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Waste, human and fowl, is subject to new Harveys Lake ordinances

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HARVEYS LAKE - After several months of debate, the Harveys Lake Borough Council passed one notable ordinance, and amended a controversial other one at its Jan. 19 meeting.

By a 4-1 vote, the council decided to amend the Job Johnnie ordinance to define "limited duration" as three days. The phrase "limited duration" previously had been undefined, and numerous Harveys Lake residents interpreted the

time limit to mean the entire summer season. These residents use portable chemical toilets to provide bathroom facilities at their docks and boathouses. Other residents, however, complained, and as a result the ordinance was reviewed.

Councilman Edward Kelly voted against the new definition, citing the practical necessity of the chemical toilets. Several residents in attendance argued against Kelly's position. Joe Shaver asked rhetorically, "Are we not willing to make the investment to improve the prop-

erty?" He then cited hopes that the lake would soon create bike trails and running paths, and asked, "Are we going to get the nickname 'Harveys Toilet' again?"

Guy Giordano reminded council of the expense of the sewer system. "We spent about \$9 million in the 1970s," said Giordano, and then estimated the cost at \$40 million in today's dollars. "Whatever happened to the 300 foot rule?", he also said, mentioning the ordinance that requires a boathouse that is 300 feet from its house to be hooked to the sewer system.

Council members George Andrews, Betty Jane West, Francis Kopko, and Council President Martin Noon voted in favor of the new definition. Council members Dennis Hogan and William Wilson were absent.

With upbeat spirits and a bit of jocularity, the council voted to pass the Migratory Wildlife Ordinance, which prohibits feeding of congregations of ducks, geese, swans, and brants. Fines of \$50 to \$300 will be assessed to transgressors, and the Harveys Lake Police will enforce the ordinance.

Oddly, several moments passed before the motion was seconded, and a few muttered giggles were audible. Later, Martin Noon said, "It's not a big issue but it's important for the water quality of the lake."

In other business, council unanimously passed the budget for 1999, and reappointed municipal employees for the coming year. Both West and Kopko voted yes but expressed reservations during the reappointment vote. "I still have a problem with nepotism," said Francis Kopko.

Police, officials laud humble hero

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DALLAS - Last September, Brian Gieda was collecting shopping carts from the parking lot at Mr. Z's Market, where he worked part-time. But this wasn't to be an ordinary day, and he is not an ordinary 18-year-old student.

Gieda was in the lot at the side of the store when he saw Arlene Murphy yelling at a young man who was running off with her purse. "I knew who he was when I saw him out there," he said.

Without hesitation, Gieda took off after the man, who jumped a guardrail at the edge of the parking lot and headed off behind the store toward Rt. 309. When he got to the highway, the thief turned south, running past Gino's Shoe Store and to Monro Muffler before Gieda caught up with him.

"I just acted on instinct," Gieda said last week. "After the whole thing happened I thought, 'oh, man, he could have had a weapon.'"

As he caught up to him, Gieda saw the thief take items from the purse and put them in his pocket. Gieda told him to give back the purse and the items that had been removed. He then took the purse back to Murphy, who said nothing seemed to be missing.

"This should happen a lot more," said William Norris, the police officer who investigated the incident. Norris was able to track down the man the next day based on Gieda's and Murphy's description. "He basically confessed to doing it," at that point, Norris said.

Jack Fowler, Chief of Police for the borough, praised Gieda's actions, but cautioned that running after people isn't always the best thing to do. "I wish more citizens would get involved," he said, even if it means getting good descriptions, license plate numbers and other information that can lead to an arrest.

"He was extremely brave," Fowler said of Gieda. "We need the citizens. We can be only as good as they are."

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Dallas Borough Council President William Roberts presented a plaque to Brian Gieda last week.



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He won, I think

Matt Buckman raised his hands in victory, but his face showed some concern, as he watched a friend compete in the Troop 281 Raingutter Regatta, held last week at Dallas Elementary School. Also keeping a close eye on the race, Jonathan Garinger, left, and Ryan Gilroy. More photos on page 7.

When snow falls, business rises

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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BACK MOUNTAIN - Clare Scott assesses the steep, icy stairs before she takes her first step. She balances the pizza she is delivering with one hand and holds onto a railing with the other. Scott delivers the pizza to Theresa Evans on Main St. in Dallas and keeps her smile. It's just part of the job.

Scott is one of many pizza delivery drivers who has to get out in all weather while schools, businesses and stores close. As a Domino's Pizza delivery driver, Scott says she makes good money, especially during bad weather.

"Business picks right up because no one wants to go out," said Scott, who usually has no problems in the snow, but got her car stuck last week while trying to pull out from a parking spot. Evans said she appreciates that Domino's does not close and always delivers.

"They are good. They always come for me," she said from her doorway after tipping Scott.

Driver Paul McLaughlin of Dallas said he does not mind getting out on the slippery streets. "You got to keep mov-

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Clare Scott
Domino's driver

ing. Customers appreciate you coming out," he said.

John Robinson of Kingston has been working at Domino's for a year and also said he likes the work. "I think everything is pretty good," he said with a smile. Unlike Scott, Robinson has not noticed any significant increase in tips during inclement weather. "A lot of people comment on the weather and how crazy I am to be out in it and then they don't tip much at all," he said. "You never know who is going to tip and who won't. I like it though. I get to see a lot of people and drive around and listen to music." Robinson works about 50 hours a week.

Mary Beth Beyer, a manager at Domino's, estimated that business shoots up 40 percent during severely snowy weather. To ensure safety, each

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POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER

John Robinson, a Domino's Pizza driver, hopped in his car during Monday night's snow storm. Drivers say business picks up when the weather turns bad.

Making sense of college aid

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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DALLAS - It's scary. It's overwhelming. It's college. While high school juniors and seniors are biting their nails hoping to get into the school of their choice, their parents are doing the same hoping they can afford higher education. The Dallas High School Guidance Department recently held Financial Aid Night to help parents find their way through the labyrinth of options. Seventy parents, some with their children, attended the workshop headed by Peggy Charnick, financial aid director at College Misericordia.

Financial aid comes in many forms. Scholarships, grants, loans and work-study awards are available and can be combined for the individual needs of each student. But starting the process can be a little intimidating.

According to financial aid experts like Charnick, there is one form that serves as a great catalyst in helping navigate what is out there. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is considered the most important form for attaining a comprehensive financial

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