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## Life a bit harder for fish after workshop

By MEIRA ZUCKER  
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Dear Mabel,

The day started like any other day. I swam a little, ate a little, swam a little. Life is good when you are a fish. But then I saw that wriggly red worm floating there...

Little did I know that Francis Slocum State Park was sponsoring a Youth Fishing Workshop in the Visitors Center by the lake. Sixteen children filled the program, and others had to be turned away.

Kathy Kelchner, park naturalist and a Certified Fishing Skills Instructor with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, led the workshop. "I want to interest non-fishing young people in the sport," said Kelchner, "and to stimulate interest among families." Fishing is inexpensive fun, noted Kelchner, and a great way for families to spend time together.

(This is all we need, Mabel; more people fishing.)

After a game of "Fishing Pictionary," Kelchner discussed the principles of fishing, different species of fish, and equipment for fishing. The course emphasizes being a SMART fisher: Safety first, Manners are important, Appreciate clean water, Return your catch, and Teach others.

As part of the presentation, the students explored the environment along the lake shore. They talked about food chains and discovered numerous micro invertebrates such as crayfish, leeches, snails, and dragonfly nymphs.

(Speaking of the food chain, it's about time our species moved up a little, don't you think?)

Jim Kaiser, of Dallas, brought his daughter, Leah, who just turned seven and received a fishing pole for her birthday. "She's been dying to go fishing with her older brother," said Kaiser.

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Yuk! Leah Kaiser of Dallas put on a face when she grabbed a worm during the Fishing Skills Workshop at Frances Slocum State Park over the weekend.

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## Robber with knife hits bank office

Makes off with undisclosed amount of cash in 11 a.m. Friday heist

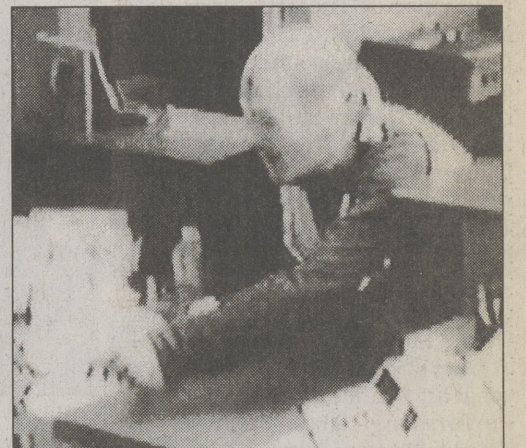
By RONALD BARTIZEK  
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DALLAS - Things were back to normal Monday at the Dallas branch of Luzerne National Bank, following an armed robbery Friday morning.

"The staff was a little shaken up, but they're okay," said Bill Leandri, the bank's president. The office was fully staffed at the time of the robbery.

Patrol cars from Dallas Borough, Kingston Township and Dallas Township were gathered in front of the office at midday Friday, while police and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation interviewed employees and gathered evidence. The investigation is being managed by the FBI.

The thief, who entered the bank with his head covered in panty hose, escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash after brandishing a knife at a teller window just before 11 a.m. The FBI does not disclose the amount taken in bank robberies. The robbery was captured on the bank's surveillance cameras, and a photo of



This photo supplied by the FBI shows a bank robber reaching over the counter at Luzerne National Bank in Dallas.

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## Lehman Twp. is 'test case' for 911 street addressing

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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LEHMAN - Lehman Township continues the process to get streets named and numbered for the county 911 system. Luzerne County sent the township maps and directives to help with the process, said Ray Iwanowski, a township supervisor.

"Dave Sutton (supervisor chair) is currently reviewing the maps. We will keep residents and taxpayers informed as we proceed with this," said Iwanowski.

Lehman is sort of the test case for rural areas. "We're the first township to really approach this in the county," said Doug Ide, supervisor. "We don't know how

long it will take since we having nothing to base it on."

With 51 miles of road in the township, Iwanowski predicted they would be finished naming and numbering by the end of the year.

In other business, Charles Bartlett, zoning officer, reported a violation on Idetown-Huntsville Rd. Near one of three new homes owned by Ken Pollack Sr., the zoning ordinance was violated by the clear cutting of trees down to the Huntsville Reservoir.

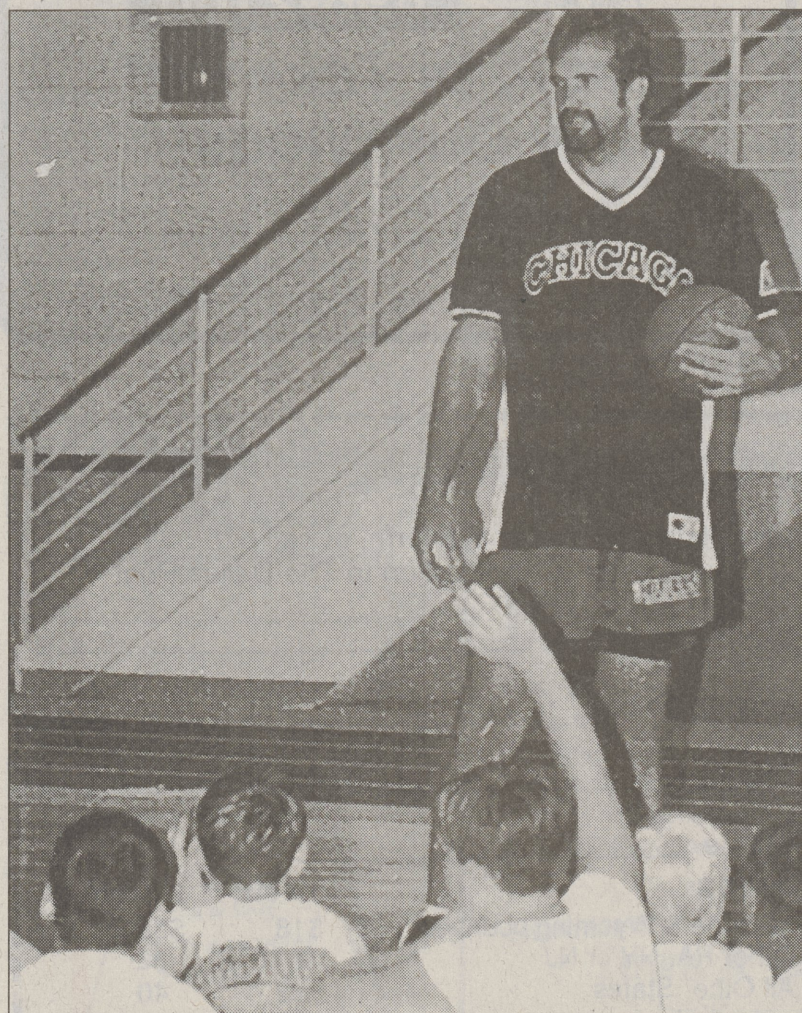
Bartlett said there is supposed to be a 75-foot buffer of trees or bushes around the reservoir. "It's an inadvertent mistake," said Bartlett, who found out about the violation from a caller.

## Intersection work put off to '99

Improvements to the main intersection in Dallas should be finished by next summer, instead of this summer as originally planned. Steve Shimko of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), said there are still some right-of-way issues that need to be signed.

Getting necessary land from the Dallas Post Office seemed to be a problem when PennDOT first went to them with the plans. But, Shimko said PennDOT has been assured the land will be sold to them. The post office had concerns for the safety of its customers. With the land shaved off in front of its main entrance, the post office was worried customers would get pelted with rocks or snow as the streets were plowed in winter. To remedy this, post office officials want to move the entrance on the side.

-Kylie Shafferkoetter



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## Big man in town

Bill Wennington, Chicago Bulls center, visited the boys' basketball camp at College Misericordia last week. He gave the boys a pep talk, then challenged them to a little one-on-one. Photos on pg 7.

## New Trinity pastor wants congregation to reach out

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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DALLAS - Pushing his glasses up a bit, the new pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church eases into his new office. A picture of his wife Susan and their three children sits on one of the few shelves not completely lined with books.

Rev. Mark C. Harper, 35, was ordained a Presbyterian pastor four years ago and previously worked as associate pastor at the Church of Christ Uniting in Kingston, where he currently resides. He became Trinity's new pastor two weeks ago.

When Trinity put out "The Call" that it was looking for a new pastor, Harper applied just like anyone would for a job. He succeeds Rev. Lucy Stafford-Lewis, who was the interim pastor for two years.

"I feel like I'm following Lucy around," Harper joked. She was also his predecessor at the Church of Christ Uniting. Stafford-Lewis went to Wyoming Seminary to be a chaplain.

Harper was raised in Raleigh, North Carolina and attended the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He then attended

"I want to listen to get a sense of the spirit of this particular congregation."

Rev. Mark C. Harper  
Trinity Presbyterian Church

Duke University Divinity School and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he completed his Master of Divinity degree in 1994.

His wife, Susan, is the executive director of the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches.

While in college and between college sessions, Harper worked in ministries helping homeless, troubled families and counseling prisoners in Atlanta and Princeton. He decided to become a pastor sometime during his involvement in the ministries.

"I believe with all my heart that it's what God wants me to do. It's a sense of vocation (for me), not simply a job. I believe it's the way God and the church are using my gifts. I began having conversa-

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### Upbeat season

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