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Teen lectures critic on AIDS

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS - Jonelle Humphrey, assistant chairman of the high school AIDS Council, hotly debated including information on condoms in health classes with Shavertown chiropractor Dr. David Madeira at the March 11 school board meeting.

Madeira has previously disseminated information which he says proves condoms have a high failure rate and don't protect people from catching AIDS. The only way to prevent the spread of AIDS is total abstinence, he said.

"Whether you like it or not, kids are having sex," Humphrey said. "Maybe you didn't when you were in school - and I commend you for that. But kids today are having sex. Kids are catching AIDS. Kids are dying. If there's something available that will prevent the spread of AIDS and prevent kids from dying, we should be educated about it."

Criticizing Madeira's information on condoms' high failure rate and the ability of the AIDS virus to escape through miniscule holes between the molecules of the condoms' material, she added, "I spoke to the CDC (Centers for

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Lehman Township architects Rob Lewis and Margaret Bakker, in photo above, confer on the blueprints for a house which they designed, and which was featured in the spring edition of *Fine Homebuilding* magazine. The exterior of the home, left, was designed to resemble a child's drawing of a house, with simple geometry and square windows. The two-story home appears to have three floors because of the way its levels are arranged. Photo courtesy of *Fine Homebuilding*.

Lehman Twp. architects' design gains attention

By GRACE R. DOVE
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LEHMAN TOWNSHIP - A well-known husband and wife team of architects have had a custom home design published in the Spring, 1996 issue of *Fine Homebuilding* annual *Issue on Houses*.

Margaret Bakker and Rob Lewis, who have designed numerous homes in the Back Mountain, worked with artist Kathy Calderwood to create a truly unique dream home and studio on a small hill in Victor, NY, near Rochester.

Calderwood had seen photos of

a home which Bakker had designed in Bear Creek and was referred to Bakker and Lewis by their former employer, Peter Bohlin.

After touring the Bear Creek home and taking Bakker and Lewis to her building site, Calderwood outlined her dream house to them. Inspired by a tall cobblestone style pump house, she wanted a home which would combine the tall, skinny look of a narrow Victorian home with a contemporary home's open floor plan.

"It was a difficult site to work on, the top of a knoll which was steep on three sides," Lewis said. "We told her she wanted to build

"It's like an old house, but more playful and toylike."
Rob Lewis
Architect

a tower on an ant hill. The way the finished home sticks out above the treetops makes it resemble a tree house."

Bakker and Lewis designed the post-modern home so Calderwood's top-floor studio windows catch the morning sun. Other windows have sweeping views of the spectacular landscape

to the west and south.

"Kathy had sketched a few things that she wanted us to include," Bakker said. "We turned her sketches from two dimensions to real space and figured how she could build it affordably."

Bakker and Lewis tucked several shelves and other spaces in various rooms so Calderwood could display her collection of funky toys and memorabilia from the '50's. Large walls show off the beautiful paintings she creates.

Windows are designed for the convenience of Calderwood's two cats and the deck for her to have privacy with the morning newspaper.

Although its east facade looks like a three-story building from the outside, the house is actually set on two floors. A combination office and guest bedroom on the first floor and the second-floor studio are built above the garage, while a living room with a 14-foot vaulted ceiling is stepped up half a level from the garage. The living room and master bedroom above it occupy the western end. Kitchen windows catch the southern sun.

"We had to work around zoning codes which restricted us to a maximum ridge height of 35 feet from the average grade and 2 1/2

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So, what is the Back Mountain?

By BING WOLFE
Special to The Post

What is the Back Mountain? Do you live in the Back Mountain? Where does it begin? And end?

Sue Jones of Keelersburg, near Centerville answered, "I don't live in the Back Mountain, I don't even live in Luzerne County, I live in the Endless Mountains." "Yes, I live in the Back Mountain because I live on the back side of the mountain from the river," responded an auto mechanic who lives in Sweet Valley, Gary Norconk. Another Sweet Valley resident Calista Chambluvier, put it this way, "Yes I only 12 minutes from Dallas, I do live in back of Red Rock Mountain."

Fifty-year resident of Noxen Gilbert Boston said, "Yes, I live in the Back Mountain, it ends down here at Lutz's corners." (Junction of 29/309)

"It begins where the rock cut is and ends about 10 miles that way."

Marty Noon Jr.
Harveys Lake

Donna Baloga, who resides in Lake Township with her husband and children, stated, "Yes I live behind the mountain."

Lake-Lehman High School student Marty Noon Jr. of Harveys Lake put it this way, "Yes, I live in the Back Mountain. It begins where the rock cut is and ends about 10 miles that way." (He pointed North). Marty is a member of the Back Mountain Enduro Riders Club founded about 1958. His father, Marty Sr., has been president of the club since 1976. Club meetings are the first Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m.

at the Farmers Inn. Marty Jr. pointed out that several businesses have Back Mountain in their name: Back Mountain Radiator, Servistar and Music to name a few.

Professional musician, amateur philosopher and owner of Back Mountain Music, Gary McCoog pointed out he is a lifelong resident of the Back Mountain. "What is the Back Mountain? It is people in this safe, caring community, the nice group of people. It is what people make it. It is only in the minds of the people that make it up."

Back Mountain Maid Service has two listings in the phone directory, 836 Tunkhannock and 825 Wilkes-Barre. The message I left on their answering machine went unanswered.

Community service non-profit organizations also include the name Back Mountain. Scott Shemo, an employee of the Back



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Gary McCoog says the Back Mountain is defined more by its people than geography.

Mountain Memorial Library put it this way, "Yes this library is located on Huntsville Road, Dallas in the Back Mountain. The Back Mountain begins at the rock cut 309 and ends beyond Harveys Lake, the county line?"

The term Back Mountain origi-

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Prison water deal leaves mixed taste

By GRACE R. DOVE
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JACKSON TOWNSHIP - It's better than nothing, but some people in Jackson Township aren't satisfied with a compromise solution to the state prison's water use.

The S.C.I.D. Concerned Citizens, which has worked for the past 14 years, with officials at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID) on problems which concern the community, is only partially satisfied with the prison's latest attempt to resolve a dispute over use of the prison's wells for its primary water supply.

In a compromise worked out between corrections commissioner Martin Horn and state sena-

"The department of corrections has not been very cooperative at all."

Pat Rusiloski
SCID Concerned Citizens

tor Charles Lemmond, the prison will use its wells one day a week between May 1 and October 30, buying the rest of its water from Pennsylvania Gas and Water's Ceastown Reservoir.

Horn estimates the new policy will result in an 84 percent savings of well water during the May through October dry season. Dur-

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New zoning officer seeks organization, fairness

By GRACE R. DOVE
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LEHMAN TOWNSHIP - Newly appointed zoning officer Charles Bartlett says he doesn't want to be the Wyatt Earp of the township.

"Some zoning violations occur because people simply didn't know they needed to get a permit before they started work on their property," he said. "The best rule of thumb is to ask first."

A graduate of GAR High School in Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport Technical Institute, Bartlett has a background in construction and technical and legal writing and is self-employed preparing specifications for construction projects. He has also studied at Penn State

and is currently enrolled in a course for zoning officers and public officials through the state Department of Community Affairs and the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Educational Institute.

Bartlett, 55, and his wife, Alice, have lived in the township for 31 years.

"I wouldn't want to live anywhere else," he said. "The people here are very friendly, genuine, sincere and willing to help one another."

Since being appointed in January, Bartlett has begun to computerize the zoning office and update the zoning procedures. "It's important to keep accurate records and be organized," he said.

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Charles Bartlett has been appointed zoning officer in Lehman Township. He and his wife, Alice, have lived in the township for 31 years.

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