Jeffrey J. Malak of Chase Rd. in Shavertown has successfully passed both the Pennsylvania and

New Jersey 2000 Bar Examinations. Malak is a 1993 Cum Laude graduate of Wyoming Seminary, a 1997 honors graduate of Johns Hopkins University, and a 2000 dual graduate of Pennsylvania State Univer-



sity and Dickinson School of Law, where he received both a Juris Doctor and a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Man-

While at Penn State-Dickinson, Malak clerked for the United States Attorney's office of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and also clerked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Office of General Counsel.

Attorney Malak, an associate with the Powell Law Group, West Hazleton, PA, will concentrate his practice areas in litigation and municipal law. Jeffrey is the son of Paul and Sylvia Malak.

Kristin Gattuso, CPA, has been named a new manager at Parente Randolph of Wilkes-Barre. Gattuso leads Parente Randolph's

Pension Plans specialty group, serving clients throughout the Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware regions. She is a

member of the American and Pennsylvania Institutes of Certified Public Accoun-

ing from King's College. Gattuso lives in Shavertown with her husband, James, and her sons Tanner, Dalton, and

tants; she holds a BS in account-

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Members of the Dallas School Board, from left, front row: Frank Natitus, Deborah Morgantini, President Ernest Ashbridge, Jr, Karen Kyle. Back: Thomas W. Russ, James Richardson, John Litz, Anthony Barbose. Absent: Maureen Banks.

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architect, assured the board that to thank the school board for their there is disagreement among the "doing all the remedial work is part of the estimate.'

In other business, the Albert B. Melone Company has been re-appointed the district's Business Consultant from July 1, 2001-June 30, 2004.

Dr. Griffiths announced the month of January is School Board Recognition Month. He proceeded

diligence and dedication, not to mention "the many hours they put in without compensation ... making sure the children of the school district get an excellent education." He cited recent changes such as technological advancements, construction and renovations that the board has ably dealt with, and said even on the occasions when

members, the outcome has been positive. Then Dr. Griffiths presented each of the board members with "a small token of recognition for being a part of the Dallas educational family," a crystal apple paperweight with his or her name engraved on a plate in the wooden

## **Arts Alive**

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really enjoyed it, so I jumped at the chance.

Kelley thinks Mrs. Morris is an excellent instructor. "Mrs. Morris really pushes me," she said. "She's great. If you want to decorate a chair, she'll get you a chair and you can decorate it." She also finds her art classes rewarding: "I like to help people with their art. A lot of them say they can't do it. That's impossible, because you can do

Kelley said she is considering a career in art education - she comes from a family of teachers and educators herself — so the experience at Arts Alive was good for her. "It really helps me with my college interviews," she said — she

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> **Kelley Adams** Dallas HS senior

is considering Kutztown University and Elizabethtown — and she intends to use several of the pieces she created in her portfolio. Kelley also said she enjoyed meeting other students and the diversity of her

classmates, who came from all over Pennsylvania and parts of

"My parents, especially my father, have been very encouraging of me going into the arts," Kelley said. Her grandmother, who takes art lessons herself, has been a great influence on Kelley: "She, most of all, has been encouraging. I call her every week and say, 'Gran, how do I do this?" Her family has always given her art supplies at Christmas and on her birthdays, and this year her grandmother gave her a beret for Christmas. "She wants me to wear it while I paint," Kelley said, laugh-

### Nextel

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sented in the case by the procession of witnesses, professional and otherwise, and stated their reasons for wanting or not wanting a, monopole and compound to be erected on the property of Daniel Voitek in the Woodridge II development in Shavertown.

Anzalone requested the application be denied and Planning Commission Chief Edward Price, Jr., gave a summary of events on behalf of the commission. Price read the schedule of hearings and events, and noted the commission had received copies of the hearing transcripts, plus at the regularlyscheduled meeting on Jan. 4 had requested in addition "certain texts of legal decisions in similar cases."

Price then turned to the commission and asked if they had had a full opportunity to form an opinion on the conditional use application. The other members of the commission — Frank Grabowski, Michael Kolesar, Sam Merrill, and Sean McAndrew — said yes, they had. Then Price asked for a motion to approve or deny Nextel's conditional-use application.

There was a moment of silence. The spectators, including almost a dozen Woodridge residents, sat nervously; not exactly on the edge of their seats, but close to it.

Finally Kolesar cleared his throat and made a motion to deny approval to the board of superviing the evidence presented.

sors. Merrill seconded the motion. Price and McAndrew voted yes. Grabowski voted no. The motion

"Regardless of how the commission voted, they deserve a lot of credit for their commitment," said Anzalone. The spectators broke

into a spontaneous round of ap-"We generally don't get a lot of compliments," Price said. "This was a tough one, but I feel we made the

right decision.' The other members of the planning commission did not wish to comment.

When the meeting was adjourned, the residents planned to go out to celebrate. Anzalone cautioned it wasn't over yet; the board of supervisors could still overturn the recommendation. He hoped, however, they wouldn't, because of all the hard work, long hours, and careful consideration the planning commission put into the case. If the supervisors chose to disregard the recommendation, he said, "it would be like a slap in the face to the commission."

The Kingston Twp. board of supervisors will address the Nextel issue on Wed., Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Kingston Twp. municipal building. In the meantime, they are in the process of reviewing the transcripts of the hearing and study-

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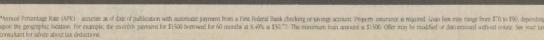
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