

**Palmer**

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Palmer's deep commitment to the community."

The Back Mountain Business and Industrial Blood Council will hold its next blood drive February 21 at the Dallas United Methodist Church on Parsonage Street between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The collection is open to the public and employees of council members.

The Red Cross Regional Blood Center must collect an average of 325 to 350 pints of blood every day in order to maintain its supplies, Maday said.

Serving 1.5 million people, the center supplies blood to 41 hospitals in 19 northeastern Pennsylvania counties and two counties in southern New York.

Accident victims, surgical patients, burn victims and people being treated for anemia, hemophilia, leukemia and bone marrow cancer are among the many patients who need donated blood and its components, Maday added.

Once donated blood reaches the regional blood center, it is tested for various diseases before it is either stored or broken down into plasma, platelets, red cells and other components. Frozen plasma can be kept for up to a year, but platelets last only five days and red cells only 35-40 days before they must be discarded, according to Red Cross

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tues., Feb. 21  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Dallas U.M. Church  
Call 829-7161 for appts.

communications writer Bob Bodgon.

"Because it doesn't last indefinitely, maintaining a steady supply of fresh blood is very important," he said.

The most popular blood types are O negative, which nearly anyone can receive, and O positive, which any patient with a positive blood type can receive. In a major emergency, supplies of the O-types can be depleted very quickly, Bodgon said.

The blood center also stocks the rarer types - A negative, B negative and AB negative - which are needed less frequently.

Representatives of many businesses - Native Textiles, ENCON, Payny Printery, Offset Paperback, American Asphalt, Systematics, Commonwealth Communications, C-TEC Cable Group, Irem Temple and Penn State Seed - serve on the Back Mountain Business and Industrial Blood Council, which was formed approximately 15 years ago.

**Roads**

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Luzerne County or Franklin Township had developed zoning and subdivision ordinances, Race said.

Of its 87 lots with an average size of 100 by 150 feet, three homes have been built on double lots, 30 homes have been built on single lots and 51 lots aren't developed, Race said.

In October, 1992, the supervisors declared a moratorium on building more homes at Crown Hill due to complaints about

sewage-contaminated wells and numerous front and side setback violations, she added. Sewage enforcement officer Osbert Patton tested the wells but found no evidence of contamination at the time.

The single lots are too small to comply with township requirements that all wells be at least 100 feet from septic units, Race said.

**Planned development put on hold for now**

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Bella Mundana (Beautiful Mountain) Estates, a proposed upscale development in a remote area of Franklin and Exeter townships, has hit a snag in its quest to obtain approvals from both townships' planning and zoning commissions.

The 38.8 acre site on Sutton Creek between Mills, Culver Hill and Sutton Creek roads is being developed by John Giambra, trading as JMG. Lot sizes range from one to three acres and are zoned agricultural in Franklin Township and rural density in Exeter Township.

According to plans submitted to the Franklin Township planning commission, each of the 25 lots will have its own private well and be tied into a common sewage treatment plant, to be located in the development's Exeter Township section.

Documents stipulating who will be responsible for operating and maintaining stormwater detention

basins and the sewage plant - the developer, the homeowners' association or someone else - don't seem to agree, according to planning commission members, who won't approve the site plan until their questions are answered.

The commission has given Giambra an extension until February 14 to provide answers to these questions and to delineate all wetlands and utility rights-of-way in the development.

If any of these conditions are not satisfied, planning commission members said they will deny approval of the plan.

The commission will meet February 28 and forward its recommendations to the supervisors for their March 6 meeting.

Once Giambra has obtained approval from Franklin Township, he can apply to Exeter Township for its approval, then apply to the Luzerne County Planning Commission.

Giambra has refused to answer any questions or to comment on the development plans

**Quick action stops PSU blaze**

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Two maintenance men armed with snow shovels prevented a serious fire late Friday morning at Penn State's Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township.

Notified that the roof of the science building was burning, Paul Chocallo and Tom Weaver grabbed shovels and began piling snow on a burning ventilator fan while 60 students and faculty members evacuated the building around 11:15 a.m.

"It was instinct," Chocallo said. "It was the quickest thing we could think of."

Pressurized gas lines to the chemistry lab are approximately 100 feet away, he added.

Security personnel finished the job with a fire extinguisher as fire trucks from Lehman and Dallas screamed onto the campus.

According to director of university relations Tom Robinson, an exhaust fan in the ceiling above the first-floor restrooms had caught fire and ignited the rubber roof.

"Someone in the library next door noticed the smoke and called the science building and security department," he said. "Security called the fire company and the students and faculty left the building. It's a good thing we have regular fire drills here. Some of the students thought it was just a drill until they saw the smoke."

Robinson said he could see the smoke and flames from a second-floor office at Hayfield House on the opposite side of the campus.

Firefighters ventilated the building and dismantled and wet down the fan and burned area on



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

**IT WAS SCARY** - Penn State students Lika Lekitsky and Celeste Olmstead were among the 60 people evacuated from the science building when a rooftop ventilation fan caught fire shortly after 11 a.m. Friday.

the roof, Robinson added. No estimates of damage were available.

After making sure the building was safe, firefighters allowed students to return to their classrooms to get their belongings.

"I was taking a math test when the alarm went off," said Lisa Lekitsky. "At first our teacher thought it was a false alarm, then told us to leave. I thought, 'This is a real miracle!' until I got outside and smelled the smoke. It got thicker and blacker as I watched it."

Celeste Olmstead had been in

statistics class in the basement before the alarm sounded.

"Someone said the roof was on fire," she said. "It was scary - we could smell something like burning plastic in the hall. We grabbed our books and ran."

She added that in her two years on campus, she has never seen a fire drill.

Lekitsky said her math test had been changed to a take-home test.

"Someone up there must really like me a lot," she said. "I think I might attend church more regularly."

Classes in the science building resumed at 2 p.m. Friday.

**Scouts**

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"Yeah, they should spend lots more money on a football field and a pool for the swim team," said Larson.

The board voted to pay a total of \$4,475 for 75 of the 105 advanced placement students to take tests to earn college credit for their course work. Each test costs \$75, with a \$7 rebate.

Students who register for the tests and miss them without a legitimate excuse will have to pay for them on their own.

Previously the board only reimbursed the students taking the advanced placement tests if they scored a 3, 4 or 5, according to board president Dr. Richard Coslett.

"More students are taking the AP tests this year," Coslett said. "Last year only five of 105 advanced placement students took the tests."

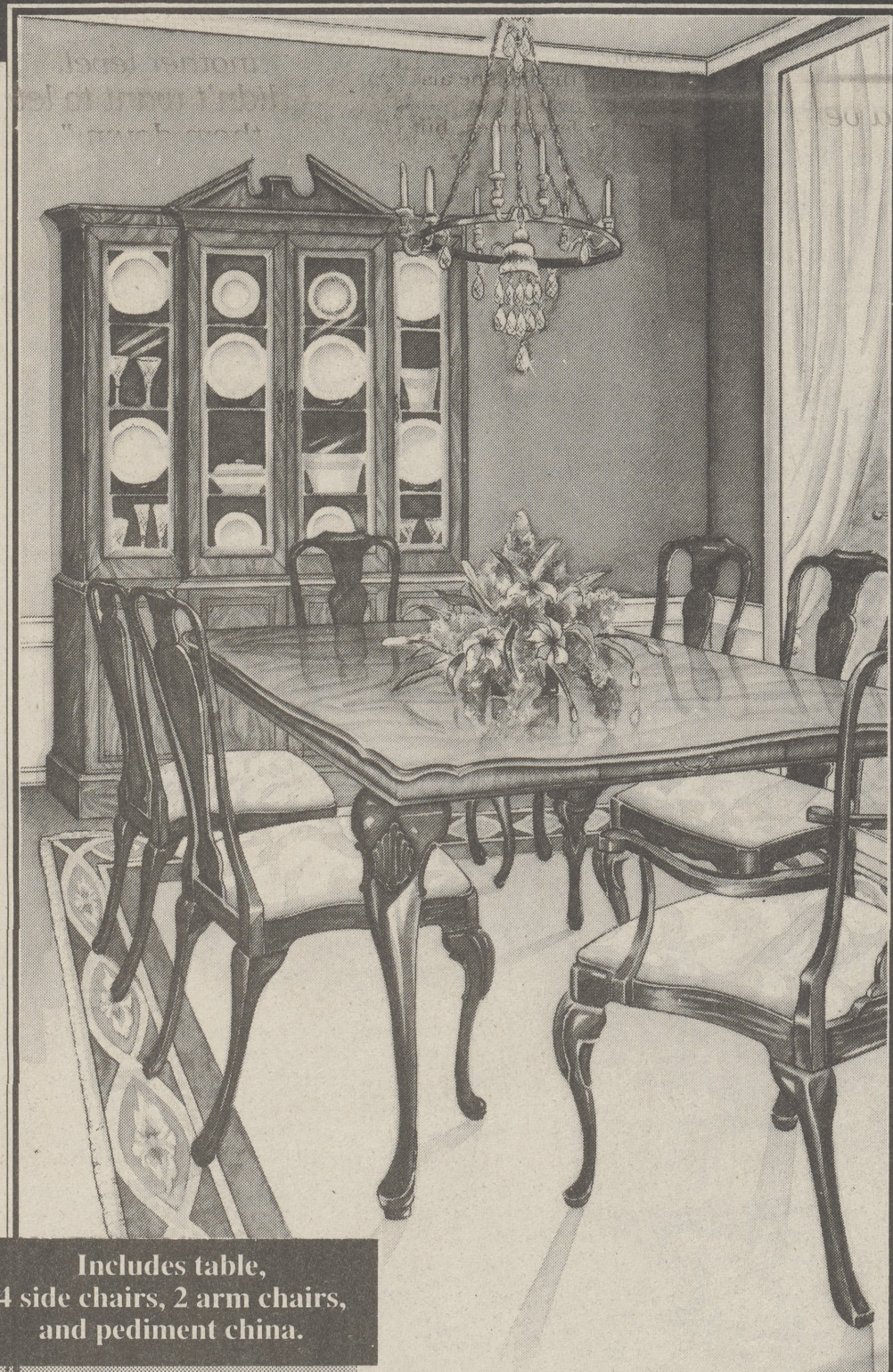
The board commended business manager Charlotte Williams for her work, which has resulted in no adverse findings during the annual audit for the fourth straight year.

In other business, the board voted to:

- Give pay raises to school crossing guards in Kingston Township, from \$7.31 to \$7.66 per hour, and Dallas Borough, from \$5.50 to \$6 per hour. The district pays half of the guards' wages, which are set by the municipalities.
- Approve a list of coaches, substitute teachers, support staff and parent volunteers.

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