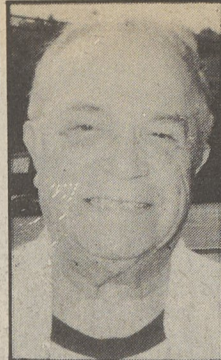


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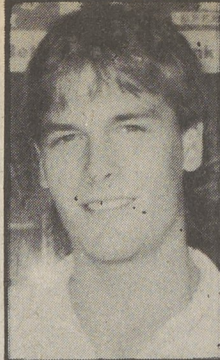
In a recent poll conducted by WNEP-TV, Channel 16, 400 registered voters from the 11th Congressional District were asked if they would vote for Democratic incumbent Paul Kanjorski or Republican challenger Marc Holtzman "if the election were held tomorrow."

Of those who answered, 41 per cent said they would vote for Kanjorski while 28 per cent said they would vote for Holtzman. Thirty-one per cent said they were undecided.

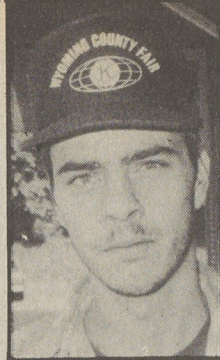
The question asked by The Dallas Post was: "Do you think pre-election polls will sway the voters' opinion?"



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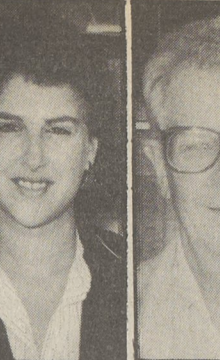
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George Laconis, 73, Dallas: "I'd say yes. I think some people decide at the polls who they are going to vote for. But I think their debate will change some opinions, too."

Jim Aikman, 18, Dallas: "No. People have their minds made up

on who they are going to vote for. Nothing will change it because they have their own opinion."

Kevin Farr, 23, Tunkhannock: "No. I think people already have their minds made up. Those polls just show who is ahead right now."

Pat Campbell, Dallas: "No. I think most people know before they go to the polls who they are going to vote for. I think people already have their minds made up."

Irwin Messick, 60, Dallas: "No. I think half the time people give the

answer that people want to hear instead of their true feelings. Sometimes people say yes when they really mean no."

Cindy Fanti, 27, Dallas: "Yes. I think some people who are undecided have a tendency to vote for

the people they think are going to win."

Phil Fry, 64, Trucksville: "No. I think people decide more by what they read than by what polls say. I think people make up their minds by what they read of the candidates'

past accomplishments, not by the polls."

Andrew Welsko, 67, Beaumont: "No. Polls don't mean anything. They can put people up there wherever they want. When the election is over, that's when you see who wins. That's when the polls count."

Parent fights for suspension program

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Correspondent

Jackson Township resident Charles Davenport is dissatisfied with the elimination of in-school suspension by the Lake-Lehman School District. He appeared at the October 7 work meeting of the district directors and told them the in-school suspension was one of the best programs the district had for the students.

Davenport said that his son had experienced in-school suspension and was afraid to violate rules of the school. He said eliminating the program only hurts the students.

"When both parents work and a child is suspended, he must stay home alone. It's impossible to know what that child is doing throughout the day when his parents are working," Davenport said.

Davenport told The Post he explained to the directors that he was willing to research other alternatives in lieu of the suspension and come up with a program that would not cost the district money but he said his offer was ignored.

The Jackson Township resident said he has talked with other residents of the district who also believe there should be some type of program set up instead of sending the students home where there will be no supervision.

"I believe there are different avenues to explore," said Davenport, "such as asking a teacher to give up one free period each week and setting up only certain days as suspension periods. There also are some qualified parents in the district, who might come forward to assist in the program. Most important, I believe the directors should first re-evaluate the reasons for suspension. I don't think being caught smoking should be a cause for suspension — why not set up a smoking clinic such as they have at Dallas."

Davenport also said some of the directors reminded him that discipline begins at home. He said he knows this and has no trouble with his son at home. He also says, however, that the school has his son in its care more hours than they (the parents) have him at home. Davenport's son leaves early in the morning for school, gets home shortly before dinner, and is with his parents a few hours after dinner before going to bed.

Davenport also explained that later in the meeting, it appeared there was a manpower shortage in the maintenance department. He questioned whether it might be possible to have students in violation assist in that department.

Dr. M. David Preston, district superintendent, explained the district has a task force that is presently looking at Act 60, a program where the

school district and the municipalities may cooperate in having violators do community service rather than pay fines. The group is also exploring any and all possibilities, according to Dr. Preston.

The parents have a responsibility, according to Dr. Preston, to send healthy, hygienic and well-behaved children to school. "Education is a right and a privilege," explained Dr. Preston.

High School Principal John Zaleskas explained that Davenport's son was discovered outside of the building, smoking a cigarette near the end of the school day. Both of the above are violations, but the boy was not sent home that day. He was told to return to school the next morning and, according to Zaleskas, after a conversation with the boy's mother, he was given permission to send the boy home.

Zaleskas approves of in-school suspension, but said he knows that it won't be reinstated this year. He also stated there are no empty rooms in the high school. Every room, including the cafeteria, is in use every day. Neither are there any teachers to supervise in-school suspension since the study halls are crowded with 140-160 students and two teachers must be in each study hall.

"I'm very much in favor of in-school suspension, but it was eliminated from the budget this year to cut expenses and I don't have any alternatives.

Property transfers

The following Back Mountain property transfers have been recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse:

LLOYD G. MILLER to MICHAEL SALVATE and CAROL SALVATE, al, 70 Lee Avenue, Hawthorne, N.J., Property—Harveys Lake, Ridge Ave., \$10,000.

MARY LOUISE JONES to BENJAMIN E. RODINA and GISELLE L., ux, Box 100 Terrace St., Dallas, Property—Dallas Township, Lot 5, Terrace St., \$42,500.

LORETTA J. MOORE, al, to LEO J. RUTKOSKI, Highpoint Acres, Dallas, Property—Kingston Township, Wellington Ave., \$22,000.

Leaf collection begins

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors announced that the Fall Bag Leaf Clean-Up will be held November 3 through 15. Township residents are advised by Road Superintendent Robert Chamberlain to have their leaves bagged and

placed at the curbside for pick-up. Only leaves may be placed at the curb for pick-up. No other debris will be accepted.

Collections will be conducted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

State candidate opens office

Scott Dieterick, Republican candidate for Pennsylvania State Representative for the 120th Legislative District announces the re-opening of his campaign headquarters located

at 327 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, Pa. Headquarters will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until election day, November 4, 1986.



Dallas Post/Fay Broody

No injuries

A Nanticoke man escaped injury early Sunday morning when the car he was operating was forced off the road on Huntsville Road in Jackson Township. Edward F. Kielar, 129 Chestnut St., Alden, said he was traveling west early Sunday afternoon when he was forced off the road by a vehicle going east.

Stud date nears

The Valley Automobile Club, AAA, reminds drivers preparing their cars for winter weather that mounting of studded tires must be delayed until November 1, 1986, according to the Vehicle Code.

Patrick J. Higgins, Safety Director, of The Valley Automobile Club said that drivers using studded tires can mount them on or after November 1, 1986, and must remove them before April 15, 1987, to comply with the law.

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