## **Bombings**

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fire in the parking lot. Shoppers stood around staring in disbelief.

"There were people all over the place basically stunned by the whole thing," Bloomquist said. "It was just chaos. Three cars were on fire. Nobody knew what was going on."

No one was injured in the explosion, but a woman and a child entering the store just barely escaped danger, Bloomquist said.

"They just missed being caught

by this thing," he said. The incident in the Ames parking lot was not the first bombing that communities in the northern end of Chester County had experienced in the first months of 2000, nor would it be the last. A period of local terrorism began when a car exploded in an East Pikeland parking lot on March 29, 2000. The explosion – caused by a pipe bomb – was the first of several Phoenixville area bombings over the course of 20 months. (See related timeline.)

Roughly 13 bombs, of which six detonated, are considered to be the work of the so-called "Suburban Bomber." Also intertwining over the months were numerous hoaxes.

After the first explosion, law enforcement agencies - local, county, state and federal – quickly started working together to determine who the bomber was. An investigative task force was formed and its members set up shop in the area. At one point, roughly 20 investigators were on the case.

No one has ever been arrested or charged with the bombings. While no one was injured or

killed in the bombings, the bombs were intense enough to cause a significant sense of

ing to Chief Chester County Detective Albert L. DiGiacomo.

"This was always looked at as an extremely serious series of incidents that could have easily caused death," DiGiacomo said. "There was no expense that was not contributed to this. We always assumed the next incident could've been catastrophic."

Officials conducted hundreds of interviews. One incident The Phoenix, a sister newspaper alone could require 100 interviews, DiGiacome said.

Chester County Martin, who has been on the case from the his was beginning, said that through the always looked at as process investigaconducted an extremely serious graph tests, and series of incidents even brought in a that could have hypnotist to get information from easily caused death." one witness. A state grand jury investigation was also pulled to-

gether for reluctant witnesses, Martin said. Why a person who lived in walkingthey were reluctant was unknown, he said.

information," Martin said. "A lot bombers, it's very difficult to find them.

Investigators also started dealing with copycats and hoaxes once the media coverage grew, Martin said. On top of that, investigators dealt with false leads, like when a girlfriend who was mad at her boyfriend claimed he was the Suburban Bomber.

"There were just so many people we talked to. I mean countless, countless people," Martin said.

The bombings also took their toll on the East Pikeland Police Department, which at the time

put a strain on officers.

"It was just frustrating. And a small department like ours, it just put a tremendous amount of stress on us to solve this thing, and we just couldn't do it," said Bloomquist, who was chief for 10 vears.

In 2001, detectives received new evidence – two letters that the Suburban Bomber sent to of the Daily Local News based in Phoenixville. The newspaper re-Detective ceived the first letter in March

2001, which appeared to be written using cut-out letters from several newspapers.

The second letter, received in July 2001, was also composed using words cut from newspapers. The

letter also included a name, address and telephone number of

distance from the shopping centers, where some of the "We were trying to ascertain bombings occurred. The man named said at the time he did times when you have not know why he was mentioned in the letter. "Beware of bombs making big

noise Blow-Out!" the letter stated. "Every family has its values, principles and standards that all members are expected to uphold. Excellence in family ... A powder keg waiting to explode."

The letter was turned over to the Bomb Task Force for analy-

bomber "was clearly reaching out," DiGiacomo said. Investigators believe the bomber was a local man who worked alone, based on the locahad nine officers. With stakeouts ponents, detectives said. In June jmiller@dailylocal.com.

alarm in the community, accord- and overtime, the investigation 2002, the task force released a sketch of a suspect. The suspect was described as a white male in his 20s or early 30s. The sketch initially generated numerous

leads, but not arrests. As years have gone by the investigation has slowed. The task force's office in the Phoenixville office closed down in 2006. And the number of leads coming in has diminished.

"People's memories of the incidents themselves have become latent," DiGiacomo said.

But local detectives and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) said the investigation is still ongoing. Any similar incidents that happen elsewhere in the country are compared to the bombings here, investigators said.

"Any information that comes into this office is certainly run down. This case is not closed," said John Hageman, ATF special agent and public information officer.

DiGiacomo said cases like the Suburban Bomber are particularly difficult to solve because the nature of the crime is different – no obvious motive and no eyewitnesses.

"There were millions and millions of dollars that were literally dedicated to the investigation of the Unabomber, and it resulted in no arrest, until his brother recognized his handwriting" in the New York Times, Di-Giacomo said.

If the Suburban Bomber is ever caught, he will face federal charges. The state statute of limitations for the crimes ran out in 2006, Martin said.

While the investigation is ongoing, Bloomquist is surprised that no one has been arrested for the local bombings.

"I thought by now that somebody would be talking about it," he said.

To contact staff writer Jenniftion of the bombs and their com- er Miller, send an e-mail to

#### **SUBURBAN BOMBER TIMELINE:**

**MARCH** 29, 2000 – 8:12 p.m. A bomb blew up a car in the parking lot of Tarrytowne Hardware, Schuykill Road, East Pikeland.

**APRIL** 8, 2000 Another bomb detonated and destroyed a vehicle at Tarrytowne Hardware.

**APRIL** 27, 2000

A bomb detonated in a Dumpster in Gallagher's Tavern parking lot, Schuylkill Road, East Vincent.

ment store parking lot, Schuykill Road, East Pike-

JUNE 8, 2000 A bomb destroyed a vehicle in the Ames depart-

land. AUG. 23, 2000 Bomb detonated and damaged a vehicle in the

Westridge Development, Westridge Drive, Phoenix-NOV. 8, 2000

Bomb found on the windshield of a parked car on West Debbie Lane in the Quail Crossing development. It did not detonate.

NOV. 28, 2000

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**DEC**. 12, 2000

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A bomb found at Our Lady of America Shopping Center on Lewis Road, Limerick Township. Device detonated by the bomb unit.

**FEB**. 10, 2001

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detective

Steve Myhr, of Spring City, works in the plaza. While he didn't live in the area during the series of bombings, he said he does remember hearing the stories.

"It's kind of surprising, because it's not something you'd expect. It's not a robbery or a shooting, it's a bombing, which is a little unusual," Myhr said. "It was kind of weird to have that happen."

A customer in the plaz pharmacist Steven Boyd of Morgantown, said he worked at a Roversford drug store during the days of the Suburban Bomber. While working there, the store dealt with several bomb threats, he said.

Today, Boyd is concerned. "I'm pretty upset that nothing was really finalized, no was arrested," Boyd one said.

While some local residents are curious about the bombing investigation and who the bomber could be, some would rather the issue not be covered by local media.

Cindy Ramsey, a body therapist from Spring City, is relieved the bombings have stopped. But she believes it's best to leave the incidents out of the news since the bombings have stopped.

"If it's not happening, leave it alone," Ramsey said. East Pikeland Police Chief

James Franciscus, who be-

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came chief in 2002, said oc- ings have stopped. casionally he is approached by residents who look for investigation updates. Residents also want to know why the bombings suddenly stopped.

Franciscus said he tells residents that many things could have happened. The bomber could be active in the military, in jail, or even dead, he said. The bomber could have moved or been scared off by the investigation, too, he said.

But Franciscus assures residents that the investigation regardless of why, residents mail to jmiller@dailyloare relieved that the bomb- cal.com.

"I can hear the sense of re-

lief in their voices. They're happy that, for whatever reason, they don't have to live with that fear anymore," he said. Today the East Pikeland Police Department has 10 of-

ficers. Franciscus said the bombings are still very much on the minds of officers as they patrol each day. "It's not something that we forget about. We still think

about it. We still talk about it." he said. To contact staff writer continues. And he can tell, Jennifer Miller, send an e-

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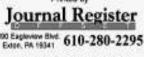
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