other officers are: Vice President, Mrs. Ronald Woolcock; Secretary, Mrs. John Corke; Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Hauck; Fellowship, Mrs. Thomas Longmore; World Service, Mrs. Robert Ziegler; and Program, Mrs. R.R. Carmon.

The Outlet Free Methodist Women's Missionary Society met Monday night for a Quilting Bee. Participants were Mrs. Em-

ery Stokes, Amy and Gennie Gray, Gertrude Moy, Gertrude Crispell, Laura Kocher, Vivian Moyer, Lena Traver and Rose Milbrodt.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins will head Back Mountain Library Book Club for the coming year, with Mrs. Herbert A. Smith Jr. as vice president. Mrs. John Girvan is the new secretary, and Mrs. Williams Thomas, treasurer.

Shavertown Methodist Men's Club held their regular meeting Tuesday evening in the church parlors and elected the following officers for 1952: Lreoy Dourand, president; Ralph Gearhart, vice president; James Eckerd, treasurer; and A.G. Eddinger, secretary.

70 YEARS AGO - 1952

Mrs. F.B. Schooley, Dallas, has been appointed District Chairwoman for the Girl Scout cookie

sale. She will be assisted by Mrs. Raymond Garinger, Harvey's Lake; Mrs. Jacob Beline, Trucksville; Mrs. Claude Cooke, Fernbrook; Mrs. Howard Tinsel, Dallas; Mrs. John Wardell, Miss Marjorie Pryn, Carverton; Mrs. Fred Dodson, Kunkle; and Mrs. C.H. Yarbrough, Dallas.

Mrs. Leslie Warhola entertained members of her bridge club at her home on Church Street Friday evening. Present were: Mrs. Floyd Chamberlain, Mrs. John Yaple, Mrs. Homer Paltridge, Mrs. Kenneth Oliver, Mrs. Arthur Culver, Mrs. Milford Shaver, Mrs. Carl Kuehn, Mrs. Florence Phillips, Miss Gertrude Wilson, Mrs. Herbert Lundy and Mrs. Harvey McCarthy.

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.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Feb. 6, 1952, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies in his sleep at the royal estate at Sandringham. Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of the king's two daughters and next in line to succeed him, was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27.

• On Feb. 10, 1962, Francis Gary Powers, an American who was shot down over the Soviet Union while flying a CIA spy plane in 1960, is released by the Soviets in

exchange for the U.S. release of a Russian spy. On May 1, 1960, Powers' U-2 had been shot down by a Soviet missile. Although Powers was supposed to engage the plane's self-destruct system (and commit suicide with poison furnished by the CIA), he and much of the plane were captured.

• On Feb. 9, 1971, pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame. He was inducted in August of that year. Joe DiMaggio once called Paige "the best and fastest pitcher I've ever faced."

Basic computer course returns to BMT library

Due to popular demand, the Back Mountain Memorial Library will once again offer Basic Computer courses. If you are a beginner and tired of staring at your monitor in frustration, you may want to register for these foundation classes.

Space is very limited and pre-registration is required. Names will also be taken for a waiting list.

Once registered, you will have the choice to use library computers or to bring your own laptop.

The classes will be offered on a monthly basis with the first session set for 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Total cost of the three-day session is \$15.

Storytimes

Registration is also now open for the following Winter/Spring Storytimes:

To register for either the computer classes or any of the Storytimes, call the library at 675-1182.

"IF YOU HAD NO FEAR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?"



"I'd take a hit from Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens."

Cole Barbacci
Harveys Lake



"Sky diving - because I'm afraid of it."

John Gibbons
Dallas



"Visit dangerous countries around the world like Iran to see the culture and people."

Caitlyn Boyle
Dallas



"Climb Mount Everest because I'm so afraid of heights."

Erin McGreal
Dallas



"Sky diving. Relatives of mine have done it and survived so I wish I could."

Keith Roberts
Shavertown



"Hang out with the gorillas in the zoo. Wrestle them and hop right in there with them."

Drew Groblewski
Sweet Valley