

Medicine Shoppe opens

Gary and Meg Karwaski have opened a new Medicine Shoppe pharmacy in the Dallas Shopping Center. Karwaski, a registered pharmacist, was most recently a district manager for Rea & Derick. Medicine Shoppe, a franchise with over 900 stores nationwide, guarantees the lowest local price on prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines. The store accepts most insurance plans, PACE and Medicaid. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shown above is Karwaski at the prescription counter, while behind him are store employees Peg Tawes, left, and Barbara Roberts.

Tea party

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had converged on the school board offices shortly before 7 p.m., standing on the lawn and lining the driveway into the parking lot.

"I expected to see thousands of people here. Instead I only saw about a hundred," said board member Clarence Michael.

Pulling a tea bag from his shirt pocket, he quipped, "See - I even brought my own tea bag for their tea party. It's Red Rose. Did they leave any good brands in there? I'll take some home for my wife. She likes tea too."

As an unidentified janitor brought Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers to the building, a woman shouted, "Why did you have to go and get Mr. Miers?"

"I do more work accidentally than you do all day," the janitor replied.

"We'd be better off if you all resigned," the woman shouted as Michael, Dr. Richard Coslett and school board president Jack Cleary left the building.

Cleary said that Monday's work session to discuss next week's meeting agenda was a normal one.

"All that we did was to propose a budget with no tax increase and adopt next year's school calendar," he said, frequently interrupted by catcalls from another woman who refused to identify herself.

"It was a standard meeting. I don't know why people from the

Valley bothered to come out here for it. Dallas has no labor problems, no tax increase and the lowest teachers' pay increase in the entire state."

Sitting at the teabag-littered conference table, Ruth Ninesling of Dallas Township called the abbreviated work session "a disgrace."

Pat Gold of the Lake-Lehman Taxpayers' Association said that the groups will network and go wherever they are needed to support their fellow organizations.

"We will break the yoke of PSEA (the teachers' union) greed and show our legislators that we'll remember every vote that they made that hurt the people. We're

Hostage

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box, contrasting eerily with the black-and-white police car parked in front of it and the grim scene in the pale yellow house on the hillside.

Police said that Russ had taken his eight-year-old son, Sam, hostage and threatened to kill him shortly before 1 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at his farm on Church Road in the township's Carverton section. After more than 12 hours of negotiations, frustrated police officers, fearing that Russ would make good on his threat to turn the confrontation into a murder/suicide, approached the ranch home and outbuildings in a plan to disable Russ, who was holed up in a shed behind the house.

As they approached, Russ opened fire with a .44 Magnum pistol, twice striking State Police Sgt. George Painter. Other police officers returned the fire, hitting Russ twice before he turned his gun on himself.

Luzerne County Deputy Coroner Joseph Shaver pronounced Russ dead at the scene at 3:50 a.m., police said.

Sergeant Painter was transported by the Kingston Township Ambulance to Community Medical Center in Scranton, where hospital officials list him in satisfactory condition. His two wounds

aren't lethal, police said.

Kingston Township police, the Luzerne County District Attorney's office and the Pennsylvania State Police Troop P, Wyoming Barracks and the state police Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) had converged on the scene after having been alerted by Russ's 12-year-old daughter, Katie, who had escaped from the home earlier.

The two children live in Birchwood Village in Exeter with their mother, Bonnie, who had filed for divorce a few months ago, police said. George and Bonnie Russ had four children in all, three boys and a Katie, ranging in age from eight to 21.

The standoff began after Russ had picked up the two children for visitation and brought them to Russ's home. Bonnie Russ had separated from her husband of 23 years many times, and had charged in court documents that he beat her and the children.

"I got to the house around 2 p.m. Sunday and was there until about 3:30 Monday morning," said Parrish. "Russ shot himself just after I left."

Parrish said that police had asked families living nearby to leave their homes during the standoff.

Neighbors living on both sides of the Russ home refused to speak with a reporter Monday afternoon.

"Mr. Russ's attorney contacted us and told us not to talk to anyone. I'm not sure of the attorney's name," said one woman who wouldn't identify herself.

Russ and his wife had a history of domestic problems, according to Parrish and retired Kingston Township police chief Paul Sabol.

"He and his wife separated several times; it was on again, off again," Sabol said. "I talked to them a couple of times several years ago, but Russ was the kind of guy who always had to have his way."

Sabol recalled one incident several years ago involving a Dallas school district school bus driver, in which Russ had fired a shot into the ground, then pointed his gun at the driver because he didn't like where the driver had stopped the bus.

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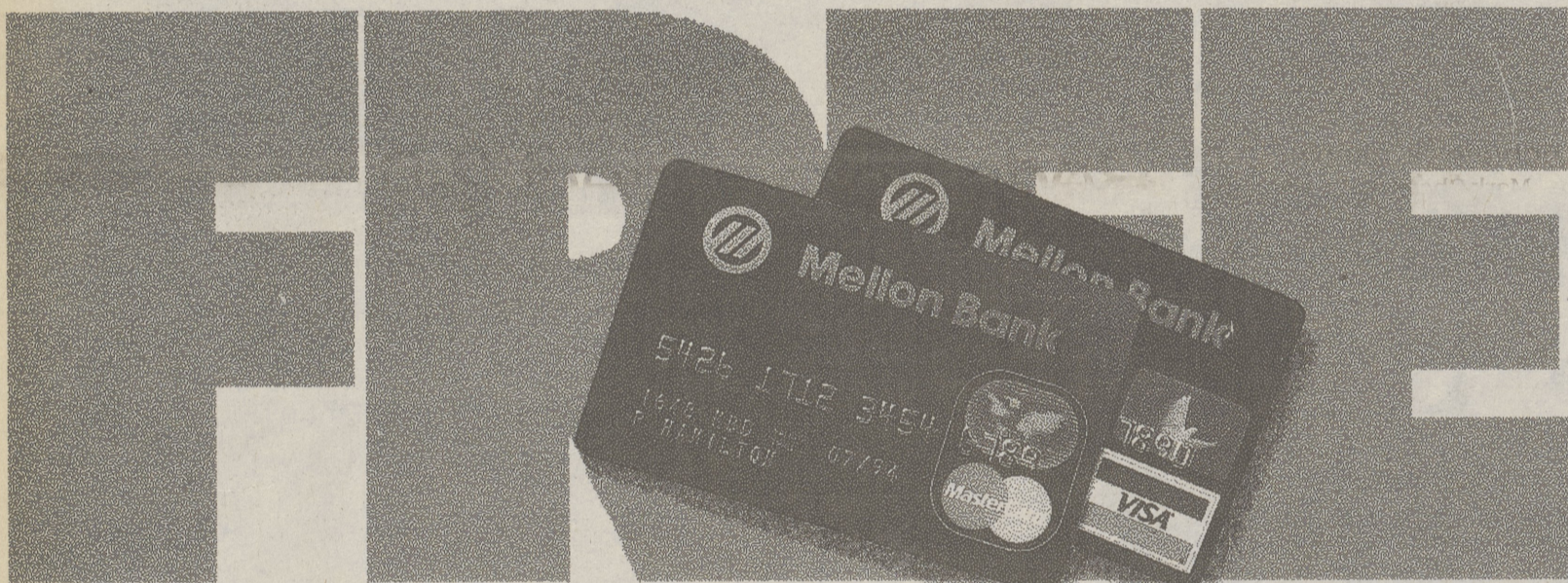
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Republicans and Democrats

Miers, who has been a police officer for 24 years and Dallas Township's chief since 1974, would serve the following communities that currently fall under retiring District Justice Earl Gregory's jurisdiction: Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Franklin Township, Harvey's Lake Borough, Jackson Township, Kingston Township, Lake Township and Lehman Township.

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