

The Dallas Post

35¢

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE DALLAS & LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Vol. 104 No. 30

Dallas, Pennsylvania

Wednesday, July 28, 1993

Noise complaints persist at Harveys Lake

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

When three Harveys Lake residents complained about noise and loud music coming from the Tijuana Bar and Chicky's Sports Bar and Coop, they say that they were told by both borough police and the Luzerne County Communications Center to call their councilmen in the morning.

Sandra Serhan Perez complained to the council at its July 20 meeting concerning the loud music coming from both establishments, located in the old arcade building of the former Hanson's amusement park, now home of the Bud Light amphitheater, which she says is audible at her home two blocks away.

"This is my home," Perez continued. "I love it. I even designed your borough flag. My point is that I want to get things straight."

She then questioned the council on the borough's noise ordinance, which she claims hasn't been prop-

erly enforced.

When asked whether or not Harveys Lake Borough had a noise ordinance, council president Joseph Miscavage sheepishly said that it did.

"Doesn't the ordinance restrict loud noises after 11 p.m. to within 50 feet of the source of the noise?" Perez asked.

After Miscavage said that he had "no idea" and borough solicitor Charles McCormick said that he didn't know, Perez gave them copies of the ordinance.

"Why isn't the noise ordinance being enforced?" Perez asked.

No one answered.

"I went out after a complaint and could never find any noise," Mayor Joseph Boyle said, to loud laughter from the standing room only crowd attending the meeting.

After Miscavage gave her a five-minute time limit for questions, Perez continued questioning council

on the noise ordinance.

Marion Attanasio and Julie Savage confirmed Perez's statement that calls about noise complaints to the West Side Communications Center and the Harveys Lake Borough police were answered with "We were instructed to direct all callers regarding (the businesses located at) Hanson's to contact their councilmen in the morning."

No one on council knew who gave this order.

"Is there a directive from the mayor to the police that no citations are to be issued against the operators at Hanson's without the mayor first having been consulted?" Perez pressed on.

"I don't know where you get your information," Boyle flared. "I don't like these accusations."

Marion Attanasio added that she had called the state police, who told her that they don't intervene unless requested by the local police.

When she called the Harveys Lake police, they told her to call the mayor.

"When I called your home to report noise at these two places, why did you answer your phone 'Red Dog Bar?'" she asked.

"You don't know for sure if that was me or one of my sons. I consider it harrassment on your part to call me at 1 a.m.," Boyle said.

For the rest of the meeting he glared silently at the audience, well-tanned hands folded on the desk and lower lip jutting out.

Miscavage said that the police would be directed to enforce the noise ordinance.

Contacted later, Luzerne County Communications Center executive director David Macekura said, "I'm not aware of dispatchers having been given this order. Normally we get these orders in writing. I don't recall anything about this."

"No one ever gave that order," said Harveys Lake Borough assistant police chief Ronald Spock. "I want my men to cite any noise offenders after 11 p.m. I'm trying to track down the officer who said that."

Family walks with dinosaurs

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

During their summer vacation, Phillip and Amy Pack of Shavertown walked in the footsteps of dinosaurs.

Recently Phillip, 10, Amy, 8, and their parents, Phil and Betty Pack, visited Dinosaur State Park, outside of Rocky Hill, CT, the site of the largest collection of dinosaur footprints in the country.

Phillip and Amy took plaster of Paris and several ounces of cooking oil to make their own plaster casts of the large, three-toed prints, believed to have been made by Dilophosaurus, an eight-foot tall, twenty-foot-long meat-eater weighing half a ton.

"It was neat, seeing something that old and knowing what it looked like. It was very exciting," Phillip said.

"I liked making the footprints," Amy said.

A museum adjoining the site, which houses 500 out of a collection of 2,000 footprints, contains a life-size model Dilophosaurus, a

See DINOSAURS, pg 10



BIG FOOTPRINTS - Phillip and Amy Pack of Shavertown show off the large plaster casts of dinosaur footprints which they made while on vacation at Dinosaur Park, near Rocky Hill, CT.

POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

Lifers may be let outside walls

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Inmates at Chase prison with life sentences may be allowed to work outside prison walls.

At the July 26 work session of the Jackson Township supervisors, John Stepanick, superintendent of the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID), said he is exploring citizen reaction to allowing prisoners with life sentences to work outside the fence.

Pat Rusiloski, president of the SCID Concerned Citizens Committee, reported to the supervisors that Stepanick had asked her opinion of allowing lifers to work outside the fence.

She said that Stepanick told her that the prison commissioner will make the final decision.

This practice was discontinued in 1982 because of the prison's

"When they let the lifers outside the fence, we had a lot more business than we do now."

Don Jones
Jackson Twp. police chief

high rate of escapes, Rusiloski said. Since then, no one has escaped.

"I told him that I couldn't speak for everyone," she said. "The Lehman Township supervisors don't like it. What do you think?"

"It wasn't too great," said supervisor Andy Kasko.

"When they let the lifers outside the fence, we had a lot more

See LIFERS, pg 10

Moravec named sergeant of Kingston Twp. force

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

When Kingston Township patrolman Michael Moravec returned home from vacation last week, his answering machine had several surprising messages.

"Congratulations! You just made sergeant!"

Nearly every one of his fellow officers had called to wish him luck.

A graduate of Luzerne County Community College's criminal justice program and the Pennsylvania State Police Academy, where he graduated second in his class, Moravec was one of four patrolmen to apply for the job.

"When I graduated from high school, I had made up my mind that I wanted to be a police officer and to succeed in my chosen

profession," Moravec said.

His wife, Debra, and their children, Matt, Nick, Adam and Sarah, share his pride in his latest accomplishment.

The 33-year-old Kingston Township resident has worked in law enforcement for 13 years, the last eight on Kingston Township's force.

The application process wasn't easy, Moravec said.

All applicants had to take a written Civil Service examination, followed by an oral examination before the Kingston Township Civil Service Commission and an interview on departmental rules, regulations, policies and procedures before Kingston Township manager Jeff Box.

See MORAVEC, pg 10

Brides say local shop bilked them

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

A woman's wedding day is supposed to be perfect, a beautiful day to remember for the rest of her life.

Several customers of a former Back Mountain merchant, Tammy Slater, trading as Tammy's Bridal and Veil Shop, will remember their weddings in another way.

They said that after they left deposits for bride's and bridesmaids' dresses with Slater, either the dresses weren't ordered or those that came in were the wrong style and color.

Slater says that they're not telling the truth.

The girls either ordered their gowns late or cancelled their entire orders after having left deposits, Slater claims.

Lisa Higgins of Dallas Township said that she and her five bridesmaids ordered their Alfred Angelo gowns in August, 1992, for Lisa's May 22, 1993, wedding.

"I have worn Alfred Angelo dresses and know their quality. That's what I wanted for my wedding," she said.

She went to Tammy's Bridal, which was then located in Shavertown, after having learned from a bridal magazine that Tammy's sold Alfred Angelo gowns.

Higgins paid Slater in full for her white dress, shoes and custom-made veil, while three bridesmaids paid deposits of \$50 and the other two paid \$60 for Alfred Angelo style 6110 fuchsia teal-length dresses, retailing for \$124, ordered directly from an Alfred



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

UNHAPPY BRIDE - Lisa Roke Higgins shows the frayed, unfinished seams and white stitching on the fuchsia dress which she bought from Tammy's Bridal and Veil Works and has complained to the Office of Consumer Protection about.

Angelo catalogue in the store.

Higgins provided sales slips from Tammy's Bridal made out to one of the bridesmaids, Diane Higgins, with "A.A. #6110" written on it.

Slater later returned Higgins' deposit for her veil and shoes,

which never arrived.

Higgins said that the white wedding dress which she had paid for and had seen hanging in the shop several weeks before she picked it up, ended up with black buttons instead of the white ones which she originally saw on it.

She said that she had to take the dress to a seamstress to have the buttons replaced. The seamstress told her that the pearls on the top of the bodice also had to be replaced because they didn't match the rest of the pearl trim, and that threads on the sleeves were broken.

"The dress was in perfect shape when I last saw it. When I took it to the seamstress, she told me that it looked as if it had been worn and hastily repaired," Higgins said.

Higgins said that when she kept appointments at Tammy's in March and on April 21 to inspect the bridesmaids' gowns, Slater told her that they weren't in yet, although they had been promised for these dates.

Higgins said that when she asked Slater for a confirmation number from United Parcel Service, who Slater said would deliver the gowns, Slater couldn't produce one.

"I already knew that the gowns weren't coming," Higgins said. "I had spoken to the Attorney General's office, who had contacted the Alfred Angelo company in Willow Grove, and learned from their customer service representative that Tammy's no longer had an account there."

When three bridesmaids finally came in for their fittings with Higgins and her mother, Elaine Roke, who has worked in a dress factory for many years, Roke said that "something looked wrong" with the dresses.

See BRIDES, pg 9

■ **Class reunions**
Dallas 1963, page 3
Lehman-Jackson,
page 5

■ **Huntsville Golf**
Club front nine nearly
ready. Page 11.

INDEX

18 Pages 2 Sections
Calendar.....18
Classified.....15-17
Crossword.....15
Editorials.....4
Obituaries.....14
School.....13
Sports.....11-12

CALL 675-5211
FOR HOME DELIVERY,
NEWS OR ADVERTISING

The Dallas Post

MAILING LABEL - Please enclose this label with any address changes, and mail to The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas PA 18612-0366