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Highlights of the year that was from Post files

Editor's Note: Every year contains its own unique challenges and opportunities. As we look ahead to 2003, the Post pleased to present this compilation of some of the more interesting, exciting and informative events of 2002. It is by no means a definitive review of the year, but we hope it hits some of the high spots, and the low as well.

January 3 — U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer John P. Lemmond was somewhere in Afghanistan, helping his unit build bases, roads and just about anything else the armed forces contingent there needed. The 38-year-old is the son of State Sen. Charles D. Lemmond Jr. and Barbara Lemmond. Ryan Lindbuchler, a history teacher

at Lake-Lehman High School, prepared for signings of his new book, "Gone But Not Forgotten: Civil War Veterans of Northeastern Pennsylvania."

January 10 — Redistricting will mean changes in Back Mountain representation in the House of Representatives at both the state and federal level. U.S. Rep. Don Sherwood will pick up the area from Rep. Paul Kanjorski, and George Hasay will take over the towns now represented by Phyllis Mundy. In both cases, a Republican will replace a Democrat.

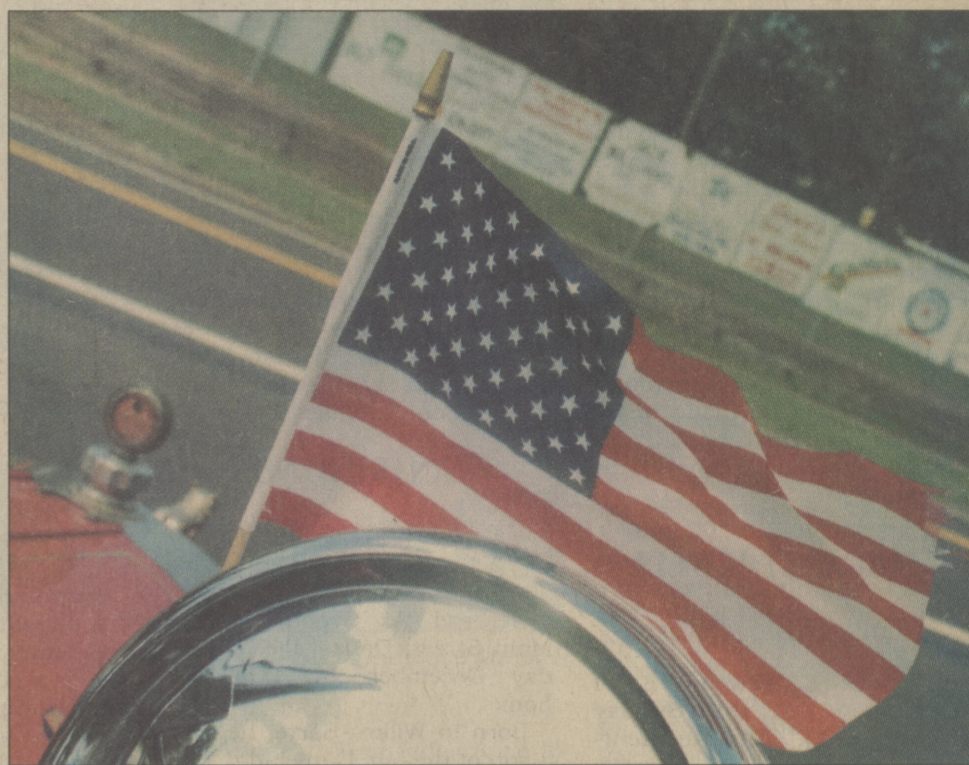
Dr. Juan DeRojas, a local vascular surgeon, was in Germany lending his skills to Operation Enduring Freedom. A Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve, Dr. DeRojas tended to soldiers injured

in Afghanistan.

January 17 — Three Back Mountain municipalities received word they had been granted \$150,000 to study flooding along the Toby's Creek watershed. Sharing the grant were Dallas Borough and Dallas and Kingston townships.

The numbers didn't seem to add up in the Lake-Lehman School District. Board member Angelo DeCesaris said he calculated the district had \$900,000 in the bank, while Kathleen Williams, business manager, said she counted \$1,300,000.

January 24 — "Hot Dog Bob" found a new home for his cart in Shavertown. The Harveys Lake food vendor who has been at odds with Harveys Lake officials was given a spot at Cook's Pharmacy by



August 29 - The American flag flew proudly on the front of the 1927 Mack fire truck as it led the parade celebrating the 75th anniversary of Dallas Fire & Ambulance.

owner Frank Lombardo. "This guy is just trying to make a buck," Lombardo said.

of about \$10,000.

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The Harveys Lake Police Department began planning a move to larger quarters across the street from the borough building, where space had been getting cramped.

The driver of the car carrying both men who died in a collision on Carverton Road was operating with a suspended license due to a prior conviction of driving while intoxicated. Jason Amos, 24, and Alan Hadvance were killed when their car crossed the center line and struck a Chevy Tahoe SUV head-on.

January 31 — Back Mountain firefighters were ready to deliver a gift to their New York City counterparts who were devastated by the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. A fund containing "a few thousand dollars" was to be presented, along with a plaque and a poem written by Frank Lutinski.

Six juveniles, ages 13 to 14, arrested in August for a string of thefts in Jackson Township were found to be delinquent by Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Mark Ciavarella. Four were sent to the Juvenile Detention Facility and two were given probation. All were ordered to pay restitution

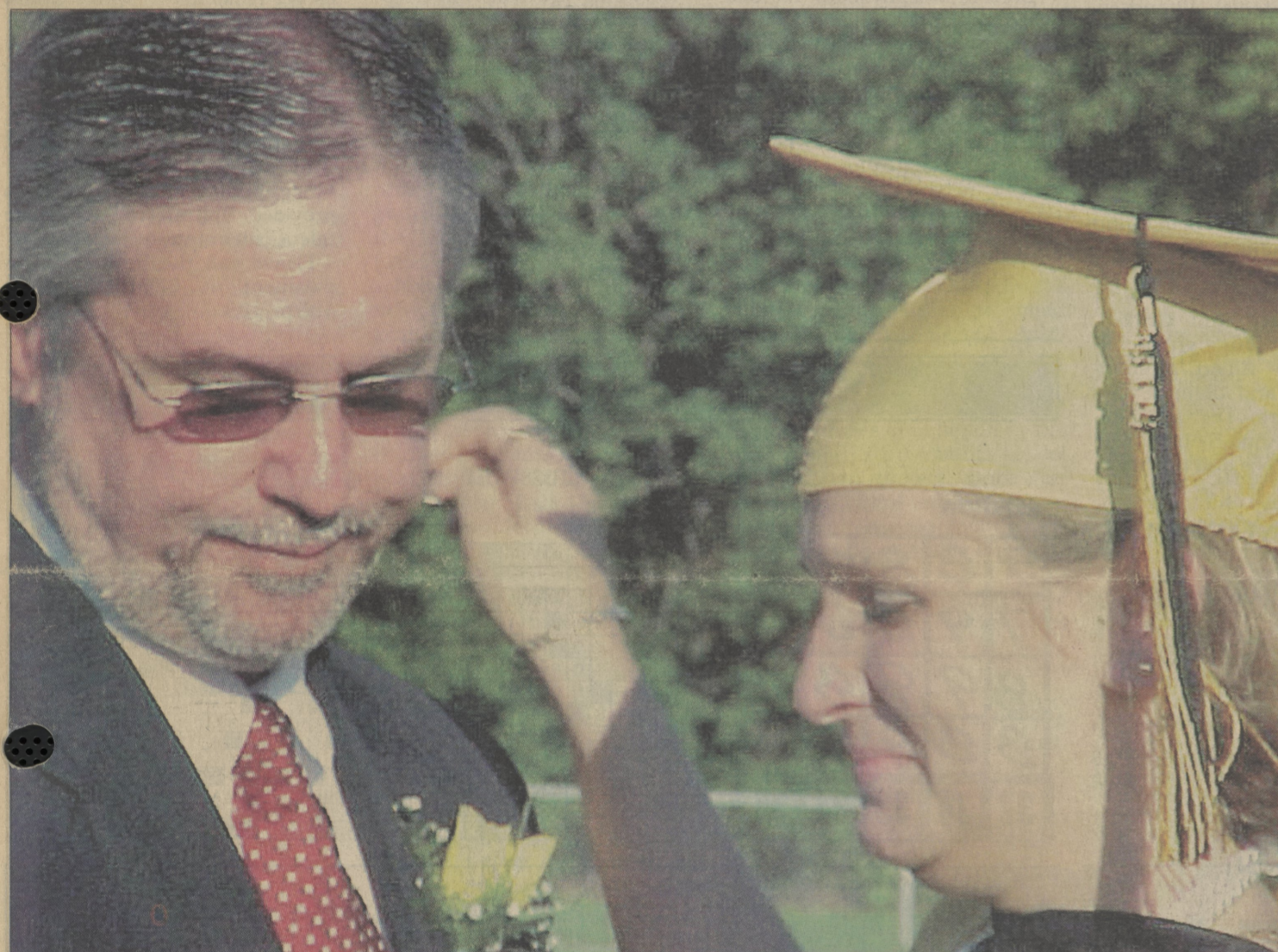
February 7 — Lake-Lehman High School cheerleaders Courtney Coletti and Shelly Wentzel were selected to perform at the Pro Bowl in Hawaii.

The Kingston Township Zoning Board ruled that the former Westmoreland Elementary School building could be used for offices, paving the way for its conversion by Scott Ciravolo to locate his advertising agency there.

A federal fact-finder ruled the State Correctional Institution at Dallas violated an employee's rights by forcing him to work in cigarette smoke. A reconciliation meeting was to be scheduled between prison officials and William O'Rourke, who suffers from a potentially fatal lung ailment that he contracted at the prison.

February 14 — A 63-year-old grandfather was jailed after being accused of smoking crack cocaine and then kidnapping an alleged fellow crack smoker in Jackson Township.

Kathy Samuels, Dallas Township, anxiously awaited the return of her daughter, Amy, from Madagascar, an island off the southeastern coast of Africa that had been the scene of civil unrest. Amy was on a field trip with other students from Hartwick College.



June 13 - Charles Boytin, president of the Lake-Lehman School Board, shared an emotional moment with his daughter, Amanda, who was graduating.

Dallas building has long and varied history

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

DALLAS — Once the center of religious fervor and economic enterprise, the 150 year history behind an area building provides a cultural and economic snapshot of the Dallas of the past.

A passerby would not suspect the inconspicuous white building on the corner of Lake Street and Center Hill Road to have such an envious history. Built in 1851, the building that now houses College Misericordia's Women and Children Program was originally built to be the area's first church. Several incarnations followed, including its conversion into a broom factory, a private residence and 1950s live-in home economics department.

When the building was built in 1851, there were congregations in the area, but none with their own building. It was common for congregants to gather in private homes.

"So great was the need of, and haste to make use of the Methodist church edifice," recalled William Penn Ryman, recorded in the book, "The History of Dallas," by D.A. Waters, published in 1967, "that it was pressed into active service as soon as it was enclosed, and before any floor

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The tall building at the corner of Lake and East Center streets in Dallas has been through several incarnations during its 150-year history. It may have been the area's first church.

Grant will help cut sediment in Lake Silkworth

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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LEHMAN TWP. — The Lake Silkworth Protective Association, a non-profit organization working to keep Lake Silkworth clean and safe, has been awarded a \$15,000 Growing Greener grant to stop erosion and restore its stream banks. Its "biggest problem," however, remains an unsolved challenge, says Jack Hanish, committee chairman.

The stream bank stabilization and restoration project aims to prevent further erosion of stream banks and stop sedimentation from traveling downstream.

"You could see the bank was being undercut and the stream was widening," said Hanish. "We didn't want it running downstream."

Hanish said the project will involve strategically placing quarry rock and stone as well as plantings. Two groups are aiding the project. The Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners will assist with the plantings and Lehman Township has offered the use of its earth moving equipment. Eco Scientific has been hired as the contractor.

"It's (the project) part of our general stewardship of the wa-

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