

EDITORIALS

# Store plan raises warning signals

While neighbors to the property that will soon be home to a large convenience store/gas station raised many valid arguments against its construction Monday night, the Kingston Township planning commission had little choice but to approve the project. Had they not done so, the township would very likely have become the target of a lawsuit on behalf of Sheetz, the company that will develop the Trucksville site, since it appears to have adhered to township ordinances in its plan.

Kingston Township is generally considered the most progressive community in the Back Mountain, with tighter zoning regulations and firmer enforcement than surrounding towns. Even so, it's clear that more can be done to prevent the kind of development that has ruined the appearance and livability of hundreds of formerly rural communities across the nation.

This is yet another call for the towns that make up this region to form a regional plan of development that includes stringent restrictions on commercial property. The Back Mountain's strong appeal to businesses and families provides leverage that can be used to channel growth in a way that doesn't diminish the assets that have brought many of us here. But time is getting very short, and those charms are rapidly being lost forever. It's time to take action now.

# Old folks, young folks add to zest of life

It's a good thing there are plenty of young people and older ones around. (We'll refrain from calling the latter "senior citizens," since that seems to be a mild slur in some eyes.) If it weren't for them, life around the Back Mountain would be much less colorful and fulfilling, since so many of those in between must devote themselves to careers and building bankrolls that will carry them into retirement.

And it's a good thing there are activities for the young and old that allow them to be productive in their own ways. Last week's Post, for example, contained an article about members of the Back Mountain Senior Citizens' Club, and another about Wyoming Seminary hockey players who traveled to the Czech Republic. The experiences were telling at both ends of the spectrum, as the older folks displayed an enthusiasm for their hobbies and interests equal to that of the high school students.

Both age groups enrich the lives of those around them, and allow all of us to experience a taste of the past and a glimpse of the future, both of which look bright through the eyes of and words of our neighbors.

## Publisher's Notebook

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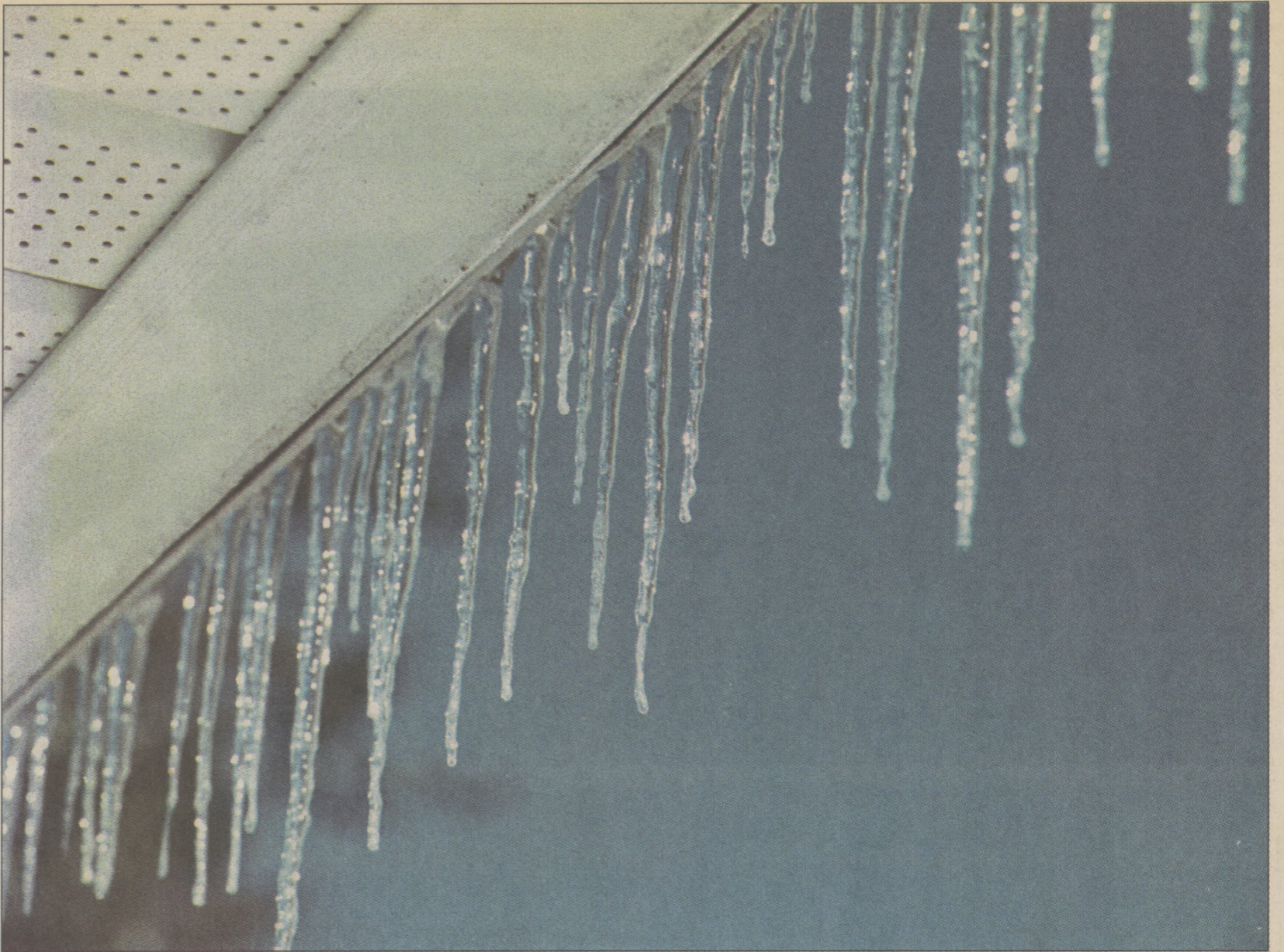


Unless you've been living in a cave, you couldn't miss news reports about the departing Clintons' tawdry removal of items from the White House, not to mention their house warming gifts from notable contributors. Having recently made a change in employment status, I'm quite sympathetic to their desire to make the most of their service, although it hadn't occurred to me to put someone on staff to call around and request gifts from people who would otherwise be just as happy to see me slink away into the night. I guess that's one difference between the Clintons and most of us; we expect to earn the trappings of life that surround us, they expect someone to donate them.

I must admit to being inspired, though, and as the saying goes, it's never too late to start. I guess we begin by taking home every item in the office that isn't nailed down. They're not all that glamorous, and none carry the presidential seal, but we can use a couple more staplers and a few boxes of paper clips. I've also set up gift registries at Rave's Ski Loft, J&J Deli and Ochman's so that loyal supporters can donate a parka, hoagie or a state quarters map to make our life a little more comfortable and interesting. Believe me, I know how many of you there are, so we're not expecting much.

As for housewarming gifts - we did move just a few years ago, and we never got anything from you - our tastes are much simpler than the Clintons' desire for \$5,000 sets of flatware and \$20,000 sculptures. We could use a new microwave (with that fancy rotating turntable), a set of tumblers and a throw rug; that's not too much to ask, is it? You may be thinking there's no reason for anyone to give us presents, since we didn't grant pardons to their relatives or protect them from legislation that would have harmed their business, reducing their income from \$3 gazillion to only 10 or 20 million a year.

But that's the beauty of this; the Clintons deny there's any connection to past favors, just loving friends doing their little part to cushion Bill and Hill's transition from most powerful couple in the world (separately) to dutiful citizens working selflessly for the betterment of others. Doing good will always be its own best reward, but it doesn't hurt to pick up a few trinkets along the way.



Ready for the thaw. Photo by Jim Phillips.

## LETTERS

# Effort to recycle beauty, hygiene products a must

Editor,

For years I've been following my dentist's instructions to floss my teeth at least once daily. And today, for the first time, I bought a new brand of dental floss. As I examined the packaging, I read the terrible statistic that as many as 700 million plastic floss

containers, equivalent to 9 million pounds of plastic, end up in the landfill each year! (This brand has cardboard packaging.) That's just one little item. Add to that the toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, "disposable" razors, and the vast array of deodorants, shaving creams,

cosmetics and beauty products that are consumed in the bathroom and multiply by 700 million. That doesn't include the recyclable stuff like shampoo, vitamin and pill bottles or the discards from the other rooms of the house. What a staggering amount of waste! We must de-

mand and purchase products made from renewable resources and that incorporate recycled packaging. We must do a better job of recycling our own waste.

Margaret Bakker  
Jackson Twp.



### 70 Years Ago - Jan. 30, 1931 PLANES MAKE USE OF HARVEY'S LAKE ICE

Harvey's Lake, always popular during the summer, was almost as popular recently, when hundreds availed themselves of the excellent skating, and journeyed there to spend the day. A novelty was afforded when Howard Sterne and Anthony Janerick, of Wyoming Valley, arrived with airplanes and carried passengers on flights, taking off at Sandy Beach from the ice which now bounds the lake. About 30 passengers were carried. Janerick, who is a limited commercial pilot, had his two-passenger Bird plane, and Sterne, a transport pilot had his two passenger Aristocrat.

Dr. S.R. Dhalwani, a lecturer and traveler of Bombay, India, gave a very interesting talk on India before the Dallas school. The lecture topics included "The Social and Education Life of the People of India," (Hindu music by demonstration); and "Personalities of Three Great Men of India: Mahatma Gandhi, R. Tagore, Sadhu Sundar Singh." He demonstrated how to make turbans in three different ways. He speaks four different languages besides English.

In the second basketball game of the evening, due to the sickness of the players on the Shavertown team, in two cases, another where a member attended the fights, another was called away on business, and Billy Davis was waiting for someone to get him, it was necessary for VanCampen to borrow four players from Lehman, with the consent of Manager Roberts, of the Dallas team. Herm recruited the two Ides, Dorsett and Scovell, and what a game it turned out to be with Travis and Price, of Shavertown, playing a bang up game.

### 60 Years Ago - Jan. 31, 1941 LOCAL PASTOR GRANTED LEAVE FOR ARMY DUTY

Rev. Franklin R. Payne, pastor of Govan's Christian Church, Baltimore, Md., will assume his duties as pastor of Huntsville Christian Church sometime during February. Mr. Payne will replace Rev. C.H. Frick, who is expected to leave about February with 109th Field Artillery, of which he is chaplain, for a year's training at Indiantown Gap. Rev. Frick has been pastor of the Huntsville church, serving it from his pastorate at Wyoming Avenue Christian Church, Forty Fort, for the past 20 years.

Although the influenza epidemic was on the wane this week in the Dallas area, physicians were not optimistic that it will not pay a return visit in more severe form. In Dallas Township schools which have been hit hard for the past two weeks there was a recession in absence from a peak of 130 on Monday to 99 yesterday. Lake and Kingston Township schools have so far escaped the epidemic with absences being reported only 2 percent above normal.

Charlie Harris, who collapsed while in the Dallas Post Office recently, is able to be up and about his home. Mr. Harris is 83 years of age and had spent a strenuous morning shoveling snow at his house and at First National Bank, where he is custodian. Dr. Swartz said his illness was due to over exertion.

### 50 Years Ago - Feb. 2, 1951 STATE APPROVES LEHMAN SCHOOL FINANCIAL PLAN

Plans for a new building for Lehman-Jackson schools, submitted by the recently organized Lehman-Jackson Building Authority, have been approved by Harrisburg. Construction will match the present building erected in 1939, concrete block with brick facing. Unless war scarcities or priorities interfere, work will start when the weather moderates. The school will cost approximately \$250,000 a figure which it is hoped will mean no revision of taxes for Lehman and Jackson Townships.

A patch of burning linoleum,

causing dense billows of black sooty smoke, caused a large proportion of the damage in a \$2,000 fire at Harvey's Lake. The Grover Andersons had been in New Jersey for a visit, returning to their home at Point Breeze. Mr. Anderson Sr., noting that the house was chilly in advance of their arrival, built a small fire in the newly installed furnace, not yet equipped with connections to the pipeless register in the floor above. Early the next morning Mrs. Anderson went down to the basement to put on the draft, and back to bed until the house should warm up. A short time later, Harvey's Lake fire department got a call. The kitchen linoleum had caught fire, also a corner of the living room davenport. A complete re-decoration job is indicated.

Contagious diseases among the grade students in Lake, Lehman-Jackson, Dallas, and Kingston townships and Dallas Borough have been confined to mumps and chickenpox, seasonal visitations normally centering about the first grade. At Lake, however, one disgusted senior found himself breaking out in pustules, and the chickenpox from which the school has been suffering for a month and a half started in the third grade, working down to the first.

### 40 Years Ago - Feb. 2, 1961 AREA LIBRARY WAS DREAM OF MRS. LEGRAND

Ruth A. LeGrand, 69, Baldwin Street, Dallas, died at General Hospital, where she was admitted. She had made a valiant fight for recovery from a stroke which disabled her some years ago, determined to regain full use of her limbs, and succeeding to a notable degree, never permitting anyone to do for her anything which she could do for herself. Mrs. LeGrand, a strong supporter of everything worth while in the community, was honored by Daddow Isaacs Post 672 at a testimonial dinner recently. Back Mountain Memorial Library was the outgrowth of two Book Clubs launched by Mrs. LeGrand in the days before the library was even a vision. With Miss Frances Dorrance, she was honored by life membership in

the Library Association. She had lived in Dallas since 1926.

Clyde Birth's Dallas Esso station in cooperation with the Wyoming Valley Motor Club, is now providing speedier dispatch of road service through the AAA Club's newly organized two-way radio network of service stations. Automobile Club members needing first aid for their vehicles will get the full advantage of the modernizing program when they call the Club for help.

Four local boys are at Fort Knox, Kentucky serving with the National Guard for six months. Twins, Cecil and Calvin Sutton, Drew Fitch, and Bob Wheeler.

### 30 Years Ago - Feb. 4, 1971 WEIS MARKET OPENS NEW DALLAS COMPLEX

The new and handsome Weis Market located in the Dallas Village Shopping Center opened for business with little more fanfare than warm smiles of welcome from the store's employees. One thousand "early-bird gifts" have been given to shoppers each day. One of the largest Weis Markets to date, it has a total area of 23,000 square feet. The new Weis market is the first business to open in the Dallas Village Shopping Center. Store manager is Thomas Mertz, former manager of the Weis store in Dundee; he will soon reside at Harvey's Lake.

Sam Zachary is currently appearing with the B.S.C. Players in a Bloomsburg State College production of "Man of La Mancha." Sam, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zachary, Shavertown, graduated from Dallas Senior High School in 1967 and is now a senior majoring in speech and theatre at Bloomsburg. He has appeared in college productions of "Dark of the Moon," "A Streetcar Named Desire," "My Sister Eileen," "Little Mary Sunshine," and "Henry IV." He has also done technical work in the areas of publicity, box office, lights, stage crew, stage manager.

No 20 Years Ago segment appears this week to allow the timing of issues to match more closely to the current year. It will resume next week.

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