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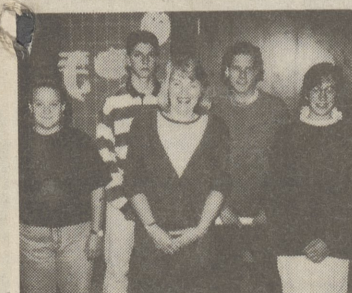
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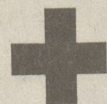
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## Cop pulls man from burning car

### 'I'm not a hero. I was just doing my job,' he says

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Thanks to quick action by Kingston Township Patrolman Robert Weiss, Ronald Nulton, 20, of Harveys Lake narrowly escaped burning to death in a one-car accident Saturday morning.

Police said Nulton was the passenger in a 1988 Dodge Shadow, operated by Ronald M. Duszak, 19, of Lake Winola, which hit a utility pole head-on shortly

after 4 a.m. Halloween morning on Route 309 in front of Back Mountain Service Star in Shavertown.

When Weiss arrived on the scene, he found Duszak lying on the ground near the car and Nulton still inside.

"I saw the engine compartment suddenly ignite and the passenger compartment fill up with smoke. I knew that I had to get the passenger out as quickly as possible, although he looked as if he had multiple

injuries," Weiss said.

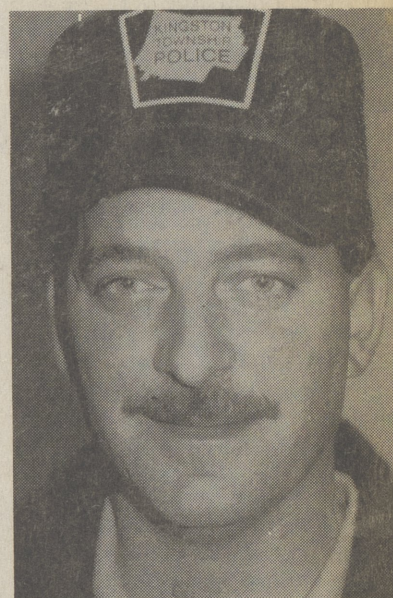
Weiss said that he had a hard time opening the car's door, since the impact had jammed it. As flames from the engine shot up into the air, he freed Nulton and carried him approximately 20 feet away from the burning car.

Police said that both Duszak and Nulton were transported to Nesbitt hospital by the Dallas ambulance, where Duszak was admitted in serious condition, upgraded to fair condition as of

Monday, November 2, according to a hospital spokesman. Nulton's condition was not available.

Duszak was later arrested for driving while under the influence after a blood test performed at the hospital detected alcohol, police said.

"I'm not a hero. No way. I was just doing my job," Weiss said. "I just wanted to get the passenger out of the car as fast as possible. It's my job to help people."



ROBERT WEISS

## School helps students with grief

By BILL HARPER  
Post Staff

A team of counselors has been called in to respond to student and public questions following a bus accident which took the life of a Dallas Middle School student on October 30.

Fourteen-year-old Mitchell Brown of Shavertown was killed when a school bus rolled over him near his home. The Dallas School District responded immediately to provide psychological assistance to any person who feels that it is necessary.

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PICKET AT COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE—Members of the Communications Workers of America at Commonwealth Telephone Company staged an informational picket on October 30th. The current contract for the union was cancelled on October 24 and negotiations on a new three year contract are at a stalemate (Post Photo/Bill Harper)

## Commonwealth eliminates 5% of union jobs

By BILL HARPER  
Post Staff

With negotiations on a new labor contract at a stalemate, Commonwealth Telephone has laid off five percent of its union work force.

"The union was notified on October 30 that five percent of the union jobs are being eliminated," said Jim Short, staff representative of the Communication Workers of America.

The company's public relations director, Carrie Thorpe, said that 19 union jobs were eliminated due to a decrease in available work because of a declining customer base. She also said that the company has spent the last two years replacing analog switches

with a digital system. "Because there is less trouble on the line with the new system, we do not need as much manpower," Thorpe said.

Thorpe said that 10 of the positions which were eliminated were vacant due to retirements and people leaving the company. "The elimination of these positions is not a reaction to the communication workers union," Thorpe said.

Communications technician, business technician and cable technician are among the jobs which have already been eliminated, Short said.

"The company's management was reorganized earlier this year;

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## Stricken youngster's plight draws support

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

After having seen their son, Eddie, beat cancer and related health problems, earn the coveted rank of Eagle Scout and graduate from Lake-Lehman High School, the Turchin family of Jackson Township faces more hurdles.

Eddie was operated on for a brain aneurism, a sort of balloon in his carotid artery, a major blood vessel, where it splits into a "Y," October 1 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

During the surgery, he suffered a small stroke. "The surgeons said that this was the worst aneurism that they had seen, but they were able to repair it," his mother, Bonnie Turchin, said.

Less than two weeks later, Eddie suffered another stroke during emergency abdominal surgery to

stop bleeding in his digestive tract caused by post-operative medication.

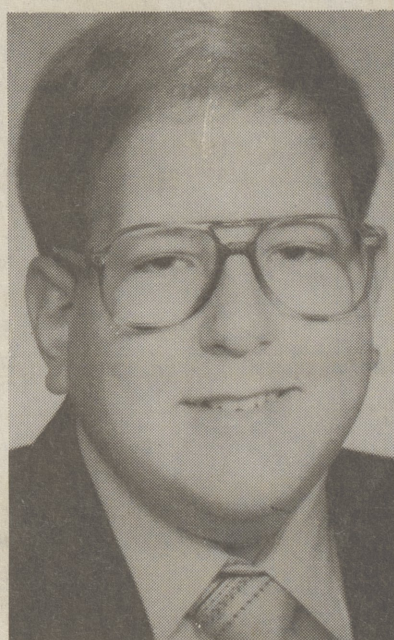
The strokes have cost Eddie the feeling in his body and he is in a semi-coma.

"Eddie can partially open his eyes and make the peace sign when we ask him to," Bonnie Turchin said. "He also receives physical therapy."

When he was eight years old, doctors found a malignant tumor the size of a walnut on Eddie's pituitary gland. A four-hour operation and 30 heavy doses of radiation stopped its growth, but Eddie has had to take several kinds of medication to prevent seizures and correct related health problems since then.

Doctors found the aneurism in June during a routine followup examination and scan.

"The great outpouring of community support for Eddie and



EDDIE TURCHIN

prayers for our family from friends and neighbors are what's keeping us going," Bonnie Turchin said. "Eddie has always been a fighter. He knew the possible risks involved

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## Saving open land is topic of meeting

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

For many area families, the Back Mountain is practically synonymous with rolling farmland and scenic woods where wildlife roams undisturbed.

But a continuing influx of new residents, all seeking the region's special rural atmosphere, is bringing continued growth and development, resulting in a loss of the very atmosphere that people moved out here to find, according to Will Conyngham, president of the Back Mountain Citizens' Council.

"Development doesn't have to mean the sacrifice of farmland, open spaces and forest habitats," Conyngham said. "Formerly, if a person who owned a large tract of land died and no one was interested

WHAT: Meeting on land trusts and conservation easements.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Center for Technology, Penn State campus, Lehman

in or could afford to keep up the old family farm, its usual fate would be sale for subdivision."

For example, a Back Mountain property owner had allowed the Boy Scouts to use his land for many years, setting up campsites and hiking trails in the woods.

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## Teamwork is key to Dallas band's success

By BILL HARPER  
Post Staff

A successful team requires hard work, dedication and a commitment to excellence. It also needs the support of volunteers and the community. Dallas High School band director Todd Hunter believes there is one other ingredient: Just have fun.

"The band members really enjoy participating in the games, parades and competitions during the year," Hunter said.

Hunter asks marching band members at the beginning of the year if they want to perform at more than just games. Hunter thinks the positive response is the result of pride and enthusiasm in the band members at Dallas.

The school's pride in its bands has grown and developed over the last four years. Robert Stair, president of the Band Boosters, said that this is the result of a nucleus of 12 members who stayed with the program through the rebuilding years.

"About four years ago, the school lost a band director and over the next year, people left the band to where there were only 12 musicians who were left," Stair said.

Stair described the band boosters as a group of parents of band members and anyone else with an interest in the band. Their primary role is to provide financial and moral support to the marching, jazz and concert bands at Dallas High School.

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## The Post will have its own place

If all goes according to plan, The Dallas Post will have a new — and permanent — home about one month from now.

Last week, we purchased a building at 45 Main Road in Dallas Township (across from Offset Paperback) that will become the office for The Post as soon as renovations are completed. Formerly a private home, the building offers more than twice the space of our present office, with adequate parking for both employees and visitors.

For the past 20 years or so, The Post has occupied a succession of rented quarters. Under several former owners, the newspaper was published at a site on Lehman Avenue from the turn of the century

until 1975. The Post then moved to Main Street in the present Dallas Centre Hardware building, later to an office on Gerald Avenue, and in 1985 to its present offices in the 309-415 Plaza. We hope this next move will be the last for a long, long time.

While the new building was a private home, it is well laid-out for our offices. Instead of one large room we'll have separate areas for business, news and composing departments. Equipment — mostly computers, office and darkroom items — will move with us. We also will produce The Abington Journal there, although its main office remains in Clarks Summit.

We also hope to retrieve back issues to 1929 that are presently housed in the basement of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. That will make access to them easier for us and for people who wish to look up old items.

In the next few weeks, we plan to tell you more about our new facility, and about how The Post is put together. And we will hold an open house sometime soon so that the community can take a look at our expanded and improved home. In the meantime, we want to thank the readers and advertisers without whose support this step up wouldn't have been possible.

Ron and Charlotte Bartizek, publishers