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Route 422 Shootout

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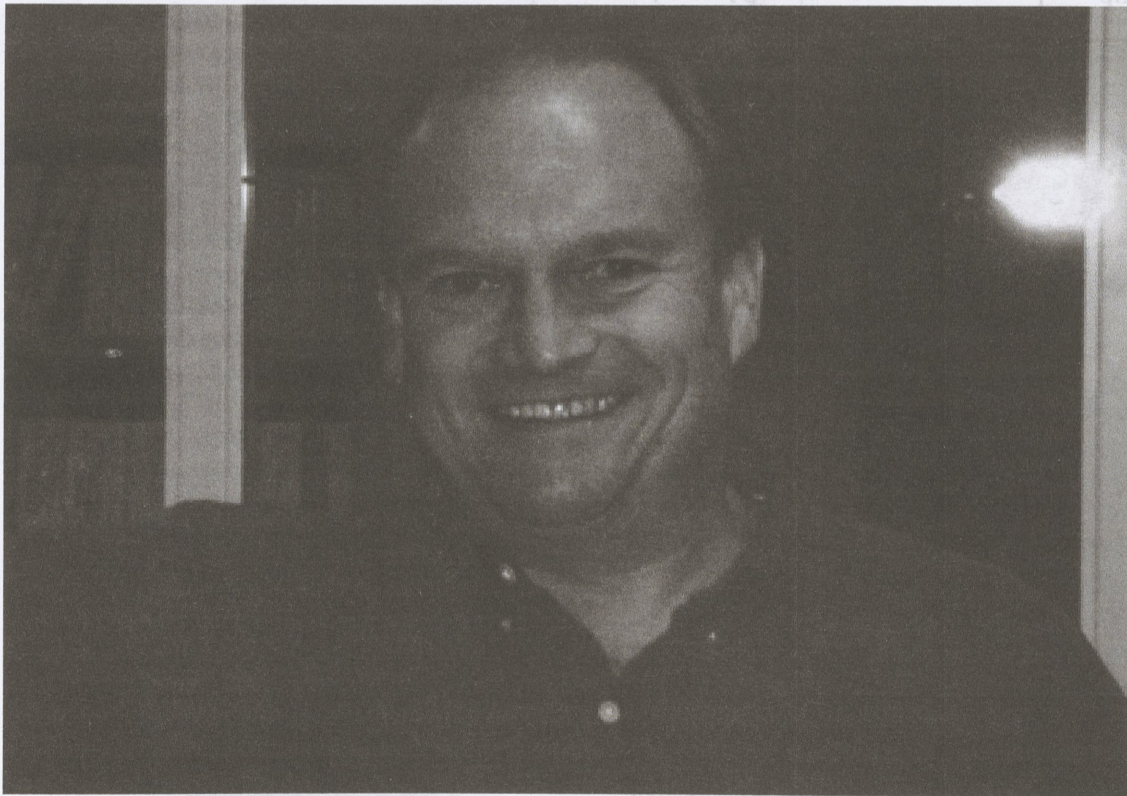
It's turning into the Wild, Wild West on Montgomery County roads. On April 9, 2010, NBC Philadelphia reports that 31 year old Elizabeth Cox was shot twice during rush hour traffic on Route 422 near The Oaks exit. Cox thought she had been side-swiped and pulled over to call police. A few moments afterwards, Cox noticed that she had been shot in the arm and leg. The shot had been made by a single bullet from the same driver she had called police to complain about. After being taken to the Hospital of the University of Penn, she was released with only minor injuries. Police searched the entire morning for the road enraged driver, only to have David Yannarell of Gilbertsville turn himself in later that day.

Monday, April 12th, the 50-year old Yannarell posted 10% of his \$500,000 bail (\$50,000) according to NBC Philadelphia. The engineer and father of a 17-year old, he had a permit to carry a gun at the time of the incident. Yannarell, who worked at SCA America in Philadelphia, was described as a short tempered man by his fellow Gilbertsville neighbors. One neighbor, Jim Rowland, told NBC that he had gotten into an argument with him over the kind of rock salt that he used,



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*Eyjafjallajokull with lightening over the volcano.
Photo courtesy of examiner.com*



*Road rage suspect David Yannarell at happier times.
Photo courtesy of NBC Philadelphia.*

after he had cleaned his snow for him. Yannarell was a member of the online community, Pitch Your

Bitch Online, a place for people to rant their opinions. His one blog entry includes his rants about being divorced and single while in his fifties.

Besides the charges for the Route 422 incident, Yannarell's bad temper had him awaiting two more charges. In September of 2009, he threw a Gatorade bottle at another driver on the same road, but this time near the Sanatoga exit. Earlier this year in January, he shot a man while driving on Route 100 in Pottsgrove. Yannarell failed to show up to his court case in Collegeville facing charges of reckless endangerment, criminal attempted homicide, and aggravated assault on April 22nd. A search warrant was made and around 2:00 p.m. that afternoon, but Yannarell was found dead of an apparent suicide in his bedroom. Officials say that they found a rifle by his side, but no evidence of a gun wound.

Eyjafjallajokull

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The world experienced Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull erupt on April 15th after being dormant for 200 years. The eruption occurred 75 miles east of the capital, Reykjavik. Evacuation plans were carried out April 14th, where around 500 to 600 people were evacuated from

the area. Further plans for evacuation are being carried out for the southern part of Iceland as well. The eruption caused airlines to cancel around 16,000 flights to and from Europe. The hazard that airplanes face flying through or around volcanic plume is deadly. The heat that a volcanic plume produces is enough to melt silicate rocks. Popsci.com says, "the fact that these plumes can be hard to detect from the flight deck explains why no one is leaving the ground in Europe; there's no flying under or around the ash cloud because in some cases pilots can't distinguish exactly what they're trying to avoid."

As a result, airlines have lost a little over one billion dollars due to the ash cloud that has spread over Iceland and much of Europe. According to Marketwatch.com, "Delta Air Lines said Tuesday that it had to cancel about 400 transatlantic flights because ash from a smoldering volcano in Iceland made flying dangerous, resulting in a net loss of \$20 million." Passengers from the United States and other countries were stranded for several days as the airlines waited for the ash cloud to disappear.

Tuesday April 21st, the airways began to open up and flights were sent out to their destinations; twenty of which came back to the U.S. Scientists believe it will take weeks before a majority of the cloud will be non-threatening to air travel. It has become a fear amongst travelers and residents of Iceland that the eruption of the volcano in Eyjafjallajokull may spark another eruption of a nearby volcano. However, this fear does not override the current fear of many travelers, which is not making it back home within the week.