

Blasting

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more information. "I just want to know when and how they plan to go about it," said Debra Burke who signed the petition.

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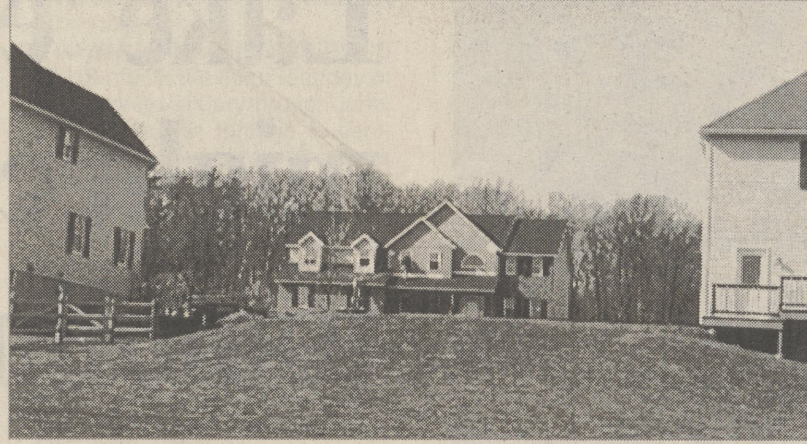
Drew Fitch, co-owner of R.N. Fitch and Sons, developers, said he understands the resident's concerns and is doing all he can to secure a safe environment. Fitch commissioned E.J.W. Drilling and Blasting to perform the blasting of rock to make way for at least 10 more lots. Fitch said his company is taking all precautions to assure the blasting is in accordance with all state safety regulations.

Fitch said he hired Vibratex Engineering of Hazleton to inspect each house in the neighborhood before the blasting occurs, to record the condition of each home. "Vibratex is an expense to us, but it gives people a buffer. Just like an insurance company," said Fitch. With Vibratex, if it's proven there is any damage to a house due to the blasting there is no argument and it will be covered said Fitch.

One resident said she is sceptical about how possible damage

from the blast will be handled since Vibratex is working for R.N. Fitch. Fitch said Vibratex is the largest company of its kind in the country and is independent. "They don't go by what we say. We're small potatoes to them. They work as a buffer for both the residents and us," he said. Vibratex would go to court for residents to prove that damage was done if there is proof, he said.

Fitch adds "Vibratex has \$5 million worth of coverage and R.N. Fitch and Sons has \$7 million." Milton Lutsey, zoning officer



Some neighbors are concerned about blasting for foundations in the Deer Meadow subdivision.

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for Dallas Borough, filed a formal complaint with the Bureau of Mines at the Department of Environmental Protection in response to the petition. "I lodged a formal complaint to get an inspector to

inspect the site to make sure everything is up to state code," stated Lutsey. He added that Fitch was "by the book" and he didn't anticipate any problems. There are no requirements set by the borough concerning blasting, it's all state regulated.

Some of the residents not only fear damage to their home, but also the possibility of carbon monoxide leaking into their homes. Blasting for a new highway is thought to have released the deadly gas in Dunmore recently. Fitch said there is no carbon monoxide in the area. "The blasters do the same thing to put sewers in the front of houses," he said. "Also, if we think there will be blasting too close to the homes, we will use a hydraulic buster," said Fitch.

Fitch explained there are steps to the process of blasting. The first step is to get the paper work together and the houses inspected. Then Vibratex creates a blast plan with times and dates. "After we get all of that information we will pass it out to the residents. I completely understand their fears. I would be happy to have an informational meeting with residents," said Fitch.

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The 24th annual Daffodil Days are just around the corner. Over 5,000 volunteers in Northeast PA will help with the sale of 1.6 million daffodils. The daffodil, which the American Cancer Society terms "the flower of hope" symbolizes hope in the fight against cancer. What better way to put a smile on the face of someone you care for and at the same time put hope in the hearts of many cancer patients.

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Louis L. James, to Cordelia E. Braun, et al, Dallas Twp., \$85,000.
Jane Hagen Guziar, vir at to Luz. Co. Housing Auth., Terrace St., 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$90,000.
Eleanor C. Jones, per atty., to Leonard Perkowski, Jr., 3 Center St., Kingston Twp., \$82,000.
Michael Chakon, et ux, to

Janice C. Keen, Kingston Twp., \$70,000.
Dolores A. Nace, to William D. Cabrera, et ux, Lot 79, Trucksville Gdns., Kingston Twp., \$2,500.
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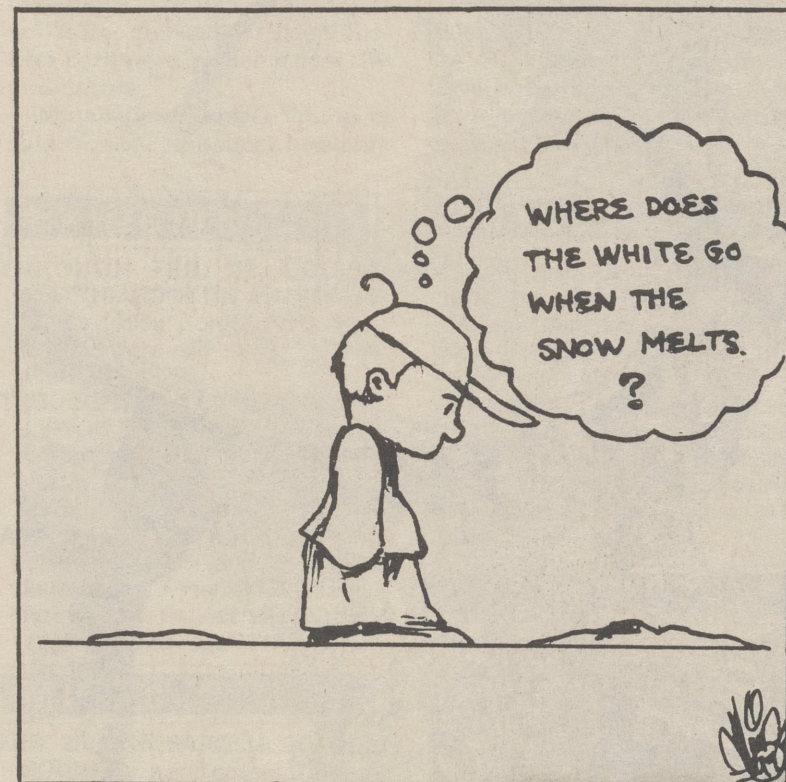


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Chadwick. Not present: Ruth Corcoran, Secretary; Donna Kachmar, Treasurer; Marilyn Ostrum, Social Action; Jean Linker, Program Resources; Nominating Committee, Pat Kirk, Lorraine Allan and Jean Linker. Circle Leaders: Mary Circle, Marilyn Ostrum; Priscilla Circle, Wilma Williams; Ruth Circle, Ruth Corcoran.



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