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## Cops and cruisers battered in high-speed car chase

### Suspect posted bail immediately

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP** - It wasn't a peaceful Saturday night ride in the country.

West Pittston resident Joseph Richard Rossi, 32, faces five felony charges and many other charges after leading area police on a high-speed chase through five counties June 22.

According to police chief Carl Miers, around 10:30 p.m. officer Brian Feeney saw Rossi's 1989 Toyota four-wheel-drive pickup truck use the center turning lane on Route 415 to pass a long line of cars heading north towards Harveys Lake.

When Feeney turned the cruiser around and activated the siren and flashing lights to stop him, Rossi increased his speed and turned onto Route 118 west, where he began to swerve between the east and westbound lanes of the highway.

"Feeney thought the driver was going to kill someone, so he radioed for backup units to help stop him," Miers said.

Assisted by Lehman Township patrolman Scott Davis, the Pennsylvania State Police and other Back Mountain units, Feeney was able to pull ahead of Rossi to attempt to slow him down and stop him in Ross Township.

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## DANCE FEVER

Danny Butch and Mallory Carey danced the Blue Tango in Back Mountain Dance Studio's year-end recital. They won Best Overall Duo in the Northeast Talent Championships earlier this year. More photos on page 3.

## Group hopes to spruce up lake properties

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

**HARVEYS LAKE** - A group of Sandy Beach neighbors concerned about public safety and health have formed a team to work with borough officials and property owners to correct code violations.

For the past two months Neighborhood Impact Team members have asked the council at its regular meetings for help in encouraging landowners to comply with the borough's ordinances concerning junk, junkyards, vegetation, dangerous buildings, litter, dumping and limits on clean fill.

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Aileen Dodson

Harveys Lake NIT member

pointers," said NIT team member Aileen Dodson. "We love our neighborhood and want to be proud of it. Helping a few property owners bring their places into compliance with the codes is a win-win situation for everyone involved. With a little creativity, teamwork and support from the mayor, council and the solicitor we can

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## Fireworks get hearty thumbs up from council

BY ANN POEPPERLING  
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**DALLAS BOROUGH** - Back Mountain residents may have an annual fireworks event every July 4th holiday if Ed Orloski has his way. Representing Orloski Quik Marts at the borough council meeting June 18, Orloski, of Wright Twp., announced plans to sponsor an annual fireworks display at the Dallas High School grounds, pending school board approval.

This year the display, lasting close to an hour, would take place

at dusk on Friday, July 5, according to Orloski who has three stores in the Back Mountain area.

"This community has been good to us and we want to give back to them," said Orloski, adding that Orloski's sponsors similar annual fireworks events in Hazleton and Mountaintop.

"It's a big event in those areas. We've been doing it for seven or eight years in Hazleton and it's been very successful. In Mountaintop, there's a craft fair and parade that revolves around

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## Rev. Santos leaving Shavertown church

### Congregation plans tribute this Sunday

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

**SHAVERTOWN** - After a dozen years of service to the Shavertown United Methodist Church, Rev. Harriet Santos has been appointed pastor of the Centenary United Methodist Church in Ashley.

Her congregation in the Back Mountain will honor her June 30 at the 9:30 a.m. service, followed by a special program of music and

testimony about her work, at 10:30.

Santos began her ministry at Shavertown as a half-time associate pastor working with Rev. James Wert in July, 1980, and sharing her time with the Huntsville United Methodist Church. Her duties grew with the Shavertown congregation, calling her to full-time work there in 1986.

She and her family had worshipped at the Lehman United Methodist Church since 1973. When she was ordained in 1980, her first position was as half-time assistant pastor at the Huntsville United Methodist Church. Until

1986 she worked half-time at both Huntsville and Shavertown.

A 1961 graduate of Miami University of Ohio, Santos earned a master's degree in Christian education in 1964 and served as director of Christian education at the campus church of West Virginia University in Morgantown. She also earned a national award for excellence in Christian education.

In 1983 she completed her theological education at Drew University in Madison, N.J., graduating magna cum laude.

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REV. HARRIET SANTOS

## \$2.8 million bond issue will cover building project

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**KINGSTON TOWNSHIP** - The closing for a \$2.8 million municipal bond issue to fund a new municipal building and an addition to the equipment garage was held June 13. Underwritten by PNC Bank, the bond issue's proceeds will be invested with the Pennsylvania Local Governments' Investment Trust (PLGIT).

Construction on the garage addition alongside the township park on Center Street will begin as soon as bids are awarded, while

work on the 6,000 square-foot two-story brick municipal building, to be located opposite the garage, is expected to begin next May.

The supervisors also unanimously approved the preliminary plans for expansion of the N-Mart convenience store on Route 309, pending state approval of the highway occupancy permit. The plans call for demolition of a home next to the parking lot, expansion of the store and the addition of more gas pumps.

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## Auction donations roll in; it's not too late to give

Donations are coming in at a brisk pace for the 50th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, but there's still plenty of time for area businesses and individuals to contribute.

Right from inception in 1947, the auction has been a favorite time for folks to meet friends and neighbors, and has garnered wide support from the business community. The mix of fun and fellowship combines to create a festive atmosphere for four evenings, this year July 11-14. But it all contributes to an important cause - the public library that has served the Back Mountain since 1946.

The auction contributes about one-fourth of the library's annual operating funds, a figure which

has become more important as state and federal funding has dwindled. The library holds an inventory of over 60,000 items, including books, audio and video tapes, magazines, newspapers and CD disks. With more than 12,000 active borrowers checking out nearly 90,000 items a year, it is the fourth largest library in Luzerne County.

Chairman Ernie Ashbridge has served the library for 29 years in various capacities, and like all the organizers of the auction, he is a volunteer. He was antiques chairman with help from his wife, Betty, for 13 years, and she leads the antiques committee this year. So far, 653 items are catalogued in

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**Library auction chairman Ernie Ashbridge, left, accepted two paintings by Phil Richards, which will be sold at the auction, from Donna Jones, manager of First Valley Bank's Wilkes-Barre office, center, and Karen Shuster, Dallas manager.**

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The Astros dethroned the reigning Little League champion Rangers. Pg 9

### ■ Bazaar fun

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