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# Spock never was guilty here

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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The day after Harveys Lake assistant police chief Ronald Spock was acquitted of bribery in a jury trial, the breakfast and lunch crowd at Drury's Deli, just down the road from the borough hall, was jubilant.

Gary and Wendy Hoover of Harveys Lake borough believed that the jury delivered a just verdict. A former borough road foreman, Hoover has worked closely with all the borough policemen and Spock in particular.

"Ron is honest, fair and always

there to help you out, even when he was off-duty. He's a good person," Hoover said.

"Everybody has some good and some bad in them. Nobody's a saint," said Wendy Hoover. "But it seems that when you try to help people, often others tend to focus on the negative. Sometimes the more you work to help people, the harder others try to tear you down."

Borough sewage compliance officer William Mann was very, very pleased with Spock's acquittal. "I know that it's been a long ordeal for the entire family, and I sympathize with them," he said.

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Mann's "gut reaction" was that defense attorney Jonathan Blum did a tremendous job defending Spock.

"I never doubted that Spock was innocent. He's not that type of guy."

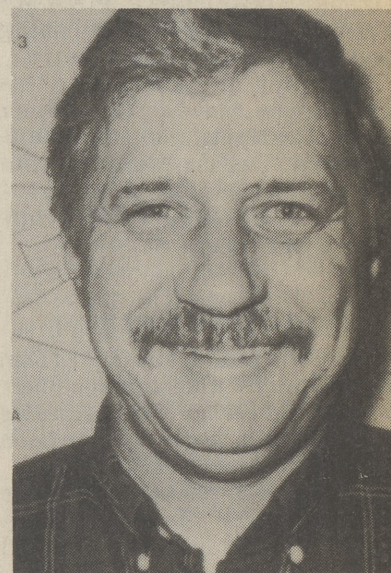
"I'm sure that he never solicited any type of favor," Mann continued. "When Ron Spock was on the force, we had a commanding po-

lice presence at Harveys Lake. After he was suspended, the presence has been more comical than commanding."

Two people who refused to be given their names said, "It looks like it was a personal vendetta against Spock by Karlonis and Butler." Part-time officers Mark Karlonis and Jeffrey Butler testified against Spock at his trial.

Joan Croman recalled how Spock came to a Cub Scout meeting to discuss guns and firearms safety with the boys. "He gave out information packets and was very

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RON SPOCK

# Local men share \$5M lottery win

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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When the Pennsylvania Lottery began its Wild Card Lotto game in 1988, 10 regular working guys at Bell Telephone in Wilkes-Barre began chipping in \$2 apiece each week for tickets.

Back Mountain residents Charles Hoyt and Roland Rhone now are part of the lucky group who recently learned that they hold a winning ticket for the \$4.7 million January 29 Lotto.

At first, Rhone thought that someone was playing a joke on him when he learned of the windfall. "It took a couple of minutes before it sank in that we had really won," he said.

Some of the men, all in their late 40's and early 50's, have been playing the same numbers for the past five years. Rhone still uses his original red and white Lotto card with the numbers already inked in.

This is the group's first big win, although they have won small sums of money in the past, Hoyt said.

"I sure was very surprised," Hoyt said. "I found out about the winning ticket the day that I buried my mother. At first, I didn't know if I should tell my family, but they all were thrilled when they found out."

Hoyt plans to use part of his share of the windfall to help pay for his mother's funeral and to remodel his home. "The cash will

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## Cheerleaders prepare for Florida trip

The Dallas High School cheerleaders will compete in the finals of the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida February 19-23. The team earned the trip by winning first place in one of 33 regional tournaments held around the country. The final competition will be televised on ESPN. To raise money

for the trip, the cheerleaders served as waitresses Sunday at Pizza Hut in Dallas, with all tips going toward their travel expenses. Shown above at Pizza Hut, from left, Jennifer Bryant, Beth Ann Wagner and Sara Cuba.

(Post photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

## Dallas First Eastern branch so far unaffected by cutbacks

Although officials of First Eastern Bank plan to close ten branch offices by June, a bank spokesman said that services at the bank's Dallas Village branch will stay open.

"Dallas Village isn't being considered for branch consolidation," said Karen Shonk of First Eastern's public relations department.

Shonk said that she doesn't know whether or not Dallas Village branch's personnel will be affected by the corporation's decision to lay off 150 workers.

"These layoffs are across-the-board; they'll affect everyone from tellers on up to vice-presidents," Shonk said. "Final decisions on who will be laid off won't be made until June."

by Grace R. Dove



## Bizarre Harveys Lake accident

This 1990 Cheverolet Corsica was a total loss when a runaway oil truck slammed into it at Harveys Lake February 3. The truck was heading towards Diveronica's Store when the driver reportedly blacked out and a passenger grasped the wheel, steering it away from the store but into the Corsica and a storage trailer parked in the store's parking lot. No one was injured. (Post photo/Ron Bartizek)

# Taxpayer group fields candidates

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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Pat Gold and Allan Moss, two founders of the Lake-Lehman Taxpayers' Association, have announced their candidacy for school board in the May 18 municipal primary election.

Both plan to seek the Democratic and Republican nominations by cross-filing.

And both have been endorsed by school director Ed Kern, who calls them "the people's candidates."

Moss will be a candidate to represent Lake-Lehman's Region I, made up of Lake Township, Harveys Lake and Noxen, which is currently represented by Mildred Dobash.

Gold, a Long Island native who moved to the district five years ago, is seeking the school district's Region II post currently held by Ken Williams. Region II is comprised of Ross Township and Lehman Township's central and southwestern districts.

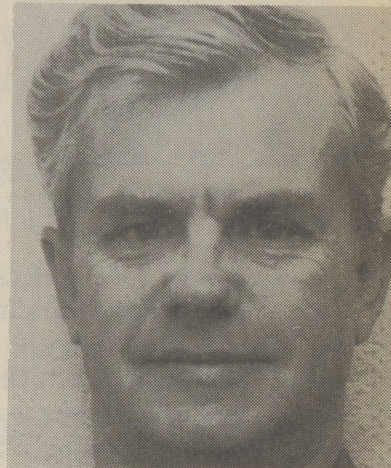
"I have found it frustrating that, while supporting the taxpayers' point of view, to be in the position of one person out of nine on too many important issues. I need help on this board; that's why this election is crucial," Kern said.

"The education of our young people is lacking," Moss said. "Our schools are trying to be all things to all people. I believe that it's time to get back to basics and concentrate more on academics."

Moss is also critical of outcome-based education, which he says is based too much on students' attitudes, not actual knowl-



PAT GOLD



ALLAN MOSS

edge of subject matter.

"Many of these outcomes, which include understanding others, patriotism and self-esteem, should be taught at home or in church," Moss said. "To have a school district widen its scope to include them in the curriculum doesn't sit well with me."

Both Moss and Gold are interested in examining how the district spends its money, streamlining the budget and exploring ways to obtain the same goods and services for less money.

"I'd like to see the board work towards more creative financing, rather than relying heavily on tax revenues," Gold said. "I personally know senior citizens just getting by on Social Security who are afraid of more tax increases. I know one elderly person who has had to work part-time at menial jobs, just to get a few extra dollars to make ends meet."

Gold said that while living on

Long Island, she personally saw older people, crippled by runaway tax increases, forced to leave the homes and neighborhoods that they had worked their entire lives to build.

"I don't want to see that happen here. We have to protect the elderly on fixed incomes," she continued.

"It costs money to give our children a good education, but I certainly believe that we can spread the financial burden out a bit more evenly."

Gold believes that enacting a non-resident tax on people who work in the school district but live outside it is one good way to raise money from those who can best afford it.

Because the teachers' contract has built-in raises which must be met, both Gold and Moss hope to find ways in which the district can

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