

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

FACES TRIAL ON BURGLARY CHARGE

Shavertown resident Stephen Tomasura, 18, waived his right to a hearing before District Justice James Tupper Dec. 26. Tomasura was arrested on Oct. 11 by Dallas Twp. patrolman Jeffrey J. Dennis after he confessed to the participation in a Sept. robbery of a Dallas home. Tomasura and four other juveniles allegedly drove to a Dallas home on Sept. 6, broke in and stole two VCR's, disc changer, phone and an answering machine, along with jewelry. Many pieces of the jewelry were sold to Wyoming Jewelry and to another minor at Dallas Senior High. Most of the stolen property was recovered.

Tomasura was charged with burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, conspiracy by unlawful taking and theft by unlawful taking.

ASSAULT CHARGE GOES TO TRIAL

Hummelstown resident Theodore Edwin Hall, 28, who was arrested on Dec. 11 by Dallas Twp. patrolman Brian Feeney after police responded to a report of a sexual assault that had allegedly taken place in the parking lot of Offset Paperback Inc., will face trial on charges of indecent assault and making terroristic threats.

Related charges of aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault forcible compulsion, intimidation

of a witness/victim, simple assault, unlawful restraint and false imprisonment were dismissed.

DRUG CHARGES

Philadelphia resident Chante Price, 30, pled guilty to possession of marijuana on Dec. 19. Price was arrested by State Police trooper Walter J. Koehler after police found marijuana during a mandatory search at the State Correctional Institution in Dallas. The defendant's change purse was searched and police discovered a partially smoked marijuana cigarette.

Price said she didn't realize the cigarette was in her purse. After a field test on the substance, it was proven to be marijuana. Price admitted the cigarette was hers.

Philadelphia resident Odeba McMillan, 27, pled guilty to possession of marijuana on Dec. 19. McMillan was arrested by State Police trooper Walter J. Koehler after police found marijuana in the ashtray of her car after a consensual search was made. McMillan gave a ride to Chante Price to the State Correctional Institution in Dallas.

Before the search began the defendant told police there might be marijuana in the car that belonged to her sister. She stated that the cigarettes would have red lipstick on them, adding that she does not wear lipstick. Police found two partially smoked cigarettes in her ashtray. Field tests proved the substance within the cigarettes to be marijuana.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of Dec. 20 - 31:

R.N Fitch & Sons, Inc., to Joseph W. Alles, et ux, Lot 46 Deer Meadow Est., Dallas Borough, \$44,900.
Gert Morrissey Pryor, executor, to James R. Finn, et ux, 26.38 ac. Dallas Twp., \$110,000.
Frank Townend, et ux, to John D. Hughes, et ux, Yeager Ave., Dallas Twp., \$13,000.
Harry George Pietracchini estate, to Kenneth Hensel, et ux, 17 Skyview Dr., Dallas Twp.,

\$94,000.
Myrick Lyle Peterson, et ux, to Byron A. Young, Lot 5, Harveys Lake Bor., \$27,900.
Howard Whitesell, partner al, to Gerald J. Schraeder, et al, 2 parcels, Lehman Twp., \$78,500.
Daniel Cornell, to Perry William Hoover, Lot 1, Hoover Sub. Lehman Twp., \$1,720.
Clarence W. Hoover, et al, to Charles Scott Hoover, Lake Silkworth, Lehman Twp., \$60,000.
Paul Bouchard, et ux, to Jacqueline Kovaleski, Norstedt St., Lots 39, 40, 41, Lehman Twp., \$4,500.

Harveys Lake municipal notes

- Harveys Lake Borough reminds all contractors their licenses have expired on December 31, 1996. All contractors and subcontractors working without a 1997 Contractors License will be subject to a fine by the Borough up to \$300.
- Christmas trees will be picked up Jan. 16 and 17, if weather permits. The alternate pick up dates will be Jan. 23 and 24.
- Zoning hours will remain the same until further notice, Monday and Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to obtain a building permit may apply for one during these hours. Applications for a building permit may be picked up at the Borough Office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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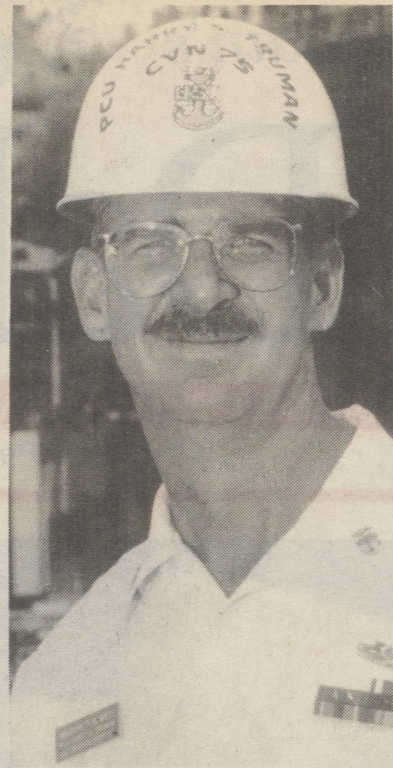
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Kennedy on board USS Harry Truman



MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PETER KENNEDY

Assigned to the USS Harry S. Truman, the Navy's newest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, under construction in Newport News, VA, Master Chief Petty Officer Peter Kennedy, son-in-law of John and Eileen Sichler of Harveys Lake, has been preparing the mighty ship for sea duty.

The ship's crew is undergoing intensive training on the reactor plants and various damage control and firefighting systems. The ship's goal is to deliver to the fleet the best-built carrier and best-trained crew ever, ready to assume their full responsibilities when the Truman is commissioned in 1998.

A nuclear-qualified machinist's mate, Kennedy leads 10 sailors who operate and maintain steam turbines and reduction gears used for the carrier's propulsion.

They are responsible for monitoring construction progress in the shipyard and inspection of propulsion plant systems prior to ship's force acceptance and operation.

A 1978 graduate of Tunkhan rock High School, Kennedy joined the Navy that

Married to the former Annette Sichler, with two sons, Peter, 9 and Ian, 5, Kennedy said he plans to make the Navy a career. He also said he's benefitted personally as well as professionally from his Navy experiences.

OBITUARIES

MARIAN BEUKA

Marian Beuka, 88, of Sweet Valley, Ross Township, died Jan. 5, 1997, at her home.

Born in Jersey City, NJ, she was the daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Mullin.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Metropolitan Printing, Queens, NY.

She resided in Sweet Valley for the past 23 years.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, Lehman Township; Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary; and the Dallas Senior Citizens' Center.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy Beuka and brothers, James, Frank and William.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, John L.; sisters, Ruth Byrne, Sweet Valley; Margaret Moldavak, Court Pleasanton, CA; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., corner of Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, Lehman Township.

Interment will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Lake Silkworth.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sweet Valley Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 207, Sweet Valley, 18656

EDNA REBENACK

Edna P. Rebenack 101, formerly of Loyalville, Lake Township, died Dec. 30, 1996, at Wesley Village, Inkerman, Jenkins Township.

Born in Meeker, she was the daughter of the late Alonzo and Debbie Bronson Wolfe.

She attended Lehman schools and graduated from Wyoming Seminary.

She was employed as a dietitian at Thomas Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia.

In association with her late husband, John, she operated Rebenack's Berry Farm, Loyalville, for many years.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown. She was a charter member and past matron of Dallas Chapter 396 Order of the Eastern Star.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Carrie Wolfe.

Surviving are daughters, Debbie Ostrovsky, Hastings, NY; Betty Hibler, Truth or Consequences, NM; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

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Chicory House to hold fiddle contest January 19

The Chicory House in Wilkes-Barre invites intermediate to advanced fiddlers to compete for cash prizes in its fourth annual "Beat the January Blues" Musicians Contest. The annual competitions, which began in 1994, have featured fingerstyle and flatpicking guitar contests in the past.

This year, the Chicory House's all-volunteer group of music presenters will highlight the skills of fiddlers from the region and beyond.

The contest will be held Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in the community room of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 South Franklin St., in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

The non-for-profit Chicory House is northeastern Pennsylvania's only venue dedi-

cated to presenting folk music and dance. It is not affiliated with St. Stephen's Church.

For entry forms and information, interested musicians should contact contest organizers Margaret Bakker at 717-675-8843 or Tom Durkin at 717-825-8772. There is a \$5 registration fee.

The Chicory House is offering a first prize of \$200, a second prize of \$100 and a third prize of \$50. The prizes will be awarded according to detailed guidelines by a panel of three judges.

Public admission to the fourth annual "Beat the January Blues" competition will be \$7 for Chicory House supporting members and \$8 for non-members.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Desserts and beverages will be available for purchase.

Corrections

• Valerie Prothero was pictured in the Dec. 31 issue of the Post with Dr. Bundy, Director of Bands at Penn State, not Jack Prothero as printed.

• Due to a typographical error, the company name Procter & Gamble was misspelled in an item about personnel at Commonwealth Telephone in last week's issue.

Back Mt. Baseball will meet Jan. 13

Back Mountain Baseball and Softball will hold its general meeting Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion. An update will be made on field availability for 1997. All interested coaches should submit a letter of intent to Jack Snyder, president, at this time or mail to Back Mt. Baseball, c/o Jack Snyder, P.O. Box 22, Dallas, PA 18612. All board members, managers and volunteers are expected to attend.

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