

### Earn National Merit commendations

David L. Davies, academic dean at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston, and Bryan Rutledge, director of college guidance, announced recently the names of National Merit semi-finalists and six commended students. Among the commended students are Vinod Dasa, Shavertown and Sonia Kimm, Shavertown.

### Arson

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one-block area of the quiet hillside neighborhood known as Roushey Plot. Residents say that the fires were all within 500 feet of one another.

"Miller and Koziel were present when the fire at 92 Harris Street started," said Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers. "We don't believe that Miller had anything to do with the March 28 fire on Washington Street."

Miers said that he knows that Koziel has nothing to do with three other suspicious fires: the June 2 arson at J&J Electric's warehouse at the old feed mill in Fern Brook, the June 6 attempted arson at the garage of a Shaver Ave. home or the June 10 arson at the vacant Frank Hilstolsky residence on Mount Olivet Road in Kingston Township.

"He couldn't have set them. He was already in jail up in Susquehanna County," Miers said.

Further arrests are pending, police said.

### Honors

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"We suffered financially, but the boys have been a great help through it all, reading and giving me feedback on my columns," she said.

Author of "A. Case for Conservation" in *The Dallas Post*, Case has put her talents to work in some unusual ways.

Her column suggesting that discarded Christmas trees be chipped up for mulch instead of being burned, resulted in Kingston Township's policy of disposing of the trees.

Township residents now have access to free mulch from the trees.

Case is also a member of ECOLOGIA, an organization formed to work with non-governmental organizations, such as the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society, to obtain grants to fund environmental improvement projects in the emerging nations of Eastern Europe.

Last year she worked with ECOLOGIA on one such project funded by the Regional Environmental Center in Budapest.

The organization is currently pursuing grants for water quality monitoring in the Baltic states of Estonia and Lithuania.

The Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA)

Originally formed as a wastewater treatment plant, DAMA began to operate a curbside recycling and solid waste collection program and a program to collect waste oil and used car batteries in 1991.



### Wyoming Sem Homecoming Queen

Holly Zug of Dallas was crowned Homecoming Queen of Wyoming Seminary's class of 1994 during half-time of the school's football game October 2. Shown above are the homecoming queen candidates. From left, Jennifer Eidam, Sonia Kimm, Natalya Sharp, Holly Zug, Molly Shea.

oil can be reused in motors, while the rest can be used as fuel oil or made into asphalt.

"Recycling motor oil was a common practice years ago," he said. "It makes sense - it would take 42 gallons of crude oil to produce 2.5 quarts of motor oil. It takes only a gallon of recycled motor oil to do the same job."

The winners were selected from a list of nominees from community members, according to nominating committee chairman Bill Everhart, PhD, of Proctor & Gamble.

"The important thing is that they have gotten people to overcome differences and barriers and work together for the environment," he said.

The Environmental Partnership Awards are sponsored by Wilkes University, the Economic Development Council of Northeast Pennsylvania, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the World Future Society and the Proctor & Gamble Paper Products Company.

Formerly the noxious stuff would have been dumped into the garbage, onto the ground or into the sewers.

Nearly 70 percent of recycled

## Road, tax disputes top Franklin Twp. meeting

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Amid shouting matches, accusations of people misquoting one another, a refusal by the tax collector to turn in township taxes and a call for their resignations, the Franklin Township supervisors attempted to carry on business as usual at their regular meeting Monday, October 4. They were only marginally successful.

Denying accusations from Crown Hill Village resident and candidate for council Joseph O'Donnell that they were "changing their story again," supervisor Robert Redmond attempted to explain the snafu over the paving of Race Road.

Originally the paving was to have been paid for with a portion of a federal block grant, until the Luzerne County Office of Community Development found out that the average income of Race Road's residents was too high to qualify for the money, Redmond said.

"It was a human error," said township engineer Tom Doughton. "First the county approved the road in writing. Then it approved the bidding documents in writing. Later the county caught the mistake." He explained that the township really didn't lose the money - it can be used for other road projects but not for the paving of Race Road.

"We wouldn't have paved the road if it didn't qualify," Redmond said. "The county made the mistake."

During a discussion of the road problems in Crown Hill Village, Redmond said that the Luzerne County Commissioners had referred him to county engineer Jim Brozena.

Crown Hill's three badly rutted dirt roads are in legal limbo until Luzerne County figures out who is really responsible for them. The county appears to have inherited them in a tax sale, but the matter is still being researched.

### Emmy

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awarded by our peers in the industry, the National Television Academy of Arts and Sciences."

The Emmy is television's equivalent of the Oscar or the Pulitzer Prize, he noted.

"When Neal first called to tell us that he had won, we didn't quite believe it," his mother said. "Later he called with official confirmation and we were very happy. Neal is very outgoing, very aggressive. He works on a lot of things and does his work well."

Until that is decided, neither the county nor the township will repair the roads due to liability concerns.

Although Brozena says that he will upgrade the roads to meet minimum state standards for dirt roads, the township wants the roads paved and a 20-foot wide roadway before it accepts them.

Nearly a dozen Crown Hill residents attended the meeting to voice their frustration over the legal wrangling.

Shaking his finger at the audience, Redmond said, "If you don't like it, don't vote for us next time. I just want you to know that we're not as bad as you think we are. We're negotiating with the county."

The supervisors also read a letter from tax collector Joy Daubert, who complained that she never receives copies of building permits or mobile home permits so that she can update her records and collect the proper taxes.

"This information does no good sitting in a file folder," she said. "This information should come to me. I have three people right here who have never paid a penny in taxes."

She also asked the supervisors to help settle a problem in Valley View Trailer Park, part of which is in Franklin Township and the rest in Dallas Township. Dallas Township gets all of the park's taxes and Franklin Township gets none, she said.

Protesting the township's not giving her more than 12 stamps per year for office postage, Daubert said that she didn't turn in township taxes from June, July and August until September.

Daubert also said that she had overpaid the per capita tax to township and hadn't received a refund yet. "The township auditors should have picked it up," she said.

Before the meeting adjourned, O'Donnell told the supervisors that they should resign.

"My family is very modest about my accomplishment," Gallagher said. "My wife is very proud of me."

Gallagher hopes that his first Emmy will enhance his career as a free-lance cameraman.

After filming NBC's World Cup Golf in November, he is scheduled to work on the syndicated country music show "Countdown at the Neon Armadillo" at MGM Studios in Orlando, Florida.

### Politics

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to hide their lies. They improperly obtained money and used it even though they knew it was wrong."

O'Donnell, who says he has the backing of the Democratic and Republican Luzerne County Commissioners and Congressman Paul Kanjorski, would like to bring a 911 service to the township, improve communications between the ambulance department and the local hospitals, build a recreation park with Little League and softball fields and wants to improve the amount of fire protection afforded the residents of the township.

Meanwhile, on the Republican side, Miller refuses to get involved in the battle between O'Donnell and the current supervisors.

"I've been keeping a close eye on everything, but I really don't want to get involved," said Miller, who has experience in highway maintenance and construction work and who is currently employed by Coon Industries. "But he (O'Donnell) is out of hand. He's already cost the township \$18,000. There's more in this township to worry about other than roads. That's all he's concerned about."

"I want to make sure things are done right," said Miller, who resides in Orange with his wife Sandra, daughter Jessica and son William, Jr. "Some spending has to be cut. They have wasted a lot of money. But I can't change things overnight."

Although he knows he won't see eye to eye with them on every issue, Miller thinks he can have a working relationship with the current supervisors.

"I think I can get along with them," said Miller. "I have my own ideas of how things should be done. I'm sure we'll have a lot of 2-1 votes until I get settled in. I've known both of them for a long time."

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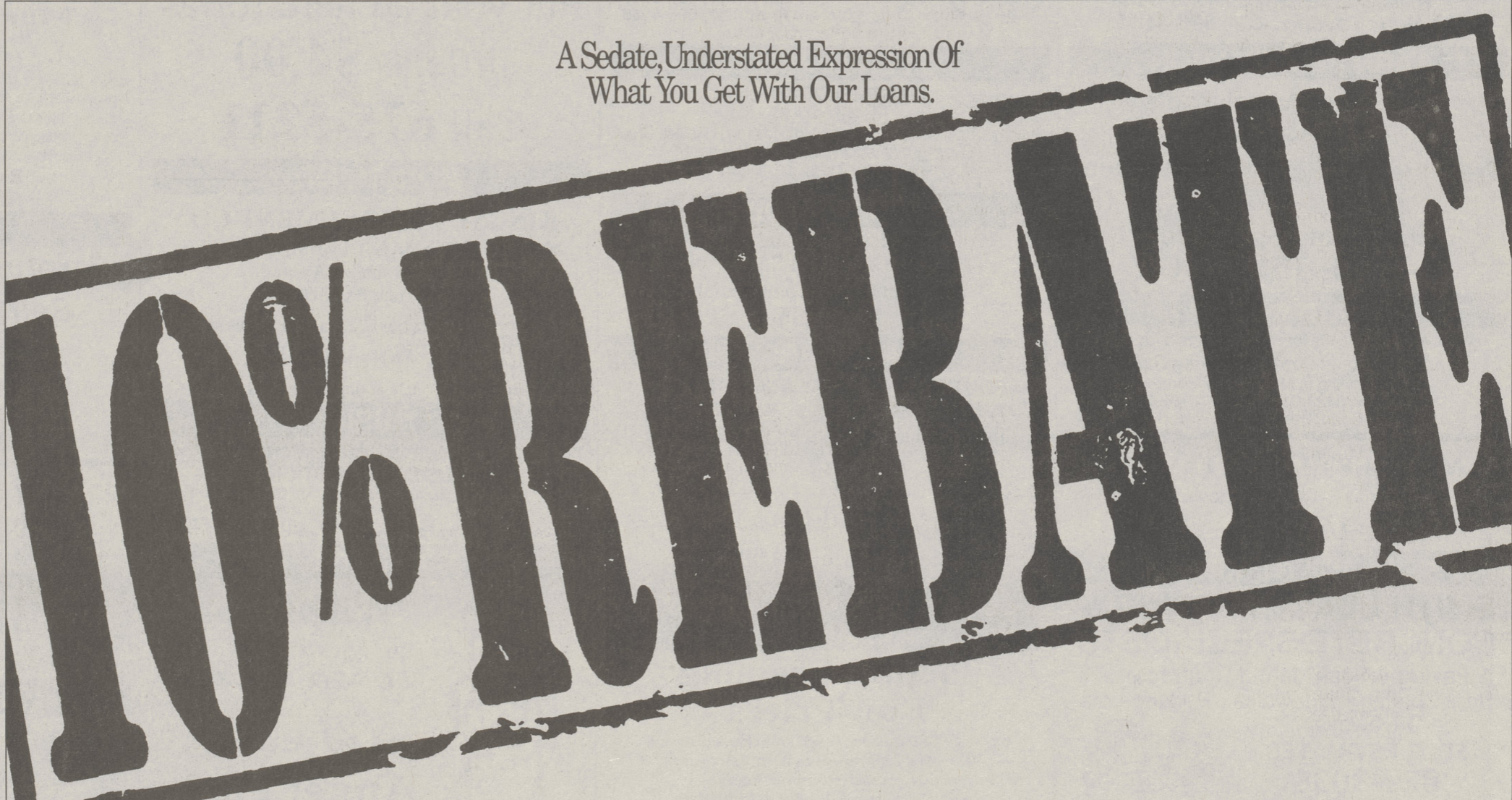
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