

# Lake dock owners will not give up

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Harveys Lake dock owners, located on lake-front property targeted by the borough's CATCH committee for public access areas, told The Dallas Post last week the docks in question are theirs and they refuse to relinquish ownership.

"Oh, yes, I would definitely sue if they (CATCH) tried to take my property," said Dorothy Lutinski, owner of Pine Groves Camps located on the corner of Lakeside Drive and Oak Street at Harveys Lake.

"I mean, my family and I have owned this property and dock for over 50 years and we have maintained it all those years," Lutinski said. "It is our dock and no one is going to take it from us without a fight."

Lutinski owns a large green dock located directly across from Oak Street at Harveys Lake. The Oak Street and Lakeside Drive intersection is one of four intersections along Lakeside Drive of which the CATCH committee is questioning ownership.

CATCH, (Citizens Action Taxpaying Committee of Harveys Lake) claims a number of Harveys Lake property owners living near intersections of Lakeside

Drive and borough roads have built docks without actually owning the property.

The four intersections currently in question are where Lakeside Drive intersects with Oak Street, Barnum Street, Perrego Street and Noxen Road.

"We have had this dock for over 50 years as part of our service to customers who rent our cottages," Lutinski said. "I just do not think it is fair after all these years for someone to think they can just take away my property."

Lutinski said Sandra Perez, a CATCH committee member, is spearheading the public access drive in an effort to gain access to the lake without having to spend money.

"This whole CATCH thing is all for Sandy (Perez)," Lutinski said. "She wants something for nothing. She just does not want to pay anything for access to the lake like the rest of us."

"I mean, she is only three minutes away from Hanson's Beach which is a public beach," Lutinski stated. "She (Perez) just does not want to pay a lousy dollar for public access. She wants something for nothing."

Harveys Lake Sewer Authority chairman George Mauer, who owns a dock at the end of Perrego Street,

said he also refuses to give in to the CATCH committee pressure.

"I will tell you right now they (CATCH) will have one hard time trying to get my dock," said Mauer, who claims to have owned the dock for more than 20 years.

"There are a lot of people out here who want things, but do not want to invest any money," said Mauer. "My dock is used by three families and we are not going to give up ownership to anyone."

Mauer said only eight years ago he and two other families invested over \$3,300 in repairs to his dock. The money invested, according to Mauer, was from families who favored the dock and wanted to contribute to its upkeep. Mauer said that he and the two other families have proof of ownership in the deeds to their properties.

"These people (CATCH members) have pushed for a public beach before," said Mauer. "They wanted the Harveys Lake Sewer Authority to buy Old Sandy Bottom Beach back in 1983."

"What they do not understand is that we (Harveys Lake Sewer Authority) are controlled by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and we cannot buy anything without their OK," said Mauer. "I cannot

look into something like public access areas without being thrown into jail. And I will not go to jail for them (CATCH)."

Mauer's neighbor of 18 years, Leonard Everitt, who also owns a dock near the Perrego Street intersection said he also feels members of CATCH want public access without investing money.

"We already have a public access area at Hanson's beach," Everitt said. "These (CATCH) are just people who want access without making any kind of investment like the rest of us have to."

"I have no intention of giving up my dock," said Everitt. "I have owned it for 18 years. They (CATCH) just do not realize that this lake is mostly a private lake and that is that."

Everitt also said he feels Harveys Lake Borough has gotten itself into a tough spot in regard to the access issue because of the cost of fighting the issue.

"They (Harveys Lake Borough Council) do not have the money to fight something like this," said Everitt. "That is exactly why you do not hear much from them."

"Nevertheless," said Everitt, "I will not give up my dock for anyone."

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## Disputes over restroom care still going on

To flush or not to flush? That is the question.

Whether it is wiser for Harveys Lake Borough or the Pennsylvania Fish Commission (PFC) to maintain a new public restroom facility at the PFC Boat Launch next to Old Sandy Bottom Beach is something no one really knows.

However, the answer to these questions will go far in determining if the proposed \$23,000 facility will ever be built. As of last Friday, neither Harveys Lake Borough nor the PFC would claim responsibility for maintaining the facility, which is a prerequisite to building the new restroom.

"I feel that if they (PFC) want us (Harveys Lake Borough) to maintain the new restroom facility then we should receive a percentage of the monies that they (PFC) collect each year in citations, licenses and registrations," said Harveys Lake Councilman Ray Jones.

"If something like this (percentage of money given to Harveys Lake) was agreed upon by both parties, then we would be able to maintain the proposed restroom facility," Jones said last Friday afternoon in an interview with The Dallas Post. "Without an agreement like this, there is no way we can afford to maintain it. It would not be fair to the taxpayers of this

borough.

Last week, The Dallas Post reported that the estimated \$80,000 construction project at the Harveys Lake PFC boat launch had been completed, leaving only a new six-person restroom facility to be built sometime next spring.

The PFC, last week, finished constructing additional parking space at the launch and also laid the initial sewer piping needed for the restroom. All that remained to be done was for Harveys Lake Borough Council and the PFC to reach an agreement on who would maintain the restroom on a year-round basis.

The cost is estimated to be approximately \$7,500 for part-time maintenance and supplies for the new restroom. Each side (PFC and Harveys Lake Borough) claims the other is responsible for the maintenance.

"First of all," said Jones, "it was not the Harveys Lake Borough Council they (PFC) supposedly reached a maintenance agreement with. It was the Harveys Lake Sewer Authority they talked to and that was for who was going to provide a sewer hook-up for the restroom," Jones said.

"We gave them (PFC) a free hook-up and said that our road crews would periodically check to

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### Homecoming Queen

Miss Courtney Dick was crowned the 1985 Homecoming Queen at Dallas High School Saturday afternoon. Miss Amy Aston, the 1984 Dallas Homecoming Queen, returned to her alma mater to crown Miss Dick. Homecoming ceremonies were held at halftime of the Dallas/GAR football game which the Mountaineers won, 12-7.

### Despite opposition

## CATCH forges full steam ahead

Despite the growing pains inherent with a new organization and some public opposition, members of the Harveys Lake CATCH committee are forging full steam ahead with plans to create more public access areas on Pennsylvania's largest natural lake.

CATCH, which stands for Citizens Action Taxpaying Committee of Harveys Lake, held its fourth public meeting last Thursday night at Grotto's Pizza, Sunset, Harveys Lake.

The meeting, which was attended by approximately 30 people, was called to inform interested residents of CATCH's intent to push for public access near borough roads which intersect with Lake Side Drive.

During last Tuesday's Harveys Lake Borough Council meeting, Borough Solicitor Thomas O'Conner informed residents that he had researched nine specific areas of Harveys Lake which apparently have no deeds attached to them.

Of the nine areas O'Conner mentioned, four specific borough roads are now targeted by the CATCH committee for access areas. The four contested areas include Oak Street, Barnum Street, Perrego Street and Noxen Road.

"I really think the meeting (last Thursday's) came off good," said CATCH president Charles Dolloff. "Right now, we are trying to cover all the bases and make people more

aware of what we are trying to do." Dolloff said the CATCH committee is continuing its fight for public access, but hopes that it (public access) does not become a political issue.

"CATCH is mainly focusing on going after solutions to community problems," said Dolloff. "And right now one of our community problems is that there is not enough public access to Harveys Lake."

"Right now is a good time to address this problem, but I do not want this issue to become a political issue," said Dolloff. "Councils are here today and gone tomorrow. So making public access a political issue will do nothing for the community."

Dolloff contends that CATCH is actually helping the property owners at Harveys Lake by pushing for public access areas and even for a community center. Dolloff says these additions to the community would raise existing property values.

"Why there is opposition to CATCH is beyond me," said Dolloff. "Sure, some people who own lake-front property at the lake think if they only have access to the lake then their property value will be worth 10 times as much. But if this lake continues to become more and more private then it (Harveys Lake) will eventually become a

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## Second inmate confirmed of suffering from ARC

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Officials at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas (SCID) confirmed on Monday that a second inmate has been diagnosed to have Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

The unknown inmate inflicted with ARC ups the

local prison's ARC cases to two.

Two weeks ago, SCID officials reported that after additional testing, two suspected AIDS inmates were found not to have the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

One of the suspected AIDS inmates was found to have ARC while the other inmate was reported to be AIDS-free.

One week later, SCID Press Relations Officer Tom

Figmick indicated that a third SCID inmate had tested positive on the initial H.T.L.V.3 screening test. This past Monday, Figmick confirmed after further testing that the third unknown inmate was diagnosed with ARC.

The H.T.L.V.3 Screening Test is used to determine the antibody level of a suspected AIDS patient. The more antibodies present in a patient's bloodstream, the better chance the patient has of actually having

AIDS.

However, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta Georgia estimates that only approximately five to 10 percent of patients who test positive on the H.T.L.V.3 test, will actually contract ARC or AIDS.

ARC, according to officials of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, is a lesser-form of the dreaded AIDS virus. Symptoms such as night sweats, sudden

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### Class reunion

Lake-Lehman High School class of 1938 recently held its 47th anniversary class reunion at the Castle Inn, Dallas. Shown here are those who attended. From left, first row, Mrs. John Bowman, Mrs. Harold Kittle, Mrs. August Walters, Mrs. Paul Shouldise, Mrs. Dorothy Kulp Kriebbs, Mrs. Simon (Lee Faylor) Finkenbinder. Second row, Robert Parks, Mrs. Elmer Lamo-

roux, Mrs. Donald Boice, Mrs. Austin Snyder, Mrs. Howard Johnson, August Walters, Simon Finkenbinder, Elmer Lameroux, Austin Snyder. Third row, Paul Shouldise, Harold Kittle, Paul Skopec, Howard Johnson, John Bowman and Donald Boice.

## Wesley's will become Shell convenience store

The current operator of the ARCO service station at the intersection of Memorial Highway and Lake Street, Dallas, told The Dallas Post this past week he will move his business to the former location of Wesley's Towing and Repair on Route 415 where he will open a new service station-convenient store.

Frank McManus of Harveys Lake said due to the high cost of rent at his present location, he will be relocating into the old Wesley's Towing and Repair station within four to six weeks.

McManus said he recently purchased the old Wesley's Towing and Repair station and plans to offer Shell gasoline with full-service and self-service isles, along with a convenient mart.

"I thought this was an ideal location for this kind of business," said McManus. "Being right here on Route 415, my patrons will have a much easier time of pulling in and out of the station."

McManus' recent purchase of the old Wesley station prompted Harry Wesley Sr. to move his towing and repair service station to the White Birch Tractor Park along Route 309,

Dallas Township. Wesley is also involved in selling recreation vehicles at his new location.

McManus said he plans to open the new gasoline/convenient mart by the end of November.

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