

LETTERS

Says Kingston Twp. was wrong to cut trees

To the Citizens of Kingston Township, PA:

Let it be known that from November 3-5, 2000 on the watch of the current Kingston Township Board of Supervisors, a 105-year-old Pennsylvania white ash tree was removed from the embankment above the old Township building at Carverton Road. This tree had no internal blemishes.

This clearcut by "TP Tree Service" under contract by Kingston Township, netted at least two full logging trucks of prime, hardwood timber.

According to an interview with Mr. Jeffrey K. Box, Township Manager, on November 3, 2000, most of the trees designated for removal were dead or dying. This is false. The photographic record and inspection show that with a few exceptions, the trees were

healthy and posed no public safety hazard.

In the name of public safety, Kingston Township has clearcut the trees on a steep embankment. This critically destabilizes the slope above the building, threatening the parking lot below and the newly opened Anthracite Scenic Trail at the crest of the embankment. Erosion, if unchecked, from this site will degrade the water quality of Toby's Creek, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

The unilateral action by Kingston Township supervisors to cut these trees represents:

- (1) a failure by the township to work in partnership with community environmental leaders;
- (2) an illegal "takings" of a community resource without due consideration and process;
- (3) ignorance of the Chesapeake Bay compact and Luzerne County

erosion management regulations;

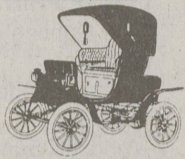
(4) flagrant disregard of Article 1, Section 27, of the Pennsylvania Constitution;

"The people have the right to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustees of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all people."

I call upon all citizens of Kingston Township to protest this clearcut and to demand complete ecological and engineering restoration of the damaged site.

Mike Case  
Trucksville

ONLY YESTERDAY



70 Years Ago - Nov. 7, 1930  
LAKETON STUDENTS WIN VOCATIONAL PRIZE

The students of the Intermediate Grades of Laketon won first prize in the vocational exhibition given at Irem Temple during institute week. The children had prepared a Pilgrim Project. Honorable mention was given to the Indian project of the A grammar students taught by Miss Adda Edwards.

Now playing at Himmler Theatre, "Follow Through" starring Nancy Carroll.

60 Years Ago - Nov. 8, 1940

WEATHER DELAYS HIGHWAY'S SECOND LANE

Unfavorable weather delayed the completion of the second lane of concrete on the new highway into Dallas. Paving operations were suspended when State inspectors called an abrupt halt as the sudden cold snap drove tem-

peratures below the level permitted by the State for cement laying.

You could get - ASCO tomato soup, 4 cans, 19¢; apples 6 lbs., 25¢; iceberg lettuce, 2 hds, 15¢; fancy snow white mushrooms, 1 lb. basket, 23¢; pork chops, 21¢ lb.; fish fillets, 12¢ lb.

50 Years Ago - Nov. 10, 1950  
NEW ANTIQUE SHOP, APARTMENTS BEING BUILT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stolarick of Lehman celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 15. The couple were married at St. Hedwig's, Kingston, in 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Bartell of Kingston are constructing a new apartment and antique shop along Memorial Highway at Fernbrook opposite Noone's Garage. Mrs. Bartell will operate the antique business.

40 Years Ago - Nov. 3, 1960  
NEW A&P MARKET TO BE BUILT

Berretta Construction has received the contract for construction of the first unit - the new A&P Super Market in the new Dallas Shopping Center at the intersection of Routes 309 and 115.

Atty. Fleming was appointed Borough Solicitor replacing the

late Atty. Roscoe B. Smith at a special meeting of Dallas Borough Council Tuesday evening.

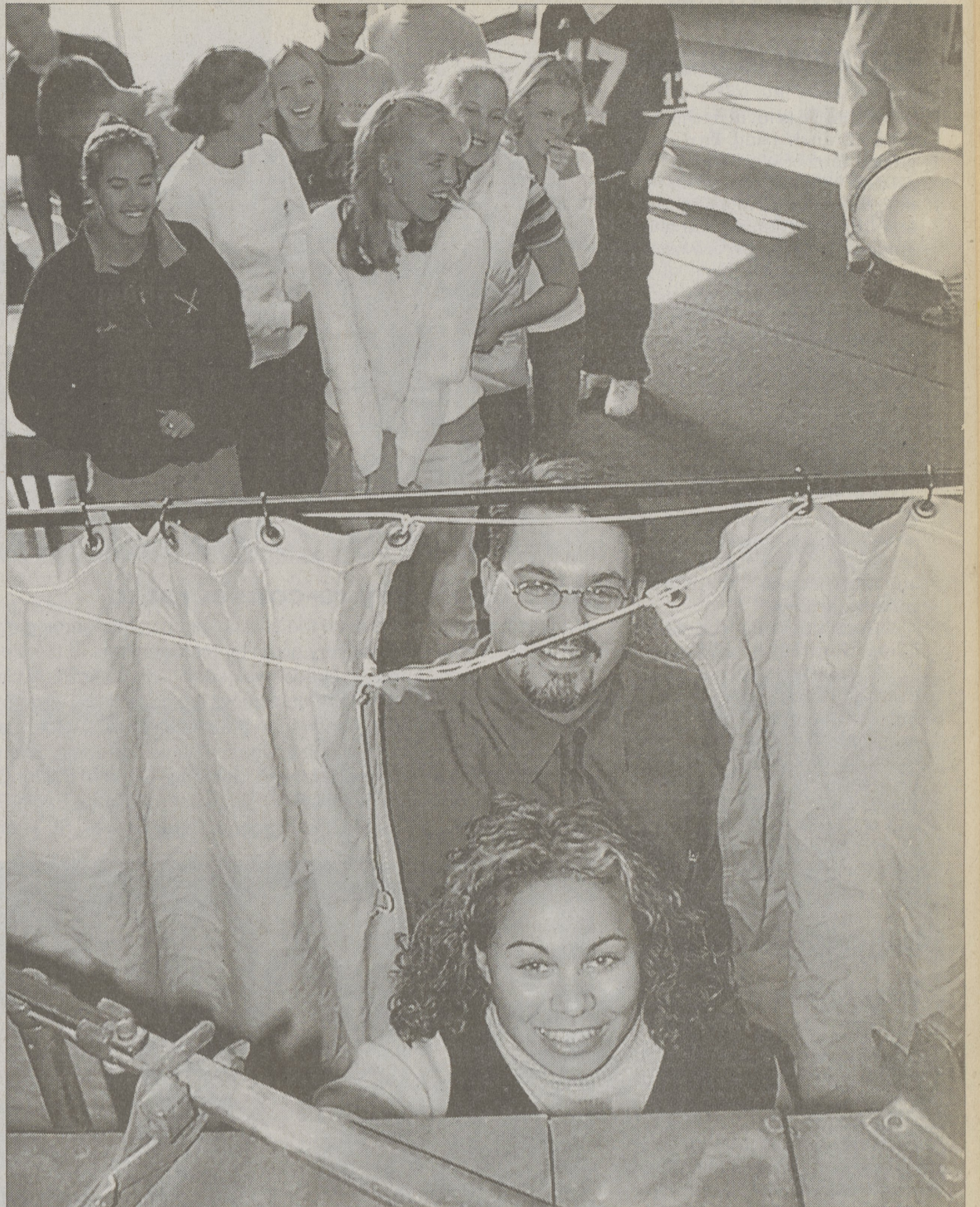
30 Years Ago - Nov. 5, 1970  
LIBRARY TAX LOSES BIG

The question of municipal support for the Back Mountain Memorial Library was resoundingly defeated in Tuesday's election when 2,125 persons voted against a referendum which sought to provide a 2-mill tax for the library. Eight hundred twenty eight voters cast 'yes' votes on the question.

You could get - Boneless round roast 99¢ lb.; ground round, 99¢ lb.; Dole drinks, 3 - 46 oz. cans \$1; seedless grapefruit, 5 lb. bag 59¢; red potatoes, 5 lb. bag, 49¢.

20 Years Ago Nov. 6, 1980  
UP WITH PEOPLE COMES TO DALLAS JR. HIGH

Up With People are in town. At least their advance team has arrived. Judy McBride and J.R. Roach are members of Up With People promotion team, who came two weeks in advance of the entire cast of approximately 100 members. The cast will present its musical Monday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dallas Junior High School. The GFWC, Dallas Junior Woman's Club will sponsor the program.



Practice makes voters

Students at Lake-Lehman High School participated in a mock election last week. An actual voting booth was set up in the school lobby and students stopped by to cast ballots throughout the day. In top photo, Cecelia Candelario got some tips on using the machine from Ryan Lindbuchler, a social studies teacher. At right, Stephanie Card stepped into the booth.

The final tally:  
George Bush - 272; Al Gore - 168; Ralph Nader - 43; Howard Phelps - 7; Patrick Buchanan - 3.

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**DATE:** Wednesday, November 15th  
**PLACE:** Shadowbrook Inn & Resort  
Rt. 6, Tunkhannock  
(COMPLIMENTARY DINNER BUFFET)  
**TIME:** 5:00 p.m. Seminar  
**SPEAKER:** Gary T. Crisci, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch

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