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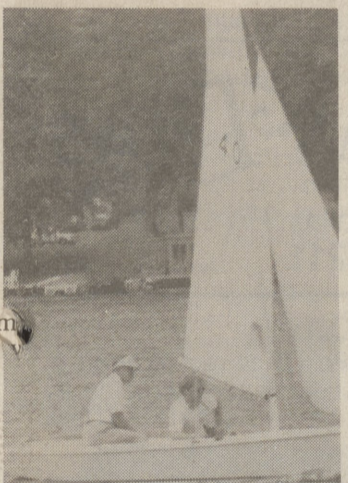
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Fun 'n' games

Two youngsters improvised a bit in the bean toss during the season-ending party for participants in the Back Mountain Memorial Library summer reading program. Susan Dwinchick, 10, left, and Carl Seitz, 6, livened up the game. Add'l photo on page 3. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

Big Leaguers welcomed home

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

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Accompanied by eight fire trucks with blaring sirens and flashing lights, the District 16 Back Mountain Big League Girls' Softball Team returned home Saturday night after three weeks on the road with their first state championship and an excellent record in the regional playoffs.

"Is this really for us?" "Awesome!" "Whoo-ee!" echoed through the bus as fire engines from Jonathan R. Davis (Idetown), Daniel

C. Roberts (Harveys Lake), Trucksville, Shavertown, Lehman, Kunkle and Dallas fire companies (Dallas sent two trucks) met the team at the Luzerne ramp on Route 309 to escort a very special "Dream Team" to their families waiting at the Dallas Little League field.

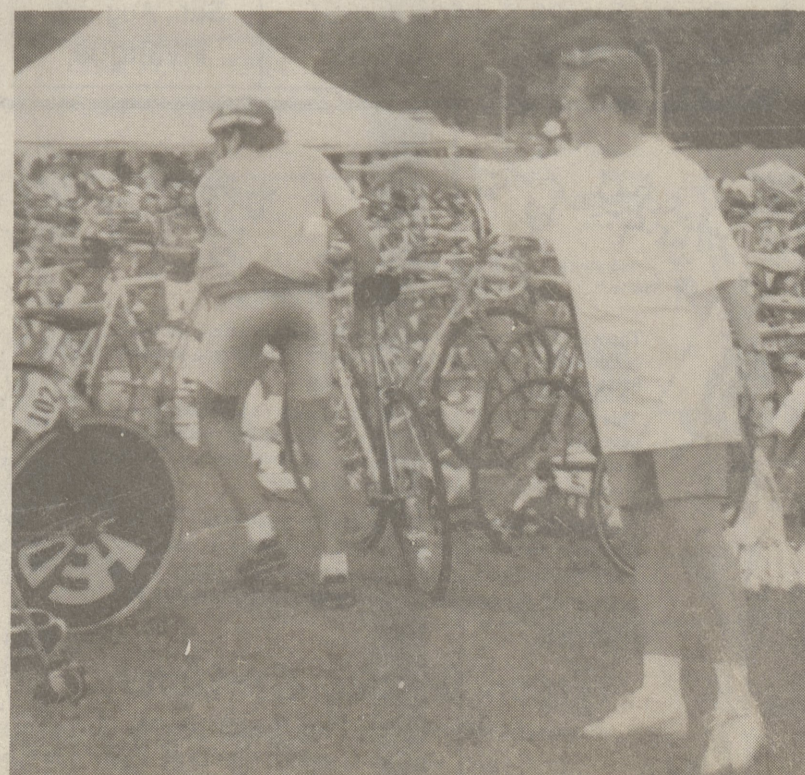
The team had swept its way to regional competition by beating Williamsport 9-6 for its first state

championship two weeks ago in Collegeville.

Kelly Janosky helped to blow away the competition by slamming in three triples, a double and a single in one game, adding another two triples, two doubles and a single in the following day's play.

"That's almost an entire career

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DIRECTING TRAFFIC — Debbie Glidden of Trucksville helps a triathlete find the proper bike rack at the bicycle to run transition of the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre August 16. For a list of local finishers of the race, see page 12. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

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New teaching methods for Dallas district

By ERIC FOSTER
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Lake-Lehman is planning ahead.
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Dr. Richard Coslett remembers his first day of dental school.

Fresh out of undergraduate school where he finished at the top of his class, he expected to really impress his professors.

His first assignment, carve a tooth out of wax.

When he was finished with the wax tooth, it looked a little like a coal shovel. But he took it to the professor, who promptly threw it on the floor and suggested he quit dental school.

"It was a huge change, I was used to studying and taking tests, not using my hands," said Coslett. Coslett didn't quit, but he remembered how unprepared he was for the wax tooth exercise. As a member of the Dallas School Board, he'd like to save Dallas graduates

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Judge cans suit against DAMA

By ERIC FOSTER
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Nearly a year after it was filed by disgruntled haulers, the lawsuit against the Dallas Area Municipal Authority was set aside by Luzerne County President Judge Patrick Toole on August 12.

The suit, filed in September of 1991 by Searles Sanitation, C&K Sanitation and Dave's Sanitation, names Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, and Kingston Township as defendants. Dave's Sanitation withdrew in December of 1991.

Toole granted a demurrer requested by the defendants, effectively dropping the suit. The haulers were granted 30 days to file an amended complaint with additional information.

"The attorneys explained this to

us and this rarely happens," said Kingston Township Jeffrey Box.

The suit alleged that the contract the three municipalities and DAMA made with one hauler, Danella Environmental Technologies, is unconstitutional because it interferes with their right to make and keep contracts, effectively taking property from them, in the form of business, without the due process of law.

In his decision, Toole wrote that while the suit alleges that the township defendants acted "willfully, intentionally, and with actual malice. The allegations are conspicuously devoid, however, of factual averments to support the legal conclusions that are alleged.

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DAMA gets OK to file liens for trash bills

By ERIC FOSTER
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Coming on the heels of the lawsuit ruling, DAMA is preparing to file property liens against garbage customers who are delinquent in paying their quarterly bills. Dallas Township and Dallas Borough authorized filing liens about two weeks ago, said Tom Bagley, director of DAMA.

Kingston Township gave its approval to file liens August 12.

"What we're saying is that 2,000 paying customers are not going to subsidize the 250 delinquents," said Kingston Township manager Jeffrey Box.

Bagley said that about 270 customers are delinquent in Kingston Township, 260 in Dallas

Township, and about 70 in Dallas Borough for a total of 600. The 600 delinquents are about 10% of the 6,000 garbage customers in the three municipalities. He estimated that about half of the delinquents are using the service.

Bagley said that DAMA had budgeted to have a delinquency rate of 5%.

In all, DAMA is short about \$100,000 in unpaid garbage bills, said Bagley. DAMA is responsible for collecting the garbage bills, and in turn paying the contractor Danella.

"Suppose we can't meet our financial obligations for the program?" asked Bagley. "One of the things that might have to be done is the municipalities would have to pay."

Water rate hearings Aug. 25 at Dallas Middle School

Public hearings on the proposed rate increase for customers of the Dallas, Shavertown, Harveys Lake and Noxen water companies will be held August 25 in Scranton and in Dallas.

The hearings will be at 2 p.m. at the Scranton State Office Building, and at 7 p.m. in the Dallas Middle School.

If the requests were approved, average customers of the four companies can expect to see their quarterly bills jump by the following amounts:

- Shavertown: from \$99.27 to \$127.02 for 13,000 gallons, or 27.93%
 - Noxen: from \$59.19 to \$95.82 for 9,000 gallons, or 61.74%
 - Dallas: from \$68.93 to \$136.04 for 14,000 gallons, or 98.90%
 - Harveys Lake: a flat rate of \$32.74 to \$118.70 or 338.94%
- The new rates would mean that customers of each company would pay approximately the same amount for a given gallon of water