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Woman held captive at Harveys Lake

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The owner of the Harveys Lake Diving School was arrested Thursday, after a woman he was holding captive at the lake escaped and called police.

Tommy O'Brien, 60, was arrested Thursday around 1 p.m. by Harveys Lake Assistant Police Chief Ronald Spock and charged with the abduction and assault of the woman.

According to reports, O'Brien and his 52-year-old former girl-

friend made arrangements to meet "in a public place" in Canadensis (Poconos), Monroe County about 10:15 a.m. Thursday.

When the two met, police say O'Brien grabbed the woman by the neck and forced her into his car. O'Brien drove the car back to his trailer near the diving school at Harveys Lake.

O'Brien then removed all the woman's clothing to allegedly prevent her from escaping his residence. While there, police

reported the woman was beaten by O'Brien.

Three hours after the abduction began, the woman managed to escape the trailer when O'Brien went into the bathroom. She escaped wearing her coat and a pair of boots.

The woman ran across the street to the Sunset Marina and called police at about 1 p.m.

The Harveys Lake Volunteer Ambulance was called soon after by police to transport the woman to an area hospital for treatment for cuts she sustained

from the alleged beatings.

O'Brien was taken into custody and arraigned before District Justice Earl Gregory, Shavertown. He was jailed in the Monroe County Prison in Lieu of \$100,000 Bail.

O'Brien's preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Responding to the scene were Assistant Chief Spock, Chief Lionel Bulford, and Dallas Township Patrolmen Wayman Miers and Truman Brent.

Jackson Twp. sewers to hook up in March Property owners to pay \$425+

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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It will cost Jackson Township homeowners \$425 plus the cost of a line from their home to the main sewer line to hook up to the recently completed sewer project in the community.

After four years and \$3.75 million spent, residents in Jackson Township can now prepare to connect to the new system. The Sewage Conveyance Project was begun four years ago, after a mandate by the state Department of Environmental Resources.

The DER mandate required the township to replace its septic tanks with a public sewer system because the septic systems were contaminating nearby waterways. The project involved 340 homes in the township centered around Chase Manor, Briarwood Terrace, Meadowcrest Manor, Fieldcrest Manor, and Sutton Hills.

Each resident in the township

The \$425 hookup fee will rise to \$450 after 60 days and \$500 after 90 days. The annual use fee is \$380

will be required to pay \$425 in fees to have their homes tied into the public sewer system. The projected date to begin hook-ups is March 15. Additional costs involving the installation of laterals from the residences to the street mainlines will be the responsibility of the property owners. These costs may vary depending on which contractor a property owner hires.

In addition to the hookup fees, each residence must pay the Dallas Area Municipal Authority \$380

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Police say rash of break-ins unrelated

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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Since the first of the year, several vehicles in the Back Mountain have been victims of vandalism and several auto shops have been broken into. Although several of the crimes have similarities, police say the crimes are unrelated.

"The people committing these acts are not professionals," said Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol Monday afternoon. "Every town has its hoodlums."

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Several of the crimes have involved automobile tires, rather than cash. On January 1 while on patrol, Kingston Township officers Walter Davis and Sgt. James Balavage discovered an S-10 Blazer up on four blocks with the four wheels and tires missing at the Howard Isaacs Dealership on Route 309. After speaking with the car lot's employees, the officers learned the tires had been stolen.

On January 6, John Roth, Catalpa Road, Dallas Borough, reported that two tires on his vehicle were slashed while parked in his driveway.

On January 27, Dallas Borough Patrolman Michael Varletta was dispatched to Blues Brothers Auto Sales on Route 415 in the Borough. James Lamoreaux, reported to Varletta that a 1979 GMC pickup truck that was in the lot had its tires slashed.

Another apparent similarity in some of the crimes involves the

Several auto service shops have been broken into since the first of the year

date of the occurrence and the location of the crime. For example, on January 29, two break-ins were reported, both in auto service stores.

James Smith of Elston & Gould Auto Shop reported that four tires were missing from the shop. Smith told police that sometime over the weekend when the store was closed, someone broke into the building and removed \$20 in change. According to police reports, the intruders did not take rolls of quarters and other money by the side of a register.

The same day, Willard Bullock, owner of Bullock's Tire and Auto Parts in Dallas Township, reported to police that someone had entered the building by throwing a large rock through a window. A door leading upstairs was broken and files and papers rifled.

In at least three of the incidents, available money was left untouched by the intruders.

On January 5, Gerald Schmid of Schmid's Amoco Station reported to Kingston Township police that entry had been made into his station. Someone entered the office, pried open a lock and removed \$300. Money left in the register was untouched.

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CARRYING THE BALL - The Lake-Lehman senior class sponsored a donkey basketball game last week to raise funds for a class trip to Washington D.C. As you can see, the task of riding a donkey often doesn't go very well with playing the game. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Kelly's furlough request denied

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Donald Kelly, convicted of shooting two local police officers in 1986, was denied his request for a furlough from prison last week.

"All of the reports have been collected, recommendations made and turned over to me and I have made my decision," said Superintendent Erhard of the State Correctional Institution of Retreat. "I denied Don Kelly's request for a furlough. If Kelly desires, he may apply again in the future and the same process will be followed," Erhard explained.

"I'm glad to hear it happened," Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers said when questioned. "It's

the first step, but I will continue to work on it. As it is when he applies again for a furlough, the victims don't have to be notified."

Miers said he had received correspondence from representatives George Hasay and Scott Diatterick and Senator Charles Lemmond, all stating that they were working on introducing new regulations concerning furloughs and paroles.

"Hopefully, in the future the Department of Corrections will review some of their own policies," Miers stated.

"If the Senate can confirm a judgeship in half a day, they should be able to get a bill through in 90 days," Miers concluded.

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Two women's clothing stores closing up shop

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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30 Carverton Road, a popular dress shop in the Back Mountain for the past three years closed its doors permanently last Friday.

The owners, Debbie Grossman and Rena Rothschild, arrived at the agreement to close the business when Mrs. Grossman's responsibilities with her two young children made it impossible for her to do justice to her marketing and purchasing duties.

"It wasn't too bad when I had only the one child, but now I have a new baby and a two-year-old which makes it impossible to give

Neither shopowner said that the closings were made solely for business reasons.

the time I should to the business. For Rena to handle it alone would be too much because it would mean employing two more sales people.

"Much as we hated to, we decided the best alternative was to close the business and perhaps sell the property. It's a shame because this past year was the

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Candy for a cause

Aunts Cindy Parson and Angel Shaw of Sweet Valley sell candy to help defray the cost of young Gary Shaw's medical treatment. He suffers from a rare form of leukemia. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

'Rumble strips' startle drivers on Route 309

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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They may be safe, but the rumble strips added to Route 309 in Dallas aren't very popular. Several motorists traveling down Route 309 toward the intersection with Route 415 were startled during the last week when they thought the sudden noise they heard was a flat tire on their vehicle.

The rumble strips installed recently as requested by Dallas Borough Council. Several months ago the Council agreed the strips might be a way to help lower the number of accidents caused by vehicles which were unable to make the turn on Route 309 where it turns to the right onto Route 415. Many times the speeding cars or trucks took out the traffic control box mounted at the intersection.

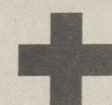
PennDOT official Ron Bonocci told Borough Manager Milton Lutsey that he had a meeting with some borough officials several months ago and explained that there would be a degree

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Coming up:



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Thurs., Feb. 15, 11 AM-5 PM, Dallas United Methodist Church. Appts. 823-7161

DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., Feb. 20, 8 PM, Borough Bldg., Main Street
DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Tues., Feb. 20, 8 PM, Dallas Twp. bldg., Route 309
HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., Feb. 20, 7:30 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415
HARVEYS LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION - Mon., Feb. 19, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415