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30 Years Ago - February 10, 1972

HOUSING AUTHORITY GIVES \$7,260 CHECK TO BOARD

A check for \$7,260 was presented to the Dallas School District Board of Directors at a night meeting by Luzerne County Housing Authority. Presentation of the check of the school board was made by Robert Moore, secretary of the housing authority. The check represented money paid in lieu of taxes on Meadowcrest housing project in Kingston Township.

After 19 years of service as roadmaster of Dallas Township, Fred Lamoreaux will retire. Mr. Lamoreaux also served as chairman of the board of supervisors for 19 years.

Marine Pfc. Gerald Colovus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Colovus of Trucksville, reported for duty with the Second Marine Division at the Marine Corps Base in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

20 Years Ago - February 3, 1982

HASAY WANTS TO LIMIT RATE HIKES TO ONE A YEAR

Rep. George C. Hasay is cosponsoring legislation which would help prevent Pennsylvania utilities from grabbing more than one rate hike in a 12 month period. The proposal states that any Public Utility Commission approved rate increase be brought before the General Assembly for final approval if the requesting company has been granted a rate hike in the previous 12-month period.

Lake-Lehman Band, under the direction of John Miliauskas have been chosen to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District IX Band Festival which will be held at Mid-Valley High School in Throop.

A bronze plaque commemorating the Jackson Township Bicentennial Heritage Committee was received by Walter Sincavage township supervisor chairman. The plaque lists the names of Helen Butry Haley, Mildred Newitt Hogoboom, Margerie Rogers Neyhard and Louise Morris Warkowski.

Misericordia opens new TV studio

College Misericordia recently opened the Munson Center for Communications at its Dallas campus. Designed to enhance the curriculum for the growing number of Communications majors at Misericordia, The Munson Center features a brand-new, fully digital television studio and new audio production facilities.

"Communications majors at College Misericordia have access to all-digital technology in our video production suite," explains Dr. David Bradbury, chairperson of the Communications Department.

Located in completely renovated space on the lower level of the McAuley-Walsh building, the 800-square-foot studio and supporting rooms contain digital cameras with teleprompters, a digital switcher, state-of-the-art production equipment, two au-



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dio editing suites, two AVID non-linear video editing systems, and one linear video editing suite.

Combined with a diverse communications internship program, the on-campus opportunities for professional preparation include studies in the television studio, the student newspaper, The Highlander, and the campus radio station, WCMR. Graduates of the Communica-

tions program at Misericordia receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications supported by a liberal arts curriculum that cultivates problem solving and critical thinking skills.

For more information on the communications program, or to arrange a tour of the new Munson center, please call Dr. Bradbury at 674-3061 or the Admissions Department.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

DUI CHARGE

Julie Ann Coen, 36, of 39 Woodlawn Ave., Dallas, was arrested on September 23, 2001 by Dallas Borough police officer Douglas A. Wolfe, after the officer observed a black Chevrolet pickup truck driving erratically on Route 415 near the Back Mountain Bowl. Coen failed to pass a field sobriety test, and was uncooperative with Wolfe during three separate attempts for a breathalyzer test, but was tested later at .246 percent, more than twice the legal limit. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Coen waived her right to a preliminary hearing, and her case has been sent to county court.

DRUG CHARGES

Richard Hosey, 26, of RR 1 Box 125B, Harveys Lake, will face charges of possession of a controlled substance and two counts of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance,

after he sold a police informant 25.4 grams of marijuana. Hosey was arrested by Pennsylvania State Trooper Michael Adams, who accompanied the informant, on November 30, 2001 at his residence. All three charges have been held over to county court.

BAD CHECKS CHARGES

Nicholas Young, 38, of 97 Hyland Drive, Trucksville, is charged with passing four stolen checks totaling \$174.49 at the Dough Company and King Neptune, both in Dallas, between October 27 and December 7, 2001, according to affidavits of probable cause, filed by Dallas Township police officers Donald Gavigan and Douglas Higgins. Young also faces four charges of receiving stolen property and one count of forgery. The checks belonged to Joyce Smith, Young's mother. She told police the checks were reported stolen, and said Young told her he took them, according to the affidavit.

All charges have been held over to county court.

Elizabeth Kaufman, 33, of 15 1/2 Ford Road, Pittston, faces four charges of writing bad checks at Bonanza Beverage, Bullock's Tire and Auto and Bilo Markets between May 18 and May 20, 2001. The checks totaled \$504.53, and service charges were \$80, according to the affidavits of probable cause, filed by Dallas Twp. police officer Wayman K. Miers. Kaufman waived her right to a preliminary hearing on all charges.

FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS CHARGES

William F. Derhammer, 30, of RR 1 Box 96-V, Noxen, pled guilty to furnishing alcohol to minors in a preliminary hearing in front of District Justice James Tupper, on November 20, 2001. Derhammer was fined \$1,096.50, according to court documents.

Pensions

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in the stock market, accelerated by the September 11 tragedy, and the Enron fiasco, the retirement fund has lost about 7 percent of its investment. The school employees' fund plans to sue the bankrupt Enron Corporation, as it lost more than \$59 million from its stock and bond investments in the Houston energy-trading company.

Moderno Rossi, a member of the Lake-Lehman school board, asked the board to write a letter to the House of Representatives protesting the contribution payment. "This is ridiculous," he said at the January 15 board meeting. "Out of the blue we have to come up with another \$200,000."

Rossi also plans to ask other school board representatives at the next Luzerne Intermediate Unit meeting to do the same. In addition, the matter may be brought up at the meeting for Luzerne County superintendents and business managers called by Hanover School District to discuss the tax reassessments issue.

There may be good news for school districts stuck with large contribution payments to the retirement fund. State representatives Thomas Tigue (D-118) and John Yudichak (D-119) have cosponsored House Bill 2285 to have the state pick up part of the increase since the state was responsible for passing Act 9 and the school districts could not have anticipated the increase.

Rep. Yudichak explained, "It's normal business that when there is a downturn, employers, in this case the school districts, know

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Dallas Superintendent

that because investments have gone down, they are going to have to pay a little more. That is something they could have anticipated. That's part of being in the retirement system." Yudichak added, "But the Act 9 mandates the school districts could not have anticipated in any way, shape or form. The Commonwealth should pick up that portion." The additional portion would come out to about 25 percent Yudichak said. The bill was introduced January 22 and is now in the Education Committee.

The school districts were told, at the time of the passing of Act 9, that the pension increase would have no financial effect to the districts.

"What the state basically told the school districts was there would be no increase in their retirement subsidy," said Dr. Griffiths. "But September 11 caused a total collapse of some of the stock market interests. I don't think they looked at the long range possibility of their investments losing their money that quickly."

Youths

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Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Mark Ciavarella, police said.

The juveniles admitted to charges including multiple counts of burglary, theft, criminal conspiracy, attempted theft, criminal trespass and receiving stolen property, police said. Two of the youths also were charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and driving without a license, police said.

Criminal investigator Scott Davis, who investigated the crimes spree over several months, traced a piece of evidence to one of the juveniles, police said. Davis and other township officers were then able to track down the other juveniles. The police recovered a large amount of stolen property from two wooded areas and the juveniles' residences.

A STORYBOOK WEDDING

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