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## Taxpayers will not sue Dallas Board

William Bachman, spokesman for the group of Dallas District taxpayers, who felt members of the Dallas School Board may have been in violation of the Sunshine Law at the May 24 meeting, said they have decided not to pursue the allegation at this time.

"We have consulted an attorney, who agrees that there could have been possible violation but he advised us that it could be an expensive and long, drawn-out procedure," Bachman said.

"The attorney explained that there is such a backlog of criminal cases and other major cases in the courts at the present time that an allegation such as ours would in all probability be dismissed," Bachman continued.

Bachman stated, however, that the taxpayers group planned to play a key role in watching the board in the future. They also plan to recruit qualified taxpayers interested in quality education for the students and willing to remain outside the political game, to run for office in the next election of board candidates.

"From the local level to Harrisburg, qualified representatives have agreed with us that there could have been a violation of the Sunshine Law but there is no way possible for a recall of the board members votes so it seems useless to spend a lot of money for a lost cause. We will, however, continue to act as watchdogs over future actions," Bachman stated.

## Lake-Lehman commencement is Friday

Lake-Lehman High School will graduate 210 seniors, Friday, June 10, 6 p.m., in the Edward Edwards Memorial Stadium on the school campus. In the event of inclement weather, the commencement services will be held inside in the gymnasium.

Stephanie Kukosky, class president, will welcome relatives and friends and Susan Presper, student council president, will speak briefly on the class's high school days.

The high school chorus, directed by Ms. Jane Morris, will present several musical selections which will be followed by a farewell to the seniors by High School Principal Jay Zaleskas.

Mrs. Jean Lipski, high school faculty member, will give the Commencement Address to the seniors, which will be followed by the Baccalaureate Address given by Rev. Shambora.

Honor orations will be delivered by Matthew Reinert and Lori Rogers, highest honor students.

Ms. Sylvia Bator, department chairperson of pupil personnel, will present honor awards and a representative of the Giberson Family will present the Del Giberson Memorial Scholarship.

District Superintendent Charles J. Borchetta, Ed.D. will present the Class of 1988 to School Board President Dr. John H. Presper for the awarding of diplomas. Roll call of the graduates and a farewell address will be by Assistant High School Principal Robert O. Roberts, senior class advisor.



## Circus is coming

The Luzerne County Fairgrounds will be host to elephants, clowns and much more on Saturday, June 11 as Allan C. Hill's Great American Circus comes to the area. The circus will run shows under the bigtop at 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. In addition to the scheduled shows, there will be rides, games and side shows. Under the bigtop the performances will include aerial acts, equestrians, wild animals jugglers, clowns and elephants.

A part of the proceeds from the performance will be donated to the Spini Bifida Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Admission charges for the shows are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 14 years of age. The fairgrounds are located off route 118 in Lehman. The midway opens at 11 a.m.

## Harvey's Lake merchants do business as usual despite 309 construction

By Charlot Demmon  
Post Staff

Unlike business places fronting Route 309 in the Back Mountain, where highway construction is creating hardships for the merchants, Harveys Lake businesses do not appear to be seriously affected.

In fact, a majority of the business people interviewed at the lake said they were doing business as usual and a few said their business was better than in the past. All agreed, however, that it was early in the season and difficult to predict what will happen as the summer progresses.

Joe Paglianite, owner of Joe's Grotto Pizza, said that there were not as many people at the lake as usual for Memorial Day but it was early in the season and weather might have been a problem.

"We had two nice days but the weather during May has been bad and I believe that the heavy traffic and holdups might have been a factor," Paglianite recommended that the contractor hire some auxiliary police to be stationed at the traffic lights along the highway from 4 to 6 p.m. He said he thought this would reduce the daily aggravation and irritation and generate a better relationship between drivers and the contractor.

Sunset Marina's owner, Guy Giordano, said he did not believe the highway construction had any

effect on his business. People always seem willing to go anywhere to get a good deal, Giordano believes, and once they get to the lake, they stay there for a period of time.

Since Giordano deals with boats and boating equipment, many of those who are his customers have their boats at the lake, so despite traffic tie-ups, boating activity is normal. Giordano said his business this year has improved, perhaps because people plan to stay home at the lake this summer.

Pier III is one of the newer businesses at the lake and is a restaurant that caters to both local and in-town customers.

Owner Jennie Centrella said, "Yes, I believe the construction hurts our business. The local people come but many of our downtown customers don't come as often because they don't want to fight the heavy traffic."

The chef of Pier III suggested that the contractor should have his men work from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. as they do in the bigger cities, thus preventing the traffic problems.

Faux Inn, located diagonally across from Hanson's, caters mostly to local trade. The owner said business is always slower before the summer season.

"Our local business is the same as usual but it is too early to predict how the construction will affect us before summer is over, since people will not want to be

tied up in the heat."

Rich and Charlotte Williams operate a bar and grill in the Sandy Beach area. They are not too concerned about losing business because of the Back Mountain highway construction.

"Memorial Day the weather was good and our business was good," said Rich. "We have a neighborhood trade year-round, however. We have some customers from the city but they still come out aggravated sometimes because of the inconvenience. They come out later than usual and take time to relax."

The grocery store Across the bridge at Sunset is owned by Nick and Nancy DiVeronica.

Nick said he believes the construction has helped his business tremendously. "The construction makes it difficult to pull off the highway and stop in the larger markets, so the residents at the lake are shopping at our store. We usually have two weeks of good business after fishing season opens, then it drops off. This year has been different. We have been busy continually. I guess people just don't want to get tied up in traffic," Nick said.

Although it appears that the Route 309 construction has not had a large negative effect on businesses at Harveys Lake, business people there do not wish harmful effects on their business friends in Dallas and Kingston Township. As one business man said, "There is some good and bad in everything."

## Kingston Township applies for \$168,000 in grants

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Kingston Township Manager Fred Potzer has applied recently for three grants, two of them to benefit Kingston Township and the third one for the benefit of the Back Mountain Communications Center.

The grant applied for by Potzer for the Back Mountain Communications (Comm) Center is a Department of Communications Intergovernmental Projects grant of \$13,200 for the Back Mountain Comm Center for Dallas Township, Dallas Borough, Kingston Township and Harveys Lake. It is to be used to defray costs of repaying for equipment purchased with a \$66,000 loan from First Eastern Bank.

Dallas Township and Kingston Township municipalities split the cost of the loan in their names since fire and ambulance companies cannot apply for such a loan directly.

Potzer said the loan will be repaid through contracts of \$1500.00 each with the Back Mountain fire and ambulance companies, with the exception of Harveys Lake and Franklin Township fire companies, and a \$10,000 contract with Nesbitt's paramedics.

The four municipalities own the equipment, which is located in the Dallas Township municipal building, and these four municipalities make up the commission.

The commission members are Paul Sabol, Kingston Township Police Chief, chairman; Phil Walter, Dallas Township supervisor, vice-chairman; and John Fowler, Dallas Borough Police Chief, secretary-treasurer.

The Comm Center will handle fire, ambulance, police and all

emergency calls in the Back Mountain with the exception of Harveys Lake and Franklin Township Fire Companies. Lehman and Jackson Township Fire Companies are included. When the Comm Center is finalized, the Back Mountain will no longer need to go through the Luzerne County Communication Center.

The second grant applied for by Potzer is a 'SPAG', a State Planning Assistance Grant for a total of \$14,970. Kingston Township is planning to put together a new comprehensive plan which would be the backbone for subdivision and zoning work. It would be a master plan which looks at the township's road network; storm sewers; sanitary sewers; population trends; housing types including poor, good or excellent; areas of potential problems in the township such as water; and long term capital improvements that would be done over a long period of time in the township.

This grant is 50-50 matching with the state. The township needs a new master plan because of rapid growth. The existing plan was formulated in 1975.

The third grant applied for is to the Department of Community Affairs. It is a specific program to address the special needs in urban areas or of a blight prevention program. The \$140,000 grant is for home rehabilitation repairs.

The township is to give loans to renovate homes in the Trucksville area that are in need of rehabilitation. The grant will also be used for public improvements such as resurfacing and drainage in the areas of Cliffside Avenue, Old Carverton Road, Terrace Avenue, Highland Avenue, Meadowcrest Avenue and Spring Garden Avenue.

## Judy Fitch will compete for Miss PA this week

A Dallas woman has a chance to become the next Miss Pennsylvania. Judy Fitch, 20, will be representing the Wilkes-Barre Scranton area in the Miss Pennsylvania preliminary competition June 9, 10 in Altoona, Pa.

Miss Fitch graduated from Dallas High School in 1985 and currently is a Communications major at Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She won the 1985 Luzerne County Junior Miss title, and

after high school graduation traveled for two years with the religious singing group Re-Creation performing for hospitals, veterans' groups, and other organizations.

Miss Pennsylvania contestants are judged on several categories including talent, evening gown modeling, swimsuit competition and a private interview. Ten young women will be selected from the preliminary competition to participate in the final contest June 11.

## Permits required for contracting

Homeowners in Kingston Township and contractors doing work in the Township are reminded that Building Permits must be obtained for the following: New homes, additions, garages, moving or tearing down buildings, sheds (including temporary sheds), roofing, siding, converting homes to apartments, patios, roofing over or closing patios, chimneys, porches, closing in of porches, commercial buildings, swimming pools, driveways and new businesses.

Permits for pools are \$20, drive-

way construction \$25, driveway resurfacing \$10. New homes and additions to be used as living quarters are approximately \$4 per \$1,000 of construction costs, all other permits are based on a \$2 per \$1,000 of construction costs.

Permits may be obtained by contacting the Kingston Township Zoning Officer, Ralph R. Anthony, Jr. at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, PA 18708, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Stone Hedge has water - for now

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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For the first time in 11 days John Molski was able to take a shower last Friday while his wife was running the dishwasher.

Molski is a resident of Stone Hedge, Dallas where residents went from Saturday to Thursday without water. During the past month, the development has been dry for 14 days. In the Molski residence, Friday was the first day they were able to have a cooked meal in seven days. Another homeowner in the development, Jan Verbinski, said water pressure has been inadequate for more than a dozen years.

"Was it just coincidence that we had water Thursday at 5 p.m., an hour before water buffaloes were moved into our development and just before a meeting was to be held in the Kingston Township Municipal Building to discuss our concerns," asked Stone Hedge resi-

dent Joe Gilroy.

Gilroy is the father of two young children, one a baby, and without water his wife cannot make formula nor properly launder clothes for the two little ones. Another family in the development has a handicapped child, and others are unable to leave their homesto get water, yet water had not been brought to the neighborhood until last Thursday.

Several residents met Friday with the owners of the Dallas-Shavertown Water Company, Robert Hassold and his sister, Jean Eason, who explained their long range plans and the necessary improvements they planned to make.

"What they said was positive," Gilroy said, "But until the new improvements are made, what will happen? Was their meeting with us only a gesture to calm consumers?"

The water company presently has an application for a rate increase filed with the Public Utilities Commission and residents are upset

because they are now paying quarterly bills of \$80 or more and often have no water or water of poor quality.

Stone Hedge residents are planning to meet in the near future to recruit prospects for a Dallas Borough Water Committee, who in turn will select a person or persons to represent the borough on a Back Mountain Water Commission. They are also actively soliciting residents to attend the June 23 town meeting at the Dallas Junior High School.

"We want to be a positive force in forming a committee of five to seven members, to whom we can take our complaints and they in turn can register them with the water commission," explained Gilroy.

Stone Hedge residents said they met with Joseph Salla, general manager of the water company, and the owners and understand that the owners have problems meeting increasing demands for water. They agree that more

improvements are necessary and more long range plans must be considered. Their chief concern is how the current problems will be handled until such time as improvements are made and there is sufficient water for everyone.

"Dallas is no longer a farm community," Andrea Molski said. "The water company should realize this and begin moving fast. There should be someone on duty to take See Water, pg 3

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STONE HEDGE RESIDENTS — Stone Hedge residents will take a "wait and see" attitude for a reasonable length of timeto determine whether owners of the Dallas Water Company were sincere in their discussion with them last Friday. Above, John Molski, Andrea Molski, seated, John Gilroy and Carol McKeever discuss the problem at the Molski residence last Sunday. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)