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Lake-Lehman board still may take vote on Price contract

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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LEHMAN - Moderno Rossi would like the Lake-Lehman school board and Dr. William Price to forget the past and look to the future for the students. The new school board member would like the opportunity to vote on and for a five-year renewal of Price's contract as superintendent of schools. But, some board members feel the district will be better off with-

out him.

"I always backed him," said Rossi. "I read the contract and it's a good contract. I just want to change the part that says he would get a raise from 'time to time.' I want to add to that, 'with board approval.'"

The contract was the same as the one the board agreed to four years ago. It mentioned there would be raises but did not say to what degree.

Price, who has been the

"I don't think people realize the kind of dynamo we got for the bucks."

Karen Whipple
School board member

district's superintendent for three years, abruptly gave his resignation at a regular board meeting earlier this month. In the midst of an unruly meeting with audience members speaking out of turn questioning his pay and contract,

he shocked everyone with his announcement.

"It was a rough meeting right from the beginning with the audience involvement," said Rossi. "I think he got frustrated and felt enough is enough."

Some board members did not want to vote on the issue because Lois Kopcha, board president, was not present when the item was placed on the agenda, a board regulation. Also, board members were notified only the Saturday before their Monday meeting. Many felt that was too little time to make a decision.

Ron Payne said all he wanted to do was table the vote for one month. "If he wouldn't have been stubborn, he would've been vote in (the next month)," said Payne.

Payne believes Price resigned because he lost control of the board. "He said members of the board lost confidence in him, but that's not true. He lost control and power over the board," said Payne.

"The school board is the employer. For so long every school board kowtowed every administration in this valley. The school board is in charge of hiring, the board is boss," Payne said.

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Creek runs underneath parking lot in plan for new store

DALLAS - A proposal to build a new Rite Aid pharmacy at the intersection of Routes 309 and 415 has cleared its first hurdle. But it may be several months before construction can begin, because the plan would require that a section of Toby's Creek be run underground and rerouted.

The new store would be on about two acres of land owned by Jonathan Valentine and now occupied by KW Carpet, between Pizza Hut and the 309-415 Plaza. The land has frontage on Rt. 415, and extends across Toby's Creek and steeply up to Main Street.

Pasonick Engineers of Wilkes-Barre is developing the plan for Rite Aid, and presented it at a recent special meeting of the Dallas Borough Planning Commission. It requires that a 5,000 square foot section of land behind the 309-415 Plaza, which would be used to add parking, be rezoned from residential to business use.

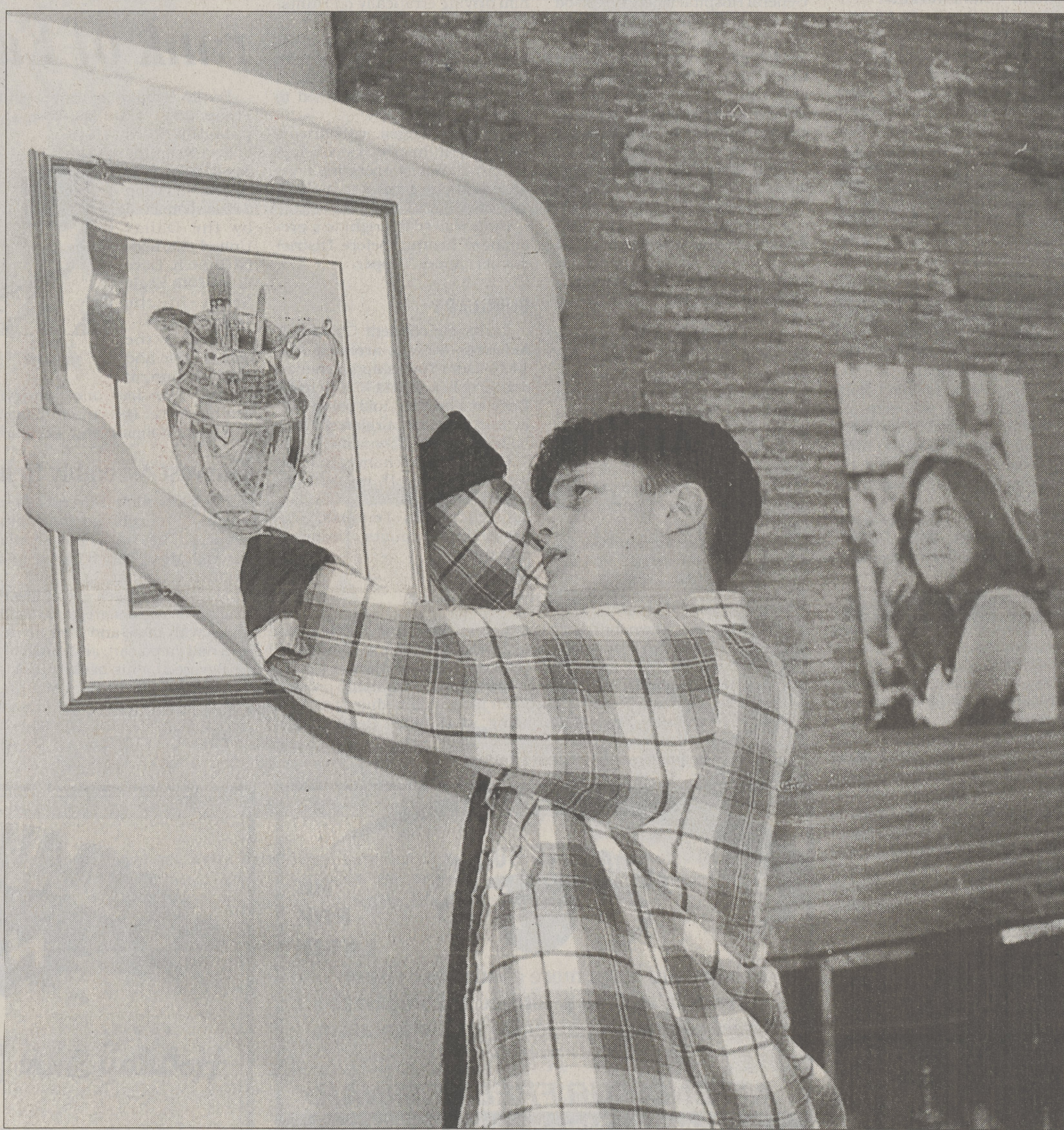
Documents presented to the zoning board indicate Rite Aid intends to build an 11,180 square foot store on the property, including a drive-through canopy at the rear.

The company is also requesting that parking spaces be reduced from 10' by 20', as required by zoning ordinance, to 9' by 18'. A representative of Pasonick Engineers said that is the size used for shopping centers in the Allentown area.

The proposed change in the zoning map will probably be discussed at the next meeting of Dallas Borough Council, which will take place Tuesday, March 17 at 8 p.m. It is expected to gain approval.

The most critical aspect of the plan is a proposal to run Toby's

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POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Eye-ing the art

Under the watchful eye of a photograph of Suzanne Maria Rosetti, Kevin Rowland, Beaumont, hung a painting for the 17th annual Suzanne Maria Rosetti Memorial Juried Art Show, which will open March 1 at the McDonald Art Gallery at College

Misericordia. Judges selected 320 of more than 900 entries that were submitted. Entries were accepted from 7th to 12th grade students in the Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Tunkhannock and Northwest school districts. Story, more photos on page 3.

Borough employees get raises

By MEIRA ZUCKER
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HARVEYS LAKE - The borough council voted unanimously at the Feb. 17 meeting to give borough employees raises of up to 19 percent. Council members said the increases were necessary to bring borough employees' pay in line with the rates in other towns.

Police chief Jeff Butler will now be paid an annual salary of \$25,000; borough secretary Carole Samson's pay rate increased from \$9.25 per hour to \$10.25; road supervisor Charlie Musial goes to \$8.76 per hour; Norman Steidinger, road laborer, will be paid \$7.45 per hour, up from \$6.44; and road worker David McRoy's rate goes from \$5.41 to \$6.45 per hour.

The borough has received a \$5,000 grant, Francis Kopko, borough council president, reported. Designated for use by the police department, the money was distributed through Rep. George Hasay's office. The borough hopes to use the money for new portable radios. "We need good quality radios due to the terrain here," Kopko said.

The council again heard a complaint from Wayne Smith regarding the new borough maps that identify certain roads under new names. He said he has received a "vicious and threatening phone call" about the name change of Briarcrest Road to Boyle Road.

Martin Noon, council president, replied that the road begins in Lehman Township, where it is called Boyle Road. "The police consider it Boyle," said Noon. "The streets department calls it Boyle."

The new 911 system has required the change, argued Noon, and several road names in Harveys Lake had to change so there would be no duplication of street names. "We can't go back," said Noon.

In additional business, the council voted to appoint Jim DeGeorge as Acting Zoning Officer, replacing Fred Javer, who resigned in January.

Township planners consider tower regulations

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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BACK MOUNTAIN - As cellular phones become more common, so must cellular towers. Some local planning commissioners are taking a close look at these structures and the regulations that go along with them, hoping to avert a landscape dominated by metal "sticks," as one commissioner calls them.

The Kingston Township Planning Commission has started to discuss policies that might be added to the zoning ordinance regarding cellular towers. Currently there are no regulations in the township's ordinance specifically concerning cellular towers.

Ed Price Jr. said the commissioners discussed tower height in relation to the land on which it is built, construction and removal, and screening or camouflaging

the towers.

"If the tower is 150 ft. high, then it would have to be on a parcel 175 ft. by 175 ft. so it wouldn't fall on anyone," said Price.

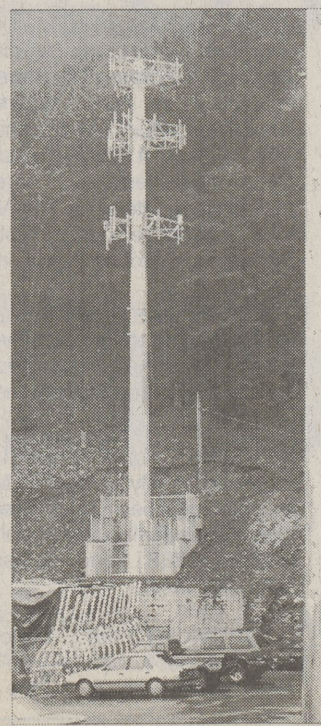
He said the commission definitely wants towers to be removed after they are no longer in use. "We want to make sure there are means in place to assure it will be removed," Price said. "What if the company goes bust and a tower was built on private land? We would probably hold the landowner responsible. Another option would be to ask the cellular company to put up a bond and renew it every year."

Also there is the issue of how to hide the tower and make it more esthetically pleasing. "We'd like to get the towers camouflaged. The law limits what we

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Two towers. At left, a photo of a tower near the intersection of the Northeast Extensions and I-76, disguised as a pine tree. At right, a new tower in Kingston Township, behind Rider's World.



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Dallas Gridiron Club holds spaghetti dinner fund raiser. Photos on page 5.

■ **Wedding bells**
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