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## Icy roads claim life of woman on way to work

**LEHMAN** - As she had for more than 20 years, Lois Hardiman was on her way to work at the Jersey Shore Restaurant in Dallas before dawn Monday. But this day was unlike any other, and her 1996 Saturn sedan spun out on icy Rt. 118 in Lehman Township when she came upon three other cars that had lost control on the slick road and were blocking her path.

A truck driver, Robert Girven, stopped his 1984 Mack and got out to offer assistance. Then a 1998 Freightliner, driven by Paul Andrew of Montrose, came up on the scene and Girven could see it was going to strike Hardiman's car. Girven was able to run to relative safety, but the truck, loaded with lumber, hit Hardiman's car broadside, killing the 69-year-old woman.

John Hummler, Jersey Shore owner, described Hardiman, who had worked at the restaurant for more than 20 years, as a loyal and private person. "She would come here then the weather was crazy. She was very loyal," said Hummler.

He also said she had a sense of humor the customers loved. "She could give it to the customers and they would give it right back. Lois was tough, but had a heart of gold. You had to know her otherwise you might take her (sense of humor) the wrong way," explained Hummler. "I think all the customers loved her."

Lehman Township police, who are investigating the accident, described it as a "chain reaction" that occurred between Slocum Rd. and Bryants Pond Rd. at 4:30 a.m. The highway was closed until 2:45 p.m. Monday.

According to police, their investigation showed that two vehicles were traveling west on Rt. 118. When proceeding uphill the vehicles were unable to continue due to the ice. The first vehicle, operated by Holly Myers of Shickshinny, was stopped in the westbound lane of Rt. 118 as the second, operated by Jason Hathaway of Sweet Valley, attempted to go around the Myers vehicle in the eastbound lane. After Hathaway could not proceed further, a Chevy Blazer operated by John Kottler of Hunlock Creek, traveling east, went out of control and struck the Myers vehicle head-on. Both Kottler's and Myers vehicles were pushed downhill from the impact point. Hathaway left his vehicle.

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## Sweeping Beauty

A contemporary dance theater presentation of Sleeping Beauty will take place this weekend at the Darte Center at Wilkes University. Among the leading performers, shown in rehearsal, Ainsley MacDougall, Huntsville, left, who plays Briar Rose; Megan McAndrew, Dallas, who plays the witch, and Kara Musto, Dallas, who plays the pet crow. Story, photos on page 5.

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## Working the web in a big way, from Harveys Lake

By MEIRA ZUCKER  
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**HARVEYS LAKE** - "How big can my business get?"

"How big is the world?" So asks and answers entrepreneur Nick Arnone. After investing years of hard work and hard cash, the Harveys Lake resident is at the dawning of a successful boating parts and supplies business on the Internet.

With his logo-embroidered oxford-cloth buttondown and pressed khakis, Arnone radiates the image of a boat lover. Arnone and his family originally invested in Harveys Lake Sunset Marine with the hope that the store and marina would become a source of employment for several members of the family. Arnone discovered early on, however, that the business was drying up and would not support a new generation.

"I've watched the business decline over the years," says Arnone. He notes that between here and Scranton, five marine businesses have closed in the past five years. Despite fewer competitors, his own business did not increase as expected. Discretionary income funds the purchase of boats and boating supplies, he comments, and the market in this area has withered.

Faced with a faltering business, Arnone was struck with two choices: try to revive the market for boats, or create a better market elsewhere. He chose the latter.

"I saw the Internet as an opportunity," says Arnone. "I felt there was a big enough market on the net."

Arnone, who grew up in Wilkes-Barre and Harveys Lake, graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering from Penn State. Following college, he worked for Commonwealth Telephone, and then several telecommunications equipment manufacturers. He watched the Internet grow, and noticed the potential for selling boat parts and boating supplies online.

"People said, 'You're crazy,'" recounts Arnone, "and now they're saying, 'Yeah, you're right.'"

A bottle of Maalox sits among the papers and files strewn across Arnone's cluttered desktop. Beside the Sharp Wizard organizer and multi-line phone, a desktop computer stays connected to the Internet. Computer units, scattered like forgotten boxes during a move, are piled on nearby shelves and the floor below.

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## Students' dedication attracts King Day speaker

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**DALLAS** - As the words of Martin Luther King Jr.'s classic "I Have a Dream" speech rang through the air Monday, Dallas High School students could not help but listen. For probably the first time ever, they heard the entire speech, presented live with much

of the same passion and sincerity as King gave to the address.

Ron Felton, president of the Wilkes-Barre branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), gave new life to the historic speech, of which most people have only heard bits and pieces. The newly formed Diversity Club at Dallas, created to perpetuate respect for all people,

asked Felton to commemorate King on the holiday. After the program, the school presented Felton with a \$200 donation for the NAACP.

Felton is the second in a long line of speakers the group hopes to bring to the school to help educate students in diversity.

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Members of the Diversity Club at Dallas High School presented Monday's program. From left, front; Frank Galicki, principal; Sherri Kuderka; Donna Trebilcock, advisor; Ronald Felton, NAACP; Peggy Felton, Second row; Chris Riley, Apryl Traber, Candi Smith. Third row; Emily Mallick, Jennifer Jermick, Gillian Be and Sarah Nichol. POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER

## Lehman soccer squad kicks its way to fitness

By JESSICA APPOLO  
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**DALLAS** - For the second year, the Lake-Lehman Lady Knights are kicking off their pre-season soccer training with Gary Barnes in an intensive eight week cardio-kickboxing program.

Last year the Lady Knights took on the new challenge with Barnes instead of their usual pre-season cross training. The team was tired of a traditional aerobic and weight training routine. What they thought would be a fun alternative to aerobics proved to be the most intense and complete workout the team had ever taken on. Not only was the program successful in physical conditioning, but also for team bonding.

"Aerobics was not our kind of thing; kickboxing is so much more fun," said senior goalie Trish Pilosi. "There was no unity before, we dreaded the aerobics after school. It really brought the team together."

Coaches Jan and Dave Elston replaced two separate cross training routines with the one hour cardio-kickboxing class that incorporates weights in the program. Jan Elston, who also participates in the class, says that it is very hard in the beginning and much more of a workout. Despite the level of intensity and strength demanded for this program, team spirits are higher than ever and overall attendance is much better

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### Earning honors

Rick Knappman, of the Dallas Gridiron Club, presented Dallas student and football player Paul Onzik with a gift certificate in recognition of attaining academic honors. Story on page 2.

### Get fit!

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