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Councilman in dock dispute called for zoning recess

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Two Harveys Lake property owners are at odds in a dispute over property lines and the placement of a dock.

Kingston resident James Pugh, who purchased an undeveloped lot and 50-foot section of waterfront at the corner of Park Street and Lakeside Drive from Nick Stredny in July, says his next-door neighbor has built a dock which encroaches approximately 20 feet into the water in front of Pugh's lot.

The neighbor, Harveys Lake borough council member David Abod, contends

that he is merely replacing a dock which has been in place for more than 60 years.

"He has encroached a good 20 feet into my riparian boundary," Pugh said. "It's an extension of where the fence along my property line ends at the water. When I bought the lot, the only thing in the water off my land was three pilings, which the former owner told me I could take out if I wanted to."

He added that he had planned to remove the poles at his own expense and give them to Abod, "to be a good neighbor."

Around July 22, Pugh found that several stringers (long boards) had been nailed between his posts and Abod's dock.

He photographed and identified Eric David Tuttle and Richard Jeffrey Hosey doing more work on the stringers August 8.

Pugh made at least half a dozen phone calls about Abod's dock to borough codes enforcement officer Paul Grimes.

"I didn't get anywhere," Pugh said. Grimes refused to comment on the incident.

"DER is involved now," he said. "I can't overrule them - they take care of docks and in the water stuff."

Abod received a notice of violation from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) August 19, stating that he

had violated state regulations because he hadn't obtained a permit before enlarging the dock, according to DER records.

"I didn't enlarge my dock," Abod said. "I replaced one side about ten years ago with narrower walkways because it was bad. Someone cut my dock down and took it while I was working in Los Angeles, around April 15. Someone came in with a backhoe and dragged it out."

The main part of the dock extending from his property is more than 60 years old, he said.

"My dock is the same as it was in the 1930's," Abod said. Assistant police chief Ronald Spock

confirmed that Abod had filed a complaint about the missing dock with his department during April, while Spock was on medical leave.

"There's an ongoing investigation," he said. "I can't tell you anything else."

For the past several years, Abod has been very active in the borough's recycling program and the Environmental Advisory Council (EVAC).

As the borough council's vice-president, he chaired a special council meeting September 23, in which the council voted to declare the section of the zoning ordinance

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Dallas students earning POINTS

By GRACE R. DOVE
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POINTS (Positive Opportunities Involving New Thinking Strategies), a classroom program resurrected from the mid-1970's, may help students in four Dallas high school classes to get better grades.

Biology teacher William Wagner reported on the POINTS program, in which students may sign a contract to achieve a certain grade, operating in his general biology class, Sandra Sprau's math class, Maryann Storz's social studies class and Catherine Wega's English class to the Dallas school board at its October 10 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

"I'm finding that some students who had contracted for a 'C' are actually doing 'B' work," Wagner said.

Students who don't make the grade they contracted for must attend mandatory tutorial sessions. Parents are informed about their child's progress in class, Wagner said.

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No place like home

Lake-Lehman students Mark Manzoni, left, Jackie Race, senior class president, and Nevin Hoyt showed

their Lake-Lehman pride during last Saturday's homecoming festivities. More photos, story on pages 3 and 9.

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Is water out of control? Meeting will address supply patchwork

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Getting a reliable water supply in the Back Mountain can be like navigating through a maze.

Depending on where a person lives, he may or may not drill a well, wash the family car or fill the swimming pool.

Served by more than 35 water companies, the area is a haphazard tapestry of water suppliers, small neighborhood water systems and private wells.

A public forum on the Back Mountain's water supplies and distribution systems will be held by the Back Mountain Citizens' Council October 20 at 7 p.m. in the Fortinsky auditorium at Penn State to discuss water problems and possible solutions.

According to organizer Ellie Rodda, water is something few people think about but everyone

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When USS Princeton sank, Bill Smith swam Family learned his fate in Post article

By JACK HILSHER
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In two weeks it will be a half-century since Orange resident Bill Smith had his World War II ship blown out from under him - straight down to Davy Jones Locker in the deepest part of the Philippine Sea. On the 24th of October in 1944 the mighty U.S.S. Princeton was mortally wounded by a single Japanese bomber which managed to slip through heavy flak and deposit a 500-lb. bomb neatly in the Princeton's mid-section.

Fifty years later, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith are preparing to

attend the latest Princeton reunion. This one is in Seattle; others have been in various parts of the country...sixteen in 50 years and all attended by up to 200 ex-Navy men and their wives. As can be imagined, they have a ball!

Bill Smith came close to missing not only the reunion but his whole military career. His father held up giving the 19-year-old permission to enlist until he was about to be drafted. Even then he cautioned Bill, reminding him of his aversion to water and asking, "Is this what you really want?" Bill listened, turned down the Navy and went to the Marines, who in turn turned him down on a slight vision defect. So it was back to the Navy, where he signed up for a six-year hitch which fate cut considerably short.

The U.S.S. Princeton, proud earner of nine battle stars and many citations, was to enter life at sea as a cruiser but the war needs for more carriers was so urgent that she had a flight deck and island added to her cruiser hull at Camden and so became a light carrier with a complement of 1450 sailors, officers and marines, and 45 planes. Smith's job on the Princeton was radar technician.

Princeton's career with the 6th Pacific Fleet included a lot of heavy hitting...among her support for landings and other assignments were names like Tarawa, Rabaul, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Truk, Saipan, Guam, Tinian and Mindanao. For over 20 months she steamed over 170,000 miles, crossing the equator 45 times.



STUCK TRYING TO HELP - The bow of the USS Morrison became jammed under the side of the USS Princeton on Oct. 24, 1944. Later in the day, the Princeton was sunk to prevent smoke from fires burning on it acting as a beacon for Japanese attackers.

Besides Bill Smith, other Pennsylvanians serving on the Princeton were John T. Rabb, Ashley; Cliff Wright, Kingston; Charles J. Shatrowsky, Wyoming and Clark E. Riech, Orangeville, plus three sailors from Berwick.

The Japanese plane which ended Princeton's noble career probably had the same components as the one which crashed on a nearby cruiser. Ironic or not, an examination disclosed the Zero had tires from Firestone and a Pratt-Whitney engine!

The Zero which got lucky hitting the Princeton caused very little structural damage, but its fatal bomb landed on what was literally another bomb, since Princeton's lower decks stored many torpedoes, lots of hi-octane fuel, napalm, and tons of all kinds of ammunition. Those items were her reason for existence, and also her downfall.

Smith felt the whole ship shake that morning, from that single

bomb. He sensed trouble coming and headed for the compartment which housed his life jacket. Opening the door all he saw were flames, so he closed it and started to worry. An officer saw his concern and found him a spare life jacket. He proceeded topside only to be hit squarely on the wing of an exploding plane, becoming pinned by that wing.

Another sailor - Bill can't recall his name but remembers he looked like one of the "Dead End Kids" - came by, saw his problem and pulled him out from under the wing. Bill says, "We were forced to the port side because of all the smoke and flames. The elevator blew straight up and there were explosions all around. Planes were being pushed over the side because they were armed and close to the flames. Finally, we were ordered to abandon ship."

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Cops nab 'taggers'

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The kids call it "tagging," an art form, a means of self-expression. Most people who see it call it vandalism, and the police say that it's against the law.

Tagging, in which distinctive abstract artwork or words using stylized letters are sprayed onto any available blank surface, has recently reached the Back Mountain, appearing overnight on concrete highway dividers and the back and side walls of buildings.

An intensive investigation by the Kingston Township police has resulted in the arrest of three 17-

year-old male juveniles apprehended at 2 a.m. Oct. 8 at a building in Trucksville.

"We found spray paint, latex gloves, face masks for spray painting, pencils and sketched drafts of their designs in their knapsacks," said chief James Balavage. "Similar designs have been found on the back walls of several other Back Mountain businesses."

The boys had evidently returned to finish a tagging job begun the previous week, Balavage said.

They will be petitioned to Luzerne County Juvenile Court for a hearing by patrolmen Robert Parrish and Charles Rauschkolb, Balavage said.



BILL SMITH
In uniform, 1944

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