

Local hero

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came running. He pulled the Rottweiler and the other dog off, and got us into the house."

"Lyn came in and took over — my mom was hysterical."

"I was talking to her a few minutes before, when I was plowing her drive," Sheehan said. Then, shortly after he left, "I heard screaming — ran over and saw her wrestling with the two dogs — I got a hold of the first dog, which was the Rottweiler, then I reached for the other dog."

The mixed-breed let go of Albosta and started for Sheehan: "The only good thing about him snapping at me was he had her arm in his mouth," he said. The dog made a grab at Sheehan's own arm, but fortunately only got the sleeve of his jacket.

"He was holding the dog off," Albosta said. "He never thought twice — he just did it."

"The one that had her arm ran back under the fence," Sheehan continued. "The Rottweiler kind of sat there." He hollered at Albosta to run into the house, chased the dogs away, called the police to report the incident, then waited there until the police came. By then both dogs had gone back under the fence to their own yard.

The police made a note of the incident, but as Dallas Borough does not have specific dog laws, the situation was turned over to the county Dog Warden. Presumably the dogs will be kept under a 10-day quarantine, which is standard under Pennsylvania dog law, to ensure there is no risk of rabies or other diseases.



Lyn Sheehan Jr. with his 3-year-old daughter, Caroline, Paulette Albosta and her Shar-Pei, Rocky.

"My wife says she doesn't know whether to hug me or kill me," Sheehan said. "I went over there with no weapons or anything — just grabbed the Rottweiler by the

collar and lifted him off the ground."

In addition to the bites on her arm and chest, Albosta suffered a concussion and a broken tooth.

Rocky's neck was badly ripped, and he required 100 stitches to close up the wounds inflicted by the other dogs. Albosta believes if it hadn't been for Sheehan's intervention, the situation would have been much worse. "Without him, this would have been a very different Christmas," she said. "This guy truly saved our lives ... He was like an angel out of nowhere."

Albosta explained that she was friendly with Sheehan and his family prior to the incident, but they hadn't been particularly close friends; Sheehan was simply reacting to the call of a neighbor in distress. "It's not like he had a vested interest in saving us ... That's just the kind of guy he is."

Sheehan, who lives two doors down from the Albostas with his wife Paula and three-year-old daughter Caroline, is also a volunteer with Dallas Fire & Ambulance Inc. But Albosta declared, "This is a guy who makes every day a volunteer experience." The day of the dog attack, Sheehan had been plowing driveways for people who lived near his house, despite having just come home from a long shift at Proctor & Gamble. "He worked all night and yet was trying to do nice things for the neighbors," Albosta said. She cited another example: "Two

nights ago a neighbor's water pipe broke and he went over to help her."

"We're fortunate to have such wonderful neighbors," Genevieve Albosta said. Her daughter agreed. "He's an angel," she repeated.



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Things are picking up

U.S. Marines picked up donations to Toys for Tots at last week's faculty concert at Dallas High School. From left: Pfc. Miller, Pvt. Banko and Gunnery Sgt. Mock posed with some of the many items that were brought as admission.

Fire department web addresses

Five local fire departments now have web pages where anyone who is interested may find out more about the departments and how to become a volunteer. The are:

- Shavertown: <http://go.to/shavertownfire>
- Trucksville: <http://www.trucksvillefire.com>
- Kunkle Fire & EMS: <http://home.usnetway.com/~kunkle>
- Harveys Lake Fire & EMS: <http://www.geocities.com/harveyslakefire>
- Northmoreland Fire: <http://www.geocities.com/station140>



Tower

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house and beside what looked to be an old equipment shed was the original WBRE-TV tower Nextel had hoped to use for its antennae. The tower is tall and very narrow, of a zig-zag lattice design; guy wires radiated from it to hold it in place, and it appeared rusted and somewhat rickety. Nextel had deemed the tower unfit to hold the proposed load of antennae, but had agreed to remove it if they were permitted to erect their own monopole.

The hole in the foreground is the proposed site of the tower. William Anzalone's house is in the background.

"Like I said, I could throw a baseball and hit it, and I don't throw very well."

William Anzalone
Woodridge II resident

Also noted were fallen trees, blown down by strong winds, slightly downhill from the site, and the back road leading to the property, which is rocky, rutted, and all but inaccessible to most

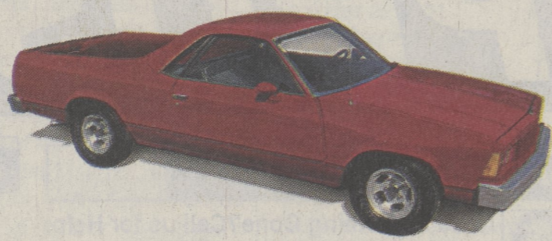
vehicles; it would be made passable by Nextel as a requirement for site development.

After examining the Voitek and Anzalone properties, the members of the expedition went down the street to look at the water tower which serves Woodridge,

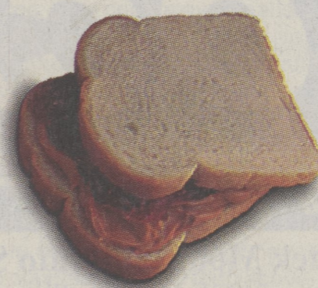
and had been considered at one point by Nextel as a possible collocation site. However, the owners of the tower would not agree to allow the collocation, so apparently Nextel did not push the issue. "We tried not to [tick] off too many people," Gavin said, his voice laced with irony. He said three hearings were the most Nextel has ever had on a disputed site prior to Kingston Twp.

Closing arguments will be heard on Jan. 9, after which the Planning Commission will make its decision on a recommendation.

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