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DA continues Harveys Lake police probe

Olszewski still pushing for audit of borough, investigating other police irregularities

By ERIC FOSTER
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The investigation of the Harveys Lake Police Department has not stopped with the arrest of Assistant Chief Ronald Spock on the charge of bribery, according to Luzerne County District Attorney Peter Paul Olszewski. Shortly after Spock was arrested for bribery in June, Olszewski said that about 15 other drunken-driving cases handled by Spock also were being investigated. The district attorney is also continuing to press for an audit of the borough's finances by the state's Auditor General's Office.

Those investigations have not fallen by the wayside, said Olszewski. "The investigation is very active." According to Olszewski, those cases involve two types of discrepancies. In some cases a driver was stopped with a blood alcohol level that measured higher than the state's legal definition of drunk, .10%, and no drunken driving charges were filed. In other cases, drunken driving charges were filed by Spock, but later dropped, said Olszewski, even though an officer cannot drop a drunken driving charge without permission from

the District Attorney's Office. Olszewski said that he has been negotiating for the past several weeks with the attorney for the Auditor General's Office. "The preliminary indication is they will be there to do the audits I requested," said Olszewski. Spock started working as a borough police officer in 1986. He's paid \$7.45 an hour. With overtime he made \$23,798 in 1991. Police Chief Lionel Bulford is paid \$7.80 an hour. The bribery charge against Spock was sent to Luzerne County Court by District Justice Carmen Maffei July 24.

Bribery charge against Asst. Chief sent to county court

By ERIC FOSTER
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A charge of bribery against Ronald Spock, Harveys Lake Assistant Police Chief, has been sent to Luzerne County Court by District Justice Carmen Maffei. Spock, 43, of Lake View Terrace, is accused of having accepted a color television set in exchange for dropping a drunken driving charge last December. The prosecution alleges that Spock stopped Peter Joseph Achey, 33, of Dana Street, Wilkes-Barre, for drunken driving on Lakeside Drive in the Sunset section of Harveys Lake on December 15, 1991.

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According to police, though Achey signed a report acknowledging that he refused to have a blood alcohol test performed, which under state law should mean that Achey automatically loses his driving privileges for one year, Achey never was formally charged. Achey testified before Maffei that he called a friend, Mark Kline of Harveys Lake, and asked if he could

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PIZZA WARS II

Okay, pizza lovers, now's your chance. Pizza Wars II, the sequel to a popular promotion held in 1990, begins this week in The Dallas Post. Pizza Wars II gives connoisseurs of the round or square delicacies an opportunity to vote for the best varieties in the Back Mountain. Voters will select their top choice in three categories; thin crust, thick crust, and with "the works."

So that entrants will have plenty of time to sample the choices, an entry ballot will appear in The Post this week and the following two issues. Ballots also will be available at participating restaurants. At the completion of the contest, three winners will be drawn, one each from ballots for the winning pizzerias. Each winner will receive a \$35 gift certificate to the restaurant they voted for. Complete rules appear on pages 8 and 9.

In addition to The Post, sponsors are The Dough Company, Grotto Pizza, Little Caesar's, Mimmo's, Pizza Hut, Pizza Perfect, Red's Subs and Three Guys Pizza.

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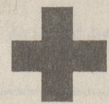
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Red Cross Blood drive

Wednesday, August 5 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

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Bicycling from shore to shore

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Seventy miles a day isn't a long way to travel. Just over an hour by car. By bicycle, for 47 days straight, the wind pushing you the other way most of the time. That's a different story.

For 47 days, Anne Holmes of Shavertown rode her bicycle an average of 70 miles a day for a total of 3,200 miles.

Beginning in Los Angeles on May 9, and ending in Boston on June 25, Holmes' ride raised \$7,500 for the Wyoming Valley chapter of "Habitat for Humanity," which she volunteers for.

Riding six to eight hours a day as a participant in "Pedal for Power," bicycle tour, from the seat of her 21-speed bike Holmes saw the United States as few people do.

Sponsored by the Bicyclists' Educational and Legal Foundation of the League of American Wheelmen, the ride raised money for charities selected by each rider, whose proceeds were evenly divided between the designated charities and the League.

"People rode for everything from AIDS research to animal shelters," Ms. Holmes recalled. "Many causes seemed almost like personal quests. For example, one fellow rode for research on Alzheimer's disease because his grandfather has it."

Braving headwinds for most of the trip, nearly continuous rain from Los Angeles to Santa Fe, hail and a wind and rain storm with a 23' wind chill in Kansas, Anne and her brother David Holmes of Baltimore raised a total of \$15,000, half of which will go to "Habitat."

"Pedaling cross-country isn't simply hopping onto a bike and zipping down the road," said Anne Holmes. "It's a continuous challenge to do something for 47 days that you may not be specially trained for. This trip was more than I had originally envisioned."

Holmes described riding through continuous headwinds as similar to riding through molasses. More than physical fatigue, riders become mentally worn, wondering if they will make it through the day, Holmes said.

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VICTORY Anne Holmes raises her bicycle overhead in the Atlantic Ocean after pedaling 3,200 miles from Los Angeles to Boston.

Huntsville Golf Club fails first well test

By GRACE R. DOVE
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According to the Lehman Township zoning board, the test wells for the Huntsville Golf Club have failed their first test.

The township planning commission had granted approval to the proposed golf club March 23, based on the club's meeting several conditions, including a well test. The test well must be pumped continuously for 72 hours without drawing down the water level in four adjacent wells, each 100 feet from the well, to an appreciable degree.

Supervisor David Sutton said that when the test well was tested in early July at 100 gallons per minute, it drew the adjacent wells down to the level of the well pump. A second test at 50 gallons per minute was begun Monday, July 27.

Located on Market Street in Lehman, the proposed golf club would require 125,000 gallons of water daily — enough water to supply 350 homes.

"If they can't find enough water by drilling wells, the golf club must find alternate sources," Sutton said. "If they can't find alternative sources, that's their problem."

Alternate sources discussed at a previous hearing included possible construction of two ponds, one containing seven million gallons and the other five million

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Ken Young honored with renaming of Dallas park

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Burdale Park, a favorite playground for several generations of Dallas kids, will soon have a new name: Kenneth A. Young Memorial Park.

Named in memory of a former recreation director whose entire life was youngsters, the park boasts tennis and basketball courts, a jungle gym, monkey bars, swing sets, a building with restrooms and a supervised recreation program.

Young, who passed away in 1985, was active in Dallas Borough government and the recreation program until 1984, when the family moved to Red Rock. He also coached swimming at Greater Naticoke Area High School, where he taught gym, and worked at the YMCA.

His widow, Myrl Young, reminisced about the recreation program when her husband was director.

"Without fail, every February,



HONORING A CHILD'S FRIEND — Dallas Borough recreation director Jack Wolensky, recreation counselors Kathy Farrell and John McKeever, Mrs. Myrl Young and Mayor Paul LaBar examine the new sign renaming Burdale Park in memory of the late Kenneth Young. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

usually during a snowstorm, someone would call Ken, asking when the tennis nets would be set up and ready for play," she laughed.

"No one really remembers the exact dates that Ken was the borough's recreation director. It just kind of happened," she continued.

"When Ken was first asked to work with Dallas Borough's recreation program, he asked my father's advice," Mrs. Young said. "My dad, Myron Steele, a member

of Court Dale Borough council, told Ken that it would be a good, all-around experience. It turned out to be Ken's cup of tea."

Councilman Jay Pope, whom Young hired as recreation director in 1977, recalled him as a person whose entire life revolved around young people.

"Ken could relate to kids in a very special way, a highly prized

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State audit finds flaws in Dallas Twp. pension plan

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Auditor General Barbara Hafer recently released a 1990 and 1991 audit report of Dallas Township's Nonuniformed Pension Plan, making six criticisms and suggestions for change.

One part-time and five full-time road workers participate in the

plan according to roadmaster Frank Wagner.

According to the report, the auditors found that:

- The plan received \$20,258 in state aid, \$37,318 in members' and municipal contributions and \$7,964 in investment income during the years audited.

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Jackson Twp. zoners deny prison pipeline variance

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The Jackson Twp. zoning board unanimously denied an application for a zoning variance on required setbacks for construction of a pump house filed by the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS) after the agency didn't show up at the zoning hearing to deliver testimony.

Located on a triangular plot of land between Old Route 29 at Mizdall Road and the present Route 29, the facility is 17 feet from the highway and ten feet from the dirt road (Old Route 29).

Township ordinances require setbacks of at least 30 feet.

According to DGS press secretary Rose Wuenschel, the DGS did not need to apply for the variance, although they were doing so "to be a good neighbor."

The DGS will have 30 days from the date of written notification of the denial to file an appeal with the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, if it chooses to do so, according to zoning chairman David Roskos.

"The burden is now on the Department of General Services," Roskos said. "They did not even see fit to testify on their own behalf."