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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader says voter ID idea is not fair to all

Dear Editor:

Investigations into voter fraud in the past 10 years turned up only some 86 fraudulent votes out of 300 million votes cast. So to use voter fraud as the rationale for the voter ID law passed in Pennsylvania last spring is itself fraudulent.

Almost 800,000 Pennsylvania voters will be stripped of their right to vote by this new law. These are primarily elderly, poor and college students. They represent many Democratic voters. One of our Republican leaders, Mr. Kurzai, has said that this is just what they want so that Mr. Romney can carry Pennsylvania. They cover their tracks toward that end by saying that any of these voters can go to the Motor Vehicle Bureau to get a non-driver license photo ID, the photo ID that they need.

First - can people get to those

DMV centers by bus? In our area, probably not. Are the centers prepared to handle crowds of voters who need these IDs? Licensed drivers have all seen the lines created by normal license renewals.

Has anyone figured out how to verify absentee ballots? Or will they decide that those who request them will also be disenfranchised? Or can those who don't have the photo IDs just use absentee ballots?

This is an ethical and constitutional failure on the part of our Republican leaders who want to take away our right to vote. It is a back door version of a poll tax.

Over the 237 years of our country, we have worked to give everyone that right. We must all exercise our right to vote. Don't let anyone take away your right!

Eleanor K. Rodda
Shavertown

Library displays teddy bears

During the month of August, the Back Mountain Memorial Library will be a little warmer with a display of a teddy bear collection owned by Todd Eugene Price.

A fifth-grade student who attends Cyber School, Todd has been collecting teddy bears for nine years, receiving most of them as gifts. His favorite is "Sparkley Teddy" which was given to him when he had his tonsils out at 1½ years old.

There are 54 bears in Todd's collection but he only takes two with him when he goes away to camp.

When asked if he shares them with his brothers and sister, he answered with a smile, that he allows his sister, Juliet, to play with them.

Todd lives in Sweet Valley with



Todd Eugene Price

his parents, Terry and Beatrice Price; his brothers, Kevin, Tim and Sam; and his sister, Juliet.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On July 29, 1967, a fire on the USS Forrestal stationed off the coast of Vietnam kills 134 service members, injures hundreds and destroys 20 planes. The deadly fire on the U.S. Navy carrier began with the accidental launch of a F-4 Phantom jet rocket, which hit a parked A-4 Skyhawk jet.

• On July 23, 1976, members of the American Legion arrive in Philadelphia to celebrate the bicentennial of U.S. independence. Soon after returning home, many began suffering from a mysterious form of pneumonia, which would become known as Legionnaires' disease. The final tally was 221 cases, including 34 deaths.

• On July 25, 1985, Rock Hudson announces through a press release that he is suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Hudson was the first major celebrity to go public with such a diagnosis.



YOUR SPACE

Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive, Dallas, photographed this scene from his garden where the day lilies are beautiful this year. Deno says his focus this summer is to learn about Macro photography which requires patience and practice. In this photo, he wanted to show the inner makeup of this bloom.

"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

Burndale Park in Dallas has begun the summer recreation season in excellent shape, thanks to Matt Gearhart, an Eagle Scout candidate from Idetown. The son of Jean and Larry Gearhart, Matt is a member of Troop 242 in Idetown and will be a freshman at Lake-Lehman High School in September. Matt, his brother Jason, his parents and a dozen friends spent five days and a total of 118 man hours cutting brush, cleaning the sandbox, picking up litter and sanding, priming and painting nearly everything in sight.

Several Dallas High School students were recently commended by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Those receiving the honors are: Keith McDonald, Heather Mead, Geoffrey Spear and Eric Lehman.

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Sixteen area Boy Scouts members of Boy Scout Troop 336, which meets in the social rooms of Centermoreland United Methodist Church, recently enjoyed a week of camping at the Boy Scout Camp Acahela in Monroe County. Participants included Brad Wall, Gregory Faux, Jeff Montross, Michael Faux, Kenny Shirts, Lenny Dymond, Billy Montross, Steven Dymond, John Kuderka, Shaun Fortney, Jeff Deutsch, Allan Deutsch, Shawn Considine, Tim Considine, Robert Sheridan and Robert DeLeo.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

There have been some kind words of praise for the volunteers of Lehman Fire Company from administrators and evacuees at the Lake-Lehman evacuation center. Singled out for praise have been the men who have staffed the 24-hour security watch at the high school, including Bill Ehret, Harold Coolbaugh, Doug Ehret, Bob Margelina, Bill Dawe and Joe Johns. The 1971 annual report of Commonwealth Telephone Company has been selected as the winner of a Meade Award in the latest nationwide competition for the graphic arts sponsored by Meade Papers of this city.

50 YEARS AGO - 1962

American Legion School Award presented by Daddow-Isaacs Post 667 for outstanding boy and girl in the 8th grade of Dallas Junior High School was awarded to Jeris Jordan and Scott Alexander. The American Legion School Award is designed to give recognition through the award of American Legion medals to the boy and girl most worthy in high qualities of leadership, scholarship, honor, courage and service.

Volunteer leaders in the Back Mountain section of the West Metropolitan Division met recently in the home of Mrs. Frank Townend, Shavertown, to make plans for the 1963 United Campaign Fund. Participants were: Mrs. Stanford L. Weiss, Division Chairman; Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins, Division Vice chairman; Mrs. Frank Townend, Area Chairman; Mrs. Marvin D. Judd, Division Vice Chairman; Miss Patricia Reynolds, District Co-Chairman, East Dallas; Miss Ma-

ry Weir, District Chairman, Dallas Township; and Mrs. Dana Crump, District Co-Chairman, Huntsville.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Mrs. Frank Kovaletz, Trucksville, chairman of the Candy Booth for Back Mountain Library Auction, reports that almost two hundred pounds of candy are in sight, with much more expected, but that supply is never equal to demand. The booth, manned by members of Dallas Junior Woman's Club, can sell all the candy it can get. Mrs. Charles Mahler, Shavertown, is co-chairman.

Mills Brothers Three Ring Circus will arrive at the show grounds on Route 415 northwest of Dallas early on the morning of July 26 to present two shows, one at 2 and one at 8 p.m.

70 YEARS AGO - 1942

Mrs. Harold Ash entertained members of the Dorcas Bible Class at a porch party at her home on Shag Bark Drive on Tuesday evening. The class purchased four new hymnals and

presented them to the church. Present were: Mrs. John A. Betty, teacher of the class, Mrs. William H. Thomas, Mrs. Ralph Franklin, Mrs. Harry Ell, Mrs. Joseph Schrey, Mrs. Richard Rudy, Mrs. Lester Hoover and Mrs. Fred Eck.

Ladies of Dr. Laing Fire Auxiliary enjoyed a picnic party at the grove of Mrs. Lena McNeal, Fernbrook, on Tuesday afternoon. Among those attending were: Mrs. F.B. Schooley, Mrs. Nelson Shaver, Mrs. Grant Shaver, Mrs. Charles Stookey, Mrs. Russell Case, Mrs. Arthur Newman, Mrs. Claude Cooke, Mrs. Lewis Stritzinger, Mrs. Marcus Ide, Mrs. Steven Sedler, Mrs. Guy Dunham, Mrs. Thor Kingston, Mrs. Edward Van Campen, Mrs. John Girvan, Mrs. Oscar Roth, Mrs. Earl Monk, Mrs. Thomas Keppner, Mrs. John Hildebrandt, Mrs. Ralph Eipper, Shirley Goss and Betty Kepner.

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 double Nobel Prize-winning chemist and peace activist Linus Pauling who made the following sage observation: "The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas."

• The acre as a unit of measurement has been with us for quite some time. Originally, an acre was considered to be the amount of land that could be tilled in a single day by one man behind one ox.

• If you spent some part of the 1980s trying to puzzle out a solution to a Rubik's Cube, you may be surprised to learn that the world record, held by Frenchman Edouard Chambon, is just 9.18 seconds. And it was set in 2008.

IF YOU KNEW THE WORLD WAS ENDING SOON, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?



"I'd be scared. But that's our luck with global warming. So I'd spend more quality time with my family."

Teddy Tsiolos
Kingston



"Just spend more time with family or go to Ireland. It's been a dream trip of mine."

Patricia Landau
Dallas



"I think you would do things differently. I would. Like maybe skydiving."

Jess Robinson
Dallas



"I would do things differently. I would try to help more people than I do now."

Anthony Goncalves
Kingston



"I don't think I would change anything. I've done a lot in my life and my bucket list is short."

Steve Skammer
Dallas



"Life has been good, I have no complaints, no changes to be made. I have a happy wife and a good life."

Dave Katyl
Dallas