

Harveys Lake woman says sentencing illegal

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After serving 21 days in the Luzerne County Prison's Women's Detention Center for allegedly avoiding the payment of over \$2,337.50 in traffic fines, Harveys Lake resident Gail A. Martin was released on her own recognisance Monday morning after a brief hearing before Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Bernard Brominski.

Further hearings are expected as both councils voiced intent to seek a proper settlement of the case which stems from traffic violations beginning in June of 1984.

Martin was escorted into courtroom number six by two Luzerne County Sheriff's department officers shortly before 10 a.m. Monday to defend herself against a litany of charges totaling over \$2,000 in fines.

Martin contended that she was "unlawfully incarcerated" in the Women's Detention Center from September 17 to October 7 based on what her legal council called "shoddy" handling of a case going back 14 months and involving two area magistrates.

The Commonwealth charged that Martin had driven an automobile in June and July of 1984 while under suspension from a Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI) charge.

Martin was also arrested by Dallas Township police

on June 3, 1985 for driving without a license and was found guilty of the charge by District Justice Earl Gregory on September 5, 1985. A \$1,000 fine was levied and Martin appealed Gregory's decision to Luzerne County Court.

The \$1,000 fine levied by Gregory accompanied by previous fines had Martin owing the Commonwealth over \$2,000.

Neither Martin nor the Luzerne County District Attorney's office was given an opportunity to hear the case due to confusion over exactly what the defendant (Martin) was defending against. Judge Brominski ordered Martin released based on the fact that she was currently paying on the outstanding fines.

A friend of the Martin family, Rich Meyers of Harveys Lake, said Martin will probably sue the Commonwealth for "unlawful incarceration" relating to the outstanding fines based on Martin's allegation that retired District Justice Leonard Harvey did not give her (Martin) a proper hearing back in July of 1984.

Following her release, Martin said, "It really feels good to be out. Now, I do not have to worry about what might happen to me in prison."

The DA's office is expected to look further into the case contending Martin still should finish her 90-day prison term for driving while under suspension relating to a DUI charge.



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Grand opening

Anthony and Lois Macri, new owners of the Overbrook Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge, Dallas, officially opened their new restaurant with a ribbon-cutting last Tuesday. More than 30 friends of the Macris attended the grand opening ceremonies. The Overbrook Restaurant is a landmark in the Back Mountain, having opened more than 50 years ago on the same site it is located today. It is reported that Jerry Frantz was the original owner of the business which has changed hands at least nine times over half a century. Originally only a tavern, the restaurant has been renovated several times and, under the present owners, has been remodeled and become exclusively a dinner restaurant and lounge, specializing in veal, seafood, pasta and steaks, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Sundays, 2 to 9. Participating in the ribbon cutting are, from left, first row, Irwin Sagenkahn, CPA, holding ribbon; L.J. Zurla, father of Lois Macri; Rev. Andrew Pillarella, pastor, Trinity United Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Pillarella; Manny Gordon and Ms. Debbie Zurinski, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, holding ribbon. Behind them are friends and relatives who joined in observing the opening.

NEDT tests scheduled

The Dallas Senior High School will administer the National Educational Development Test to tenth grade students who have registered and paid the \$3.35 fee required to take these tests. Tests will be administered on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1985.

The NEDT is a testing program which helps professional educators, parents and students plan together for educational and vocational future of the students. This program will show how well the students can apply their skills acquired since entering school. It will help to recognize the strengths in each student's educational development. At the same time it will pinpoint weaknesses, therefore, enabling help while the student is still in school.

The NEDT's are especially valuable for students who are considering college in their future plans.



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Open House held

Tamre Hughes, above left, knits handmade sweaters made at The Barn during the recent Open House. The wool for the sweaters is spun and dyed by Barn personnel and no two sweaters are alike. A visit at the Open House, Pam McDonald, right, admires a sweater Tamre recently completed.

Officers named

The Executive Board of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary PTA met recently to fill two Officer vacancies.

In accordance with PTA by-laws, Mrs. Sandra Traver was appointed as president and Mrs. Debbie Maskalis, treasurer of the organization.

Both offices are for the balance of unexpired terms and will be in effect through the current school year.



Ball planned

Arts at Hayfield members are planning a Black Tie Ball for Saturday, Nov. 9 in Hayfield House at Penn State Wilkes-Barre as a membership event for the new cultural organization. The dance will feature an 18-piece band from Penn State University in State College. Planners shown are, left to right, Dr. Robert Merrill, Patricia Hinchey, Candyce Fike, Phyllis Belk, Joan Diana, Tobi Grossman, Jody Millard and Martha Hadsal.

Dallas sets PSAT courses

This fall the nearly 1.5 million students across the United States who take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT-NMSQT) will have a special opportunity to familiarize themselves with the testing format also used on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

On the PSAT-NMSQT, the junior students taking the test at Dallas Senior High School on October 19, at 8 a.m. can "preview" the exam process for the SAT—the prerequisite for many college-bound students, said Patricia Russin of the school guidance staff. Juniors who are interested in taking PSAT-NMSQT are to register at the Dallas Senior High School Guidance Office. The fee is \$5.00 payable upon registration. The registration deadline is October 15, 1985.

Since 1959, about 30 million high school students have taken the test, which measures verbal and mathematical abilities.

Through the PSAT-NMSQT students are selected for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Program, which enables talented students to compete for scholarships, and Hispanic students are considered for the National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program, funded through a \$2.1 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

In addition, students can use the test as a guide to see how they ranked nationally among other students.

As preparation for the 100-minute, two-part test, students receive a Student Bulletin containing a sample test with an answer key and scoring instructions.

After taking the actual test, students will receive a booklet, About Your PSAT-NMSQT Scores, a descriptive explanation of test results. Students will also be able to compare their individual answers with the correct answers by consulting the Report of Student Answers, another valuable guide. Actual test booklets will also be made available to allow students to spot mistakes and work out answers correctly.

The CollegeBoard provides addi-

tional services for counselors and school personnel to better understand and interpret PSAT-NMSQT scores to students and parents. These services include summaries of student answers, profiles of academic characteristics and career interests of students who have taken the test, and a publication for inclusion in the regular guidance program.

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