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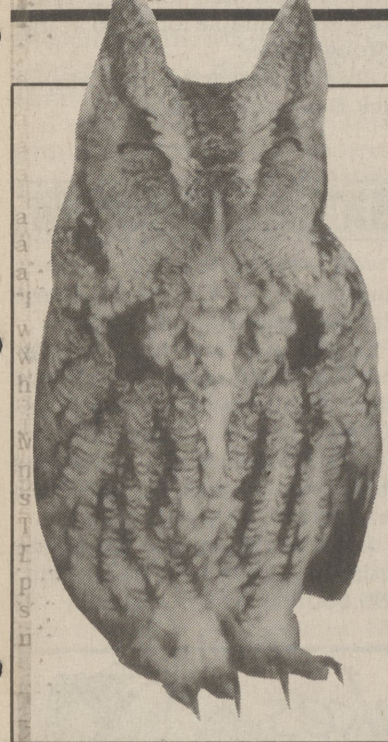
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Nothing's cuter than a little hooter

This small gray-phase screech owl made an unscheduled stop at the Back Mountain Foot Center at the Route 309-415 Plaza Monday morning. It stayed on a window ledge until about 4 p.m., when it flew away. Game Commission officials theorized it may have hit the window and became temporarily stunned. The owl should have some very strange tales to share with its family.

POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

Home owners buy water co.

Cedar Lane residents end years of frustration over pressure, quality

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP—Residents of the Cedar Lane subdivision now have no one to blame but themselves for water problems. The development of \$300,000 homes, once plagued with poor quality and low pressure, was also staring at a pro-

posed \$850 per home water bill. Instead of paying up, the home owners decided to ante up, and bought the water company.

Originally owned by John Moreck and operated by United Services Associates, Cedar Lane's water system has been nothing but a headache to residents for the past five years. It supplied the 25 to 30 families for free - but with some restrictions.

Washing cars or sidewalks wasn't allowed. Watering lawns was allowed only on alternating days. The pressure was so low that lawn sprinklers sometimes

"We couldn't have done it without everyone's complete cooperation."

Erik Dingle
Cedar Lane home owner

wouldn't work anyway. Only one family had a backyard swimming pool.

The pressure dropped noticeably between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., especially during the summer, forcing families to make do with-

out showers before bedtime. Occasionally the water was off all night, forcing people to go to work unwashed, unshaved, their teeth unbrushed.

Adding insult to injury, Moreck promised last year to add a 25,000 gallon holding tank to the system once the Public Utility Commission approved an \$850 yearly water fee for each household. Until the PUC became involved, residents got their water for free. The system storage tank's capacity was about 1,000 gallons.

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Driver who hit cop lacked valid license

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

DALLAS - The driver of a '96 Chrysler mini-van which struck a police officer on Huntsville Road shortly before 7 a.m. Monday faces a misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of an accident involving injuries. He also may be charged with three summary offenses: Driving with a suspended license, careless driving, and driving at an

unsafe speed.

Richard Vinnacombe turned himself in to police Monday afternoon. He told police he thought a rock had been thrown up against the car when he heard a sound as he passed by two policemen. Their cars were parked alongside Huntsville Road without their flashers on.

According to patrolman James

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Supervisors expect to shave propped budget

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

HARVEYS LAKE - The borough will see its 14th consecutive year with a 21-mill property tax, according to the preliminary budget which the council unanimously passed at its November 20 meeting.

The borough expects to start the year with a general fund balance of \$212,568.

The \$613,630 budget projects

a \$19,250 increase in real estate taxes, with most other revenues anticipated to increase very little.

Anticipated expenditures for general administration will increase from \$81,300 to \$89,600, while police expenses will increase from \$116,700 to \$126,000.

Total anticipated expenses are \$622,410, a difference of \$8,780 from 1995.

"We haven't finalized all our

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Family's search casts a wide net

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

Genealogy, the study of the ancestry of an individual, can be a historical science, an art, or just a hobby. Regardless, tracing one's "family tree" fascinates us...we all want to climb it. Gee, maybe we're related to Buffalo Bill! Or, hey, even royalty!

A family tree exists in the Back Mountain with an astonishing number of branches: 2,347 descendants for 13 generations! That tree's name is Crispell, and a Dallas Post story on Harry Crispell, 86, and still working, caused so much interest that his clan merits a further visit.

That possibly record-setting

"Solomon was a wagon maker and farmer. He was a good man who followed the laws of health and lived to the age of 102."

From "History of Luzerne County"

number of Crispell descendants should not surprise anyone familiar with former times...planned parenthood lectures were unknown. Take Minnie E. Crispell for example: Born - 1913, married - 1929, died - 1991, husband -

Louis L. Lamoreaux, progeny - count 'em 15.

And doesn't that name ring a Back Mountain bell? Plus there are scads of others as familiar: Ide, Oney, Sickler, May, Weaver, Dymond...the list is truly endless.

Amateur genealogists know one source to help their tracing is the family Bible, especially those old massive gilt-edged tomes with pages in the front marked "Births" and "Deaths." It is interesting to realize the importance the Bible itself placed on generational lineage...whole sections of scripture are devoted to naming of wives, and sons, and the sons of

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POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK
Minnie Sidorek and granddaughter Noel show off a copy of "The Crispell Chronicles."

Wendy's aims for Dec. opening

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

DALLAS - New jobs are coming to the Back Mountain and area fast-food connoisseurs will soon have a new restaurant to try when Wendy's opens near the center of Dallas.

"We want to be open by the end of the year, or by mid-January at the very latest," said manager Steve Kopic of QSF, Inc. the franchise owner.

He has already hired two full-

time mangers from the area, and expects to hire a total of eight full-time management personnel and 35 to 50 part-time and full-time crew members.

Located at the site of the former Dallas Agway and the Robo-Wash, the 2,720 square-foot restaurant, which features burgers, chicken breast filets, baked potatoes and a potato topping and salad bar, will have a drive-in window for takeout orders.

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Santa faces a challenge ... from an elf!

By Rudolph 'Red' Nose

(This is the first of a four-part children's story, The Dallas Post's Christmas present to our young readers.)

It all started in Santa's workshop. The elves were hard at work, as usual, and, as they built toy trains, carved out blocks, programmed video games and invented new and better playthings, they talked.

"I hate these election years," said a green-haired elf named Jovial. "Every 500 years, it's the same old thing. It gets tiresome. Why don't we just proclaim Santa

Santa for life and be over with it once and for all?"

"I agree," chimed in a blue-haired elf named Blithe. "After all, who could possibly be a better Santa than Santa? Let's bring it up at the Elves' Congress next week. After all, nobody's even run against him in all the thousands of years he's been bringing presents to good little boys and girls."

An orange-haired elf named Snark listened but didn't say anything. That night, after he finished his work, Snark didn't play the usual Elf games. He didn't join in the nightly reindeer races, which meant that Blitzen, his

usual mount, had to sit sadly on the sidelines and watch. He didn't even come to the commissary for hot chocolate and cookies and he hadn't missed his hot chocolate and cookies in half a dozen centuries.

As the week passed, all the talk in the workshop centered on the motion to declare Santa Santa for all time. The workshop was abuzz with suggestions as to the proper wording of the proposal. If anyone planned to vote against it, he wasn't talking.

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