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Cimochowski brings help, equipment to Poland

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DALLAS - Cardiac surgeon Dr. George E. Cimochowski, Dallas, has been recognized by President Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore for helping several hospitals in Poland obtain desperately needed equipment.

He met Clinton, Gore and other dignitaries at a reception last week at the White House for Polish president Aleksander Kwasniewski.

Cimochowski has made annual trips to Poland since 1993 to perform cardiac surgery and deliver much needed medical supplies and equipment to the Silesian Center for Heart Disease and other health care facilities. Last year he delivered equipment and performed surgery at the Zabze Hospital, which cares for 20 percent of Poland's heart cases.

"I was flabbergasted to receive an invitation to the White House," Cimochowski said. "I never thought I was that important."

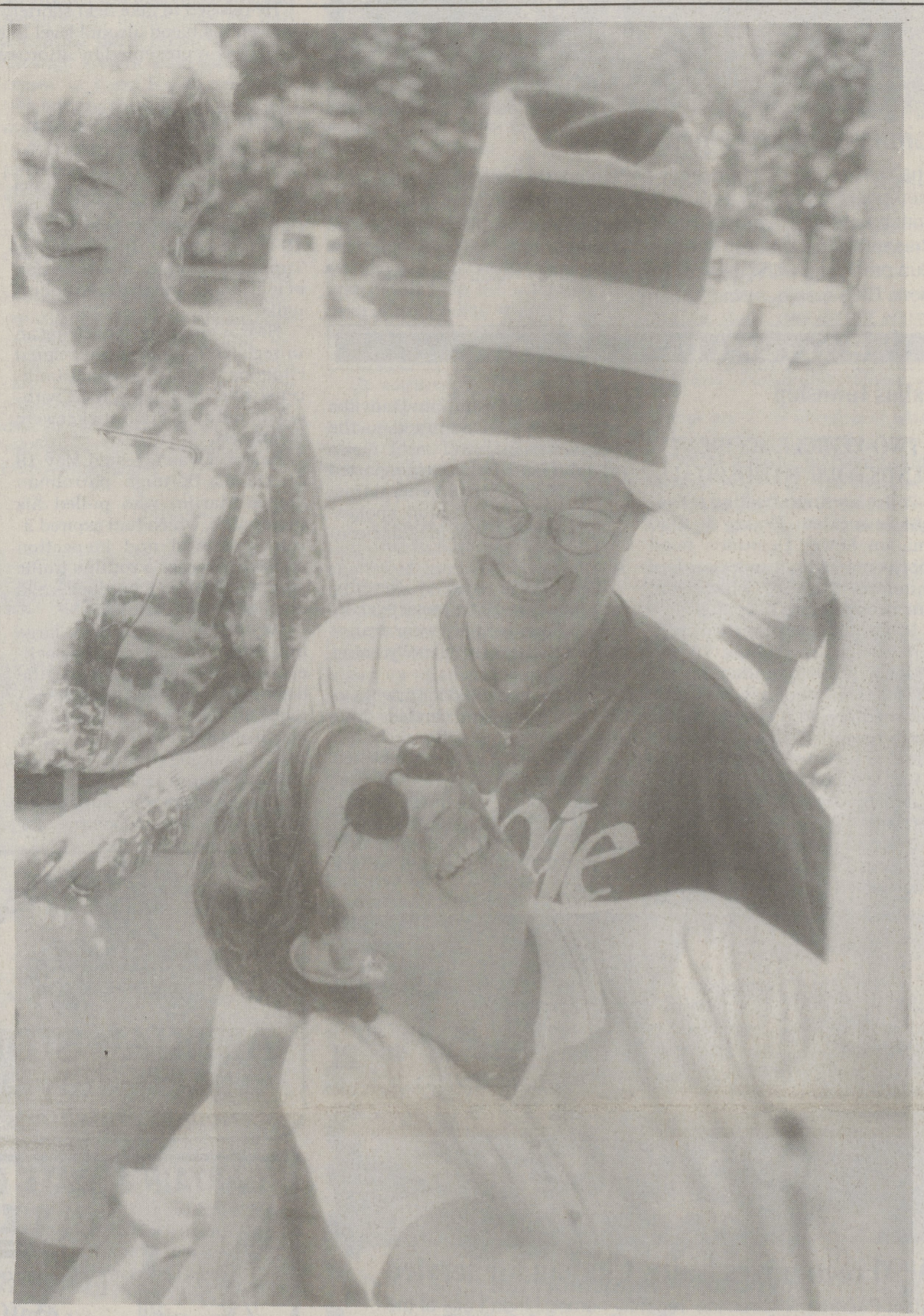
In addition to being known as a politician with a wide range of interests, Kwasniewski is also responsible for organizing Little League in Poland, the future site of its European headquarters, Cimochowski said.

Mrs. Kwasniewski has been compared to First Lady Hillary Clinton - an individualistic, self-made woman, Cimochowski added.

Cimochowski, the chief of cardiac surgery at the Wyoming Valley Health Care System, still hasn't figured out how the White House found out about him. He believes Mrs. Clinton may have heard about them from Dr. Adam Jelonek when she visited the Zabze hospital two weeks ago.

In late September he plans to return to Zabze, located 300 miles southwest of Warsaw, to deliver a lecture on cardiology, and to also visit a children's hospital in Warsaw. Then it's on to Prague.

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LOOK AT THAT CRAZY HAT!

Pat Rosenthal gave Louise Moore and her hat a quizzical look during the "Anything Goes" party at Valley Swim and Tennis Club July 17 in Shavertown. All white tennis attire was put aside, replaced by stripes, bright colors and sun hats during the Ladies' Luncheon. Another photo, pg 5.

'Which Doctor' is on that wailing guitar?

By JACK HILSHER
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DALLAS - The question of the week is, what do doctors Blum, Copely and Freifeld have in common? Give up?

The answer is "Which Doctor," which makes no sense unless you recognize it as the name of a well-known musical group, common to all three doctors because they play in it.

"Which Doctor" might be getting too well-known according to the Back Mountain wife of one of its doctor-musicians, Lora Freifeld, wife of Dr. Martin Freifeld of Dallas, was the one who thought up the group's name, but she says, "I'm not certain they need more publicity. Between his regular practice, and the practice to rehearse, I seem to see him less." Then, with a laugh, "If I hated him it would be different!"

Dr. Freifeld isn't worried. He says, "It's not a job. It's a hobby. Perhaps we play two weekends a month and rehearse one. It's relaxation ... very enjoyable." He plays electric bass for the band.

Freifeld is not exactly a stranger to moonlighting in bands. He says, "All my life I've played in one or another, starting back in Easton and continuing when I lived in France. Even through seven years of medical school. You'd think I'd have my fill of bands by now, but I don't. Especially not this one."

Wife Lora was chairperson of

the Northeast Flower Show, and enjoys extensive gardening at their Shrine View home. They have two sons, Andrew, 12 and Perry, 8, both in Seminary. This summer they have a house guest, Thibeault Larger, 14. His father, a guitar-playing friend in France, sent him here to brush up on his English.

The Freifelds met when Martin was doing his residency in Philadelphia and Lora, formerly a Marcolina from Italy, was a nurse at Germantown. She is also on the board of Northeast Philharmonic and they co-sponsor concerts every year. Two friendly Dalmatians complete the Freifeld household.

One of the band's latest "gigs" was June 21 at Hanson's at Harveys Lake. The occasion, Barry Tenenbaum's 50th birthday party for a mere few hundred of his friends. "Trip," as he is known perhaps more often than Barry, said, "Over the years I've followed Rick Blum's bands and we had hired "Which Doctor" for our annual Christmas party. So when the birthday bash was being planned it was only natural to use them again."

Tenenbaum added, "It was a good choice because everyone had a great time, and it wasn't all one age group. They were various ages but the music really appealed to everyone."

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Dr. Martin Freifeld, Dallas Ob/Gyn, enjoying his favorite hobby, playing in the band "Which Doctor."

DEP says liquid in tanks at Native not hazardous

By ANN POEPPERLING
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DALLAS BOROUGH - Four storage tanks filled with liquid found at the Native Textiles plant do not contain hazardous material, according to officials of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The agency is investigating the tanks because a police report stated that a custodian told Chief Jack Fowler the tanks contained acetone and they were being dug up by Geraghty & Miller Inc., Langhorne. The report also said a field supervisor told the custodian he had permission to flush the liquid into the sewer.

However, when Fowler notified Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Ted Wright he said that acetone is a flammable liquid

and notified borough solicitor Ted Krohn and Dallas Area Municipal Authority manager Tom Bagley. It was decided to have the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) investigate before any flushing occurred. The tanks have been roped off with a tape barrier while the investigation continues.

Mark Carmon, DEP Community Relations Coordinator, said DEP officials Len Insalaco and Ron Berzinsky were at the site July 16 and detected no acetone odors from the tanks, which include a 20,000 gallon tank near the front of the property and four 5,000 gallon tanks partially underground near the back of the property.

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Board leans to separate building - somewhere

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS - Parents of children attending the Westmoreland School once again brought their case before the board at a special property committee meeting July 17.

"We're willing to trade a larger library, big cafeteria and gym for the good educational atmosphere which we have at Westmoreland," said PTO secretary Susan Baiamonte, one of a group of concerned parents who want the district to keep the building open.

"You're discussing figures, but what about academics?" asked Ellen Smith. "What criteria will you use in deciding

Westmoreland's fate?" "What you have at Westmoreland is a lot of satisfied customers," said Andy Brazola, who has sent two of his three children to the school. "If you close the building, you'll be asking a lot of people to pay for losing something. Just fix what's wrong and get back to business."

"It's a building, not a spirit," argued school board member Maureen Banks. "No matter where you put the Westmoreland faculty and students, it will stay the same."

Most of the audience, which included several teachers, responded, "No!"

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Here's how a school building project usually progresses

Since Dallas School District's last renovation projects in 1989 and 1990, many residents may have forgotten what the ominous-sounding Plan-Con process is and why it's necessary.

In order to obtain reimbursement from the state for either renovations or new construction, school districts must submit detailed information and follow a strict set of guidelines.

Simply completing the necessary paperwork can take up to a

year before construction begins, depending on how long it takes the district to gather the required information.

According to information provided by finance manager Charlotte Williams, the first three phases, called A, B and C, can take a good five months.

Section A justifies the need for the construction or renovations and is an organized written de-

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Grand entrance

Shavertown United Methodist has new doors and other accessories. Pg 7.

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gears up for annual ride, with more options this year. Pg 9

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