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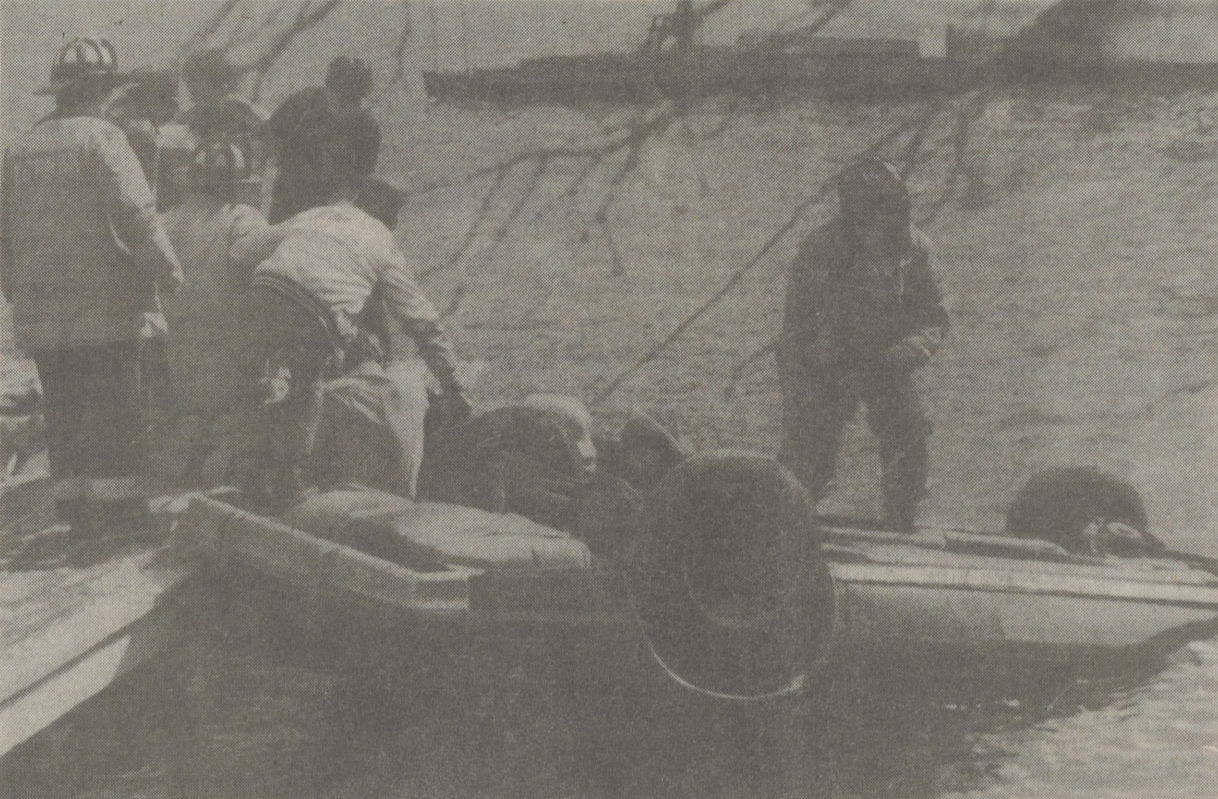
Hazardous spill shuts down 118

A truck was reported to be leaking hazardous material Tuesday on Route 118 near the Fall Fair Grounds. Police and emergency crews responded by closing down a portion of the road and isolating the area.

Dallas Township police officer Truman Brandt was taken to Nesbitt Hospital for tests after he came in contact with the material. Brandt was released and immediately returned to the scene.

The initial report of the incident came from the Back Mountain Communications Center at approximately 12:30 p.m. and area fire crews were sent to the scene near the fairgrounds.

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RESCUE ATTEMPT - Emergency crew members jumped into the cold water of Harveys Lake to pull Leo Edwards of Harveys Lake out after his car overturned into the lake March 19. Edwards died as a result of the accident. (Post Photo/Richard Johnson)

Harveys Lake man dies after his car overturns in lake

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A Harveys Lake man died March 19 after he was trapped in his car, which ran into Harveys Lake and overturned.

It was 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning when the call went out from the Back Mountain Communications Center — "...a car has gone into Harveys Lake and it is on its roof."

At the time, it wasn't known if there was anyone in the vehicle, but area emergency crews wasted no time in responding to the scene.

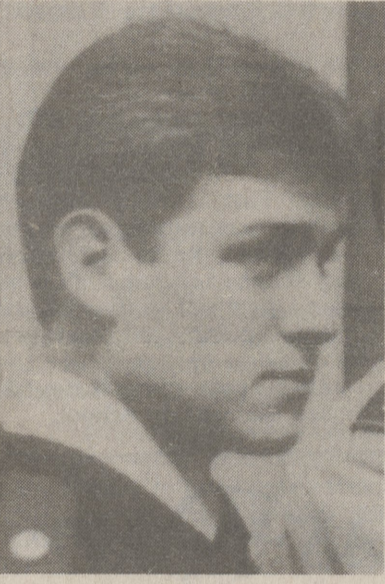
Within minutes, crews from Harveys Lake, Lehman Township and the paramedics of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's MIC unit were at the scene, near Pole 300 on Lakeside Drive in Harveys Lake Borough.

A car was indeed on its roof and in the lake. Firemen and ambulance personnel rushed to a nearby boat dock to see if a person was trapped in the car. Also on hand was a doctor who lived in the neighborhood.

A quick look inside the car verified that the situation was critical: a man was under water in the car, and needed to be freed.

With this discovery things started happening all around the area. Emergency personnel were yelling for what they needed. It was controlled chaos as the personnel on scene began to do the jobs they

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GREG MCTAGUE

Greg McTague heads unit that guards 21,000 prisoners

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Lt. Greg McTague, a graduate of Dallas High School and Luzerne County Community College, spends his days with a few guests—21,000 Iraqi prisoners of war.

McTague is in Saudi Arabia with the 400th Military Police Unit as an intelligence officer working closely with Kuwaiti and Saudi linguists as a liaison officer to a group of Bedouins who are part of the Saudi National Guard.

In a recent letter to his former seventh-grade teacher, Greg told her that when he arrived in the Mideast he spoke no Arabic and

the Bedouins spoke no English.

"I was forced to enter their culture and learn their language," Greg said. "Amazingly, I found it very easy and fascinating. My formal training at the University of Virginia actually paid off...I am familiar enough with their language now to hold simple conversations."

Greg, who lived with his parents Judith and Peter McTague at College Manor, moved from Dallas to Connecticut when his dad, who was employed by AT&T, was transferred to that state. Greg attended the University of Connecticut then the University of Virginia, graduated, and taught speech before he

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continued his education and majored in communications.

Although his parents now live in Newark, Del., Greg comes to Dallas quite often since his grandmother, Margaret Williams, still resides in Dallas. He spent one summer working for Congressman Kanjorski.

Always interested in the military, Greg joined the 400th M.P. Unit and in December, just a few

days after his birthday, he was sent with his unit to Saudi Arabia. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in communications at the University of Virginia, though that has been put on hold until he returns from the Mideast.

In a recent phone call to his grandmother, Greg told her that he wouldn't be home for two or three months and later he called his mother and said he was given an offer to stay longer.

"We have a lot of prisoners," he told Mrs. Williams. "I am fine and enjoy being in the Reserves and I'm doing something I feel I have to do. There are a number of my friends from the Back Mountain writing to

me and it's good to hear from them," Greg said.

In a letter to Eleanor T. Buda, Dallas faculty member, Greg said he had received a promotion in a position but not in rank.

"I was the only Lieutenant in 1,300 troops to become the commander of the enclosure. I run a mini-camp of 21,000 EPW's. I am one of six commanders and all the others are Captains. My Sergeants are doing most of my work while I work with the enclosure," Greg explained.

He said he saw Tom Landon who is doing very well and has

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Kingston Twp. supers fight cable TV rate hike

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Kingston Township Supervisors have gone on record opposing a rate hike by Tele-Media Company, which provides cable television service in the community.

At the March 13 meeting of the supervisors, a resolution in opposition to the rate increase was passed on a unanimous vote of the supervisors.

According to the resolution, the board not only stated its opposition but encouraged federal lawmakers to pass legislation which would help regulate the rate structure of cable television companies.

Tele-Media Company has announced that on April 1 it will raise its cable rates \$1.50 plus a franchise fee cost for each customer.

The township resolution notes that this is the third rate increase in as many years by the company.

The supervisors urged residents to write to federal lawmakers and press them to support legislation which would control rate structures for cable companies. The resolution also asks residents to "... write to Tele-Media Company

headquarters protesting the rate increase announced by Tele-Media of Luzerne County."

Supervisor Donald Gavigan also asked that residents, in their letters, urge the cable company to set up a discount program for senior citizens. "They can set up something for the senior citizens," said Gavigan. "You see it in other areas and it can probably be done here."

Also at the meeting, the board held a public hearing on proposed rezoning of land owned by Michael and Maryann Kolesar, Rear 127 Harris Hill Road, from C-1 (Conservation) to R-1 (Residential).

No testimony was given for or against the rezoning, but a recommendation for approval was given to the supervisors from the township planning commission. The supervisors approved the rezoning on a unanimous vote.

Two public hearings have been scheduled at next month's meeting of the board. One is in regard to the proposed revisions of the township's zoning ordinance, as recommended by the planning commission.

That hearing is scheduled for April 10, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Swingin' into spring



Jerry Franz of Dallas frolics at the Dallas Elementary Playground on a recent sunny day. The play area on Hildebrand Road is getting more and more use as the days get warmer and longer. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

Dallas district will get \$46,000 back from PA

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Christmas will come early for the Dallas School District, as the state will be crediting the district \$46,516 extra to make up for underpayments in past years.

A release recently of an audit report of the Dallas School District by the Auditor General's Office showed that a district error in reporting the pupil membership resulted in the underpayment to the district.

The findings and recommendations are the result of an examination of the district's operation which included a review to determine both compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the efficient and economical use of resources.

The errors in reporting of student membership were caused by clerical errors made in transferring data from source documents to final reports and failure to report resident membership for certain secondary students who attended district classes and intermediate classes part-time, such as those attending West Side Vo-Tech and special education classes at Lake-Lehman, as well as improper classification of membership for resident tuition students as non-resi-

dent children placed by the courts.

The auditors also found that errors in reporting health services late to the Department of Health resulted in overpayments for nursing services in the amount of \$945.

"This amount (\$945) will need to be deducted from the \$46,516 supplemental payment we will receive," explained District Superintendent Gerald Wycallis.

In a review of the district's records from July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1989, auditors also found that purchase of painting materials from a retail outlet totaling \$17,263 were made without advertising for competitive bid. Although auditors did not audit the district's 1989-90 operations, auditors determined that paint and related supplies were bid for that year.

"The case of the painting materials was because bids are to be obtained for purchases over \$4,000 and most of these purchases were for amounts less than \$4,000 made at different times throughout the period, but totaling the amounts over the period of time, it came to the \$17,273 figure," Wycallis said. "There was one time a purchase came to \$4,075. That is the only one I am aware of," he explained.

'No smoking' sign on in Lake-Lehman schools

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

There will be no smoking within any Lake-Lehman School District school buildings effective September 3, 1991 the beginning of the 1991-1992 school year.

The smoke free school policy was approved unanimously by the school board at the March 12 meeting. In a discussion by board member Dr. John Presper, he stated that passive smoking is just

as injurious to the health of children as personal smoking, and is responsible for a high incidence to disease.

"It is also hypocritical when we say our students can't smoke but the teachers can," Presper said.

The board also approved the appointment of Patricia Peiffer, an 18-year employee in the district, as the Lake-Lehman District Federal Coordinator at a salary of

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Community Events

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE - Sat., March 23, 9-3:30, Noxen United Methodist Church.

FAMILY STYLE HAM DINNER - Sat., March 23, starting at 6 PM, Jonathan R. Davis Fire Co., Idetown. Adults \$5.75, children \$3.75.

HAM AND EGG SUPPER - Sat., March 23, 4-7 PM, Huntsville Christian Church. Adults \$5.00, children under 12 \$2.50.