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three teams when Meredith started playing and they just played against each other. It was frustrating," said Peggy. "Our main goal was to make it into a league with different grade levels."

Now, nine years later, more than 240 girls play in three divisions. There were 10 teams in the 7th and 8th grade division alone when Peggy turned in her whistle. Again, she had been a coach, a referee, and both secretary and treasurer during her eight years on the DYB Board of Directors.

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Peggy Lacey
Chairperson
2004 Lock-In Party

"We're also really proud of the annual tournament sponsored by DYB," she said. Last year 32 teams from four divisions played the tournament over a four-day period. The tournament was held at Penn State's Lehman campus, with teams from all over the area competing.

With her daughters now in high school, Peggy has turned her attention to the fourth annual Lock-In Party. The party, which is held on the night of the high school graduation, attracted some public grumbling last year about the cost per student, but most people involved think the safety of the graduates is well worth this labor of love.

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Peggy Lacey helps students Hillary Smith, foreground, and Megan Baker with their candy selection.

event this was until I went to it last year. There was so much for the kids to do," said Peggy. "It was nice to see them together and having fun without getting into trouble. Several of the students thanked me for my help."

Last year Peggy volunteered to run the ongoing school candy sale and she continues to do that this year. She counts out penny candy into individual bags and sells them at the high school. She can be found at her candy table every Friday during the lunch hour. She also has candy bags available for sale at

school plays and parent meetings.

The Lock-In Party takes a tremendous amount of volunteer time, energy and fundraising. When no one else came forward to chair it for this year, Peggy decided to step up. She is still seeking volunteers to help with the effort.

"My biggest problem right now is getting someone to do the video, but we also need volunteers for other things," said Peggy.

The Grad Lock-In Party goes from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. and a video from the school year runs

continuously throughout the evening. In addition, there are huge inflatable games that fill the gymnasium, a money machine, food, door prizes and the hilarious show by a hypnotist. There was even a laser tag game at last year's event.

Anyone interested in helping the Lock-In Committee is invited to attend the next meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 4 in the high school library. You can write to the committee at Grad 2004 Lock-In Party, Dallas High School, P.O. Box 2000, Dallas, PA 18612.

Mayor dismisses complaint about chief's treatment

Staff reports

DALLAS — A member of the union that represents the Dallas Borough Police Department said Wednesday that borough officials are trying to force the chief out of his job.

Joe Mangan, a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 36, said police Chief John Fowler is being harassed. "The council is trying to force him out. They deny him of taking comp time, they force him to work night shift, and then harass him with letters."

Mangan said the chief's take-home patrol car was taken away from him after a union letter was sent to Mayor Tim Carroll defending Fowler.

"I think they're being ridiculous," Carroll responded. "(Mangan is) being fed a bunch of wrong information, and then he goes and makes up desperate stories."

Carroll said he never approached Fowler to work night shift, and that his take-home car wasn't taken away; it was used to block off an intersection during the recent Dallas Harvest Festival.

In January, Carroll was quoted saying that when he created

the 2002 work schedule, the chief was assigned to evening or night shifts for 10 weeks out of the year, to cover for officers on vacation. Carroll said the move was made to save \$7,000.

Carroll did not respond to a request Thursday asking him to explain the apparent contradiction.

Fowler has been on sick leave since July 28 after he injured his shoulder in an accident, Borough Manager Joe Moskovitz has said. The accident occurred while Fowler was on vacation the week of July 21. Fowler was not at the meeting.

At the August meeting, Officer Jim Martin was appointed "Officer In Charge" and took over many of the chief's duties.

In other news:
• Moskovitz announced that the Norton Avenue project will be coming to a close soon. The recent storms have caused large amounts of damage to the area.

"We have acquired the extra \$9,600 we needed to put the finishing touches on (the work)," Moskovitz said. "As long as the weather holds out, it will be completed within 4 weeks."

Docks

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spring. "We dreamed this up ourselves, just out of frustration," said Sobek. "If I never use it again, it will be worth it for the peace of mind."

Members will be able to buy the insurance for \$20 per front pile. Sobek said the average number of front piles on a dock is five. The minimum cost a member will have to pay for coverage is \$100 per dock.

Because the protective association is not a licensed insurance company, only members will be able to purchase the protection.

The insurance will cover up to \$3,000 worth of damage for the first year. The amount of coverage the association will be able to offer in subsequent years is expected to grow as the amount of money coming from insurances accumulates. Licensed certified insurance adjusters will be hired to settle all claims and a \$100 deductible will apply.

Currently the association has a membership of approximately 140 families.

Sobek said he expects that number to grow, purely because people will want to join for the insurance.

"That's the sweet part of it," he said. Although not a political organization, Sobek said a

"You never know whose turn it is to get hit. It all depends on which way the wind blows."

Mark Sobek
President
Harveys Lake
Protective Association

larger membership would provide more clout when a concern is voiced by the association.

The organization was formed more than 70 years ago at a time when there was no police department or formal borough structure. It was formed to provide some protection to homeowners, said Sobek.

The group meets monthly to address quality of life issues such as water quality and safety. Recently, the association has been discussing the long-standing sewer overflow issues.

Insurance must be purchased by December 31, 2003 for 2004 coverage. Residents who do not join in the first year and who already have a dock will be charged a fee to join in the future, not to exceed \$300.

Franklin Twp. office hours

The Franklin Township Business Office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until December 31. Anyone needing information may call 333-5131. Residents with questions about their cable service may contact Adelphia at 675-0279.

Snowdon adding another funeral parlor

By **RONALD BARTIZEK**
Post Staff

DALLAS — After 40 years as the rectory for Gate of Heaven Church, the imposing building at the foot of Machell Avenue will soon revert to its original use — a funeral home.

Harold Snowdon Jr., whose family operates funeral homes in Shavertown, Kingston and Wilkes-Barre, purchased the property for \$375,000 in September from the Diocese of Scranton. Renovations are underway, and Snowdon said the facility could open early in 2004.

"We're moving pretty darn quick," Snowdon said Monday, and the project is ahead of schedule.

Snowdon is the third generation to operate the family business, which was started in 1908 by his grandfather. His father, Harold Sr., is still active in the business at age 90. A nephew, Brent, is now working for the firm, representing another generation.

A very busy summer at the Shavertown location was added impetus for the expansion. "We've had plans to do this for a long time," Snowdon said. This year, the firm had to delay

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Harold Snowdon Jr.
Snowdon Funeral Homes

funerals because at times there were more than it could handle.

"It's awfully tough to tell people they can't have the schedule they want," Snowdon said.

No additional employees will be needed at first, Snowdon said, since manpower can be moved from place to place as needed. Doug Thomas, a current executive, will be supervisor for the Dallas home.

The building was built in the 1950s as a funeral home by Elmer Williams. It was sold to the diocese in the early 1960s, and was remodeled shortly after. The original wood frame was enclosed with brick, and an addition built on the rear.

While more space for services was an important consideration in the decision to expand, another aspect of the Machell Avenue property played a key role.

"The garage is very important to us," Snowdon said. The company hadn't had its own



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

The former Gate of Heaven rectory on Machell Avenue is being converted into a funeral home — its original use.

garage for several years, since selling its center city Wilkes-Barre location to First Heritage Bank, and had rented space to store its hearses and other vehicles.

Because the new facility is so close to a busy intersection, concerns have been raised about traffic congestion. Snowdon said the driveway off Machell Avenue used to enter the parking area behind the

building has been widened, and mourners will be directed to exit up King Street to Norton Avenue, where they will have a choice of turning to Huntsville Avenue or Machell.

Snowdon estimated that the new home would be used for one or two funerals a week at first. He said it will allow the firm to more conveniently serve clients in Dallas and to the north.

Get in the game November 13 to fight cancer

The 2nd Annual "It's All in the Game!" an evening of fun and games to benefit the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, is set for Thursday, November 13 from 6-9 p.m. at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, Scranton.

The event will feature a festive atmosphere with spirited competition, including games

such as Pictionary, Family Feud, and, new this year, Celebrity. The evening will also include cocktails, food stations, music, and an awards ceremony at the end of the night.

Last year's event, the first of its kind, was a success, and this year promises to deliver even more fun and energy. At-

tendees can put together their own team of four players, join a team that night, or just enjoy the evening as a spectator.

The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute is a nonprofit, community-based agency working to ease the burden of cancer in Northeast Pennsylvania. Focusing on research,

education, support and survivorship programs, the Cancer Institute directs all programming and invests all of its resources here in Northeast Pennsylvania.

The event is \$30 per person. Corporate sponsorships are invited. For more information, or to register call the Cancer Institute at 941-7984.

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