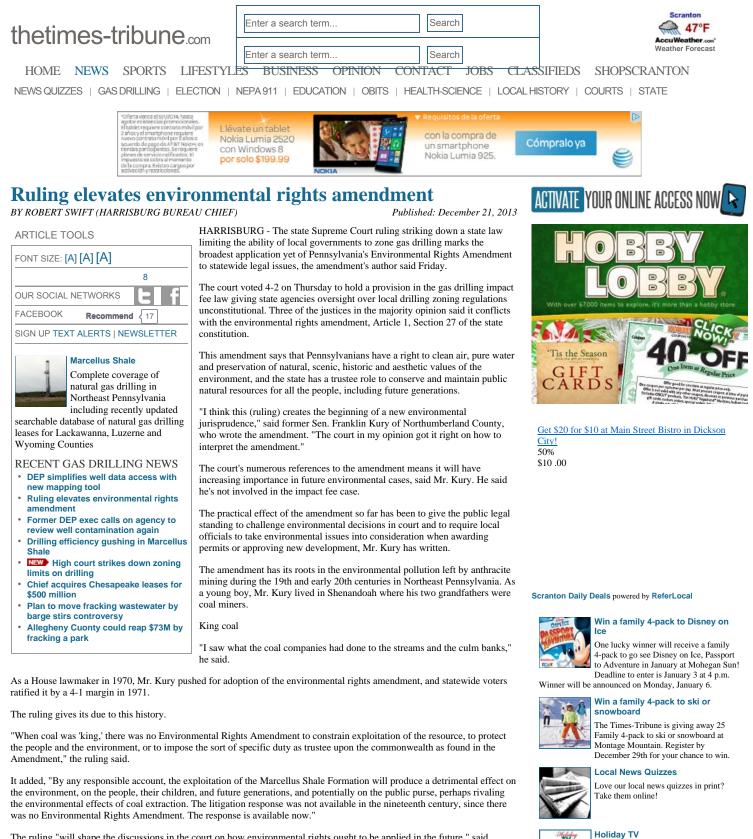
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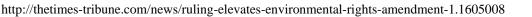


The ruling "will shape the discussions in the court on how environmental rights ought to be applied in the future," said Jordan Yeager, counsel for the municipalities challenging the impact fee law.

However, the two ranking Republican lawmakers said the ruling will have a negative impact on the economic welfare of Pennsylvanians.

"The consequences of this decision will likely be the increase of natural gas prices for consumers, while at the same time costing a multitude of jobs in Pennsylvania," said Senate President Pro Tempore Joseph Scarnati, R-25, Venango County, and House Speaker Sam Smith, R-66, Punxsutawney.

They said the ruling could jeopardize the future of impact fees paid by the gas industry under the law since 2012.



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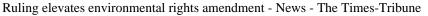
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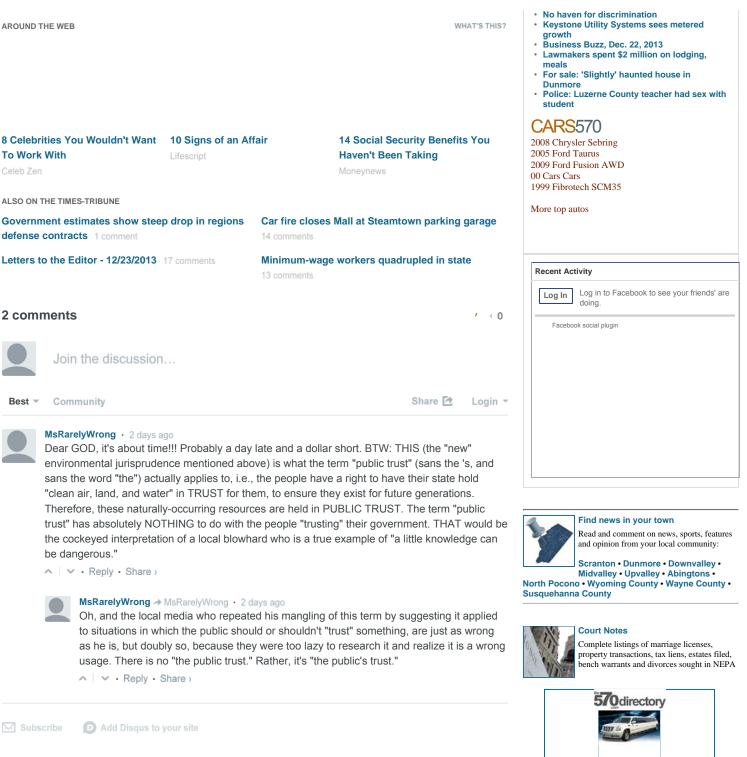
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