

## Cable sports

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"We do keep in mind what people want to see." She said the Back Mountain office has received a few calls regarding Comcast.

Kirby received more than 100 responses via e-mail. He said many of them were not only unhappy with the possibility of no Philly sports, but with the cable company's programming in general.

Asked why other people should have to pay for a sports channel they may never watch, Kirby said that is the way cable works. "Tele-Media has the home and garden channel. I pay for it and don't care for it. The Comedy Channel is a another one I don't watch, but pay for. My point is that there is stuff on cable that not everybody watches but they pay for it," said Kirby, whose entire family is Philly fans. "Cable companies should have a little of everything on their lineup. They owe it to us."

Kirby said he learned the Internet is a powerful tool. "I could communicate with hundreds of people in a matter of minutes. If I really wanted to, I could have written several thousand people in just a few days," he said.

Greg Kohli of Dallas Township was one Flyers fan who responded to Kirby's e-mail. Although the only Philly team Kohli likes is the Flyers, he is in full support of Comcast and called Tele-Media to tell them so. "Kirby has a point," said Kohli. "If we don't do this, we're not going to get anything." Kohli said Tele-Media was polite and made note of his vote for Comcast.

Kohli had no idea PRISM and the Sports Channel were going off the air until he read Kirby's e-mail.

Another avid Flyers fan who can't imagine life without her team is Carol Bugglin of Dallas, who contacted the Post independently of Kirby's e-mail campaign. "The only reason I ever took PRISM (at \$11.95 per month) was to see the Flyers," said the fan of more than 25 years.

"I will be devastated if I can't get my Flyers. I'd be willing to pay for Comcast," she said. The Philadelphia native thinks if the cable company can have home shopping channels, they should be able to squeeze in Philly sports too.

"My biggest complaint is that we really have no choice," said Bugglin, referring to the fact there is only one cable company in the area. "We can't say to them, 'We are going to drop you.' You don't have that option. You have to take what they throw at you."

Bugglin said Tele-Media needs to pay more attention to what customers want. "I can't live without the Flyers," she exclaimed, only half jokingly.

Kirby said he is through battling Tele-Media. If what he heard is true and the cable company does not get Comcast he plans to cancel his cable service and get a satellite. "That way I will be able to subscribe to more than 20 sports channels and watch my teams play. I know many others who are also doing the same," he said.



## Fabulous finds

Last week's rummage sale at the Lehman United Methodist Church attracted bargain hunters and vendors. Above right,

Lillian Lamoreaux displayed some interesting jewelry. Cheryl Summa, left, had some dandy socks.

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## Amy Lloyd

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ease of scoliosis of the spine. One month before the start of her freshman year, Amy was admitted to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where she underwent a painful surgery to correct her spine. Doctors permanently attached two 14 inch stainless steel rods to her backbone and inserted screws at the base of her spine to reduce twisting.

During her recovery, Amy opted for the pool as part of her physical therapy. This allowed her to shed her back brace and was the budding of a new passion. More amazing than her accomplishments in this short time is the attitude with which she has embraced life's obstacles. Her philosophy is to "stay positive and focused." She has gracefully put aside her love of riding, and has filled the gap by breeding her pony and focusing on a new passion — swimming.

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**John Sloyan**  
Wyoming Seminary coach

John Sloyan, Seminary swim coach, is one of Amy's fans. "In 12 years of coaching, I've never had a swimmer more gratifying to work with or mature enough to see the big picture," Sloyan said. "Amy stays focused in her training throughout the year and is rewarded as a result of her dedication."

Sloyan said Amy is one the region's top distance freestylers, and finished eighth at the district

championships last winter. He emphasized that Amy has won the team award two years in a row for making every practice.

The Turtles swim 10 months out of the year and during Christmas break, they run practices twice a day. April and August are the two months the Turtles rest, but not Amy. "She's a unique kid," says Sloyan, "and will do extremely well in anything because of her attitude and very intense approach."

Amy's mother, Elizabeth Lloyd, says that her daughter is "remarkable," as are all of her children she's quick to note. She and her husband John agree it is most important "to be as supportive as you can and to take time to be an active part in your children's lives."

In her final year as a Turtle, Amy looks ahead to choosing a college and to continue swimming competitively.

## Tower appeal

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public utilities are exempted. On June 10, Kozick determined the cellular company is a public utility and issued a building permit.

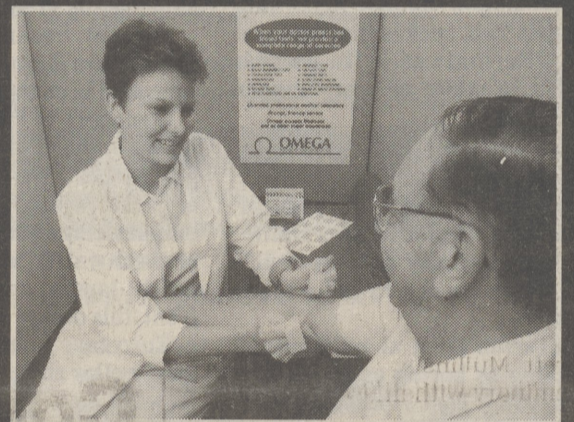
At the Aug. 11 meeting, Mark

McNealis, representing Landry, argued that cellular services should not be considered public utilities. Catherine Naughton, Cellular One's attorney, argued that although they are not a public utility, they are "a utility facility necessary to serve the area," which makes them exempt from the township's height limitation.

Landry is hopeful. "At best it's about a 50-50 chance. I feel there is a good case here," he said. "I think the township is concerned as to what they have done, which is opening the township to anyone to build a tower."

If Landry's appeal is granted, Cellular One will have to tear down anything built up to that point.

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