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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Reader shares gas drilling boom concerns

### Dear Editor:

The Wyoming Valley has been fortunate so far in fending off any possible injuries from the gas drilling boom. We faced possible loss of our Valley water supply by gas drilling next to our reservoirs. This possibility of chemicals used in gas drilling, causing forever loss of drinking water, made some see this industry as a problem and stood up for us.

Then the city of Wilkes Barre was asked to allow hundreds of trucks each day to come through towns carrying chemically-laced water. A few more Valley residents were added to the list of people seeing this industry as a problem. The problem they were finally realizing was this industry can change your daily and future life from what we want to what they need. They need us to alter our lives to conduct their business.

Now we are faced with another possible sacrifice so the gas industry can conduct its business – a compressor station on a mountain top in West Wyoming overlooking our Valley to the east and our Frances Slocum State Park to the west. This will forever put known toxic contaminants into our air that will settle into our Valley.

This compressor station consists of three huge engines to produce pressure to push the gas through the 24-inch main pipe. These run, constantly spewing known cancer-causing and other toxic anti-good health exhaust in-

to the air.

The specs for these three engines are at a level, gas company says ok, questionably over acceptable limits of pollution. Best part is - every compressor station gets increased to maybe nine engines eventually. Uh oh! Let's see, we take boarder line pollution x 3 =

Ah gee, we don't need all these people living in our Valley; we can spare some lives. This is the first compressor station with maybe nine engines of who knows how many more scattered around our Valley.

Wait for the plus – there are other polluting things at these sites. Great! First our water and now our air.

Remember, please, that our reservoirs are still at risk when all other gas in Pa. is gone except the gas near our water supplies. Our shale gas is an industrial business. I've been trying not to use the word "profit" but I must. It's a business!

It's time once again to get off the couch and stand up and say, "I am not a necessary profit sacrifice."

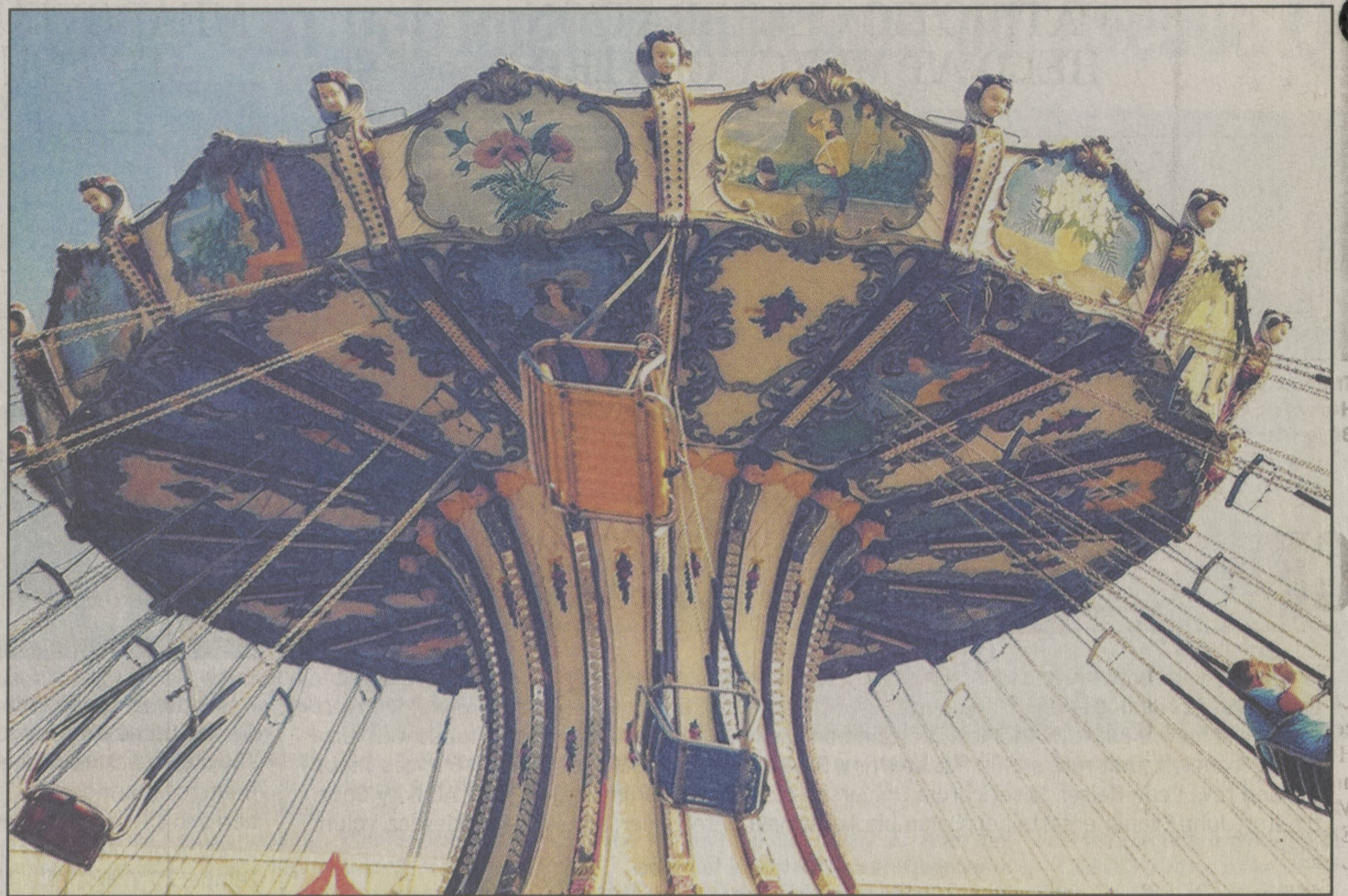
Interjection: We must say thank you for our new "Health Care Act" just passed by our Supreme Court. Why? Pre-existing conditions are now covered. We will eventually have one, unless we stand up for our Valley.

**Steve Simko**  
Chairman  
Concerned Harding  
area residents

## MOMENTS IN TIME

### The History Channel

- On July 22, 1598, William Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" is entered on the Stationers' Register. By decree of Queen Elizabeth, the Stationers' Register licensed printed works, giving the Crown tight control over all published material.
- On July 19, 1799, during Napoleon Bonaparte's Egyptian campaign, a French soldier discovers a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing near the town of Rosetta, about 35 miles north of Alexandria. Called the Rosetta Stone, the artifact held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.
- On July 18, 1925, Volume One of Adolf Hitler's philosophical autobiography, "Mein Kampf," is published. It was a blueprint of his agenda for a Third Reich and a clear exposition of the nightmare that will envelope Europe from 1939 to 1945.
- On July 20, 1969, at 10:56 p.m. EDT, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.



## YOUR SPACE

Corinne Klug, of Marina Drive in Harveys Lake, took this photo on the boardwalk in Ocean City, New Jersey.

"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

Two Lake Lehman High School students will attend Pennsylvania Governor's Schools of Excellence this summer. Junior Layla Osman will attend the Governors School for Teacher. Barbara Campbell, also a junior, will attend the governor's for the Agricultural Sciences.

The Harveys Lake Business and Tourism Association recently held a "Little Miss Harveys Lake" contest. Six little misses vied for the title. Kristie Lynn Taylor, 6, was named Little Miss Harvey's Lake. Brittini Gurnari, 6, was 1st runner-up, and Aniela Coveleski, 4, was 2nd runner-up. Other contestants were: Jennifer Bonetski, 4; Sara Serhan Perez, 4; and Ana Burrell, 5.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Lisa Loke, of Trucksville, a student at the Wilkes-Barre campus of The Pennsylvania State University, is a 1982 recipient of the Eric A. and Josephine Walker Award. The award is presented each spring to the outstanding student at each of Penn State's Commonwealth campuses.

### 40 YEARS AGO - 1972

Jon Jay LaBerge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon C. LaBerge, Dallas, has been chosen as one of

the 24 students entering Webb Institute of Naval Architecture next fall on a four-year tuition-free scholarship. The scholarships are valued at \$20,000 each.

True to her love of animals, Lauren Kintzer of Demunds Road, Dallas, has been working long hours to rescue animals in the devastated flood areas of Luzerne County. Thanks to the efforts of Lauren and her co-worker at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, over 1200 animals have been saved.

### 50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Twelve Dallas Senior High School students have received scholarships to colleges universities or hospitals. Four of them are Rotary Foreign Exchange Students. They are: Nancy Sieber, Louise Hadsall, Elfriede Hefft, Sandra Ambrose, Bonnie West, Mary Jane Bennett, Judith Williams, Dale Mosier, Ralph Belles, E. William Welch, Lewis Chere and Judith Woolbert.

Thirty women golfers trekked over the Irem links on Friday to vie for the Wagner Trophy, which resulted in a four-way tie. Mrs. Larry Spencer, Mrs. Lloyd Kear, Mrs. Louis Maslow and Mrs. George Dean had net scores of 76. On matching cards, the trophy went to Mrs. Kear.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Dallas Rotary Club and Rotary Anns met at a dinner meeting Thursday night at Irem Temple Country Club for the installation of officers for the coming year. Daniel Robinhold was

installed as president of the Rotary Club, with Sheldon Mosier as vice president, James Eckerd as secretary, Harold Titman as treasurer, and Gerald Cook as Sergeant-At-Arms.

The new vice president of the Rotary Anns is Ollie Robinhold. Catherine Mulcey was installed as vice president, Rachel Hale as secretary, Minnie Roberts as corresponding secretary and Rilla Eckerd as treasurer.

### 70 YEARS AGO - 1942

John Nicholson was installed as new president and Dr. Robery Bodycomb as vice president

at the dinner meeting of Dallas Rotary at Dallas Inn last Thursday evening. Other officers were A.N. Garinger, treasurer, and Harold Payne, secretary.

Through the civic-spirited cooperation of Mrs. Stanley Davies, an attractive new sign post has been erected on the green in front of Dallas Methodist Church at the intersection of Parsonage and Church Streets.

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.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

- It was beloved cowboy humorist Will Rogers who made the following sage observation: "Nobody wants to be called common people, especially common people."
- Do you think you could eat 80 pounds of chicken? If you're like the average American, that's how much you will consume this year.
- You've probably heard or even used the term "fly off the handle" to describe someone losing their temper. You probably don't realize, though, that the handle referred to was originally an axe handle. Sometimes the blade of such a tool would be improperly fastened to the handle, and would therefore be sent flying when the axe was being used.
- The composer who wrote the famous song "Que Sera, Sera" also wrote the theme song to the 1960s TV show "Mr. Ed."
- Those who study such things say that England's Elizabeth I owned 3,000 dresses.
- If you make a trip to Venice to see the famous canals, keep an eye out for any gondola not painted black. If you see one, you can be sure that it belongs to a high official in the government; they are the only ones permitted by law to have gondolas in any other color.
- The world's single largest consumer of fossil fuels is the United States military.
- You might be surprised to learn that, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, half of all American children suffer at least one dog bite before the age of 12. The ASPCA also says that most of those bites aren't from strange animals; rather, it's the family pet or a friend or neighbor's dog that does the biting.

## "DO YOU HAVE ANY UNUSUAL HABITS?"



"I open my eyes in a funny way like really wide when I'm tired."

Nico Deluca  
West Pittston



"I like to go on cruises at the spur of the moment with my friends, Chris and John, and my husband, Tony."

Pat Arasin  
Harveys Lake



"I'm a slave to flea markets and I like to collect odd and unusual things."

Tony Arasin  
Harveys Lake



"I always wear the same socks at every basketball game I play for luck."

Steff Cybulski  
Dallas



"I'm addicted to buying plants and I can't keep away from them. They recognize my car at all the places."

Jennie Vallick  
Dallas



"I can't say no. I'm always volunteering and helping people out. They appreciate it."

Irene Wentzel  
Harveys Lake