

DAMA offices are being redone for handicap access

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TRUCKSVILLE—Renovations at the Dallas Area Municipal Authority's office will make it easier for customers who have a difficult time getting up the stairs to the second floor offices.

An addition to the front of the building will enlarge the offices and add handicapped-accessible facilities, including a restroom and elevator, on the first floor. The elevator will be marked with signs in Braille and print and also have lighted signals for hearing-impaired customers.

The renovations, expected to cost \$285,000, will bring the building into compliance with the federal Americans With Disabilities Act, according to general manager Tom Bagley.

"We're redesigning the entire second floor," he said. "We're enlarging all the halls and doorways so wheelchairs can maneuver through them and adding an elevator and 'generic' wheelchair-accessible restroom on the first

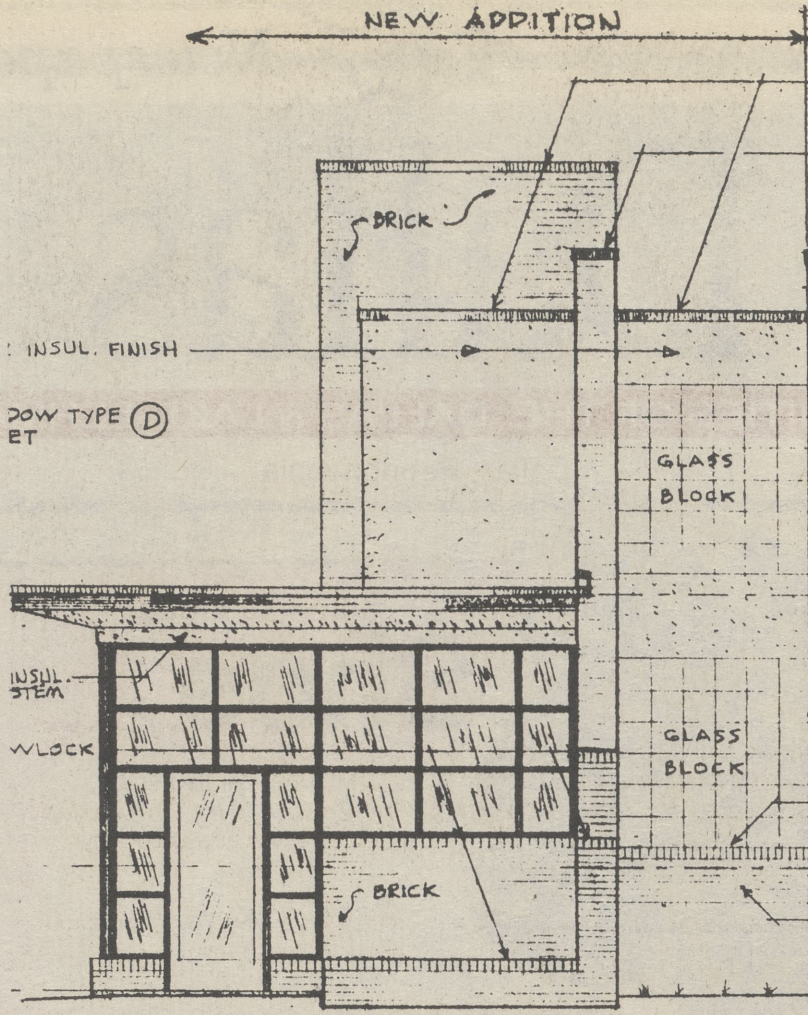
floor. Having to use a wheelchair isn't the only disability - we're trying to take care of sight-or hearing-impaired customers or anyone who has a difficult time with the front steps. Many of our elderly customers will benefit from it."

The office will also be expanded because more space is needed, he added.

The remodeling is a result of a study done in 1994 by the Department of Labor and Industry to determine the amount of upgrading public facilities which DAMA needed to comply with the new act, Bagley said. He expects the work to be finished by July.

Local contractors are doing the work: design by Eyerman, Csala, Hapeman and Handley; plumbing, heating and air conditioning by John Yenason of Dallas; general contracting by Mit-Pro of Dallas and electrical work by Sarno Electric, Bagley said.

Until the work is completed, the office has been relocated to a temporary trailer in the parking lot.



This two-story addition to the front of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority's office will house an elevator and other handicapped-accessible facilities on both floors.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Pleads guilty to stealing cement

Vittorio Recchia, 36, of Dallas, pled guilty to a preliminary hearing November 1 before District Justice James Tupper to stealing two bags of cement from a construction site.

A related charge of receiving stolen property was dismissed, according to court records.

The charges stemmed from an incident in which police found two bags of Keystone Cement in the back of Recchia's pickup truck while investigating a report that

two men had taken materials from the site of the future Monroe Muffler shop on Route 309.

Recchia later admitted to police that he had taken the cement without the owner's permission, and that he planned to use it to repair the driveway at his home.

Represented by attorney Theodore Krohn, Recchia paid a fine of \$150 and costs of \$76.

Dallas Borough patrolman Russell Devens investigated the incident.

INMATE TO FACE TRIAL FOR DRUGS, ASSAULT

Charges of possession of marijuana, three counts of simple assault and three counts of harassment against Leroy Evans, Jr., an inmate at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas, were sent to Luzerne County Criminal Court after a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper November 2.

The charges stemmed from an incident April 24, in which Evans hit three corrections officers during a strip search. Officers found a pack of cigarettes containing 11 hand-rolled marijuana cigarettes and observed Evans pull something from his groin area and put it in his mouth. He refused to spit it out.

SUNSHINE LAW VIOLATION IS ALLEGED

A charge of violating the state Sunshine Law against Franklin Township resident Sandra Race was filed November 2 with District Justice James Tupper by John W. Bump, whose mailing address is RR 1 Pittston.

Bump accused Race of "deceiving the supervisors and public" by saying she had posted a notice of a special supervisors' meeting October 9 in the office at the municipal building.

All public meetings must be advertised at least 24 hours in advance in a newspaper of general circulation and posted in a public place, according to Act 84, also known as the Sunshine Law.

Testimonial dinner will honor Make-A-Wish supporters

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeastern Pennsylvania will present a testimonial dinner to three local companies for their support Nov. 15. Professional race car driver Ernie Irvan will be in attendance, as well.

The dinner will honor Wyoming Valley Health Care, Ken Wallace Dealerships and Allied Services. It will be held at Genetti's Best Western in Wilkes-Barre, beginning at 6 p.m.

Donations of \$75 per person will raise funds for Make-A-Wish. Tables of 10 are available.

The dinner is sponsored by Orloski's Quik Marts and Texaco. To reserve a seat, call 829-3235.



ERNIE IRVAN

Corrections and clarifications

An article in last week's issue of *The Dallas Post* reporting an increase in voluntary appropriations by towns and school districts to the Back Mountain Memorial Library may have been taken by some readers to suggest a county tax to support libraries was either planned or desired by the sources quoted in the article. Information about the size of a tax needed to fund the Back Mountain Memorial Library was included only as a reference with which to compare the library's present funding sources, none of which are direct taxation. The reference to a 1-mill tax was an illustration of how much revenue a tax of that size could produce, not an expression of support for a tax.

The winner of the most original category in the Halloween costume contest was misidentified in last week's issue. He is Jesse Shrader, not Jessica Schrader. He portrayed an Indian brave paddling a canoe.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of October 20 - 26:
- Richard E. Fuller to Rome Construction Co., 2 Parcels Jackson St., Dallas Borough, \$25,000.
 - Leo F. Flynn, to Floyd Trudgen, et ux, Orange Rd., Dallas Twp., \$150,000.
 - Daniel A. Nackle, et ux, to David M. Whalen, et ux, Orchard View, Dallas Twp., \$162,000.
 - Fed. Nat'l. Mtg. Assoc., to Michael Purvin, 607 Meadows Bldg., Dallas Twp., \$46,000.
 - Robert D. Grieves, et ux, to Leo L. Laskowski, et ux, Bryan Dr., Dallas Twp., \$120,000.
 - Rev. Herbert F. Lowe, et ux, to Frank J. Hodle, et ux, L30 SB Oak St., Dallas Twp., \$1,500.
 - Albert Loreti, et al, to Donald Stytle, Jr., et ux, 1.09 ac Scenic Subdv., Fairmount Twp., \$120,000.
 - Delmar O. Kern, et ux, to James H. Riley, Jr., et ux, Fairmount Twp., \$37,500.
 - Thomas W. Hess, et al, to David Scheff, et ux, Lot 4 T&D Hess Minor, Fairmount Twp., \$300.
 - David R. Morgan, et ux, to George Steltz, III, et ux, 47 Lakeview Heights, Harveys Lake Bor., \$49,500.
 - David R. Morgan, et ux, to George Steltz, et ux, 48 West Point Ave., Harveys Lake Bor., \$49,500.
 - James D. Culver, et ux, to Cheryl Grimaldi, 43 Lakeview Heights, Harveys Lake Bor., \$2,500.
 - Michael Boytin, et ux, to Michael P. Konycki, 1.815 ac. Hunlock Twp., \$3,900.
 - Esther Trumbower, to Amy Ann Mazur, 1.25 ac. Hunlock Twp., \$35,000.
 - Maple Crest Phase II Dev. Co. to C&G Homes, 7 parcels, Kingston Twp., \$256,800.
 - Lawrence J. Stortz, et ux, to Cindy L. Rothermel, 39 Rose Village, Kingston Twp., \$105,000.
 - Jacob E. Hassaj, Jr., et ux, to Richard S. Brenton, et ux, 25, 196 ac Simpson Sub. Lake Twp., \$40,000.
 - Anthony Swalla, et ux, to John Rokowski, et al, 2042 Pikes Peak St., Lehman Twp., \$10,000.
 - Thomas J. Cyprieh, et ux, to Mark Williams, et ux, Ross Twp., \$26,300.

Jackson Twp. issues 15 zoning permits

Jackson Township zoning officer John Krupa issued 16 permits during October.

Building permits for new homes were issued to Charles Hoyt II, Hardisky Road, estimated value \$86,000; Lehman Homes Inc., Meadowcrest Drive, estimated value \$120,000; Edward and Judith Coach, Hardisky Road, estimated value \$174,000 and Andy Kopczynski, Shady Hill Road, estimated value \$100,000.

Kingston Twp. issues 27 zoning permits

Kingston Township Zoning officer Ben Gorey issued 27 permits in October.

The largest project is an addition valued at \$285,000, to be erected at the Dallas Area Municipal Authority.

Other large projects are a sun room valued at \$85,000, at the Marquart home on Kenilworth Ave., a garage valued at \$10,000 at the Messner home on Atherholt Drive and an addition valued at \$14,175 at the Abraham home on Mt. Airy Road.

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