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Six vie for 4 seats on Dallas school board

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Six candidates, including two incumbents, are contending for four seats on the Dallas School Board. Incumbents Thomas Landon and James L. Richardson are seeking re-election, while Thomas Stitzer and school board president Jack Cleary have decided not to run for office again.

Elected at large from the district's four municipalities (Dallas Borough and Dallas, Kingston and Franklin townships), school board

members do not receive any pay for their four years in office.

Maureen Banks

"Open the lines of communication between the administration and the teachers."

Concern over declining college entrance exam (SAT) and achievement test (CAT) scores prompted Banks to run for office. A member of the district's Citizens' Advisory Committee, she has attended board meetings for a long time. If elected, her goals are to:

- Continue the district's positive teacher contract negotiations.
- Improve the students' education by opening the lines of communication between the administrators and the teachers.

Joesph Kunec

"No hidden agenda."

Kunec is running for office in order to, as he puts it, "Make more of a contribution to the community." The Army veteran and former teacher said that he also wants Dallas to continue its

excellence in education at a fair cost.

- If elected, his goals are to:
- Achieve the best and most cost-effective education possible.
 - Increase parents' involvement in their children's education by asking more parents to volunteer to work with student activities, help out as teacher aides and participate in the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).
 - See more teacher accountability, through closer evaluation of teachers by principals.
 - See merit pay for teachers.

- Continue to improve the district's college entrance (SAT) exam and achievement test (CAT) scores in all grades.
- "Do a good job for the people."
- "My door and my agenda will always be open for the people," he said. "There won't be any hidden agendas."

Pamela Langdon

"The students must come first in all school board decisions."

Langdon decided to run for office because of her belief that

the students should always be "the primary focus" in any board decision.

"Sometimes too many other factors come in before the students," she said.

If elected, her goals are to:

- Re-evaluate the switch from an eight-period to a seven-period day in the middle school and the high school.

"I'm not sure that all the students are able to get all of the

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Drumming up some spirit

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PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Bob Humphrey banged out the beat for Dallas High School during last weekend's homecoming celebration. Both Dallas and Lake-

Lehman selected Homecoming queens, and both football teams won their games.

Aston, Hazeltine run for Jackson supervisor

By DAVE KONOPKI
Post Correspondent

Two candidates will be competing to fill one seat on the Jackson Township Board of Supervisors in the November 2 general election. Republican Carl Aston and Democrat Robert Hazeltine are vying for the six-year term.

Carl Aston has served the people of Jackson Township for more than four decades, including 24 years as an elected official. The Lehman-Jackson High School graduate was the township's auditor for 24 years. He has served on the fire department for 42 years and on the ambulance department for more than 20 years.

Aston, 67, is a retired milkman, having worked for Chase Dairy for 28 years and Dallas Dairy for more than five years. The 42-year township resident also worked for the Lake-Lehman School District for 10 years as a custodian.

After serving his six, four-year terms as auditor, Aston took a 12-year break from public office. But he says the desire to serve his community inspired him to seek the supervisor's position.

"I always tried to be a community-minded person," said Aston, who, along with his wife Leona, has three children, Diane Kreller, Barry Aston and Kathy Mascola. "I've always been more or less interested in trying to make the community a better place to live.

I thought if the opportunity came up, I would run again."

That opportunity surfaced when Republican candidate John Bombick passed away right before the primary election last May. Aston said he was approached by a group of township residents who suggested that he run for the position.

Aston, who said he heard rumors of five or six residents who were interested in seeking the position, sent a letter of interest to District Chairman Joe Salvo. Salvo later notified Aston that his name would be on the ballot for November's general election. Aston believes he was the only prospective candidate to send a letter to the district chairman.

Aston says, if elected, he currently doesn't have any specific changes in mind. He also stated with his experience, working with the other township officials would not be a problem.

"There is nothing that I would like to change right now, not immediately," said Aston. "I think my experience in working with the citizens of the township is a big plus. I don't see any problems with working with any of the other supervisors. I just want to help my community."

Numerous attempts to reach Hazeltine at his Jackson Township home were unsuccessful, and he did not respond to several messages asking him to return telephone calls.

No tax increase in Jackson Township preliminary budget

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

If the Jackson Township supervisors pass the preliminary 1994 budget at the regular November 1 meeting as expected, residents won't see a tax increase this year. Property taxes in the township are now 13 mills.

The township plans to begin the year \$18,000 in the black. Last year began with a zero balance.

Anticipated income of \$606,548.68 has increased by

34.9 percent over last year, after last year's 10-mill tax increase, while expenditures for road maintenance are expected to increase by \$46,426.85 or 25.6 percent, to \$226,214.39.

Public safety expenditures are expected to drop \$16,485.12 or 10.5 percent, to \$139,799.

The supervisors plan to vote on the proposed budget at their November 1 meeting.

If approved, the budget will be available for public inspection for 30 days.

'The Network' is illegal scheme, state says

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Potential investors in "The Network" are being warned by the state Attorney General's office that it is an illegal pyramid scheme.

According to Deputy Attorney General J. P. McGowan from the Department of Consumer Protection in Scranton, his office is investigating "The Network," which has spread quickly by word of mouth through the Back Mountain, the West Side, the Wilkes-Barre area and Scranton.

"Potential investors are invited by friends or relatives to private meetings at homes or business establishments and asked to buy a block (of the pyramid) for \$1,500," McGowan said. "Usually professional people and those who should know better but can't resist an easy way to make money are targeted. Once they buy a block, they must go out and recruit more people under them. A broad spectrum of the community, including respected professional people, is involved."

McGowan said that the typical "Network" pyramid has one person at the top over two people, who are over four more people, with eight people at the bottom.

When the people at the bottom pay their \$1,500, the person at the top gets paid \$12,000 and the pyramid splits. The two people at

the second level, along with everyone below them, move up a step in the two newly-formed pyramids.

The bottom levels of both pyramids must then be filled in with eight more people.

"These things tend to mushroom," McGowan said. "It's clearly and simply illegal because it inevitably falls apart and the people at the bottom never get the money that they had been promised."

McGowan said that last year the Attorney General's office broke up a similar pyramid in the Williamsport area, recovering \$260,000 for victims and an additional \$60,000 in fines and costs.

"We're not out after the people on the bottom, those who didn't know that it was illegal and have been hurt because they have lost money," he said.

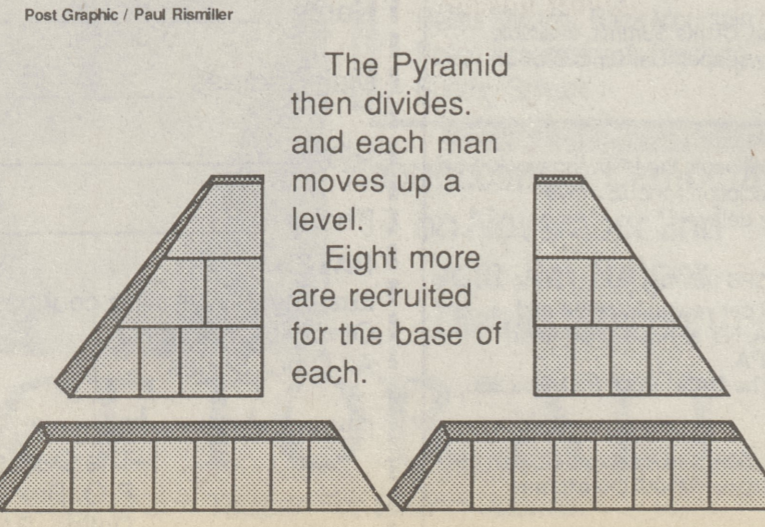
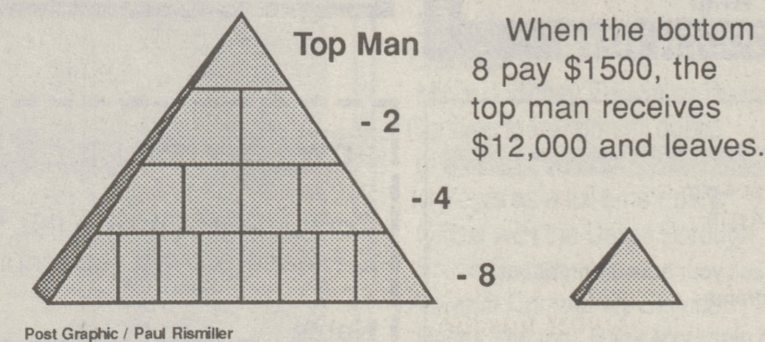
"We want the ones at the top who have profited from it."

Persons found guilty of operating pyramids must immediately stop all transactions, pay a fine of \$1,000 per transaction and return all monies collected to those who invested in it, McGowan said.

During the past 18 months, the Attorney General's office has collected more than \$262,000 in restitution and more than \$60,000 in penalties from 53 alleged pyramid promoters, according to a press release. Eight more cases are pending.

Anyone with any information on operations of "The Network" or similar schemes in the area is requested to call the Department of Consumer Affairs at the Attorney General's office in Scranton at 963-4913.

How a Pyramid works



■ **Monopoly magnate** John Wertman cleaned up at a benefit Monopoly tournament Sunday. Page 3.

■ **Fall back.** Turn your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night.

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