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## Dallas school board votes 5-4 for \$1 million spending plan

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After spending nearly the whole work session discussing their options, the Dallas School Board Monday night finally approved an \$800,000 to \$1,100,000 expansion plan for the Senior High School by a narrow 5-4 vote.

Dr. William Camp made the motion to adopt the plan, which includes having four classrooms constructed in the present senior high school library, a new library and atrium and a new home economics room for 10-12 grade students. The board members have

been discussing various options since June, 1988 and came to the final vote at Monday night's meeting when Superintendent Gerald Wycallis advised them the final expansion plan had to be submitted to the state without further delay.

Camp, Ernest Ashbridge, Ellen Nagy, Thomas Landon and John Litz voted affirmatively. James Richardson, John George, Clarence Michael and Tex Wilson voted against the plan.

The district plans to raise the money for the new construction through a bond issue and a future increase in millage. Total cost of

construction in the district including elementary classrooms, and other necessary renovations will be approximately \$3.2 million.

The senior high school construction is considered necessary due to district's adoption of a middle school plan. Once the ninth grade is moved up to the senior high school building, the present junior high will become the middle school housing sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

In other business at the meeting the directors accepted the resignation of elementary guidance coun-  
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## PG&W wants hefty rate hikes

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If Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company has its way, the lower rates recently enjoyed by customers of its Back Mountain subsidiaries will be a thing of the past.

The utility has filed a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission to increase rates in the company's Spring Brook water service area effective March 31. Included in the filing are the Trucksville, Shavertown, Hillcrest and Homesite water companies.

These companies were involved in a rate decrease mandated by the PUC on September 30. At that time, the commission said that PG&W was not providing water of sufficient quality to justify a rate

increase. The commission also ordered that the utility establish uniform rates throughout the Spring Brook service area, which includes 25,000 customers in the Back Mountain and Wilkes-Barre.

If the current proposed rates take effect, rate increases for the Trucksville, Shavertown and Hillcrest company's customers will rise by 83 per cent. Homesite customers will see their bills grow by 69 per cent.

However, only customers of the Shavertown Water Company will pay more than they had prior to September 30. The other three company's rates will be from 18 to 33 per cent less.

The rate filing cites the cost of PG&W's "ambitious, multifaceted water improvement program" as

the basis for the rate hike. In a press release, Robert Jones, the utility's president, said that recent lack of rate increases has brought the company "dangerously close to being financially unable to continue its improvement program."

Of the Back Mountain companies, only the Trucksville Water Company provides filtered water. Its supply is the Hillside treatment plant, which has been filtered for some time. The other three companies use water from drilled wells. PG&W spokesman Tom Ward said

Monday that water from wells is naturally filtered by its movement through the soil. He also stated that the cost per customer is higher for companies using a well rather than a reservoir as a source.

PROPOSED RATES FOR BACK MOUNTAIN SUBSIDIARIES OF PENNSYLVANIA GAS AND WATER COMPANY

| Company Name | No. of Customers | Rate before September 30 | Rate since September 30 | Proposed Rate | Average Mo. Usage |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Trucksville  | 290              | \$22.47                  | \$10.11                 | \$18.49       | 4,227             |
| Shavertown   | 128              | 16.46                    | 10.25                   | 18.80         | 4,300             |
| Hillcrest    | 46               | 23.49                    | 10.06                   | 18.37         | 4,199             |
| Homesite     | 20               | 18.18                    | 7.24                    | 12.22         | 2,750             |

- Figures supplied by Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company  
- Estimates of rates and volume are per month. Some companies bill monthly, others quarterly.



## Donkey won't go - students will

This donkey wouldn't go for Frank Coslett, a senior at Lake-Lehman High School. But according to Bob Roberts, assistant principal, the senior class will be going on a trip to Washington D.C. because of the donkey basketball benefit game last Friday. The game drew about 1200 people and brought in around \$3000 (and they are still counting). (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

## Old tires, junk cars cause furor in Jackson Township

By SCOTT CRISPELL  
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If you've driven along Chase Road in Jackson Township recently, you may have noticed the hundreds of used tires piled throughout Ray Malak's property near Konefal's Grove. You may not have known that the tires are causing quite a fuss around Jackson Township.

According to Township officials, Malak started stockpiling the tires last summer and area residents have been complaining ever since. "His neighbors feel that these

tires are an eyesore," said Jackson Township supervisor chairman Thomas Adams. "They believe this is bringing their property values down."

Jackson Township zoning officer Robert Culp echoed Adams' statement. "It's a horrible situation down there," said Culp. "Many people of Jackson Township are upset over this. I've received several phone calls concerning this."

According to Adams, Malak is blatantly disobeying township health and safety codes. "He is  
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## Costa Rican exchange student enjoyed visit



FAREWELL - Enrique Castro of San Jose, Costa Rica says farewell to his friend, Rich Hynick, before he leaves Lake-Lehman High School to return to his home.  
(C.M. Denmon Photo)

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Enrique Castro, foreign exchange student at Lake-Lehman High School, said goodbye to his friends last Thursday and left Friday for his home in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Enrique, who arrived in the area December 3 of last year was sponsored through the Intercambio Internacional de Estudiantes, an organization which sponsors teenagers from South and Central America at different times during the year, for a period of 10 weeks each.

Enrique had visited Panama and the United States in 1985 where he stayed in Florida for a while. He said he liked the Back Mountain better than the southern part of the country. "I would prefer the weather warmer, at home it is no colder than 69 or 70 degrees," Enrique said.

He liked the Lake-Lehman School better than school at home because here he could take elective subjects, but in his school he could not. While at Lake-Lehman, Enrique took Spanish and helped Ms. Michele Medura, the Spanish teacher. He also studied American History and found it very interesting, accounting, and a class on the American Indians.

"I enjoyed the American Indians class and the Spanish I and III classes," Enrique said. "I enjoyed helping the students speak Spanish. Gym classes were the same as they are at home in San Jose."

Enrique found the school food different from that in his school at

home. He said the food served at Lake-Lehman was all right, but he preferred the food at home.

Rice with chicken, rice and beans, beef, and soup were among his favorite dishes when he was at home.

"Our food is spicier than it is here but not as spicy as the Mexican food," Enrique explained.

"We have no football in Central America but we have soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball. We compete with other schools the same as the students in Lake-Lehman do," he said.

Enrique liked the malls in the United States because they are much bigger than those where he lives. He said living here is much faster-paced, but there is more discipline in America among the youth.

In Central America, youth must be 18 or older to drive and they may drink at the age of 18, although Enrique said he does not drink.

Basketball is his favorite sport and when he returns home he plans to try out for the school team. Enrique attends a private school, but grades in his country go only to 11th. When he returns home he will be in 10th, which is equivalent to a junior here.

While here Enrique celebrated Christmas with his host family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kocher, Jr. Enrique found the customs much the same but a lot more emphasis placed on giving gifts.

The first time Enrique ever saw snow was while he was staying in the Back Mountain and he found it  
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### Coming up:



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Tues., Feb. 21, 10 AM-3 PM, Commons Bldg., Penn State Campus. Sponsored by the campus veterans club

- BACK MOUNTAIN WATER COMMISSION - Thurs., Feb. 16, 8 PM, Kingston Township Municipal Bldg.
- DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tuesday, Feb. 21, 8 PM, Dallas Borough Bldg.
- DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Tues., Feb. 21, 8 PM, Dallas Township Bldg.
- HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., Feb. 21, 7:30 PM, Harveys Lake Borough Bldg.
- HARVEYS LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION - Mon., Feb. 20, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Borough Bldg.