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Support for amusement tax fading

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The Lake-Lehman School District's proposed 10% tax on amusements may have its short life ended June 18, when the school board meets to discuss the 1992-93 budget.

The tax, which would raise an estimated \$65,000, has drawn complaints from businesses and individuals throughout the district. At a meeting June 11, three board members said they would oppose the tax while board president Liz

Sichler suggested that it be withdrawn. Ed Kern, who was one of two board members to vote against the tax when first proposed, was joined by Jeff Fritzen and Joseph "Red" Jones in voicing opposition to the levy.

Dr. John Presper, who cast the other dissenting vote on May 27, says he still supports an amusement tax, though preferring a smaller one.

If Kern, Fritzen, Jones and Sichler are joined by one more board member, they can vote the tax down.

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Board members who are opposed to the amusement tax say they are concerned that it could keep businesses from prospering. Sichler added that the school board never meant to harm local businesses in any way. The idea of an amusement tax had been one of several ways of finding extra reve-

nue for the district discussed at school board work sessions.

"In light of the lack of a consensus, I suggest that the motion for the tax be withdrawn," she said.

Another of the board's new ideas fell by the wayside when Tom Williams, Presper, Jones, Fritzen and Ken Williams spoke against the proposed tiered bus system. The board then decided not to enact it, earning applause from the 300 taxpayers attending the meeting.

They were concerned that any one-time savings to be gained by implementing the new busing

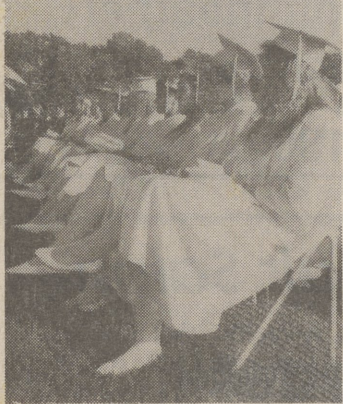
system wasn't worth the aggravation and hardship that it could cause families with small children.

A final budget for the 1992-93 school year must be enacted before July 1. The next budget work session is scheduled for Thursday June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Businesspeople and taxpayers delivering comments on the tentative budget included:

• High school track team members Len Luccharino and Sue

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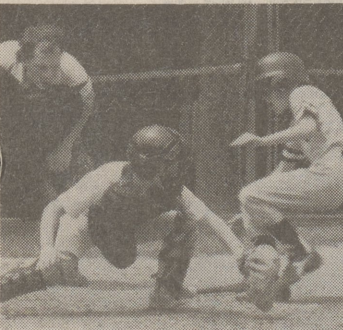
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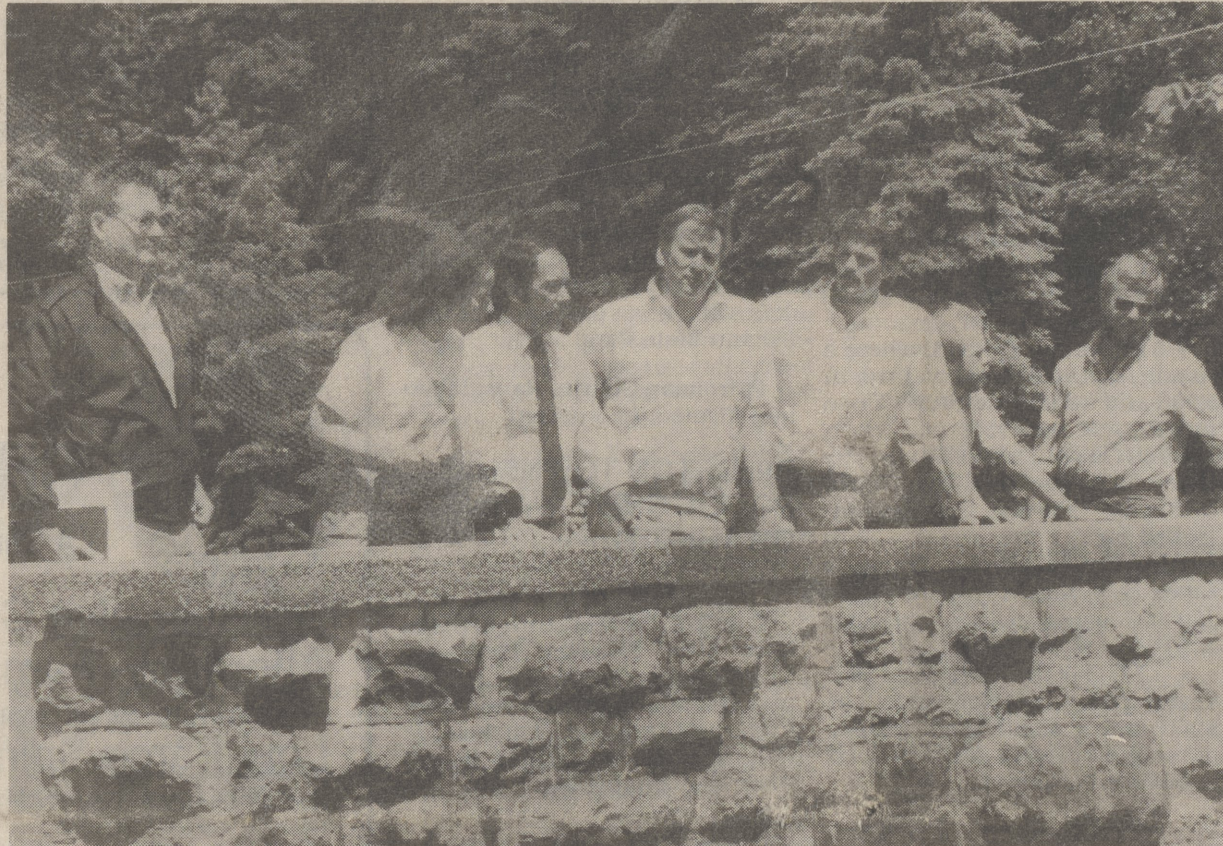
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CHECKING THE OUTLET — Harveys Lake councilman David Abod examines the sediment buildup at the lake's outlet with a team of scientists. Shown from left are Hank Zygmunt and Teena Reichgott of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Abod, Lance Himmelberger, of the state Department of Environmental Resources, Jeff Mahood and Richard Maculatis of the Soil Conservation Service. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

Seeking clues to lake algae growth

By ERIC FOSTER
Post Staff

For nearly three years Harveys Lake councilman David Abod and the borough's Environmental Advisory Council have been slashing through jungles of red tape to have a study of Harveys Lake done.

One of the primary purposes of the study will be to discover what causes the periodic blooms of blue-green algae on the lake's surface.

On Thursday, June 11, the study took a small step forward as scientists from the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the

state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) toured the lake with Advisory Council members.

"This is the beginning of a clean lake that will have more access for recreation," said Abod.

Though in recent years the lake has been spared blooms of blue-green algae, more properly known as cyanobacteria, past blooms have shut the lake down. An outbreak of cyanobacteria was severe enough to close the lake to swimming in 1981, and again in 1985.

Harveys Lake Borough responded by hiring a firm to dump copper sulfate in the lake. Besides

coating the surface of the water, blooms of cyanobacteria can kill fish by leaching oxygen from the water as it decomposes. Copper sulfate is only a temporary solution, however, as too much can kill the fish population.

With the water from Harveys Lake eventually running into the Plymouth Relief Reservoir, the lake's quality can also be important to the health of people living in the Wyoming Valley.

One last piece of red tape remains to be cut before the study

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Students, players recall 'Coach Bro'

Edward A. Brominski left a lasting memory when he died last week. He touched thousands of young lives while he was a football coach and history teacher at Dallas High School. Some of those players and students reminisced about "Coach Bro" for readers of The Post.



EDWARD A. BROMINSKI

Ed Brominski taught us more than just winning. He taught us about life while playing a game.

He consistently was able to credit our actions to basic common denominations - such as the role of parents and family in a sport everyone's ability to participate and do the most with what skills they had, and most importantly, the significance of team work.

He brought the aura and values of depression era football into the dynamics of the 1960's at Dallas, and established a tradition of success. We who knew him and his family (his wife was a teacher and his son a former classmate

and All-Scholastic tackle) feel a debt of gratitude at his passing. He will be remembered for what he represented, his persona, and for

life's lessons he taught his students and players.

Coach Brominski won my respect a long time ago.

Carl Kaschenbach
Member of Dallas Football Team
1961-63

I knew Coach Eddie Brominski from two different avenues. One, he was my high school coach and one of my high school history teachers. I still remember the text that we used: A Unit of American History by Hamm, Bore, & Benton. The other as I got older became educated, became a teacher and coach; I knew him as a fellow coach. On both avenues I've found very few to equal him and none to surpass him.

His scholastic, athletic and coaching accomplishments are legendary. His personality was

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Dallas Boro needs grant to raze old pub

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Although demolition of the deteriorated Hearthstone Pub is one of Dallas Borough's top priorities, solicitor Ted Krohn says that the borough's hands are tied until grant money becomes available.

The Hearthstone Pub has been an ongoing headache for Dallas

Borough officials since September, 1988, when council first directed former solicitor John S. Fine, Jr. to take the necessary legal steps to permit the borough to raze the dilapidated structure, since its owners ignored repeated requests to do so.

But until late 1990, no one was sure who the Hearthstone's owners really were, although a corpo-

ration called TLC Enterprises had been mentioned in legal briefs filed at the Luzerne County Courthouse. No one seemed to know who was affiliated with TLC Enterprises.

Owners of nearby structures have repeatedly complained to Dallas Borough officials that if the Hearthstone Pub caught fire, their

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Judy Fitch crowned Miss Pennsylvania

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Dallas native Judy Fitch won the title of Miss Pennsylvania as easily as she has captured the hearts of her friends in the Back Mountain.

On less than two hours' sleep, she spent her first official day as Miss Pennsylvania making a speech, attending a breakfast and posing through a photo session.

"I don't think that it's really sunk into her mind that she's won the title and is on her way to the Miss America pageant," said her mother, Mrs. Betsy Fitch. "My husband Ralph and I had gone to the competition in Altoona prepared to comfort her in case she didn't win. We're still a bit in shock ourselves."

It's better to go into competition prepared to lose as well as geared up to win because no one really knows what the judges are looking for, Mrs. Fitch said. "Of course we

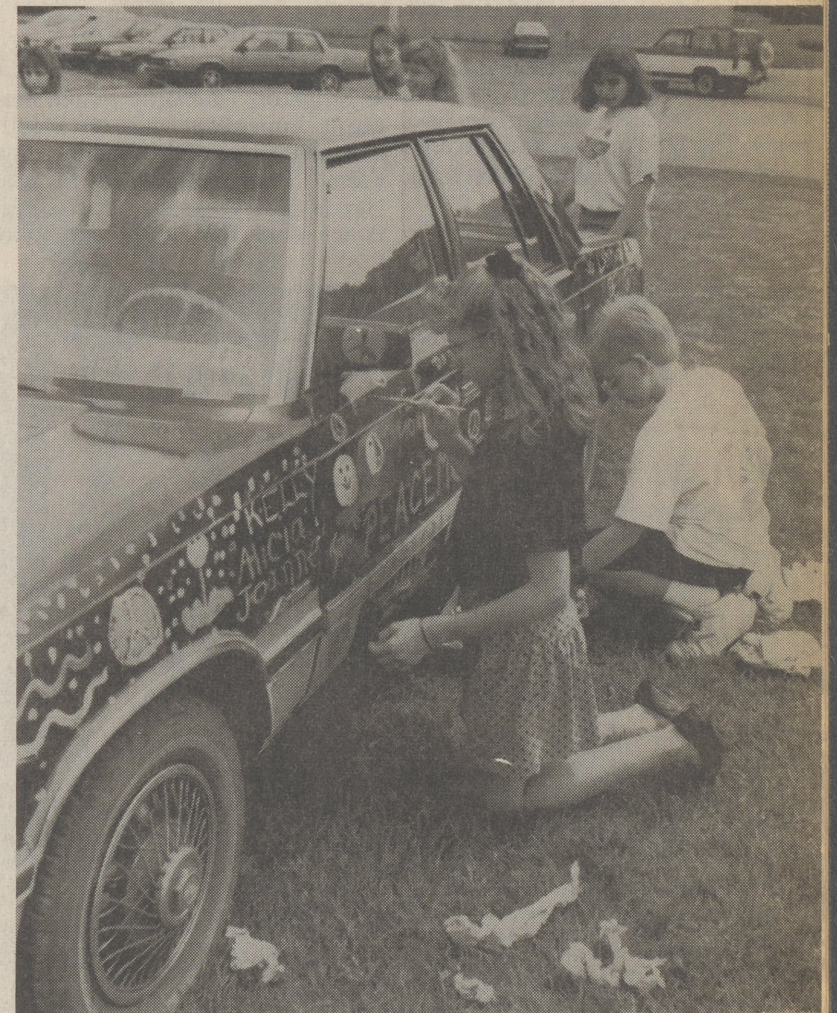


JUDY FITCH
Miss Pennsylvania 1992

really wanted the title for her, but we had to be ready to help her face anything. The competition and the emotions are all very intense."

Judy's talent presentation was the song "You're My World," popularized by Helen Reddy. Betsy Fitch said that Judy had chosen it to

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THAT'S MORE LIKE IT - Lehman-Jackson sixth graders Carrie Race and Joe Tamagnini put the finishing touches on art teacher Susan Roese's old car, transformed by grade 6-B into a funky "peacemobile." (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

Painting teacher's car is reward for 6th graders

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Students in grade 6-B at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School celebrated the last day of school Tuesday, June 9, by painting their art teacher's car.

Mrs. Susan Roese's pupils had earned special points for cooperation, good conduct, work done neatly and assignments handed in on time during the second semester. The students' individual points were counted toward a class total, which could be redeemed for special treats during the semester.

The class which accumulated the most points for the entire semester spent their last art class

using water-soluble tempera paint to decorate Mrs. Roese's venerable 1981 Dodge Aries.

"You can paint anything but the windows or lights. Be creative: make it look nice. Use your favorite designs or slogans - but please use only approved words."

After Mrs. Roese's final instructions, 26 sixth-graders divided into teams, grabbed brushes and paper cups of paint and quickly transformed the tired old car into a funky "Peacemobile."

"Sponge! I made a mistake," was frequently heard, along with, "You sent a water streak through my work!"

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