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AA champions

Members of the Lake-Lehman girls' softball team who won the District 2 AA title to advance to interdistrict play last week are pictured above, prior to leaving for the game. From left, first row, Lori Cannon, Kelly Wandel, Caroline Kropf, Lori Pantle, Dara Crispell, Angie Bonomo, Susie Slocum. Second row, Ed

Kropp, manager; Debbie Levi, Beth Finn, Noel Kuznicki, Pam Coolbaugh, Wendy Bebey, Joann Boyle, Tina Partington. Third row, Leigh Newton, manager; Darla Nice, Kim Weidner, Cindy Slocum, Chris Wascalus, Kelly Siglin, Peg Siglin, and Dawn Smith.

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Dallas man dies in two-car crash

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Dallas Borough police say they are not sure whether criminal charges will be filed against the driver of a vehicle that figured in a gruesome two-car accident that left one person dead and four others injured Friday night along Route 415 in Dallas.

Christopher Evans, Overbrook Road, believed to be a passenger in a car also occupied by Douglas Burak, 20, of Shavertown, and Gary Cutter, 28, of Harveys Lake, died a short time after the mishap at the Wilkes-Barre General

Hospital. Burak is still listed as critical while Cutter remains in serious condition.

Investigating officer Jack Fowler, who has since spoken to Cutter and two other individuals involved in the accident, says he plans to meet with Luzerne County District Attorney Bernard Podcasny in the near future to discuss possible charges.

"I spoke with Gary Cutter, but he doesn't recall anything about the accident," Fowler said. "He said he doesn't remember who was driving or that he was even in the accident."

According to reports, the three men were

traveling south on Rt. 415 in a 1986 Subaru GL, apparently at a high rate of speed, when the driver, unknown at this time, lost control of the car and skidded into the path of another vehicle driven by Michael John Tomalis, 64 W. Liberty St., Ashley. Mary Wildes, of 2 Forrest Rd, Montaintop, was a passenger in the car. Both Tomalis and Wildes were treated and released from the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Evans, who was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and of Dean Junior College, in Franklin, Mass. in 1985, was employed as a purchasing agent for Evans Asphalt.

Budget concerns parents

A number of teachers and parents concerned over the quality of education in the Dallas Area School District voiced their opinions over the proposed budget for the 1986-87 school year at Monday night's School Board meeting.

Fearing cuts in various educational programs, members of the packed room stressed the need to keep the school district functioning at the highest level possible to provide top notch education.

Board members have been contemplating cuts in various programs and other departments, but said the budget is only tentative and would not be final until it is approved at the end of the month.

The board so far has made cuts in legal fees, maintenance, field trips and the deletion of one full-time nurse who will not be replaced. Cutbacks were also scheduled to be made in the English, Chemistry and Business programs.

One teacher said, however, "If you juggle people out of their specialties, that's the same as the program being cut. You are replacing people who have been doing an excellent job with someone who may not have the same experience."

Board Superintendent Gerald Wycalls said the budget, which at this point would mean a four mill increase, is only tentative and would not be finalized until the end of the month. The District said they may also receive money from the state.

In other business, board members said they will not pay a \$49,000 bill to the West Side Vocational Technical School. Wycalls said the School district, along with Northwest and Wyoming Valley West is being asked to help pay costs because other schools have not met the projected number of students scheduled to attend that facility.

The board accepted the resignations of Bette Thomas, who has been with the Dallas School District 36 years and Doris McCain who had been there for 21 years.

The resignation of Leon A. Trager, assistant principal in the Dallas Junior High, was also accepted.

— JOHN HOINSKI



Fatal accident

Dallas Borough policeman Jack Fowler, above right, inspects a vehicle driven by Douglas Burak, 22, of Shavertown. The vehicle was involved in an accident on Route 415 near Bryant's Mobile Home Park in Dallas. Killed in the accident was Christopher Conlon Evans, Overbrook Road, Dallas. Burak was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital as was Gary Cutter, 28, of Harveys Lake.

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Water problem continues to aggravate Haddonfield people

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

A low-water pressure problem that has aggravated residents of the Haddonfield Hills section of Dallas off and on for years has returned once again.

For the past several months, residents at the upper end of the development have experienced low water pressure for a good deal of the time, and in many cases have been left completely without water for short periods, making washing, cooking and bathing a frustrating experience.

"It's horrible," Lori Besecker said. "We moved in about a month ago and we have had problems ever since. On just our second day, here we didn't have any water at all. Last week, my husband and I took a walk around the neighborhood to see if anyone else is having the same problems."

Diane DesRochers, who resides at the opposite end of the development, and who, like the Beseckers, moved into the neighborhood with her husband only a month ago, has encountered the same problems.

"Three times we didn't have any water at all," DesRochers said. "It's really a shame. When you're

showering or washing clothes, sometimes all of a sudden you just lose pressure."

But a number of people who have lived in that section for eight years or more say the problem has always been there. "These conditions have been around ever since we lived here," said Nick Waltos, a resident of 13 years.

"It isn't a continuous problem. It's not something that lasts one day after another. You might have the problem for a couple of days and then for two or three weeks it's okay. There have been occasions where we haven't had any water at all, but it would only be for an hour or so. It isn't something that lasts for days."

The problem disappeared for the most part when Willis Ide, who had provided maintenance for the Robbins Door and Sash Company, previous owners of the Haddonfield Hills Water Company, was in charge of the day-to-day operations, including the water tank located at the top of the development.

"Twice a month we checked that tank and put air into it," Ide said. "And we would also keep track of approximately how much water was being used per day. Then we would make sure that at least the same amount was put back into the tank."

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Shooting!

Two cops shot during brawl at twp. building

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Donald R. Kelly, 38, of Noxen, the man accused of shooting two Dallas Township police officers in an early morning scuffle over the weekend at the township's Municipal building, was once part of a hell-raising group known as the "Magnificent Seven."

In a January 1970 story appearing in the The Dallas Post, Kelly and several other persons, were dubbed as the "Magnificent Seven" by an individual who had seen the group engage in a number of scuffles over a period of time. One of those skirmishes involved current Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers. Miers also came in contact with the defendant charged in Saturday morning's melee in March of 1985 when Kelly was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Last week, Kelly, whose brother James is a part-time police officer at Dallas Township, came back to haunt the department again when he reportedly entered the Municipal building at approximately 3:50 a.m., yelling obscenities and brandishing a .357 revolver.

Police officers Wayman Miers, 34, brother of Chief Miers and James Tupper, 34, tried to quiet Kelly, but the Noxen man continued his tirade saying "I'm going to waste you guys — I'm going to blow you guys away."

Kelly then attempted to force

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JAMES TUPPER



WAYMAN MIERS

Injured cops remember being very frightened

Dallas Township policemen Wayman Miers and James Tupper, speaking at a press conference yesterday morning at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, said last Saturday morning's shooting incident in which both officers were wounded, was scary and frightening and something that neither of them would ever forget.

"It was a very bad feeling," said Miers, a 35-year-old part-time police officer. "I'm sure it is something that will stick. It was downright fear."

Added Tupper, a 34-year-old 12-year veteran, "I remember being scared. Everything happened so fast. It was just a bad situation."

The two men were shot early Saturday morning when Donald R. Kelly, 38, of Noxen, entered the Dallas Township Municipal building at approximately 3:50 a.m. shouting and waving a .357 magnum revolver. Both officers eventually tried to subdue Kelly which resulted in several shots being discharged, striking the two policemen.

Miers and Tupper, who both suffered wounds to the legs, are expected to be released sometime this week. The incident marked the second time in two weeks a police officer has been shot. On Memorial Day, 22-year-old Avoca policeman Richard G. Janczewski was killed on routine patrol after being shot by a distraught man who also took his own life.

Miers and Tupper said police officers can examine Saturday morning's incident and dissect it to try and learn something from it, but said that every case is different.

"They can look at our case and pick it apart, but you never know about a situation until it's there. Something like what happened to us is more of a reaction," said Miers.

"Anything could have happened. I thought sooner or later something was going to happen. I threw the cup of coffee in his (Kelly's) face and put him against the wall, hoping that the gun would drop from his hand. Unfortunately, it didn't work out like that," Tupper said.

Both men said they knew they were hit and felt a stinging, burning sensation. But because of the quick thinking of dispatcher Phyllis Walter, who turned on the radio microphone while the incident was taking place, alerting surrounding police units, police arrived inside the building and pulled their revolv-

ers on Kelly almost immediately after the shots were fired, preventing any further trouble.

Despite the mishap, both officers said that although the incident will stay with them, they don't feel it will affect their ability.

"It will make me more aware, but I don't feel it will hurt my performance," Miers said.

"I don't think it will bother my performance at all," Tupper laughed. "The odds are with me. I don't think anything like this will ever happen to me again."

Tupper, who joked periodically with reporters, when asked if, looking back, he would have done anything different, said, "Yeah, I would have called in sick for work."

— JOHN HOINSKI

Pageant set

Pageant Officials announced Friday, June 13th as the final deadline for application to the 1986 Miss Western Pennsylvania Teen Pageant to be staged in Butler. The weekend event will be presented in the Holiday Hall of the Quality Inn-Butler August 23rd & 24th. The Miss Western Pennsylvania Teen Pageant is an Official Preliminary to Miss Teen All American.

No performing talent is required. All judging is on the basis of poise, personality and beauty of face and figure. Applicants who qualify must be at least 14 years of age and under 19 years of age as of December 31, 1986. All young women interested in competing for the title must send their name, address and telephone number to: 1986 Miss Western Pennsylvania Teen, 603 Schrader Avenue, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003. (304-242-4900).

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