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EPA begins gas cleanup

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Contractors hired by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have begun building a temporary treatment plant near Mill Street in Lehman Township to clean up gasoline additives which have contaminated nearby wells.

According to EPA site coordinator Rich Fetzer, studies have pinpointed a ponding area in a nearby wetland as having the highest concentration of MTBE, an octane-boosting unleaded gasoline additive which has contaminated 17 wells around Lehman Center since 1991.

Drawing of cleanup plant, site, pg 16

"The MTBE is trapped in a layer of gray, sandy soil between one and two feet thick, which is buried between seven and eight feet below the surface," Fetzer said. "Although we also found toluene, benzene and ethyl benzene in the wetland area, only the MTBE was found in residents' wells because it dissolves in water more easily than the other three substances."

The MTBE-contaminated water seeped into the nearby wells through fractures in the bedrock.

Fetzer said. The toluene, benzene and ethyl benzene, also known as BTEX, wasn't found in the wells because it doesn't dissolve easily in water and tends to congregate in one spot.

Located behind the Lehman Sunoco station, the plant will pump contaminated water from a pond in a nearby wetland area to a treatment station approximately 500 feet away, remove the contaminants and return the treated water to the wetland through a second pipe.

Activated charcoal filters and an air scrubber in an enclosed trailer will remove the contaminants from the water before it is discharged.

The system's pipes will be insulated and buried to protect them from freezing during the cold weather, although the treatment plant will be shut down if a long, hard freeze hits.

Maintenance and security personnel will be working at the plant while it's operational, Fetzer said.

He expects to begin treating the water within the next few weeks and hopes to have some definite results in the next four to six months.

"I can't give a definite timetable because we really don't know how much of the stuff was spilled."

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SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED - Keith Sutton, James Otto and Robert Thom cut a section of mat to fit a trench at a cleanup site in Lehman Township, where gasoline has contaminated 17 wells. The cleanup is funded by the federal EPA Superfund.



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HOMEcoming HOPEFULS - Dallas Homecoming Court, from left, Melissa Bartolini, Vanessa Wysocki, Kim Jones, Alyssa

Rosentel, Katie Sallitt, Kristen Kosakowski, Becky Mathers. Homecoming is Saturday, Oct. 29.

Dallas High homecoming this weekend

Dallas Senior High School will celebrate Homecoming, Saturday, October 29. Parents, faculty, friends and alumni are invited to attend the festivities. Preparation for Homecoming is being planned by the Student Council.

The Homecoming Court and Queen will be introduced at halftime of the football game between Shikellamy and Dallas. The football game starts at 1 p.m.

A semi-formal dance will be held in the gym from 7 to 10 p.m. with music provided by "DJC" productions.

Spirit Week, October 24-28 will include activities for students. Monday, "Hat Day", Tuesday, "Senior Day", Wednesday, "Twin Day", Thursday, "Hippie Day", and Friday, "Blue and White Day" followed by a pep rally for the entire student body in the gym.

The 11th Annual Spirit Chain Competition will highlight Spirit Week to determine what class, homeroom and students have the most school spirit.

A bonfire will be held on Friday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in the senior high parking lot.

Stately homes, feeble water

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Cedar Lane is one of the newer subdivisions in the Back Mountain, a quiet neighborhood of stately homes off Manor Road in Kingston Township.

But homeowners here seldom use a lawn sprinkler. Only one family has a swimming pool. People use the car wash. All because the development's water supply — a common well serving 25 homes — often supplies an inadequate volume of water and sometimes none at all.

John and Jill Kryston moved to Cedar Lane four years ago because they had been told by developer Len Wallach that plenty of good water would be available.

They have experienced numerous water outages, some brief, others lasting longer. They never know when the next one will hit.

"I don't know where it will all end. I don't want to continue losing my water."

Kay Strickland Cedar Lane resident

Six weeks ago neighborhood residents had to go to work without shaving, showering or brushing their teeth because the water had gone out the night before and still wasn't working the next morning.

"It's absolutely pitiful," John Kryston said. "It's been an ongoing problem which has increased as more homes have been built. We're very conscious of how we use our water."

"It's most noticeable in the

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Dallas High School still investigating teen fight

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Dallas High School principal Frank Galicki said Tuesday morning his office is still investigating a fight last week in which students were involved.

Galicki would not release any information about the students or what steps the school planned to take once the investigation is complete. Superintendent of schools Gerald Wycallis said earlier that any student found to be present at the fight would not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities for some period of time.

The fight, involving about 30 young people, took place at the playground of the Westmoreland School the evening of October 19.

According to Kingston Township police chief James Balavage, a resident had reported an increased amount of traffic on South Lehigh Street near the school around 7:30 p.m., which patrolman Charles Rauschkolb investigated while on a routine patrol of the area.

"When he got to the school, he found about 30 students between 14 and 20 years old congregating in the schoolyard," Balavage said. "A fight broke out while he was watching them and he called for backup."

The young people scattered, running through nearby yards and streets and the area along the former railroad tracks as soon as

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Hear those fingers poppin'? It's doo-wopp!

By JACK HILSHER Post Correspondent

"My heart cries for you Sighs for you, dies for you My arms long for you Please come back to me."

Now imagine hearing that in four-part harmony; if you break out in little goose bumps on your arms, then you are a certified "Doo-wopp" lover, and you ought to do something about it immediately.

Fortunately an organization called the "Northeast Pennsylvania Doo-Wopp Society" is making it easy for you. You can attend their "Halloween Sock Hop" this Friday...details later after we clear up some of the mystique around doo-wopp, a form of popular music which flourished in the 50's, died out, and now seems to be having a sort of comeback. At least it is causing almost as much of a stir as it did when alive.

For pre-Beatle citizens, early traces of the doo-wopp sound were evident in the music of the popular Mills Brothers, the famous

Inkspots and the great Golden Gate Quartet. Nor are barber-shop quartets too far removed from doo-wopp, for the genuine article is purely group music, never for the single artist. Roots even earlier can be found in plain old gospel music, and in "street-corner" harmonizing, where finger-snapping took the place of rhythm instruments.

A capella (voice without instruments) was common in doo-wopp, both in the beginning and later when harmonics grew more intricate and tunes more memorable. It wasn't rock 'n roll. It wasn't rhythm and blues. It was doo-wopp!

Groups from 1950 on proliferated — a current discography lists almost 5,000 in one decade! Many were black, some were not, but all had the same dreams of glory of that elusive record contract.

The first thing you notice when looking at photos of doo-wopp groups is their appearance. It's so clean it does squeak. Everyone is clean-shaven. Everyone is dressed in neat uniforms. Hair is freshly coiffed or cut, although gobs of



HAPPY GROUP OF DOO-WOPPERS - from left, Pat Walters, Society vice president, Delores Wolfer, Disc Jockey Bobby Vee, Terry Crambo, Cathy Roper and Marsha Grant, Society president.

pomade are very noticeable. The contrast with today's unkempt and grungy groups is like mid-night to noon.

The music is the same way - vastly different. There is a lot of June/moon and lovey/dovey stuff, but no suggestive lyrics whatsoever. It's fun music, and today's teens would be bored out of their \$125 sneakers. Too bad.

In the mid-50's, RCA brought

out the 45 rpm record. It had better sound and featured light, portable players which could handle up to 10 discs on one spindle. That helped boost doo-wopp to the top of the charts, but those groups never could afford to produce whole albums on 33-1/3 lp's. Besides, only 45's were sent

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