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## Guard rail installation at lake meets resistance

### PennDOT says it will take 10 years

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Two deaths in two years have given new urgency to a project that will install guard rails along side Lakeside Drive around Harveys Lake. But two obstacles stand in the path of timely completion of the work.

One concern is how long it will

take the state to finish the project; another is resistance from homeowners who contend that guardrails will spoil the beauty of the lake and hurt their property values.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is currently installing approximately 3,000 feet of guard rails a year

around Lakeside Drive. At this rate, it would take 10 years for the whole lake to be protected.

That timetable does not sit well with some residents, but PennDOT officials say it is the best they can do.

"You must remember that we have budgeted \$50,000 a year to this project," said Rolly Keisling,

community relations coordinator for PennDOT. "This money has come out of the budget for PennDOT in Luzerne County so we don't have many resources to increase that."

Keisling said that it will take approximately 30,000 feet of guard rails to complete the project at the lake and that it will take some time to complete the installation. Some borough officials and residents, however, say that the longer it takes the greater the chance for

more accidents in the lake.

Councilman Richard Boice said that the borough is supportive of the effort but would like to see the project finished more quickly.

"It's a shame when we have an accident and I think PennDOT should get the guard rails up as soon as they can," Boice said.

Councilman David Abod agreed. "I know they are working on a budget but they have to think about the safety of the motorists," said Abod. "We don't want another

accident."

The latest fatality involved a Harveys Lake man who drowned when his car flipped onto its roof in the water. The circumstances that caused a car driven by Leo Edwards to go into the lake are still under investigation.

However, some feel that extra guard rails along the area of Lakeside Drive where he hit the water may have prevented the accident.

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## Students greet their 'pen pal'

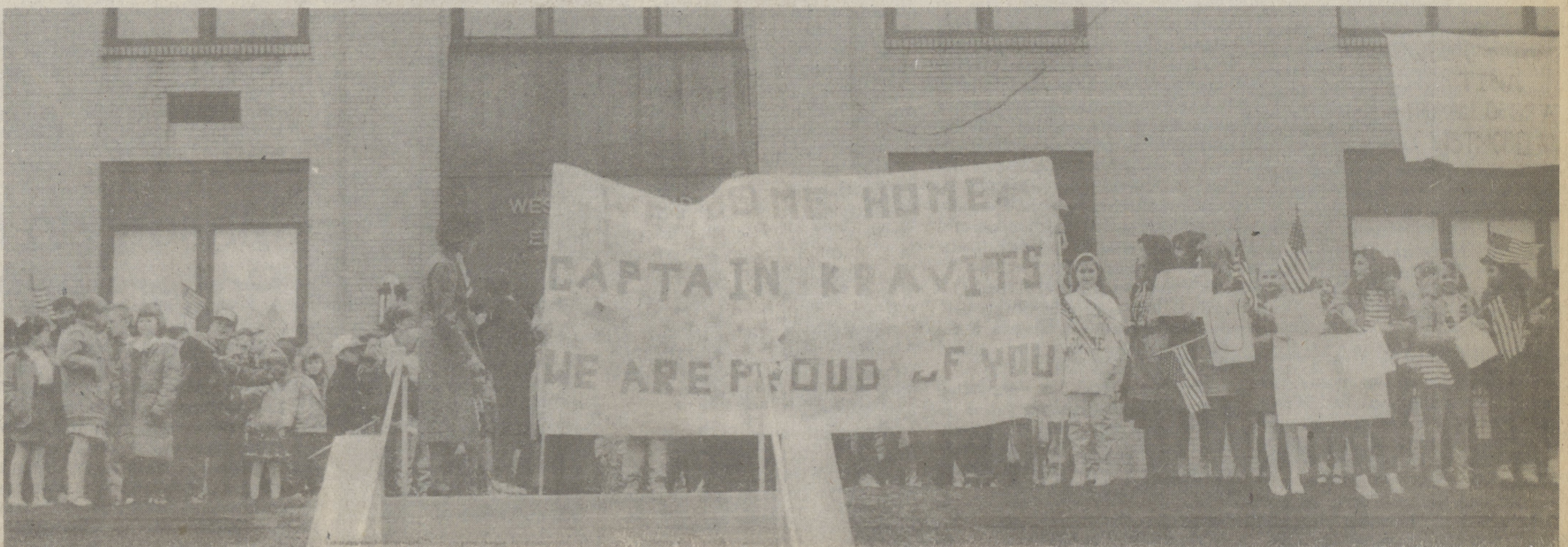
By RICH JOHNSON  
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Tina Charney Kravits will remember her homecoming from Saudi Arabia for a long time. The staff and students of Westmoreland Elementary School in Trucksville made sure of that with a huge welcome to their pen pal this week.

Air Force Captain Kravits made a special visit to the school to thank the many children who wrote to her during her stint in the Persian Gulf.

When she arrived at the school Monday morning, Capt. Kravits was greeted by nearly

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**WELCOME HOME** - Nearly 500 students, teachers and administrators at the Westmoreland Elementary School greeted Air Force Captain Tina Charney Kravits when she visited the school on Monday. The greeting was loud and exciting as the

children chanted "USA, USA" and cheered when Captain Kravits entered the school. Many of the students had sent letters to Kravits when she was stationed on the island of Diego Garcia during the Persian Gulf war. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

## 300 sign petitions for return of rec director

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Marie Eyet and a committee of parents who have been campaigning for the return of Jack Wolensky as head of the Dallas Borough playground came away from the March 19 borough council meeting at least partially satisfied with the council's response. Eyet and the council agreed that no decisions will be made about the recreation center until Eyet and Karen Arnaud meet with Robert Brown, chairman of the recreation committee before the April council meeting. The parents will discuss rehiring Wolensky at that time, and will create a proposal to be submitted for council's approval.

Concerned parents crowded the council chambers last week to present petitions signed by both adults and children requesting that Wolensky be recalled. The peti-

tions which were presented by Eyet to the council contained more than 300 signatures.

Wolensky, who has been in charge of the program for the past two years, was sent a letter at the end of the second season telling him that the position he held had been terminated because of cuts in the 1991 budget, according to borough manager Milt Lutsey.

In presenting the petitions, Mrs. Eyet mentioned that a reporter from one of the papers had told her that arrangements were being made to employ a chief of staff and interviews for staff were being held.

"Mr. Wolensky was interested in the position," Mrs. Eyet told council, "but he wasn't given an option to accept or refuse," said Mrs. Eyet.

"No one has been given that opportunity," the borough's solicitor Jack Fine told her. "Nothing

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## Protests continue against Dallas Twp. group home

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Residents of Church Street and Old Goss Manor attended the March 19 Dallas Township supervisors meeting to request an update on the status of the group home which they say is proposed on Church Street in the late Donald Evans residence more recently owned by a Rev. Dale Brown.

Neil Seidel of Old Goss Manor asked the supervisors if they had taken any formal position on the home being remodeled as a group home. He reminded the supervisors that time is running out and people will be moving in soon. He asked if the supervisors could freeze the project while researching the ordinances to determine whether occupation could be denied.

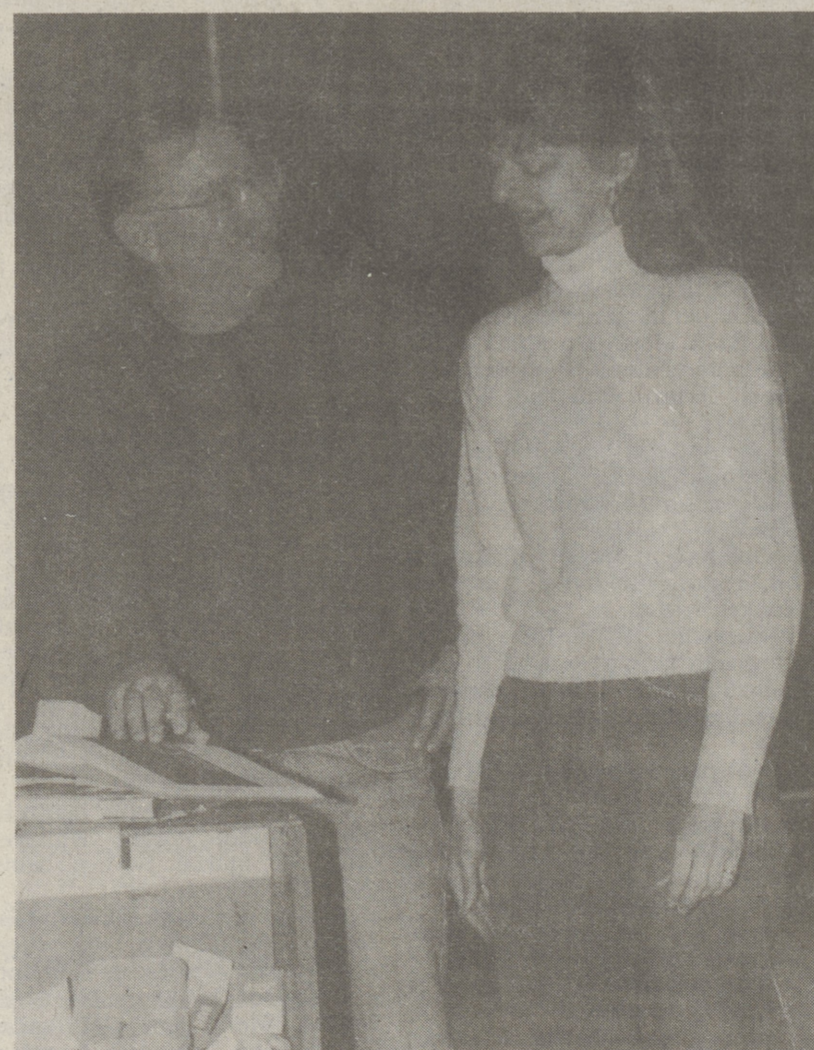
Township solicitor Frank Townend said the ordinance was no good but that he and Atty. James Geddes, were working on another angle. He recommended that the residents in the area of

the proposed group home unite in filing with the magistrate that it was in violation of a zoning ordinance since the home would be a business and request that the owner must get a variance from the township.

Seidel explained that neighbors were against the group home because it is a business in an R-1 area; not because of the residents. Research has shown that the owner, a Robert Kotsull, is allegedly paid a daily fee to house the roomers so instead of a family, it is a boarding or rooming house.

Atty. Townend agreed that the word compensation in the township ordinance qualifies it as a boarding house, in his opinion. He told Seidel to get about 10 people together and go before the magistrate. He requested that zoning officer Leonard Kozick get the names and addresses of the residents in the area and Atty. Townend will get together with

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**DRAMA COACHES** - Dallas High School Theater director Don Hopkins discusses costumes and scenery with his assistant director Audrey Eyet following a rehearsal of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to be presented by the Dallas High School students, April 5 and 6 at the high school. (Post Photo/C.M. Denmon)

## Don Hopkins notes 25 years on the boards

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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The Dallas High School drama department will mark the 25th year that Don Hopkins has directed plays at the school, and he says this production of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be well worth attending. The curtain goes up this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Hopkins completes his 25th year as director of theatre at Dallas High School with this spring production of Shakespeare's classic comedy. This is the second time the drama department has presented this particular production, one of the most appreciated of Shakespeare's works.

Hopkins, a graduate of Bloomsburg University with a Master's in speech and theater, has dedicated his talents to the development of an outstanding caliber of dramatic performance at the Dallas High School.

"I joined the Dallas faculty in 1964-65 but I didn't direct any plays that year," said Hopkins. "At that time the district had class plays and there were two each year. Former principal Edgar Hughes directed one play and former faculty member Dorothy Moran did the other.

"In 1965-66 Dorothy Moran said she was not interested in directing

### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

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any more so I took over her role. The next year Hughes gave it up so I directed both class plays. Two years later we gave up the class plays and made it high school drama open to all the students," he continued. "It gave us greater flexibility; we couldn't do musicals, Shakespeare and such with a class play. By going to all of the high school students, we were able to make it educational theatre."

Hopkins was involved in theater in college and his approach to the theater program at the high school has focused upon giving the student a total understanding of the dramatic impulse. Over the past 25 years Hopkins has introduced and taught courses in theater history, stagecraft, Shakespeare, world drama and acting.

"I try to get a variety of students involved," said Hopkins. "Those not interested in the acting itself but in constructing the sets, designing and making costumes, lighting, music, and management of the

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## Lake solons fight lack of fish stocking

By RICH JOHNSON  
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The Harveys Lake borough council is protesting a decision by the state Fish Commission not to stock the lake with normal size trout this year.

At the council's March 19 meeting, council president William Wilson noted that the council is in the process of contacting the Fish Commission to voice its opposition to the decision.

The Commission announced recently that budget cuts were the reason that five lakes in the state will not be stocked with trout this

year. Instead, a program is in effect in which fingerlings, or smaller sized fish, have been put in the lake with hopes that they will grow as large as the ones that would have been used in the stocking process.

At last week's meeting of the borough council, resident Thomas Kehler asked the board if the borough was taking any action to have the lake stocked.

"This is the second largest lake in the state and I can't believe that they are not stocking it," said Kehler. "I would like to see council get together and let the Fish Com-

mission know that we are upset." Wilson replied that the council will be contacting the commission. "Fishing is a big part of Harveys Lake and the council is not pleased with the state's decision," he said.

Councilman Joseph Sgarlat later stated that he asked state representative George Hasay about the decision and was told that a lack of money was the cause of the situation.

"I asked him if the state was retaliating against Harveys Lake for some reason but he assured me

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