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## Welcome home!

Usually, when people return from vacation, they like to have a little time to unwind from their trip. Bob and Shirley Goode of E. 42nd St. in Dallas, however, couldn't do that as they returned home last week to find a walnut tree had fallen in their yard. The tree, part of last weekend's tornado damage, managed to miss the Goode's dogs by just inches. The dogs were in their coop in the yard.

## Bad news! Not much 'free' aid is available

By WALLY KOCHER  
Staff Correspondent

It's true that during a tornado one's main concerns should be for the safety of others and then for the protection of home and property. But, after it's all over, and everyone is safe, it's time to realize yet another result comes from such devastation — BILLS!

Harveys Lake Borough and its residents are faced with the problem of where they are going to obtain all the necessary funds to pay all those bills. Several meetings have been held to discuss this, and John Yenason, Borough Council President, has explained to The Dallas Post just what options are available.

"Right now, we're getting absolutely no funding outside of county assistance," he said. "All state programs are out of the question. We're not classified as a state of emergency."

One state program originally considered was a plan that would allow affected residents to apply for a low interest rate loan. However, there was a condition to the plan. Among the more than 60 homes that were damaged, 25 of them had to have damage equaling at least 40 percent of the home's value.

"We didn't have that kind of damage, which is a blessing," said Yenason. "Most of the damage was

done to trees and we won't be getting free funds for that, either. We are, however, getting a lot of cooperation from the Bridge and Road Department and other county agencies for clean up. They have given us their machines and men to aid with the clean up at no cost."

According to Yenason, the borough contracted tree surgeons to remove eight trees which were classified as being either life-threatening or threatening to someone's home.

"We're also looking into other agencies for help," commented the council president. "For example, we've inquired to see if the Agency for Aging will help out those elderly residents on social security and those who are retired. We've also called an agency in Wilkes-Barre called Interfaith. We understand they help disaster victims."

A spokeswoman from Interfaith, however, reported it is doubtful that organization will be able to help lake residents."

"We used to do that kind of work," she said, "but now we would have to be subcontracted by the county and I doubt very much if we would be able to do anything for them."

"As of this moment, we aren't getting any free money," said Yenason. "Only low interest rate loans provided by the County Community Development are now available."

## At prison

## Citizens' group helps to increase security

By WALLY KOCHER  
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Too often, a group of citizens will go to its area representatives with a complaint, only to be buried in red tape or to be told flat out that nothing can be done to help them with their problem. Discouraged, they give up, and retreat. This was not the case, however, with the Citizens' Committee for the State Correctional Institution at Dallas.

Mrs. Pat Rusiloski, president of the citizen's committee, explained how the group was formed. "The committee began in November of 1982," Mrs. Rusiloski said. "At that time, there had already been three escapes from the prison that year. It was ridiculous. Prisoners were transported in open trucks right past my house with no guards in the back with them. My little girl was frightened to go out to the mail box because the prisoners would yell at her as they rode by."

"I went to the local officials and asked if it would be possible to arrange a meeting so that the citizens could voice their opinion of

what was going on," she continued. "I was told that nothing could be done. I didn't believe that, so I made up a petition I got 1,000 signatures on it. I sent it to Senator Frank O'Connell, and he arranged a meeting for us. He asked us to set up a committee of seven people for the meetings."

Rusiloski isn't in the least bit afraid to list the young groups' accomplishments.

"Before our committee was formed, lifers (those in prison on a life sentence) were allowed to work outside of the prison," she said. "This is no longer the case. The trucks that transported the prisoners for the various reasons are now covered, also. And most importantly, there hasn't been one escape from the prison since we've formed."

Joseph Ryan, superintendent at the prison, is one of the committee's biggest supporters.

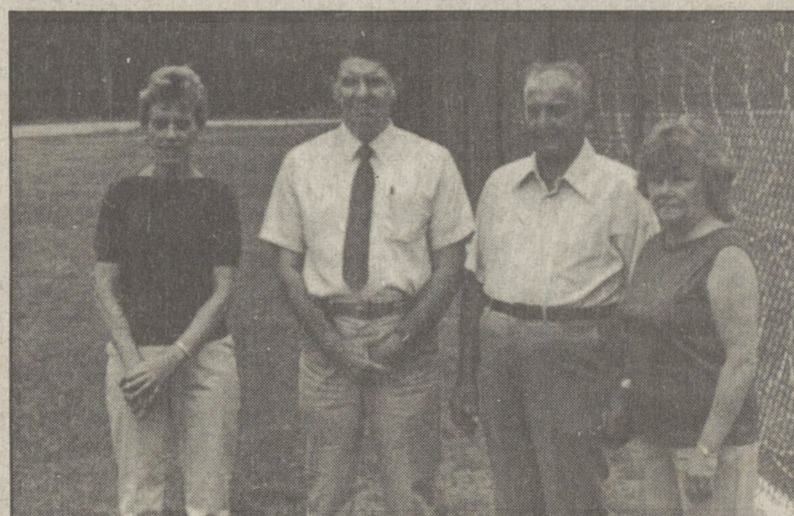
"The committee has been very helpful to us," he said. "They help a great deal by just bringing their concerns to the legislators. I think the legislators are more inclined to listen to their constituents than us."



## Queen contestants

The Annual Lehman Horse Show will be held July 27, 28, and 29 at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on July 27 with the Queen Contest following at 9 p.m. All area high schools were given the opportunity to have a senior girl represent them in the contest. Shown here are contestants for the contest. From left, Kathryn Drapiewski,

Bishop O'Reilly; Michelle Valenti, Wyoming Area; Lisa Gianone, Lake-Lehman; Maria Wehbrecht, GAR; Jennifer Baran, Nanticoke; Deb Kishbaugh, Benton Area; Lisa Irzinski, Hanover Area; Karen Evans, Dallas; and Jolene Andrejewski, Meyers. The girls will be judged on beauty, poise, personality and conversation. The public is invited to attend.



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## Citizens group

Shown here are members of the Citizens Committee and officials of the State Correctional Institution at Dallas. The two groups have been working together to increase security at the prison. From left, Pat Rusiloski, citizens committee; Joseph Ryan, prison warden; Dominick T. Fatheryar and Ginger Spencer.

Proof of the committee's importance was shown at their most recent meeting. Randall Kuzminski, from Senator O'Connell's office, reported on the passage of State Bill 985 in which Senator O'Connell included lump sum funding for a security fence, a new siren, a guard tower, increased outside lighting, and a modification to the main gate at the prison. It was also understood by the committee that Representative Hasay is working toward additional funds for siren improvement through the state budget.

Also, during the meeting, the results from the siren test conducted in April were discussed. The "siren" which is actually a steam whistle could only be heard in one direction for approximately one mile.

"I live right behind the prison," said Rusiloski, "and I could only hear the siren when I was outside, not when I was inside."

Both Ryan and Kuzminski agreed that the siren test and the test report which followed were of great value in justifying funds necessary

for such a project. Ryan will be initiating procedures to implement the above projects immediately but reminded the committee the procedures are time-consuming and could not predict completion dates.

Another important issue brought up at the meeting was that of the rising prison population.

"There's no question about it," said Ryan, "the prison is overcrowded. It was designed to accommodate 960 inmates, not 1,545 like we have now."

According to Ryan, a few projects are underway to help ease the pressure of the new maximum capacity. Cells built to hold one prisoner now hold two. Two new cell blocks are being constructed, and the state is leasing modules at \$10,000 per module a month to hold the extra inmates.

If you would like to learn more about the Citizen's Committee for the State Correctional Institution at Dallas, or would like to become an Alternate Committee Member, contact Pat Rusiloski at 696-3788.

## Good news! Homeowners insurance covers tornado damage

By WALLY KOCHER  
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Now that the shock and numbness of last week's tornado has worn off, residents of Harveys Lake are facing a brand new problem. Just who is going to pay for all the damage inflicted on their homes and property?

As they looked at the vast destruction Friday night, many people were wondering if their insurance would cover everything. Sure, their policies would include fire, vandalism, or lightning — they're common occurrences. Tornadoes, on the other hand, are not common. Are they included in the typical homeowners' policy?

According to Bart Slocum, Insurance Agent for Slocum's Insurance, area residents shouldn't worry.

"There are three basic homeowner's policies," said Slocum, "and all three cover wind damage to the home. Tornadoes would fall under that category."

Slocum who deals primarily with Aetna Life and Casualty, Royal Globe Insurance, and CNA Insurance, explained how the rate of reimbursement to each individual homeowner would be determined.

"If a homeowner is insured for 80 percent of his home replacement value, he is entitled to 100 percent reimbursement for his partial loss. For example, if a

home is worth \$100,000, and the owner has \$90,000 worth of coverage on it, he will be totally reimbursed for any partial damage to the home. If he's not covered for the 80 percent, the reimbursement then depends on the amount of coverage."

Thousands of trees fell victim to last week's storm. However, according to Charles Gordon, owner of Gordon's Insurance Agency, wind damage to trees and shrubs usually isn't covered.

"In general, most insurance companies will not reimburse for tree and shrub damage," he said. "Sometimes, a company may provide some allowance for cleanup and landscaping, but this isn't usually done."

"If a tree were to land on a house," he continued, "the insurance company would probably pay 100 percent of the costs to get the tree off the house, but that's all. They won't pay for the entire removal of the fallen tree."

Gordon explained that the insurance company he deals with, Nationwide Insurance, has done away with the 80 percent limit as mentioned earlier by Slocum.

"I know some companies still do it, but ours has eliminated it," he said. "Right now, there is a minimum of \$35,000 coverage on a policy. If a homeowner has enough coverage to cover a partial loss, chances are that he will usually get reimbursed 100 percent."

## Hostelers like it at College Misericordia

By ANN DEVLIN  
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The annual Elderhostel program held recently at College Misericordia means a great deal to older citizens, as it offers them intellectual stimulation and physical adventure.

However, the program holds a

special place in the hearts of participants Helen and David Welsh, as they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at this year's event.

The Welshes have attended the Elderhostel program at Misericordia for the past three years. Each year, they celebrate their anniversary here. The first year, Mrs. Welsh was presented with a corsage

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## Carrier honored

Bernie Walsh, carrier of The Dallas Post for the past six years, was recently awarded a monetary gift from the newspaper's circulation department, honoring him upon his high school graduation. Bernie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Walsh, of 14 Dorchester Drive, Dallas will finish his newspaper route in September to attend the University of Pittsburgh where he plans to study pre-med. A 1984 graduate of Dallas High School, Bernie was the quarterback of the Mountaineers football team and a member of the Senior Steering Committee. Shown here with Bernie during the presentation are, from left, Jean Brutko, circulation manager, The Dallas Post; and Doty Martin, editor, The Dallas Post.