

Revenge

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Ave. home by a neighbor. The pair took off on foot, with Dallas Borough patrolman William Norris and police from Dallas Township and Kingston Township in hot pursuit. Nichol was nabbed within five minutes, while Bealla was caught shortly thereafter hiding in the rafters of a garage on Columbia Ave.

The pair has been charged with burglary and criminal trespass, with more charges pending, police said. They are lodged in the Luzerne County Prison in default of \$5,000 bail each.

The Dallas Township road crew lost a snowplow for a short time after it fell off the front of a truck operated by roadmaster Frank Wagner. Wagner's truck had been pushing a second plow truck operated by Rollie Schwarz, which had broken down.

Both trucks were towed back to the garage by a bucket loader and repaired.

"We're back up and running, but didn't get any salt until 10 a.m. Tuesday," Wagner said. "The delivery truck was grounded because of the snow emergency."



The snow was heavy everywhere Monday, including on Main Street in the center of Dallas. Jim Eason plowed out his store's lot along with part



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of the street in the left photo. At right, Dave Cavill delivered a Citizens' Voice, better late than never.

Snow

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ning commission were revising the zoning ordinance," Miller said.

Miller said he attended every work session and meeting on the ordinance and never heard Dorrance make any racial remarks.

He referred to many heated debates over proposed minimum lot sizes in the controversial new zoning ordinance, which Dorrance and the planning commission worked on during most of 1995.

The new minimum lot sizes of two acres in residential areas and three acres in agricultural areas were whittled down to 1.5 acres and two acres respectively before the supervisors passed the ordinance November 29, 1995.

Miller voted against the ordinance because he disagreed with the lot sizes. Timothy Reese and Redmond voted for it.

Although Redmond had said October 13 that the supervisors would "take everything into consideration" before they approved the minimum lot sizes and passed the ordinance, he did an about-face at the November 29 meeting, in which Jay Futch asked him to table the zoning ordinance until the new supervisors' board was seated in January.

"I plan to pass this ordinance no matter what," Redmond replied. "You can change it in 1996 if you don't like it."

Futch, who has regularly at-

tended planning commission meetings to share his experience as a general contractor and his concerns as a conservationist, also said Redmond's accusation is false.

"I have never, ever heard Ed Dorrance make any statements which could be construed as racial in nature," Futch said. "If a township supervisor will go that low - to the point of lying and blackmailing a resident - to achieve his goals, I'm not sure what else he's capable of. Redmond has wasted thousands of township dollars to achieve special considerations for a developer, which he admitted to at a public meeting."

Getting rid of Dorrance and Hilstolsky cost the township about \$7,000, or \$2,000 more than it had budgeted for legal fees for 1995, Miller said at a meeting December 26.

Also at issue was an apparent conflict of interest because Redmond did work for Ann Marie McAvoy, developer of Chadsford Estates I and II on Coon Road.

Last summer McAvoy had asked that her land be rezoned from agricultural to residential to accommodate two-acre lots.

The planning commission refused to assign the land to a zone, instead recommending October 10 that it be designated "a minimum-maximum of two acres." Chair-

man Mark Millington had called the handling of the McAvoy rezoning request "an unusual situation."

Redmond did logging for McAvoy shortly after she bought her land.

Redmond also had land rezoned in 1995 - a parcel in front of his pallet factory on Brace Road - from agricultural to residential.

According to township tax records he owns 52.1 acres on Brace Road, 35.15 acres on Sutton Road and a third 36.89-acre parcel. He operates a logging business and pallet factory at the Brace Road site, which is zoned industrial at the rear and residential along the road.

Redmond has been the center of controversy in the township before.

In 1993 several residents questioned where he lived - in a mobile home at his pallet factory on Brace Road, at a new home on Sutton Road or at his bar and motel, the Kandle-Lite on Carverton Road in Kingston Township.

If his legal residence had been proven to be Kingston Township, he would have lost his position as a Franklin Township supervisor.

Redmond, the chairman of the board of supervisors in 1995, said the township's reasons for asking Dorrance to leave the planning commission would be made public if Dorrance ever took another public office in the township.

Bugs

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themselves in certain areas where outbreaks can be predicted and spraying efforts must be focused, she added.

"The DCNR is correct in saying there's no way to guarantee spraying will be effective in all areas, but one sure way to guarantee failure is not to try it in the first place. Their objections are bogus," she said.

Mundy said she is concerned that people who can't afford to have their property sprayed might resort to doing the job themselves using toxic chemicals which could affect other wildlife.

She's also concerned about the effects of defoliation of large tracts of land, which could result in loss of wildlife habitat and increase the risk of forest fires.

"This is a basic issue of public health and safety, which are the responsibility of the state govern-

ment," she said.

If Mundy's effort is unsuccessful, property owners will have to contract privately to have their land sprayed. Rugletic said residents may sign up for spraying, at a cost of \$14 per acre and a minimum of 10 acres, until February 1. Those who don't own 10 acres may group their properties together to get the lower cost, as long as the 10 acres adjoin one another.

"This is not a county program," he said. "With only two people in my office, I don't have enough time to set it up. I'm only providing information, the contractor's telephone number and a contract. It's up to the people to fill out the contract, collect the money and pay the sprayer on their own."

Waiting until the nasty bugs appear is much too late for effective spraying, Rugletic said. To be most effective, the spray, Bt, must

be applied before the bugs grow to a certain size. Larger caterpillars require stronger chemicals.

Information from his office is available by calling 825-1840.

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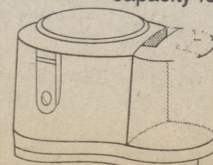
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