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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

County Council disapproves of passage of Act 13

Dear Editor:
Act 13 amending Pennsylvania's Gas and Oil Act was recently passed by the Pennsylvania State Legislature and signed by Governor Corbett. Act 13 has many aspects that are detrimental to our communities and citizens.

Each county can decide if it wants to impose Marcellus Shale Impact fees on gas drillers in their country. Soon the Luzerne County Council will consider that option.

Regardless of whether the County Council decides to impose Impact Fees or not, the Council has already passed the following resolution:

"That the Luzerne County Council publicly states its disapproval of the enactment of Act 13 by Pennsylvania's legislative and

executive branches and That Luzerne County supports the efforts of other governmental entities and other organizations to challenge the constitutionality of Act 13."

We urge others to express their opinion on this matter to state legislative officials and the governor.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American humorist Evan Esar who defined a zoo as "an excellent place to study the habits of human beings."
- The New York Times Best Seller list was first published on April 9, 1942. Since that time, only eight authors have managed to have books place No. 1 on both the fiction and nonfiction lists. Those who have accomplished that feat include Ernest Hemingway, Jimmy Buffett, William Styron, Dr. Seuss and John Steinbeck.
- If you're planning a trip to New Orleans, you might want to keep in mind the following law: It's illegal in that city to curse a firefighter while he or she is engaged in official duties.
- America's first vending machines were found in New York City train stations; they dispensed gum.
- The European sturgeon (also known as the beluga sturgeon) is the source of the highly coveted beluga caviar, which is the world's most expensive, bringing up to \$5,000 per pound. This sturgeon can live more than 100 years and is the largest freshwater fish in the world; the record holder, caught in 1827, was 24 feet long and weighed 3,460 pounds.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On April 11, 1945, the American Third Army liberates the Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar, Germany. Buchenwald will be judged second only to Auschwitz in the horrors it imposed on its prisoners. Among those saved by the Americans was Elie Wiesel, who would go on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.
- On April 9, 1969, the Chicago Eight, indicted on federal charges of conspiracy to cross state lines with intent to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago, plead not guilty. The trial turned into a circus as the defendants and their attorneys used the court as a platform to attack President Richard Nixon, the Vietnam War, racism and oppression.



YOUR SPACE

Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas, calls this photo taken at Lake Jean "Winter's End" because of the last patch of snow and ice that remains on top of Red Rock Mountain.

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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

Three local members of the Wyoming Valley Ice Skating Club will be competing in the Philadelphia Area Figure Skating Championship at the University of Delaware this week. The competitors will be competing in compulsory moves, free style figures and dance.



ONLY YESTERDAY

The local participants are: Crystal Rondinella, Amy Frederick and Martha Wallace.

The Eagle Scout Award, the highest and most distinguished award in Scouting was recently presented to Brian J. Achuff. He is the son of John A. and Lucille M. Achuff of Dallas.

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Back Mountain area residents Jay Downs, George Stelz, Fred Stein and Chris Jachimovicz earned money for the recent Easter Seals Telethon as they played the Pac Man machine at the Fat Man's Family Fun Center located in the Luzerne Shopping Center. The four young men played the machines for more than 28 consecutive hours.

Local Kiwanians are making plans for the third annual "Psychic Expo '82," a unique awareness event that will take place at he Dallas Elementary School on

April 30, May 1 and 2. Featured, along with personalities available for consultation will be a complete book store, free lectures on many subjects, merchandise refreshments and door prizes. Members of the general committee arranging the event are: Reese Pelton, Paul Selingo, Jim Snyder, Larry McDonald, Bill Tregaskis, chairman; and Cliff Parker.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

Carol Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Evans, Dallas, will participate in the Miss Pennsylvania Teen-Ager Pageant to be held in July in Harrisburg. Miss Evans, a ninth grade student at the Dallas Junior High School, is an honor roll student and member of the school's French club and band. She works during her spare time as a hospital volunteer and candystriper.

The annual spring concert of the Lake-Lehman Knights symphonic concert band will be presented at the high school auditorium April 21 and 22. Baton twirlers, who have received many awards for their fine performances for their dance, strutting and twirling routines, will be featured at the concert. Twirlers include Marilyn Ivan, Kathy Salansky, Donna Ashton, Mary Ann Newell, Karen Genettes and Jonelle Wheatley.

50 YEARS AGO - 1962

James F. Besecker, one of the staunchest community supporters Dallas ever had was honored Thursday evening by Dallas Rotary Club at its 35th anniversary dinner dance held at Irem Temple Country Club. A charter member, and Rotary's third president, Jim was awarded a desk plaque fashioned of anthracite coal, bearing his name, and inscription and the Rotary seal.

Altar and Rosary Society, St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, will sponsor a children's fashion show in the church auditorium Sunday. Fashions for tots through teens will be modeled by children of the parish. Children models include John Mihalick, Alice Dorosky, Diane Duffy, Laurie Fry, Tresa Cushner, Judy Ann O'Hara, Patty Corbett, Susan Rinehart, Joseph Yuhas, Linda Taglia, Kathy Dunne, Joyce Marie Zimmerman, Jeri Jordan, Jimmie Youngblood, Kathy Sublett, Deborah Bednar, Mary Lou Roman, Paul DeMarco, Carol Dillon, Ruth Ann Boylan, Lynne Borton, Kevin Borton, Mary Beth Guyette, Maureen Brown, Charles Harris, Mary Ann Kupstas, Jane Ann Thorber, Mary Meade and Patty Nagle.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Senior of the Month, sponsored by Dallas Rotary Club and schools of the Back Mountain is Clarence Swire, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Swire, Sweet Valley. Clarence is enrolled in Industrial Arts at Lake-Noxen, preparatory

to his life's ambition of becoming a mechanical engineer.

Richard Disque has broken ground for his new funeral home on Memorial Highway at Center Hill Road. The building will be of Colonial architecture with a residential apartment on the second floor.

70 YEARS AGO - 1942

The insidious tentacles of the scarlet fever epidemic which is raging in Philadelphia reached out to the Back Mountain Region this week. Eight cases of the disease were reported in Dallas Borough and Kingston Township alone, and one local physician is treating more than a dozen scattered throughout this section.

Eight Lehman High School students left for Canton, Pa. yesterday morning to be present for the first rehearsal for the Northeastern District Band Concert which is to be held on Saturday. Those selected to represent the school are: Lenora Parks, Carol Crosby, Betty Naugle, Ted Parks, Dorothy Cornell, Albert Agnew, Roland Masters and Stewart Ehret.

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.

"HOW DO YOU USUALLY CELEBRATE EASTER?"



"Everyone comes to town to my mother-in-law's place. She's a gourmet cook and we have an Easter egg hunt."

Donna Schuler
Harveys Lake



"Usually with my grandparents, aunts and uncles for a family dinner. We have ham and mashed potatoes."

Nick Ferguson
Dallas



"I go to my daughter's here in Dallas for Easter dinner - kielbasa, ham and piggies."

Edward Salijko
Wilkes-Barre



"First, I go to church, the Unity Church in Wilkes-Barre, then we end up at my son's in Forty Fort with the kids."

Bob Gloman
Bloomingdale



"They usually all come to my house and we celebrate together. We're big on desserts."

Kate Pagnotta
Dallas



"First, we all go to my father's house and then we go to my mother's house. Can you believe they still make us kids' baskets?"

Marisa Gallik
Dallas