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Bus driver arrested on child sex charges

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

A man who drives a school bus in the Dallas School District has been arrested on four charges each of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault, corruption of minors and endangering the welfare of children.

According to Kingston Township police, Franklin Township resident

Dean Lee Werts, 30, was arrested at his home November 17, shortly after 7 p.m., and charged before District Magistrate James Tupper.

Werts drives a school bus for Emanuel Bus Lines, transportation contractor for the Dallas School District.

According to a three-month investigation by Kingston Township police, detective Debbie Van Horn of the Luzerne County District Attorney's office and Luzerne County Children

and Youth, Werts had performed sexual acts on two Wyoming Valley boys whom he had taken camping at Frances Slocum State Park every weekend this past summer.

He had also forced the two 12-year-old boys to perform sexual acts on him and told them not to tell anyone about it, police said.

Werts has no prior convictions of this nature, police said. He had been a driver in the district for about a year.

"His latest Act 34 is okay," said bus lines owner Leon Emanuel, referring to a background check and arrest record required by the state for everyone who works with children.

"He was a good employee - we can't believe it," Emanuel said. "Kids watch a lot of TV today. You have to be careful of things like this."

The incident had happened in another school district before Werts came to work for him, Emanuel said.

Dallas school superintendent Gerald Wycallis had little comment, saying that Werts was employed by the bus company and not the school district.

Werts was also charged with indecent assault and corruption of minors in a separate incident, police said.

Werts is lodged in the Luzerne County Correctional Facility in default of bail and will have a preliminary hearing before Tupper Nov. 23.

Second graders celebrate holiday

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Dallas Elementary School's second-graders killed two birds with one stone, celebrating Thanksgiving and National Education Week with their annual program, complete with skits, music and dancing Pilgrims November 18.

Directed by Mrs. Klick, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Yurko, Mrs. Zezza, Mr. Hoover and Mrs. Ford, students sporting Pilgrim hats took turns reciting poems about hidden turkey nests and Pilgrim children, ending with a special Thanksgiving prayer.

Other students presented the play "Jack Frost and the Scarecrow" and sang "Over

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LITTLE PILGRIMS' PROGRESS - Andy Josuweit and Jana Stec played the part of Pilgrims in the Thanksgiving play performed by Dallas Elementary second graders last week.

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Last winter didn't cut deer numbers

By GRACE R. DOVE
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There's deer in them thar woods. More 'n a million of 'em.

Hunters across the state have started sighting in their guns in preparation for the opening of buck season at sunrise November 28. The Northeast's worst winter on record has made very little difference in the number of legal deer available for harvest this year, according to the Pennsylvania Game Commission's latest information.

"Locally we found very few winter-killed deer," said Game Commission information education supervisor Jack Weaver. "We

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There are plenty of deer in the woods, despite last year's harsh winter.

Special 2-mill tax will fund Lehman road equipment

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

While Lehman Township's proposed 1995 budget holds property taxes at 14 mills, a special 2-mill levy is expected to generate \$13,000 for the purchase of road machinery.

The supervisors adopted a \$526,624 preliminary budget at their regular November 21 meeting.

Real estate tax revenues are expected to increase by \$3,000 or 3.4 percent to \$89,000, while the earned income tax is expected to generate \$165,000 - an additional \$5,000 or three percent over last year.

The township expects a 10 percent increase to \$11,000 in the real estate transfer tax and a 12 percent increase to \$9,000 in sewage and building permits.

A two-mill tax levied in addition to the 14-mill property tax and used solely for the purchase of road machinery, is expected to generate \$13,000 next year.

Salaries for the tax collector and secretary-treasurer will increase nine percent, with the tax collector earning \$6,000 and the secretary-treasurer earning \$12,000.

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Anzalones in good company with record pact

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

Once upon a time there were two brothers. Their names were Anthony and James. When they were 10 and 12 their parents sent them to the Hilda Mann Hertz Studio in Wilkes-Barre, where their vaudeville-type singing act caught the attention of a talent scout from a hotel in the Catskills. They were hired to perform at \$250 per week. That was in 1958 dollars...big bucks for two kids!

This is not a fairy tale. The brothers' last name was Anzalone, and you would think at that salary they would have stayed in show business. They didn't.

One became a doctor and the other became a lawyer. But they missed singing and so, in 1987, listening to their idols The Kingston Trio, they looked at each other in agreement and said, "We've got to get back into this."

And that was not the end of the story, only the beginning of the "Anzalone Brothers and Company." On the way to stardom? Why not? Sigma Record Company must think so, for their Rage-N-Records division has just signed the brothers to a nationwide recording contract.

These people handle Patti La Belle and Bill Cosby, among many others, and have the marketing know-how and clout to move products off the shelves.

Marketing vice president Vince Kershner says, "We expect to do great things with the Brothers...already we've seen good action in the west and around Harrisburg. Watch our tracking!"

The doctor half of this talented team, Anthony Anzalone, began practice 20 years ago at his main office on Huntsville Road. He also has an office in Sweet Valley, where his receptionist and R.N. Carol Ann Sitler, answers the question, "Would your boss ever go into the music business full time?" by saying, "Heavens, no! His first love is medicine, music is just a hobby, but it's good for him. I can



THE FIRST GIG - Jim, left, and Anthony Anzalone played the Catskills in 1958, their first venture into big-time show business.

always tell when they had a good concert...he comes in the next day with a glow on that lasts for days!"

Dr. Anzalone says the group's growth was natural and necessary. He says, "As a team we used a baritone ukelele and a 4-string Martin, which is an octave higher, but we needed more 'body' to our sound. So we hooked up with Reverend Don Lyon, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal."

Lyon, a five-year member of the group, plays lead acoustic guitar and says, "This is a fun thing to do. I never miss a gig...you enjoy playing and you also enjoy watching the crowds react as they enjoy it too."

Carl Kohl, a program manager for Luzerne County's CEO office, has played banjo with the brothers for two years, and says simply, "I love it. Great stuff. We play pop numbers like, 'Hang Down

Your Head, Tom Dooley,' 'This Land is My Land,' 'M.T.A.' and 'Worried Man.'

Their stand-up bass player is Perry Orfanella, a Wyoming Seminary and Wilkes music teacher, who also has the "house quartet" at the River Street Jazz Club. We even do some Calypso!" Perry says.

The local group is with the same company as Patti La Belle and Bill Cosby

Besides Kingston Trio and Everly Brothers-type material, the group features special numbers written by their own songwriter Dr. Butch Bianconi, who heads up the guidance office at Tamaqua Area High School. (The doctor prefers the "Butch" title for either of two valid reasons...someone said to him in his nursery crib, "Oh, you're going to be a Butchie!" and the other reason is the fact that his real name is Adrian.)

Dr. Anzalone is married to the former Barbara Woronko, an ex-Rockette and Miss Pennsylvania, who manages a dance studio in Kingston. They have a 12-year-old son, Tony, who in addition to being in all sports, also practices classical piano without being told to. (He likes it!)

Wife Barbara is tickled pink about her husband's record contract.

She calls it a "Godsend...they try so hard to raise money for needy causes and this means they can move up from the penny-ante stuff." Any concert profits are turned back into charities.

Brother Jim Anzalone in Lehman and his wife Jessie have four daughters, Kristen, 21, a senior at RIU; Lauren, 19 at Lafayette; Carolyn, 17 at Sem; and Olivia, 13 at Lake-Lehman. Jessie says, "There isn't a guitar player among them. Just hockey players!"

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Office closed Thursday, Friday

The office of The Dallas Post will be closed Thursday and Friday November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Routine ad and news copy for the November 30 issue should be received by the 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, or may be left in the drop box at the front of the building.

Final deadlines for display and classified advertising for the Nov. 30 issue will be Monday, Nov. 28 at 4 p.m.

Entries for the Power Points football contest that appeared in this week's paper must reach our office by 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 25. They may be left in the drop box at the front of the building. Tele-Media will also be closed Thursday and Friday.

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