



Letters

Tele-media manager twisted facts

Editor:
This letter is in reference to a letter which appeared in the April 8, 1992, edition of The Dallas Post, as submitted by Donald Zagorski, District Manager for Tele-Media Cable Company.
It is very interesting that Mr. Zagorski's response to the Kingston Township Supervisors voicing outrage over Tele-Media's 12 percent rate increase is to attack the Township. This reaction only strengthens my opinion that Tele-Media has a callous disregard for the consumer. It also indicates a desire by Tele-Media to divert attention from an enormous rate hike, which defies any economic logic. Not only does he want to divert attention, but he is playing fast and loose with the facts.
Mr. Zagorski's claim about the Township "easing zoning ordi-

nances" is simply untrue. I challenge him to substantiate this charge. Furthermore, his inference that Kingston Township has any regulatory authority over liquor licenses is once again simply untrue. Responsibility for regulating this matter rests with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and the State Police. With regard to his claim about intersection congestion, once again, if he is referring to S.R. 309 and Carverton road, it is the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
Mr. Zagorski's comments about water rates are also beyond the authority of Kingston Township and regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Roadway cuts are regulated by Kingston Township. It should be pointed out that utilities can only make

permanent roadway restorations when weather conditions and the available materials cooperate. The street to which he refers is on Pennsylvania Gas and Water's list of those requiring repairs and will be repaired as soon as possible.
In summation, many of Mr. Zagorski's attacks are good arguments for why the cable television industry needs rate regulation. Some would argue that existing state regulations are not strong enough, but they are certainly better than allowing unregulated companies, like Tele-Media, to raise rates at will.
Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.
FOR THE KINGSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Jeffrey K. Box
Township Manager

Library news

New computer eases fact search

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has received on a trial basis for the next 90 days, a new computer system called Magazine Index on InfoTrac, which allows patrons in seconds to search more than three years of issues of more than 200 magazines and the most recent two months of The New York Times' for articles written on a specific topic. The listings of relevant articles are displayed on the computer screen and all or any parts of the listings can be printed out for future reference.
The new reference system conceived and developed by Information Access Company of Foster City, California, is always up-to-date because a new database with indexing of the latest issues is delivered monthly. The database is recorded by laser on a compact disc, which is similar to those used for audio recordings. A single disc in the InfoTrac system contains more than 500 million characters,

which if stretched out end-to-end would make a stream of letters and numbers long enough to reach one-third of the way across the United States.
This connection of the laser disc with a small computer to gain access to the recorded information, has revolutionized library research. Patrons simply sit at the computer terminal, type in the subject they wish to search, and press a button. This InfoTrac system will be at the library for the 90 days, and the public is welcome to come in and use it.
A generous thank you to the Dallas Area Federated Womens Club and the Dallas Women of Rotary for their sponsorship of a Bakeless Bake Sale to benefit the library. To date, these women have donated \$625 to the library budget for their efforts.
The Women of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Dallas donated \$100 to the library for the purchase of children's books from their funding for this year. Marilyn Rudolph,

our children's librarian, and I were invited to attend their April luncheon where the presentation was made. The lunch was delicious and we are grateful for their monetary donation.
The library annual Volunteer Appreciation Koffee Klatch was held this past Tuesday and the volunteers, Friends members and staff members who attended were appreciative of the coffee, tea and the good things to eat. Appreciation certificates and volunteer pins were presented to the volunteers at that time. Our volunteers are so important to the smooth running of the library and we are eternally grateful for their efforts on our behalf.
A new book donated by the Dallas Federated Womens Club is "French Silk" by Sandra Brown. It introduces an extraordinary woman caught in a nightmare web of love and lies when she is accused of murder. What happens to her and the people around her will keep you riveted.

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A. Case for conservation

Yes, you can plant a tree in the tropics

By ALENE N. CASE

Well, another Earth Day has come and gone. We tried to enjoy the outdoors in spite of the rain. We sang a song, bought a new t-shirt, and listened to a lecture. Perhaps we planted a tree or helped clean up a park. But, now we wonder what any of this really contributes to solving the global problems that concern us.
The old adage "Think globally - Act locally" becomes a cop-out after awhile. My yard has enough trees planted in it already and yours may, too. And, I sometimes wonder how much good is really being done by planting a dwarf apple tree in my yard when whole forests are being destroyed somewhere else on the planet.

I recently met a remarkable man who had an elegantly simple (or should I say simply elegant?) idea for solving half a dozen problems at once. His name is Father Bernie Survil. He is a member of the Greensburg, PA diocese but his parish is in the mountains of Guatemala. When he arrived there two years ago, he discovered that most of the children of the poor native Mayan people were not provided with an education. Now 624 students are being taught by bilingual teachers.
How is this miracle being financed? By a unique scholarship plan that involves the children in planting and caring for trees. Sponsors in the United States may "hire" a Child Forester who, in turn, plants a small grove of trees on the family's plot of an acre or so. Small children plant 6 trees for a contribution of \$5; larger children plant a dozen trees for a gift of \$10; and, the oldest children are responsible for 24 trees at a cost of \$20.
The trees are selected for a variety of uses and benefits. All of them hold soil and water to prevent erosion in this hilly tropical area. Half of the trees given to each child are fast-growing cypresses

which can soon provide the family with firewood. Others are hardwoods which will mature when the child reaches young adulthood. They can then be used as collateral for loans or sold as lumber. The remaining trees are generally broad-leaved fruit trees, such as banana or mango.
Food, firewood, potential income, and education are the obvious benefits of this tree planting project. The children lose the scholarship if the trees are harvested prematurely. That provides the incentive to properly care for the trees. The families gain morale because they are actively improving their lives. And the rest of us gain cleaner air, a more temperate climate, and fewer drugs on our streets (because these same families are often tempted to make extra money by growing plants for illicit drugs).
Father Survil has taken seriously the words of Pope John Paul II: "It's absolutely necessary to add that there will be no just ecological balance without directly dealing with the structural reasons for poverty." How can we help Father Survil reforest an area of the tropics and provide these children with an opportunity to study? Anyone can send a donation to The Child-Forester Education Fund, c/o The Thomas Merton Center, 5125 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15225. If you want more information, call (412) 361-3022 or contact me in care of this newspaper.

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Dr. Carpenter, a Lieutenant Colonel with the 300th Field Hospital, U.S. Army Reserves, was ordered to active duty in November, 1990, and served in Saudi Arabia during the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Operations.
The Seven Seals Award is presented to "those who have gone above and beyond what the Veterans' Reemployment Rights Act calls for." Among other items, such support may take the form of supplementing employees' pay while on active duty, or continuing health insurance benefits for the dependents of their employees who have been called for active duty.
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