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Fans rally to keep access to Philly sports on cable

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BACK MOUNTAIN - When John Kirby of Kingston Township heard he might not be getting his beloved Philadelphia sports on cable anymore, he knew he had to do something. Armed with only a computer, he began to e-mail more than 300 people in the area to

rally support for his cause. The new age of grassroots letter-writing campaigns had begun.

Kirby was alarmed when he read in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* that PRISM and Sports Channel Philadelphia would discontinue service after Sept. 30. The two pay channels show both movies and Philly sports. A new sports channel called Comcast Philadel-

"I will be devastated if I can't get my Flyers."

Carol Bugglin
Dallas

phia Sports Network, owned by the owners of the Philadelphia Flyers, the 76ers and a cable company, bought out the broadcast-

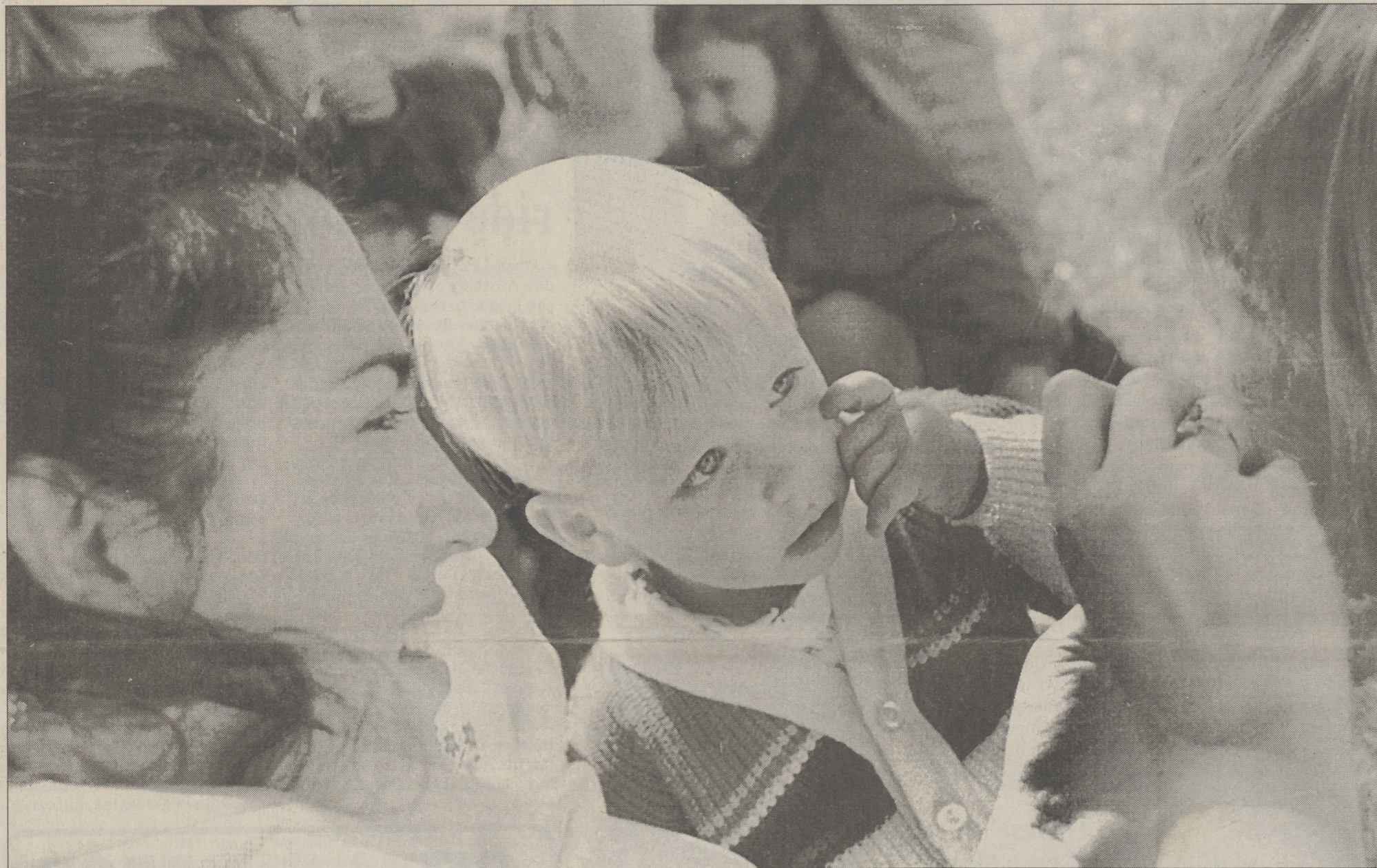
ing rights from those two channels.

After reading the news, Kirby called Tele-Media Co., the cable

company serving the Back Mountain, to find out if they planned to carry Comcast. "I talked to the manager of Tele-Media and was informed that they are not getting the Comcast channel because of cost," said Kirby. "Tele-Media never gave me the same answer twice." Kirby said the cable company now says it does not know if it will be getting Comcast.

Deborah Vanderhoff, Tele-Media system manager at the Back Mountain office, said the company's headquarters is still deciding what to replace the two channels with. "We haven't made a final decision. We should be finalizing within the time frame (by October 1)," said Vanderhoff.

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FASCINATING

Bill Gately Jr., Shavertown, was entranced by face painting at the Trinity Learning Center picnic Monday. He mimicked Susan Rukstals as she applied the paints.

Just over two years old, he's a student at the pre-school, which meets at Trinity Presbyterian Church. More photos on page 5.

Local schools show varied patterns in enrollment

As the 1997-1998 school year begins, enrollment calculations show that while Dallas Senior High has gained 140 students in the last 10 years, elementary schools have decreased in enrollment. The kindergarten class has 54 fewer students enrolled than a decade ago.

Dr. Gil Griffiths, superintendent of schools, said the district hired three part-time teachers at the high school and two instructional aides to help with study hall. Two part-time special needs aides were hired to help supplement the learning support program in Dallas Elementary.

Lake-Lehman's enrollment has stayed consistent for the past four years. During the even numbered years enrollment decreased by about 30 students, but always bounced back the next year. Dr. William Price, superintendent, said there are approximately 100 fewer students going into the middle school than last year. The district had to add a kindergarten teacher to Ross Elementary because of the large population in that grade.

Gate of Heaven School's enrollment has steadily climbed during the past decade. There are now almost 200 more students than in 1987.

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

	1997	1995	1992	1990	1987
Senior High	781	764	695	659	640
Middle School	620	624	656	575	716
Dallas Elem.	673	685	658	674	627
Westmoreland	439	435	464	471	516
Total Elem.	1112	1120	1122	1145	1143
Grand Total	2513	2508	2473	2379	2499

LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

Only enrollment figures for last four years were available

	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Senior High	695	671	691	668	657
Middle School	404	352	337	373	391
L-Jackson El.	672	670	678	664	673
L-Noxen Elem.	364	414	428	406	418
Ross Elem.	130	122	125	127	128
Grand Total	2265	2229	2259	2238	2267

GATE OF HEAVEN ENROLLMENT

	1997	1995	1992	1990	1987
K-8	510	484	422	388	317



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Amy Lloyd holds the medals she won in swimming competition at the Keystone State Games this summer.

Positive outlook helps teen overcome obstacles

By JESSICA APPOLO
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DALLAS - Amy Lloyd is not your average teen, but if you ask her she will tell you she is no different from any of her friends. After years of riding, training and competing on horses, a medical condition forced her to change direction suddenly and trade her stirrups for swim goggles.

Lloyd, a senior at Wyoming Seminary, started swimming with the Turtles as a freshman. This summer, while many of us were

basking in the sun and planning vacations and weekend getaways, Amy captured two gold medals and set a personal best record at the Keystone Games swim competition. As if that wasn't enough, she also competed in her first triathlon. She and two friends placed third in the female relay team division of the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon.

Amazingly, just three summers ago, prior to her freshman year, Amy was diagnosed with a rare

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Neighbor pursuing appeal of cell tower

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DALLAS TWP. - Dr. Roger Landry is ready to appeal the decision made by township officials to allow Cellular One to build a 280-foot cellular tower on township land.

After the Aug. 11 unanimous vote, Landry said he would appeal the building permit issued by Len Kozick, zoning officer. Landry was required by law to wait until the official minutes of the meeting were issued.

"The minutes just came out," said Landry, who lives less than 200 ft. from where the tower is planned. "(The appeal) will be submitted to the Luzerne County Court of Appeals. Within the next couple weeks it will be official." Landry has 30 days after the official minutes were issued to submit the appeal.

Landry is appealing Kozick's interpretation of the Dallas Township zoning ordinance in regard to height and public utilities. Although building height in the township is restricted to 35 feet.

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Agreement stops work on disputed land, for now

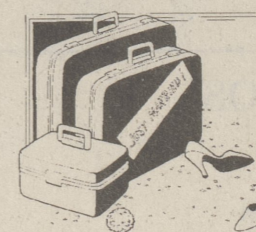
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KINGSTON TWP. - Gerald Fisher who owns 12.5 acres of land behind Frangorma Dr. in Westmoreland Hills agreed before a Luzerne County judge Sept. 8 to discontinue improvements to two lots on the land until a zoning dispute is settled and the planning commission decides on hid subdivision plans.

Fisher is allowed to continue work on an access road on the property. Neighbors of the land believe it should be zoned conservation, while Fisher contends the land is residential.

Ben Gorey, zoning officer, said the judge asked the township officials and Fisher to negotiate. The two parties came up with an agreement that carried the force

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