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### POW flag stolen, Old Glory damaged

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

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While Dallas residents wonder what happened to the POW/MIA and American flags that flew from the flagpole in the center of Dallas, borough officials find it hard to be ve that anyone could stoop so low as to steal a flag.

Someone did recently. The culprit cut the lanyard and took the POW/MIA flag with them, then left the American flag trailing on the

"It burns me up," said Dallas Police Chief Jack Fowler. "It's got to be a sick individual, a pretty low life, to do something like that.

"Thank God, I didn't catch him. that. I was in Viet Nam and I know what those flags stand for," Fowler

"I'm mad as a hornet," said Borough Manager Milt Lutsey. " was in the service for five years and I know what those flags represent. As a Dallas resident and a veteran, it burns me up when I think of the American flag in the ground, wet and dirty, and the other one taken. Why? Why take the flags?"

As borough manager, Lutsey said he was also angry because it cost the borough more than \$100 to put the flags up and paint the

"I will be able to have the Ameri-I'm pretty touchy about things like can flag cleaned and Commonwealth has said they will restring the flag lines and we will have to pay \$30 for another POW flag," commented Lutsey.

> Mayor Paul LaBar said, "I can't believe anyone would stoop so low. Demonstrations are bad enough but to take the flag. It's like taking those missing servicemen's lives. They're pretty low characters, whoever they are.

Mike Balash, who is active in the POW/MIA organization said the Dallas flag is not the first POW/ MIA flag to be taken.

"Several have been taken

throughout the area," said Balash. "It has to be someone pretty low to take either flag. You would think they would realize those flags represent men and women who fought so we could be free.

"The POW flag represents more than 30,000 men and women unaccounted for in Viet Nam. Korea, World War II and the Persian Gulf, men and women who probably gave their lives. It's the lowest of low, if you ask me," Balash

Anyone with information about the flag's disappearance can call Fowler at the Dallas Borough police office.

## Old pub coming down? Not yet

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

Dallas borough residents who looked forward to the demolition of the dilapidated former Hearthstone Pub are in for a dissappointment. Borough solicitor John Fine, Jr. had said at a meeting earlier this year that the property was scheduled for a sheriff's sale no later than April 19, but that is apparently not

The Luzerne County Sheriff's Office said Friday, April 12, that the Hearthstone was not on the list of sales for April, nor was it listed under other names such as Ron Post, Richard Cheney, TLC Inc., or KRW Enterprises.

Earlier in the week, Dallas borough solicitor, John Fine, Jr. said as far as he knew the building was to be sold April 19.

"It might be a private bid sheriff sale because they're all inside parties involved," Fine said. "Attorney Robert Scovell told me it was set for April 19. That's all that I know.

When Scovell was contacted April 15, he told the Post reporter that the papers for the sale had not been filed.

"I have more work on the papers before they are completed," Scovell said. "The Sheriff Sale will be scheduled sometime in the

Several months ago, Ron Post who is allegedly the owner of the Hearthstone, was given a limited time in which to have the building razed, before the Dallas Borough Council could have the building torn down and the cost charged to Post. That deadline date is long overdue.

### Route 29 speed limit back to 50

RICH JOHNSON

Less than a year after lowering the speed limit on Route 29 near Lake Silkworth, Lehman Township supervisors are angry that the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has recently raised the limit back to 50 miles per hour.

The supervisors said at their April 15 meeting that the change

me as a surprise to them. We didn't know anything about it," said chairman Douglas Ide. "I was driving by and saw the men rking and that is when I knew it it was being increased."

The supervisors are concerned about the danger of the higher authorized them to lower the speed limit to 35 miles per hour.

"It doesn't make any sense," said Ide. "They tell us to lower it from 50 to 35 and then a year later they take it back up to 50. You figure it

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WHAT A CATCH - This weekend was a big one for area fishermen as trout season began Saturday. Shown above are some of the younger anglers who had a successful opening day. At left are five-year-old Matthew Hawk and nine-year-old Brooke Fronczkewicz. Pictured at right are Brian Smigielski and his brother Tom, of Harveys Lake. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

### Sparse turnout for opening day

By RICH JOHNSON

The opening day of trout season is normally one of the biggest days of the year at Harveys Lake. But that was not the case this year after anglers found other places to go when the state did not stock the lake with

The only section of the lake where more than a handful of fishermen could be seen was the Sunset section where a local

businessman had stocked approximately 1,000 fish the day before the season opened.

Even though many fisherman were catching their limit, most of the anglers were frustrated with the decision by the state not to stock the lake.

"I think it is a big disappointment for the kids," said Joe Drust, of Dallas. "They look forward to coming out here and catching fish and the state is

taking that away from them." The state Fish Commission announced that no more legalsize trout will be stocked in the lake. Instead, smaller fish have been put in the lake the past five years and the Fish Commission believes these fingerlings will grow and populate the

Drust, who is a member of the Harveys Lake Bass Master's Club, does not agree with the state's decision and said

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### Recycling moves closer

By CHARLOT M. DENMON

Three Back Mountain communities took another step toward recycling last week with the opening of bids from trash haulers interested in servicing the area. With the bids in, it is expected to be only a matter of months until curbside pickup of recyclable materials begins.

Four of the seven Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Service companies submitted bids at the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) meeting, Thursday, April 11, at the DAMA offices.

The bids which were opened by Board Chairman R. Spencer Martin were submitted to service Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township in municipal garbage pickup and mandatory recycling which is tentatively scheduled to begin July 1.

Residents who live in the above municipalities beginning July 1 of this year will have their garbage picked up by the company subcontracted by DAMA, who has been appointed as the agent by the three municipalities. The residents will no longer have their garbage picked up by their current garbage men unless it happens to be one who is awarded the bid by the authority.

Companies who submitted bids to the authority were Waste Management-Scranton, July 1, 1991

to Dec. 31, 1992, \$181.44 per dwelling unit or approximately \$10 per month, and Jan. 1, 1993 to Dec. 31, 1993, \$128.52 per dwelling unit or approximately \$10.71 per month; Solid Waste Inc., July 1, 1991 to Dec. 31, 1992, \$219.42 per dwelling or approximately \$12.19 per month, and Jan. 1, 1993 to Dec. 31, 1993, \$148.56 per dwelling or approximately \$12.38 per month; Danella Environmental Technologies, July 1 1991 to Dec. 31, 1992, \$152.40 per dwelling or approximately \$8.46 per month, and Jan. 1 1993 to Dec. 31, 1993, \$154.40 per dwelling or approximately \$12.86 per month; and Solomon Industries, July 1, 1991 to Dec. 31, 1992, per dwelling or approximately \$12.25 per month, and Jan. 1, 1993 to Dec. 31, 1993, \$154.32 or approximately \$12.86 per

Endless Mountains Disposal, C&K Sanitation Enterprises and Searles Sanitation did not submit

The bids were turned over to DAMA solicitor Ben Jones, III, for his approval before the contract will be awarded.

A spokesman for C&K Sanitation, who did not give her name said she thought the contracts were

What about the smaller haul-

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### Abuses bring end to Lake recycling project

By RICH JOHNSON Staff Writer

Harveys Lake officials announced last week that the borough will no longer be holding a weekly recycling drop-off program, citing problems with unacceptable materials being left by people who are not residents of the borough.

"It's something we have to do," said David Abod, the borough's recycling coordinator. "We have a lot of problems with people just coming up and dumping anything and we have to clean it up," he

For the past two years the bormaterials on a weekly basis at a ones being hurt. drop-off site across from the borough building.

The past couple of months, however, that area has been littered with other items, much of it from outside the borough come up not recyclable.

"People think they can bring whatever they want," said Abod.

"and when no one is around they are dropping off things that are not recyclable.

Abod said that crews from the borough often clean up the dropoff area only to find more items left there only a day later.

Some items being dropped off has also caused problems with some of the materials that could have been recycled.

"They are throwing anything they want in with our recyclables, said Abod. "We have already had some of our loads become contaminated.

Abod said that the borough residents are not the ones to blame ough has been accepting recyclable for the problem but they are the

"I want to stress that it isn't our residents causing the problems, they've done everything we asked. The problems start when people

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### Strom receives Paul Harris Award

District Governor, Hla Shwe is shown presenting Howard Strom the Paul Harris Fellow Award at the annual Charter Night held recently. The Paul Harris Award is the highest honor bestowed by Rotary and Mr. Strom is a worthy recipient with many years of community service in Rotary, Back Mountain Library, Luzerne County Fall Fair, and many other community activities. Shown in the photo from left, R. Shwe, Strom, Brett Slocum, Dallas Rotary president; Robert Bayer, Dallas Rotary presidentelect decade