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## Fire co. plans new quarters

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**DALLAS** - The Dallas Fire and Ambulance Company is planning for a larger future.

According to chief Brett Slocum, the firefighters are quickly outgrowing their present fire station on Main Street in Dallas Borough and are taking preliminary steps to build a larger one at the corner of Church and Center Hill roads in Dallas Township on land purchased from the Dallas school district in 1975.

The proposed 6,800 square-foot fire station will have rooms for meetings and training sessions and three drive-through bays large enough to house six fire engines, Slocum said.

It won't have a community hall for bingo games or rental, he added.

"The community is developing very quickly," he said. "We want to be prepared to give it the best fire protection possible. The most logical place to build a new station is in Dallas Township, where most of the development is taking place. We don't have formal plans, cost estimates or an architect's drawing yet, but want to be ready to build when we need to."

Traffic problems on Main Street and at Dallas Corners have caused problems for the ambulance and fire engines leaving the present fire station in the past, Slocum said.

When equipment leaves the present station, drivers must hit a switch to manually make all traffic lights turn red, then wait for traffic on Main Street to clear before they can get out safely. Pending construction at Dallas Corners could also interfere with the fire trucks, he said.

A move to Dallas Township will eliminate these problems, he added.

"We won't take the fire siren with us," Slocum joked. "Modern

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## Git along, little donkeys

It was supposed to be the students against the faculty in last weekend's donkey basketball game at Dallas High School. But it often looked like everyone against the donkeys, instead. Above, Ted Jackson, Jr. tried to sweet-talk his mount, with no apparent result. Below, left, Kristen Kosakowski had the ball in hand, sort of. Below right...well, the donkey appears to be winning.



## Park neighbors against deer hunt

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**LEHMAN TOWNSHIP** - Several neighbors to Frances Slocum State Park disputed park officials' contention that too many deer are spoiling the park during a meeting March 30 at the Penn State campus in Lehman. The park neighbors also counseled against opening the park to more deer hunting in order to thin the herd. Originally designed to discuss the park's entire resource management plan, the meeting quickly focused on deer management.

"We must try to relate the deer issue to what's happening in the entire park," said James Barr, chief of resource management for the Department of Environmental

Resources (DER). "The deer are a very visible part of the park, but only one of hundreds of types of plants, fish, insects and animals living there. There are more deer in the park than we want."

A deer count done by helicopter February 14 showed 102 deer, which park maintenance people said was more like 130, Barr said.

Most deer were found in the safety zones around the campground and park outbuildings, he said.

Referring to 18 road kills in the past six months along a one-mile stretch of Mount Olivet Road near the park, he said, "With each deer/car accident averaging about \$2,000, using highway mortality as a deer population control measure is too expensive."

*"A good neighbor doesn't load up the woods with lots of men with guns."*

Mark Kravits  
Green Road

"Is one flyover in 20 years an accurate count of the deer living in the park?" asked Arnie Fiergang. "What if you go out tomorrow and count 52? Why don't you cut down on the road kills by simply lowering the speed limit on Mount Olivet and Carverton roads?"

The state has set Carverton Road's speed limit at 50 mph, he noted.

William Jesse, who lives near the park, also disputed the aerial deer count.

"There was lots of snow on the ground on February 14 when you flew over," he said. "Everyone knows that when there's snow, the deer come down off the mountain and congregate in lower areas to feed. When the snow melts, they go back up the mountain."

Dave Hilstolsky and his family own 300 acres of land bordering Mount Olivet Cemetery across the road from the park.

"The deer only stay in the park during hunting season," he said. "After it ends, they move back onto our farm. I just saw 17 of them at my place. Why don't you

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## Charges dropped against one credit card suspect

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**DALLAS TOWNSHIP** - Charges against Shavertown resident Thomas Onzik, 18, of criminal conspiracy, misuse of credit cards and unauthorized use of credit cards were dropped at a March 30 preliminary hearing.

District Magistrate James Tupper said he dismissed the charges against Onzik because he wasn't directly involved in the crime and his connection with it was "too trivial to warrant a conviction."

After the hearing Onzik told a reporter he "was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Onzik said he had received a

ride home from Appel, who suggested they stop at the Harger home.

"I had no clue he was going there to steal anything," Onzik said. "He just said he wanted to speak to them."

When they left the Harger residence, Appel pulled a wallet from his pants and said "Look what I stole from them," Onzik said.

The boys then went to someone else's house, he added.

"When they started talking about going out and using the credit cards, I told them I didn't want to have anything to do with it," he continued. "I told them what they were doing was wrong and they would get caught."

Onzik said he stayed at the

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Thomas Onzik

house and "hung out" while the others went out to use the credit cards. When they returned with merchandise, which was kept in a car belonging to one of the defendants, they asked Onzik if he wanted any of it.

"I said I didn't even want to touch it," Onzik said.

The charges stemmed from ten arrests made by Dallas Township

police in connection with the alleged theft of three credit cards from the Valley View Trailer Park home of Joan Harger by John Appel and a subsequent three-day shopping spree which ran up a \$1,607.64 tab.

Appel, Ruthie Marie Yale, Christian Andrus, Louie Robinson, Mike Curran and four juveniles were arrested after using the credit cards to buy merchandise at various Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley Mall stores.

Felony charges of misuse of credit cards, unauthorized use of credit cards and conspiracy against John George Appel IV, 19,

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## Nat'l Utilities draws flood of complaints

*Editor's note: Due to the editor's error, the continuation of an article about the Oak Hill Water Company in last week's Dallas Post was left out. This article contains the information that was missed last week, as well as new material.*

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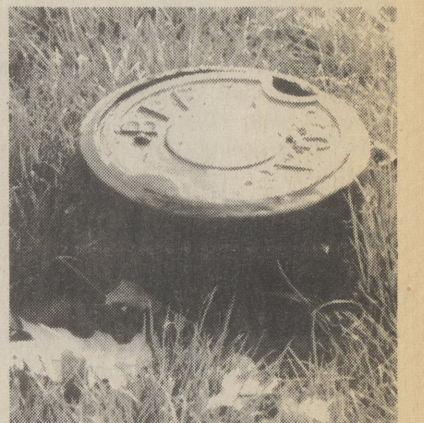
**LEHMAN TOWNSHIP** - Residents of Oak Hill are boiling mad.

Drinking water from a leak continues to bubble out of a gas company's access pipe alongside Vine Street in the Oak Hill section of Lehman Township. Joseph Pagoda says he reported the leak to National Utilities in November, but they still haven't fixed it.

Lehman Township supervisor Doug Ide also is upset with the company because it hasn't cleaned up after its pump house on Park Drive fell down last year.

A three-foot pipe sticks out of the ground in the middle of the remains of the footers. A pile of lengths of black plastic pipe, a rusty tin storage shed, an old lawn mower and other debris litter the ground around it.

"It's deplorable," Ide said. "It really detracts from the neighborhood."



Water bubbles up through a gas access pipe in the Oak Hill section of Lehman Twp., where residents say the water company hasn't made repairs.

## Other towns not happy, too. Pg. 14

These are a few of the complaints residents of Oak Hill make against the company that has operated the water company there since the 1950's.

"Whenever they fix something, they leave a mess behind," Pa-

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## Cruiser damaged for 3rd time since January

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**JACKSON TOWNSHIP** - The township's 1993 marked cruiser seems to have acquired some rough karma in its short life.

For the third time since mid-January, it has been in an accident, police chief Don Jones reported to the supervisors at their April 3 meeting.

"It hit the concrete footer at the carport and sustained \$459 in damage," he said.

Accidents in January jammed the hood and a door, preventing the officers from driving it.

"At least when we sell our used cruisers, they don't have any rusted body parts," Jones joked. "They've all been replaced from accidents."

The supervisors voted to rent equipment and begin leveling the ground to prepare for construction of a salt storage shed behind the municipal building. The supervisors had estimated in March that a prefabricated concrete shed with partitions and the roof added

at the site will cost approximately \$11,200.

The supervisors voted to advertise for bids for road paving projects as soon as they receive specifications from foreman Richard Manta and for the construction of a soccer field behind the municipal building.

They also voted to purchase a fire extinguisher and container for the gasoline tank behind the municipal building. If the tank can be brought up to state safety specifications, the supervisors plan to enter into a state contract to purchase bulk gasoline for the police cruisers, which is expected to save 37¢ a gallon.

No action was taken on the use of persons on the county Accelerated Rehabilitation (ARD) program to do court-ordered community service work in the township.

A proposed open burning ordinance was tabled until the May 8 meeting, when the supervisors hope to have drawings and a definition of a trash burner available to add to it.

■ **Shakespeare on stage at Dallas**  
Dallas High School will stage *As You Like It* this weekend. Page 3.

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