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## \$3,000 reward offered for return of *Natoma* propeller

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**HARVEYS LAKE** - Ron DeBalko, a member of the Harveys Lake Protective Association, won't give up the search for the stolen steamship propeller that was to be a monument to the lake's golden age.

The Protective Association, with help from private donations made by residents, erected a monument where the propeller, from the steamship *Natoma*, was to have been placed. But before the 400-pound cast iron propeller could be welded in its resting place, it was stolen from municipal property late last sum-

mer, DeBalko explained. The work done to create the base for the monument cost the organization \$500.

The Protective Association has set a \$1,000 reward for the recovery of the missing propeller. DeBalko said the group has also received an additional \$2,000 in reward money from private donations and continues to receive promises of money on a daily basis. He commended Harveys Lake residents for being aware and concerned.

DeBalko prevailed upon borough council members to pass a resolution at their April meeting to aid in the recovery of a stolen steamship propeller.

The Protective Association was formed

*"The community deserves to have it in their backyard."*

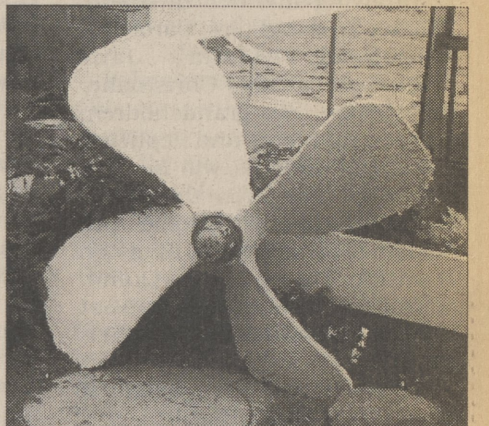
Ron DeBalko  
Harveys Lake Protective Assn.

shortly after the turn of the century, explained association member Guy Giordano. Giordano, a member since 1980, is also anxious to see the propeller returned. He explained, "The object of the group is to promote and protect the lake." He also noted the association sponsored the first police department and

"created a protective watch over the community."

"Several families committed financially to see the project completed," DeBalko told the board. "The community deserves to have it in their backyard."

DeBalko quite literally did have the propeller in his backyard once. He became interested in the fate of the decommissioned *Natoma* and her propeller when he moved to Harveys Lake about 18 years ago. The previous owners of DeBalko's home owned their home when the *Natoma* was decommissioned in 1940. The propeller wound up in their yard. It was



The propeller from the steamship *Natoma*

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## Students have mixed views on new classes

By JENNIFER KLAIPS  
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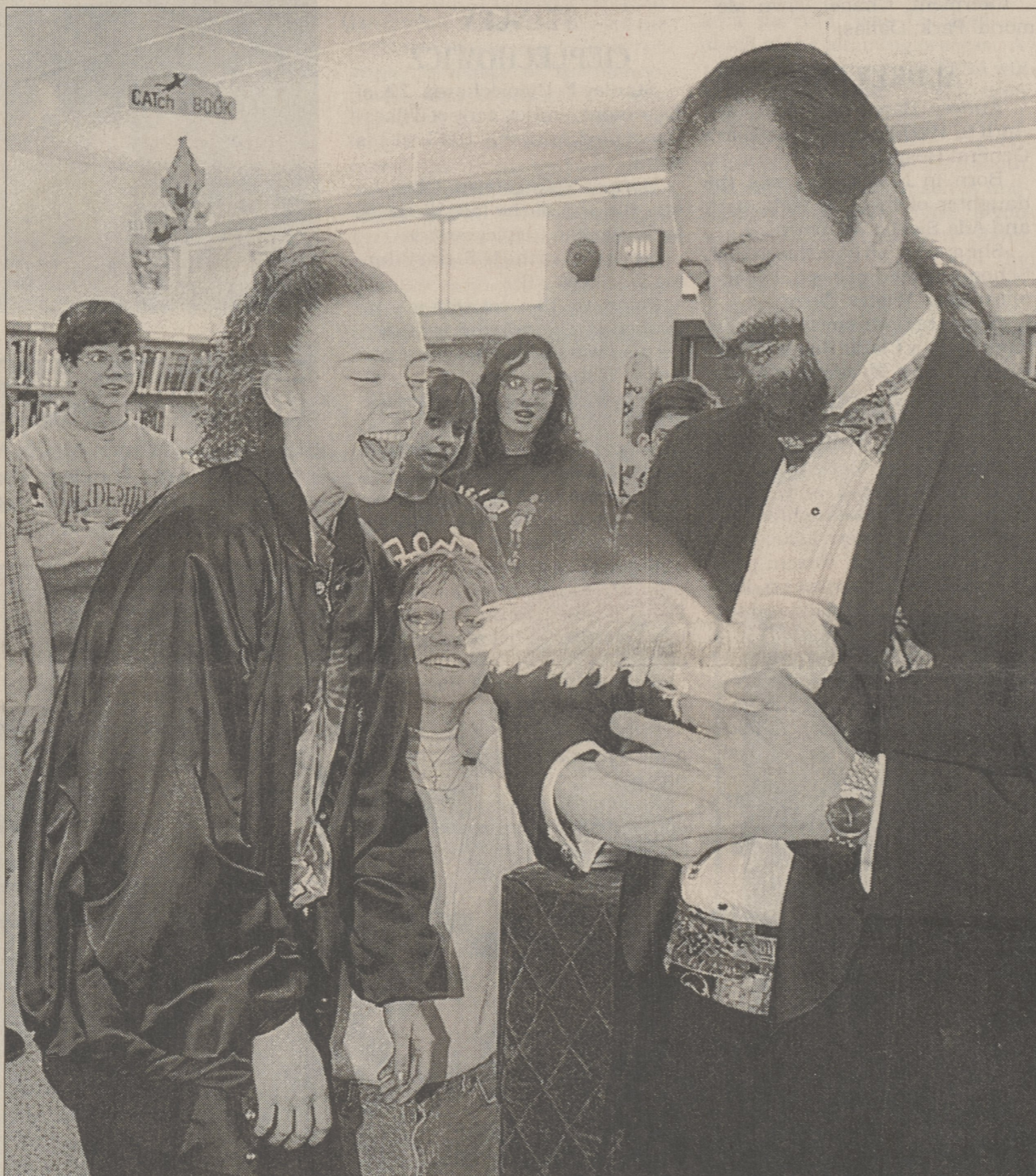
**LAKE-LEHMAN** - On Tuesday April 8, the halls of Lake-Lehman High School were filled with complaints from angry juniors. On that day, juniors were given scan sheets to fill out their schedules for their all-important senior year. At the same time, juniors were informed that three mandatory classes would be occupying their schedules. Although these "mandatory" classes turned out to be part of a communication error, they are still required, with some exceptions, and will affect most of next year's seniors.

Mr. John J. Oliver, principal, held a meeting with the juniors on April 16 in which he explained the curriculum of these classes and the required aspect. The first of the three classes is Contemporary Issues. It is a full-year class in which Oliver hopes seniors will gain a good understanding of what's going on in the world.

The second, Speech Communication, is a half-year class that will prepare seniors for public speaking, group discussion, and debate. Finally, Wellness is a half-year class that will educate seniors to be healthy and avoid the dangers they'll find on entering the world after high school.

Mr. Oliver developed this curriculum which he plans to test for one year. "The senior year needs to have an academic focus," Oliver said. In his opinion, the senior

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## JUST LIKE MAGIC

Jennifer Roman, left, and Bonnie Biggs reacted to a trick by magician Louis Plotkin during a special program held in the Dallas High School library last week. The event was held in conjunction with observation of National Library Week, and as a thank-you for library aides.

Standing behind, from left; Benjamin Uzidilla, Rebecca Stylinsky, Colleen Kaleta, Shawn Mullen and Tara Holly. The librarian is Maria Augustine.

*"When it started to rain a few people pulled out modern umbrellas and one man was drinking a Coke."*

Dr. Robert Szulborski, Dallas

## Eye doc's New Guinea trip a study in contrasts

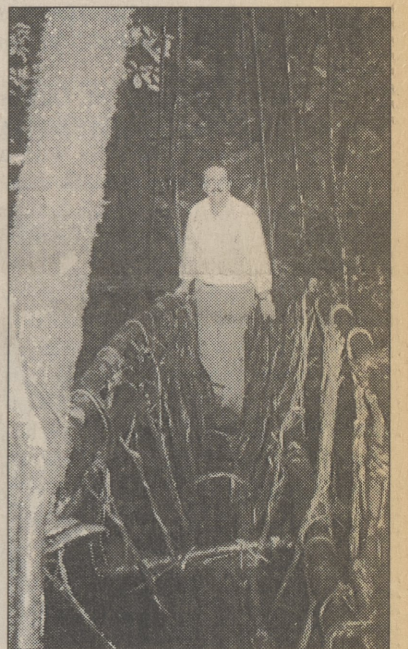
By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**DALLAS** - While people in the Back Mountain were contending with snow this February, Dr. Robert Szulborski of Dallas escaped to the South Seas. But his trip to Papua, New Guinea wasn't a winter vacation.

The ophthalmologist took a two-week trip to share his time and expertise in the country just off the northern coast of Australia to provide free eye examinations and cataract surgery to people in extremely remote areas. The trip was organized by Surgical Eye Expeditions, a volunteer organization that has sent doctors all over the world for 25 years. Szulborski paid for his own transportation and accommodations.

After many hours in a plane and a long bumpy car ride, Szulborski and Leeann Koslosky,

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Dr. Robert Szulborski of Dallas, crossing a vine bridge in Papua, New Guinea.

## Franklin St. will get 3rd stop sign

**DALLAS** - A new stop sign will be placed at the intersection of Franklin St. and Main St., making it a three-way stop. The decision comes on the heels of a request made by James and Debra Siglin of Franklin St., who asked the Dallas Borough Council in March to lower the speed limit or make Franklin one-way southbound.

Milton Lutsey, borough manager, said the state will put up the sign within two months because "motorists are not using caution as they enter Franklin St." He said the state can't put up a stop sign to control speed on a street.

The current speed limit is 35 mph. "This is what we wanted done in the first place," said Debra Siglin. "I asked the engineer not to do another traffic study, but to see (the road) for himself. We're very satisfied with the decision."

In other business, the council voted unanimously to accept the portion of Crotona Avenue located in the borough.

Also, the council voted not to accept a cul-de-sac on Jacquelyn Lane as part of the Elmcrest Woods Subdivision/Land Development Project.

-by Kylie Shafferkoetter

## A lecherous king, a death, and a mystery to solve

By JENNIFER JUDGE  
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**SHAVERTOWN** - The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown had an interesting evening in store for them last Saturday night. Interim Pastor Robert Bohm, along with congregation members Philip and Ardeth Dale, presented Belshazzar's Feast, a dinner/mystery theater based on a passage from the Bible.

Bohm referred to the evening as, "making a Bible passage come alive in a fun way. Daniel 5 is the passage and dinner/mystery theater is the fun way."

The setting, which was the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, was created with plants on loan from Rave's Garden Center. Ardeth Dale prepared costumes for the evening and both Ardeth and Philip Dale prepared the food. Although the couple have prepared



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King Belshazzar, played by Pastor Robert Bohm, was entertained by a dancing Betty Rorick, left, as the queen, played by Cynthia Hughes, and Fran Dierolf as Phastundressa, the king's lady friend, looked on.

church dinners in the past, Ardeth explained this was their most elaborate, taking six months to prepare. "We

researched Babylonia and everything related to it," she said.

Some of the traditional fare

included Lebanese baked noodles with pine nuts; kibbee, which is ground hamburger, onions, spices, and ground wheat; and taboule, a combination of ground wheat, tomatoes, lemon juice, olive oil, and mint that is used on salads.

The passage in the Bible the play was based on tells of a feast, at the conclusion of which King Belshazzar, played by Pastor Bohm, falls dead. It was then up to the guests, based on the interactions of the evening, to guess who killed the king.

Dallas Middle School 7th graders Doug Yeager and Andrew Dale played trumpeters and Jennifer Roman, Dallas High School student, danced for those gathered. Pastor Bohm put the script together but noted, "It's not scripted. It's role playing."

Tony Kaiser, who played Daniel, said, "It's a good

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### ■ Hopkins bound

Scott Townsend will take his academic and athletic talents to Johns Hopkins University. Pg 9.

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