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Home or not, trash bills keep coming

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

As the sleek green and white trucks make their daily rounds picking up trash and recyclables, the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA), responsible for residential trash removal in three Back Mountain communities, bills the residents for the service.

Whether or not they're home to use it.

According to DAMA's manager Tom Bagley, residents of Dallas Borough and Kingston and Dallas

townships will be billed for garbage pickups unless they are away from home for 90 consecutive days and have given DAMA a month's notice.

Owners of vacant apartments will also have to pay for garbage pickups from vacant units unless they have notified DAMA in advance and the unit is vacant more than 90 consecutive days.

But what if someone is in the hospital for two months?

"They must be away 90 consecutive days. It doesn't matter whether they're sick or on vacation," Bagley said. "They have

to pay for the service whether or not they're using it. If someone can't afford it, they can apply for reduced rates as a hardship case under state low-income guidelines."

Bagley said that approximately 50 residents in the three communities currently receive a 30 percent hardship discount on the \$135 yearly garbage collection fee, which works out to \$94.50 a year or \$23.65 quarterly.

Charges for extra bag stickers (\$1.50 apiece) and replacement of the original free blue recyclables

container (\$5) are the same for all customers.

Bagley said that since DAMA must pay its subcontractor, Danella Environmental Technologies, for each open account, so DAMA must charge customers whose homes aren't vacant for the full 90 days.

"We must have rules to operate. These are the rules," Bagley said.

In August, 1991, after heated public debate, DAMA was designated by the three municipalities as the only agent allowed to provide trash and

recyclables pickups. Because of their size, Kingston and Dallas townships fell under new Pennsylvania law requiring municipalities to recycle clear and colored glass, aluminum, steel and bi-metallic cans and certain types of plastic and paper. Dallas Borough joined in anticipating that it would eventually be required to recycle.

When the authority named Danella Environmental Technologies as the only authorized

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Champion cheerleaders

The Dallas High School cheerleaders will compete at the National High School Cheerleading Championships in February. Members of the Dallas High School cheerleading squad are, kneeling, from

left, Beth Ann Wagner, Jennifer Cutter, Laura Selenski, Sara Cuba, Jennifer Bryant, Michelle Sivar, Kim Jones. Standing, from left, Christy O'Bryant, Christy Francis, Julie Haas, Joan Bednar. Absent from photo, Melissa Prokopchak, Bridget Zimisnski, Mary Ann Selenski. Story on page 7. (Post photo/Ron Bartizek)

Spock trial may begin in 3 weeks

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Within the next three weeks, Harveys Lake assistant police chief Ronald Spock will have his day in court.

But this time he'll face a jury as the defendant.

Spock's jury trial in Luzerne County Court on a charge of bribery is expected to be scheduled within the next three weeks, according to assistant district attorney Charles Coslett.

The charge stemmed from an incident December 15, 1991, in which Spock allegedly stopped Peter Joseph Achey, 33, of Wilkes-Barre, for driving while under the influence on Lakeside Drive in Harveys Lake Borough.

According to testimony given at a preliminary hearing July 16, 1992, Achey was never formally charged with D.U.I., although a written police report, a signed statement acknowledging that he refused to allow a blood alcohol test (BAC) to be performed and records from Back Mountain Police Communications Center indicating that Spock had stopped a suspected drunken driver were given to the Pennsylvania State Police by Harveys Lake patrolmen Mark Karlonis and Jeffrey Butler.

Under Pennsylvania law, a driver who refuses a BAC automatically loses his or her driving privileges for a year.

Achey allegedly donated a 20-inch color television set to the Harveys Lake police department after contacting a friend, Mark Kline of Harveys Lake, to request his help in having the D.U.I. charge dropped.

Spock reportedly told Kline that the police department's television

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Jackson building still bedevils supervisors

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

After a colorful history as a dairy farm, animal shelter, paving company and secret home to six huge underground tanks leaking oil into the surrounding soil, the Jackson Township Municipal Building still is causing the township's supervisors many headaches during its final conversion into an up-to-date home for township business.

Township solicitor Blythe Evans reported at the regular supervisors' meeting Monday, January 4, that some work cannot be finished because USF&G, the bonding company which holds the performance bond for the renovations done by the now-bankrupt Tri-City Construction Company of Allentown, has still not paid the subcontractors money that Tri-City owes them.

The subcontractors had stopped work on the building in late 1991 after Tri-City didn't pay them. Although USF&G should have paid them under the terms of the bond, the contractors haven't received a cent.

Until some agreement is reached, final work on the heating and ventilation system cannot be completed, according to supervisor Joe Stager. If the township hires another contractor to finish the job, the system's warranty will be invalidated.

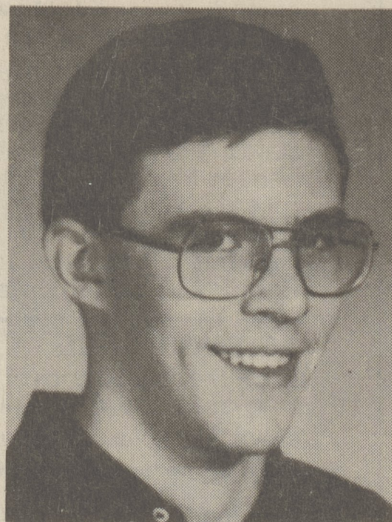
Other incomplete work on the

original "punch list," such as straightening door mouldings and touching up chipped paint, has already been done by the township.

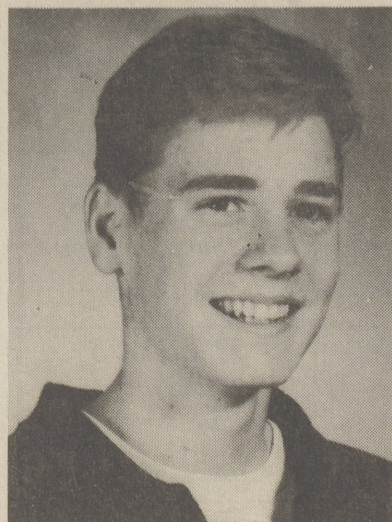
The supervisors directed Evans to find out the total amount of money owed to the subcontractors and when USF&G will settle the account.

In other business, Stager outlined two new procedures for township departments:

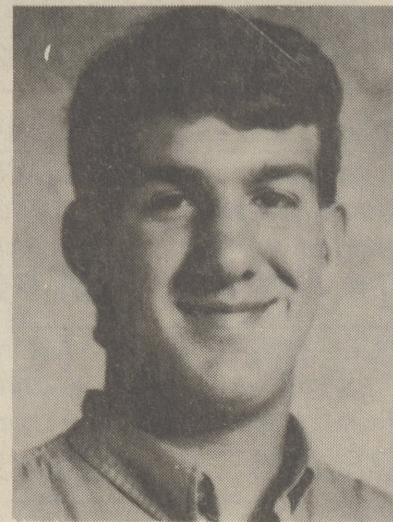
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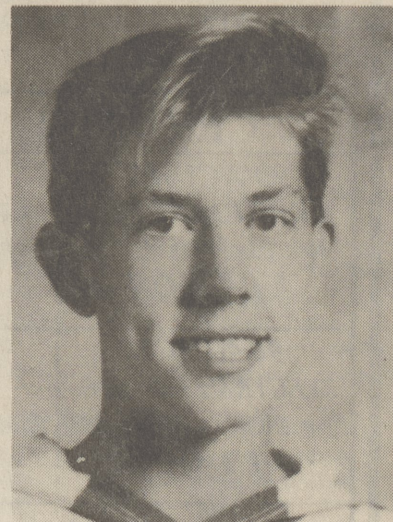
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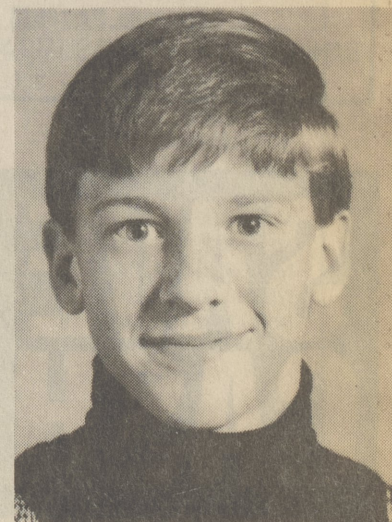
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BENJAMIN STRAVINSKY



ADAM HOOVER

Five Scouts from Troop 232 will achieve Eagle

By DAVE KONOPKI Post Correspondent

With each passing year, Boy Scout troops across the nation are beginning to realize that the members of Boy Scout Troop 232 of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Boy Scout Council are above average - well above average.

The Dallas troop will hold a historic ceremony on Sunday, January 10 when five members of the troop will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Gate of

Heaven Auditorium, Dallas. According to scoutmaster Jerry Lupien, those numbers are well above the national average.

"Normally, a troop will have someone obtain the rank of Eagle Scout about once every couple of years," said Lupien. "On a national basis only two percent of all Boy Scouts become Eagle Scouts. The numbers for the Northeast Council are about four percent. Our troop has been outstanding. We have five this year and we had three last year. It's really incredible." Douglas Roberts, son of Mr. and

Mrs. William Roberts; Bradford Kozick, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kozick; Benjamin Stravinsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stravinsky; Adam Hoover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hoover and Thomas Keating, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Keating will receive the award.

The road to becoming an Eagle Scout is a long one, with the tedious process taking a minimum of three years.

The road begins with the rank of Tanglefoot, usually at age 11. Each Eagle Scout candidate must earn 21 merit badges and then have his

application approved by the National Council.

Lupien said that it's not only the young men who will benefit from the experience and the rewards of becoming an Eagle Scout will live long past this Sunday.

"It's good for the entire community," said Lupien. "The whole troop benefits from this as do their families. If the young men can accomplish this at this age, they can do anything later in life, whether it's a college degree or a skill or a job."

Each Eagle Scout candidate

must complete a project before their application can be approved.

Roberts, 16, organized the restoration of the Rice Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Dallas, dating back to the 18th century. Stravinsky, 16, refurbished the basement of the Gate of Heaven Rectory to make a suitable meeting place for both boy and girl scout troops. Kozick, 16, cleared and marked a nature trail at Frances Slocum State Park that can be used by the handicapped.

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