

Police

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tims identify possible suspects. "The computer sorts through the photos according to a physical description - height, weight, hair color, etc. - and displays the faces of people who fit the description," Miers said. "It's a great law enforcement tool which also stands up well in court."

Dallas Township is the first police department in Luzerne County to use the Photofinder program, Miers said. Similar programs are on the market, but they can cost up to \$30,000.

Another program called PA-LEMIS (Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Information System), which Dallas Township and several other Back Mountain departments use, stores all police records except for traffic accident reports on the computer.

"The only reason we still do accident reports by hand is because that's how the state wants them," Miers said.

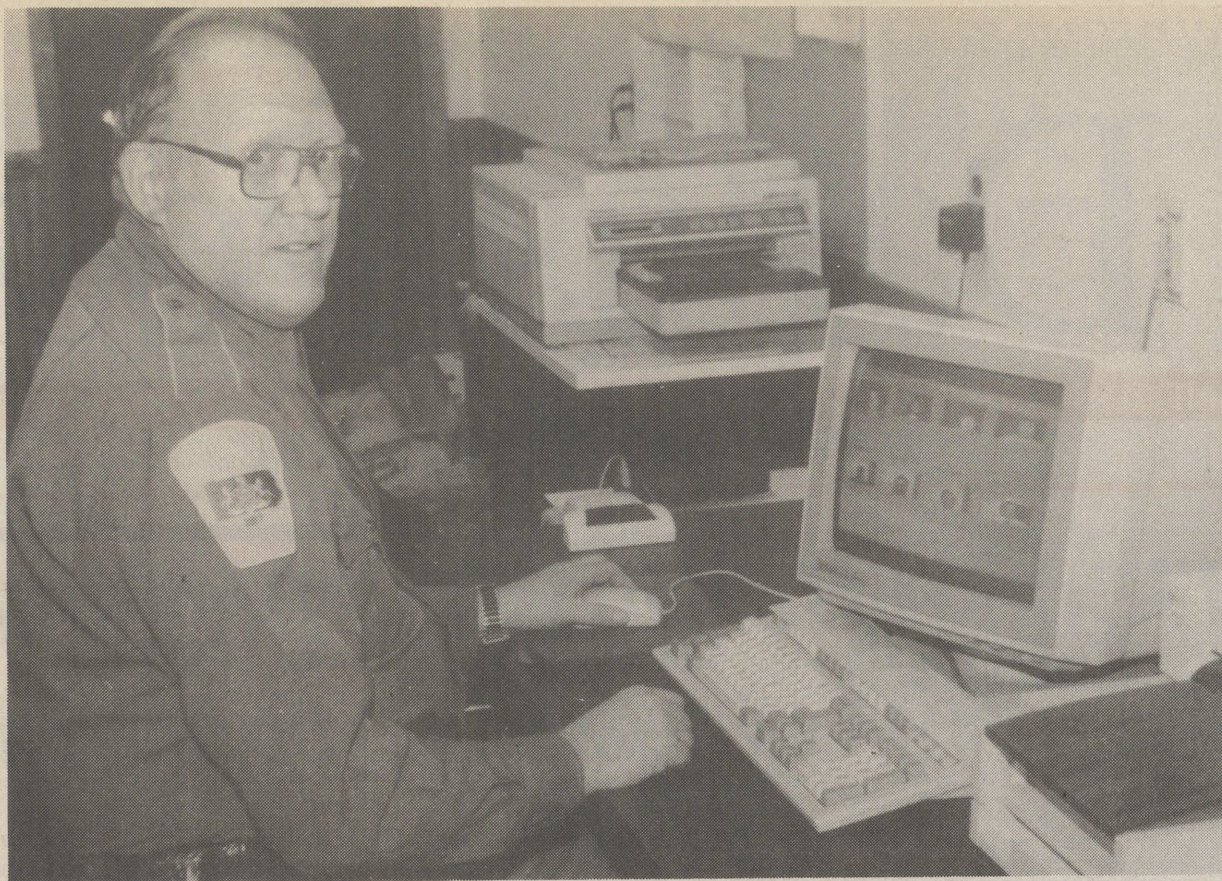
The department also has a laptop computer, which officers can take with them to crime scenes or investigations to make notes. By plugging it into a home telephone or the cruiser's cellular phone, they can tie into the office system, saving them time making notes at the scene, then coming back to the office to transcribe them and file a report.

When an officer arrests a suspect or investigates a crime, he enters one report in the computer, which automatically cross-references it with all existing records. Miers' computer has a huge memory, so it can store a large number of records.

"We probably won't run out of space on the hard drive before it's time to buy a new one," he said.

The computer even splits out the monthly crime report - which once took two days to compile - to be sent to Harrisburg in less than five minutes.

"The computer system frees the officers from hours of time-consuming duplicate paperwork and cuts the time we need to search for information," Miers said. "It



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers shows how his new computer system can set up a photo lineup to help crime victims identify suspects. The police department recently upgraded its equipment, adding a laptop computer, FAX modem, digital camera and other state-of-the-art goodies.

also saves space because it eliminates having to store all our reports in file cabinets."

All information is backed up onto a tape system so it won't be lost if the computer crashes. The township first computerized three years ago. The complete system has been on line since July, with only a few minor adjustments necessary.

The entire setup - computer, color monitor, color inkjet printer, at least half a dozen programs, scanner, camera, FAX modem, laptop, laser printer and color FAX - ran about \$7,000, Miers said.

The department started out small, with a \$3,400 computer and the PA-LEMIS program. Gradually Miers added more equipment and programs. "We planned ahead by buying more than we presently need," he said. "We have plenty of room to expand."

He can send information on crimes or criminals to any police department with a FAX or printer in the country, and worldwide through INTERPOL.

Miers and patrolman Robert Jolley trained other officers on the new system. They have adapted very well to it, Miers said.

"Several guys were concerned that they might push the wrong button and lose all their information," he said. "It's hard to do. These programs are written for people who don't know much about computers. If you can read and press a typewriter key, you can handle PA-LEMIS and Photofinder."

Jolley has the most experience with computers, and knows some of the other programs stored in the system, Miers said.

Miers expects most police departments in the country to tie

into this or a similar system by the turn of the century. By then, they'll also be able to scan a suspect's fingerprints into the computer for storage and an automatic nationwide search and comparison, eliminating the inky mess of fingerprinting and long wait for a criminal history.

Police computers will also be able to communicate with foreign authorities, with the computer doing all the translating, he said.

Because Miers and the supervisors have planned ahead and have most of the equipment which will be required, Dallas Township's system won't need much upgrading, he said.

"Don't be surprised if, when you call the police, an officer shows up at your house with a laptop and asks if he can plug it into your telephone line," Miers said laughing.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of September 22-28.

Leon J. Rutkoski, et ux to David Spring, et ux, 19 Deer Meadow Estate, Dallas Borough, \$315,000.

Charles A. Krivenko, et ux, to John M. Rhoads, et ux, 17 Highpoint Acres, Dallas Borough, \$197,000.

Carmela C. Thomas, to Malcolm M. Asher, et ux, Oak St., Dallas Borough, \$15,000.

Walter A. Kane, estate al to Alan M. Pugh, et ux, 101 Grand View Terrace, Dallas Twp., \$400.

Joseph Scalzo, et ux, to Jacqueline M. Biscontini, 42 Kingswood Dr., Dallas Twp., \$203,900.

David L. Stroud, to Andrew F. Novak, et ux, W. Elmcrest Dr., Dallas Twp., \$108,750.

Russell Wandel, et ux, to Joseph L. Namey, et al, 2.2 ac., Fairmount Twp., \$105,000.

Joseph Gashi, et al, to Donald V. Hilstolsky, et ux, .73 ac. parcel 2, Franklin Twp., \$48,000.

Arthur H. Phillips, Jr., et al, to Douglas M. Steele, 39-41 Dudley Ave., Harveys Lake Bor., \$12,000. Gerald Sennett, to Paul Maher, et ux, Lot 24, Harveys Lake Bor., \$2,000.

Lehman Homes Inc., et ux to Michael D. Bernardo, et ux, 18 Meadowcrest Dr., Jackson Twp., \$138,500.

Tony Silverstein, to Louis M. Sebastian, et ux, 80-81 Blueberry Hill Rd., Jackson Twp., \$300,000.

Thomas Roberts, partner al, to Francis J. Collini, Kingston Twp., \$290,000.

John Leland Robinson, et ux, to Harry T. Harmon, et ux, Tanager Dr., Kingston Twp., \$192,900.

Judy Ann M. Watkins, to John O'Day, et ux, Lot 24, Kingston Twp., \$88,000.

Louis Hodle, admin. al, to Daniel Hodle, et ux, 3 ac, 4 perches, Kingston Twp., \$35,000.

EGIK Development Corp., to Stephen J. Olshefski, et ux, 33, 34 lots, Lake Twp., \$15,000.

4 City Cable Inc. to Ronald Cross, et ux, Lot 7, Grassy Pond, Ross Twp., \$17,900.

Hearing Oct. 13 on health care for moms and newborns

State Representative Phyllis Mundy announces that State Representative Larry Curry will conduct a public hearing on House Bill 1747 on October 13, at the Thomas P. Saxton Medical Pavilion in Edwardsville.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the main auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

House Bill 1747 targets the

issue of post-delivery health insurance benefits for women and their newborns. The recent trend toward shorter hospital stays for new mothers and infants is an issue of concern to both health care providers and to the public at large.

Patients, physicians and nurses representing the obstetric, pediatric and home health fields are scheduled to testify at the hearing.

Free medical clinic in Shavertown

The Back Mountain Free Medical Clinic at St. Therese's Church, lower level, corner of Pioneer and Davis St., Shavertown, welcomes all who are in need of medical care by competent doctors, nurses and staff.

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St. Francis names Raymond a distinguished alumnus

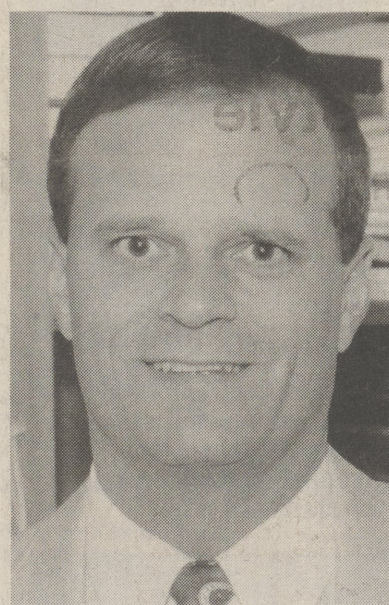
Michael J. Raymond, Ph.D., director of neuropsychological/cognitive services at the Allied Services John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, Wilkes-Barre Twp., has been named Distinguished Alumnus in Medicine by Saint Francis College, Loretto, PA.

Raymond, a 1974 graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in history, was nominated for the honor. The school gives annual distinguished alumni awards in law, communications, religion and medicine to one alumnus in each field who has been graduated from Saint Francis for at least 10 years. Alumni are selected based on their

contributions to their field. Raymond was presented his award at the college's annual Homecoming Dinner/Dance on Saturday, August 5.

Raymond holds a master of science degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Scranton and a Ph.D. in rehabilitation from Florida State University.

He is certified by the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology and the American Board of Professional Disability Consultants, and is licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Psychologists.



MICHAEL J. RAYMOND, PhD

Raymond and his wife, the former Carrie Roberts, reside in Dallas.

Some open burning bans are lifted

Bans on open burning in Dallas Borough and Dallas and Jackson townships have been lifted. Residents are reminded to follow all local burning ordinances.

Lake Twp. recycling center open Oct. 14

The voluntary recycling drop-off center for Lake Township will be accepting recyclables Oct. 14 from 10-12 noon at the township building.

The following items may be dropped off: aluminum and bi-metal cans, clear, brown, and green glass, plastic #1 and #2 only.

No motor oil containers can be accepted.

Fire company collects aluminum cans

Residents and business owners of the Back Mountain and surrounding communities are asked to donate aluminum cans to the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Co. to help purchase of a new state-of-the-art pumper/aerial ladder truck.

Drop off cans at the firehall at 170 Main Street, Shavertown at the designated area. Members can arrange for pickup if necessary.

Call 675-1302 for more information.

Former postman faces federal charge

Michael Williams, a former employee at the Dallas Post Office, has been charged in federal court with obstructing the passage of mail. The charges were filed Oct. 3 in U.S. District Court in Scranton. Williams no longer is employed by the Post Office.

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