

# Pen-Mart to get new shop, liquor license

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**DALLAS TWP.** — At the December 16 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the transfer of a liquor license to Eric May, who owns the property at the corner of state Routes 118 and 415. A gas station/convenience store and a Subway sandwich shop are currently on the property.

May will be adding an additional sandwich shop in a vacant area on the property and possibly expanding the area to include Subway. When a concerned neighbor asked if May intends to turn the shop into a nightclub after obtaining the liquor license, May responded, "We have no intention of making it into a tavern or nightclub. We have no experience in managing that nor do we want to do that; we just want to be able to serve a beer with a sandwich."

The supervisors agreed that revisions must be made to the current open burning ordinance before they will approve

it. "As it is," said Vice Chairman Frank Wagner, "if you light your grill, you're in trouble."

Essentially, what the township is proposing is to allow recreational fires such as bonfires at Dallas High School and College Misericordia during pep rallies and small campfires if they are within 150 feet of a dwelling in an R-1 (residential) area. They also want to eliminate the practice of burning hazardous materials such as tires, plastic and styrofoam and large fires usually started by developers and left unattended overnight.

Township Chairman Philip Walter said that anyone wishing to burn in an A-1 (agricultural) area should notify the township first and they will give approval on a case-by-case basis depending on wind and weather conditions.

The 2004 budget was passed at \$1,479,600 with no changes from 2003. The millage rate will remain at 9 mills. A mill is a \$1 tax on every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

# Spurned once, lake homeowner again applies for height variance

**HARVEYS LAKE** — Borough Zoning Officer Milton Lutsey on Tuesday reported two building variance requests for review by the Zoning Hearing Board at the Jan. 6 meeting.

He said Robert Cook applied for a variance for a home he is planning to build at pole 280 in the Outlet section of the lake. Cook is asking that the Zoning Hearing Board approve a two-story, 24-foot-tall home for the property. The borough's ordinance currently allows 12-foot heights in that section. Lutsey

said Cook was previously denied a building permit because of the planned height of the home.

Stephen Arnolds has applied for a side-yard relief variance for 16 Baird St., to put a modular home in the location.

In other news, council passed the 2004 budget without a tax increase.

The budget is set at \$776,774, with an unchanged millage rate of 21. A mill is a \$1 tax on every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

— Erin Youngman



Spc. Eric Pimm accompanied a convoy to Mosul, Iraq recently. He is crew chief for an Apache attack helicopter based near that city.

# Iraq

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over. It's like finding the last corner piece on a jig saw puzzle. Yes it may be hard to find and you have what you need to get started, but there is still a lot of work to do.

Many wish he had fought

back and would have been killed. Others want America to handle his trial. But whatever the outcome, Saddam Hussein will never again rule Iraq or any other country. His days of theft, rape and murder are over

forever. I only wish I could have seen his face when he heard the words "President Bush sends his regards."

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# Stax

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rupted, Banta said. Snider said a continuation beyond January might be possible.

Ken Bond, the listing agent, said he has told contacts in the restaurant business that Stax is available, and there is interest in taking it over. "They're surprised it's up for grabs," he said. "It will be a hot listing."

Stax & Co. was opened in the fall of 1999 by a partnership Scott and Donna Snider of Dallas and Rich Lukasavage of Harveys Lake. They also operate Hops & Barleys in Luzerne. That restaurant is unaffected by the closing of Stax & Co.

Steve Traver, who operates an auction house in Dallas, said he and his wife, Diane, have become regular customers because of the comfortable atmosphere and varied menu.

"I was there a lot," he said. "It became a three-night-a-week spot for us. There is nowhere else comparable in the Back Mountain."

Nancy Eckert, of Luzewith and Freeman Real Estate, agreed with Traver's assessment. "It's a nice situation there," she said. She was planning to meet with Haas later in the week to discuss possible future tenants.

Banta said Wednesday that she was in the very early stages of talks with two or three people who have expressed interest in the restaurant. The space will not be advertised until January, after Stax has closed.

There's also a chance that Banta and Haas will take on a chef partner and reopen the restaurant themselves. Haas owned a supper club in Michigan before the couple were married.

The restaurant includes a dining room on one level and a bar with dining area on a lower level. A space that accommodates up to 50 people is adjacent to the dining room. It has been used for meetings and parties, or as overflow space for diners.

The separate Natona Room, which holds 150 people, has been used for banquets and larger meetings, including the annual Business Fair of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association.

Banta said she would be happy to convert that space for use as offices. "We're 100 percent full right now," she said.

If someone takes over the restaurant, they could easily maintain the factory atmosphere that includes exposed piping and dozens of artifacts hung on the walls. All those items are owned by Twin Stacks Center, and will stay with the space.

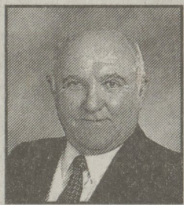
*Editor's Note: An article that appeared in Thursday's Times Leader stated that Stax would close at the end of December. Scott Snider, an owner of the restaurant said a closing date has not been set.*

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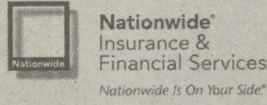
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# Toys

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at the curb and helped unload his van. "We have been doing this since 1946," said Cpl. Roberto Alvarado, "and we appreciate what John and his employees have done this year to help us give some needy teenagers a good Christmas. They are sometimes the forgotten group because everyone wants to buy for the little ones."

*"We want to say thank you to our customers who have made this possible."*

John Wertman  
J&J Deli

"We want to say thank you to our customers who have made this possible," said Wertman, "and we look forward to participating in Toys for Tots (and teens) for many years to come."

# Reservist

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I think a lot of soldiers felt like, "What are we doing here?"

Now, DeRojas said there is a tremendous amount of relief and closure for him, and, he suspects, for those families who have lost loved ones in the conflict.

"There's now some objective evidence that there's a prize for what those soldiers did. We got rid of this ruthless dictator who killed thousands and thousands of people."

# Hasay's office in Tunkhannock closed for vacation

The Tunkhannock district office of Rep. George Hasay will close from Monday, Dec. 22 through Friday, Jan. 1 for staff vacations. The office will reopen Monday, Jan. 5.

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