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2 face arson charges

More arrests in the works, police say

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Two weeks after Rocky Koziel moved out of the house which he had rented, a fire gutted its second story.

The previous December, Koziel and his next-door neighbor, Barry Miller, had lost cars in fires within several hours of one another.

A month before Miller's car burned, his mother, Alice Miller, also lost a car in a fire November 28.

Last week Koziel and Miller were arrested and charged with arson in connection with the May 22 fire at Koziel's former residence at 92 Harris Street, owned by Paul Joseph Ungvarsky, and another fire March 28 at a vacant home owned by William Bower, at 87-B Washington Street in Dallas Township's Roushey Plot section.

According to a press release from the Pennsylvania State Police Wyoming Barracks, Alfred "Rocky" Koziel, 34, was arrested September 29 at the Susquehanna County Prison, where he is locked up for a parole violation and violation of the uniform Firearms Act, was charged with four counts of arson and related offenses in connection with the fires at the Ungvarsky and Bower homes.

Charged September 28 with two counts of arson in connection with the May 22 fire at the Ungvarsky home, Miller has been released on his own recognizance on \$10,000 bail, the press release said.

Their preliminary hearing before District Magistrate Earl Gregory on those charges will be held Thursday, October 7, at 10 a.m.

Five suspicious fires occurred between November 28, 1992, and May 22, 1993, all clustered in a

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Pensive moment

While the Lake-Lehman Black Knights were having an easy time of it on the football field, things were less certain in the bandbox. Junior High band members Amy Cebrick, left, and Michelle Boltz were caught in a thoughtful pose.

Gallagher wins Emmy award

By GRACE R. DOVE
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When Dallas native Neal Gallagher saw his first professional photo published in *The Dallas Post* more than 20 years ago, the high school student never dreamed that his skill with a camera would eventually win him an Emmy award.

Even after the awards banquet, he didn't know that he had won a technical award until his wife, Kathi, brought home a copy of an Associated Press story from her office. He had to work the day of the ceremony.

And his parents didn't believe him at first when he called with the good news.

A free-lance cameraman, Gallagher was part of the 15-person team which won a technical award for filming the David Copperfield special, "Fires of Passion," which aired last March.

Filmed in California, "Fires of Passion" is the same show which Copperfield had previously performed live at the Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre.

"It was a great-looking show, very well-done," Gallagher said. "We were working with several

cameras, videotapes and other equipment. Many people are involved in making a television show look the way it does - it's a real group effort. The award went to all of us, from the technical director to the camera operators."

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Gallagher of Dallas and a 1976 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School, Gallagher studied commercial art at Luzerne County Community College and filmmaking at Bloomsburg University.

After working from 1983 until 1986 as a news photographer at WNEP-TV, where he met his wife, news journalist Kathi Belich Gallagher, he moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, to go into free-lance work.

"At first I did a lot of corporate training videos and sports," he said.

A job filming "Wheel of Fortune" in 1990 led to other work on the Disney Channel, in sports, "Circus of the Stars" and other network shows and the ABC drama "Loving."

"A technical Emmy is something that you aspire to as a cameraman," Gallagher said. "It's

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TOP OF HIS PROFESSION - Dallas native Neal Gallagher won an Emmy award for his television camera work. He is shown in the studio in Florida.

Politics replace leaves as fall focus in Franklin Twp.

By DAVE KONOPKI
Post Correspondent

Being the center of attention in the fall is nothing new to Franklin Township, the Back Mountain's smallest community. The township, population of only a bit over 1,400, is honeycombed by country roads lined with picturesque scenery during October and November.

But this fall, the focus in the township will be on a hotly contested political race for township supervisor, not on its fall foliage.

Republican candidate William H. Miller and Democratic candi-

date Joseph J. O'Donnell are vying for one seat on the township's board of supervisors. They will fill the seat of Andrew Prebola, who was defeated by Miller by more than a 2-1 margin in last May's Republican primary election. Republicans have had a stranglehold on the board of supervisors for decades.

Most of the noise in the race is being raised by O'Donnell, a newcomer to politics and the area. O'Donnell, who moved to the Back Mountain nearly 18 months ago, initially became interested in the supervisors position while trying to have roads paved in the Crown

Hill development.

"We will be getting roads in Crown Hill," said O'Donnell, who is a real estate property manager of the Donald Zucker Co. "We've accomplished a lot already. I want to make the residents here understand what I can accomplish and what they are entitled to."

O'Donnell, who has appeared on local television and radio shows, has been outspoken when it comes to politics and current incumbent supervisors Ken Dymond and Robert Redmond.

"Look what they've been doing up here," said O'Donnell, who said he has received threats as well as

property damage because of his outspokenness. "For 30 to 50 years there have been people who have passed office from father to son and father to daughter with complete disregard to others."

"I'm working to have the two incumbents removed from office," said O'Donnell, who resides with his wife Maryann, son Joseph IV and daughter, Jennifer. "They are in a lot of hot water. I feel they would be best off resigning at this time. They have lied to people and even tried to change their records

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Alene Case, DAMA win environmental honors

By GRACE R. DOVE
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People working together for the environment is the theme of the Environmental Partnership Awards, presented to individuals or groups in Northeastern Pennsylvania for excellence in environmental conservation and preservation.

This year a Trucksville resident and an area municipal authority were among eight persons and groups who received framed paintings by Tunkhannock artist Janet Chaffee, at a reception October 4, hosted by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council at Wilkes University.

Alene Case
When Wilkes University's Dr. Robert Heaman called to tell Alene Case that she had won the Environmental Partnership Award, his

voice was so grave that at first she thought that something bad had happened.

"I was totally floored - and of course flattered - simply to have been nominated," she said. "I never thought that I would win. I'm very honored."

After her husband, Dr. Michael Case, a professor at Wilkes University's School of Environmental Studies, had nominated her in May, Case had forgotten about it.

"Mike is, of course, very surprised and pleased," she said. "I couldn't have done it without a lot of help from him and from our two sons, Alex and Berit."

In order for Case to follow her dream of becoming a writer, she had to quit her day job as the head lab technician in the water quality lab at Wilkes University.

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ALENE N. CASE

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