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## For Dallas students, science is elementary

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**DALLAS** - Students at the Dallas Elementary School learned how our eyes work, all about Morse code, how sounds are produced and all about plants at a science expo May 8 and 9.

Projects also included experiments with electricity, a fossil collection, a working periscope, a collection of sea shells, a lie detector and displays on human blood, the solar system and volcanoes.

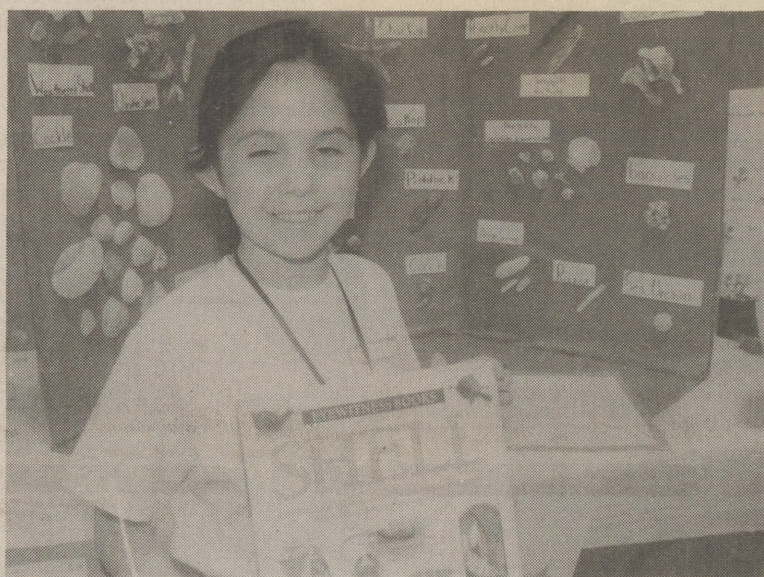
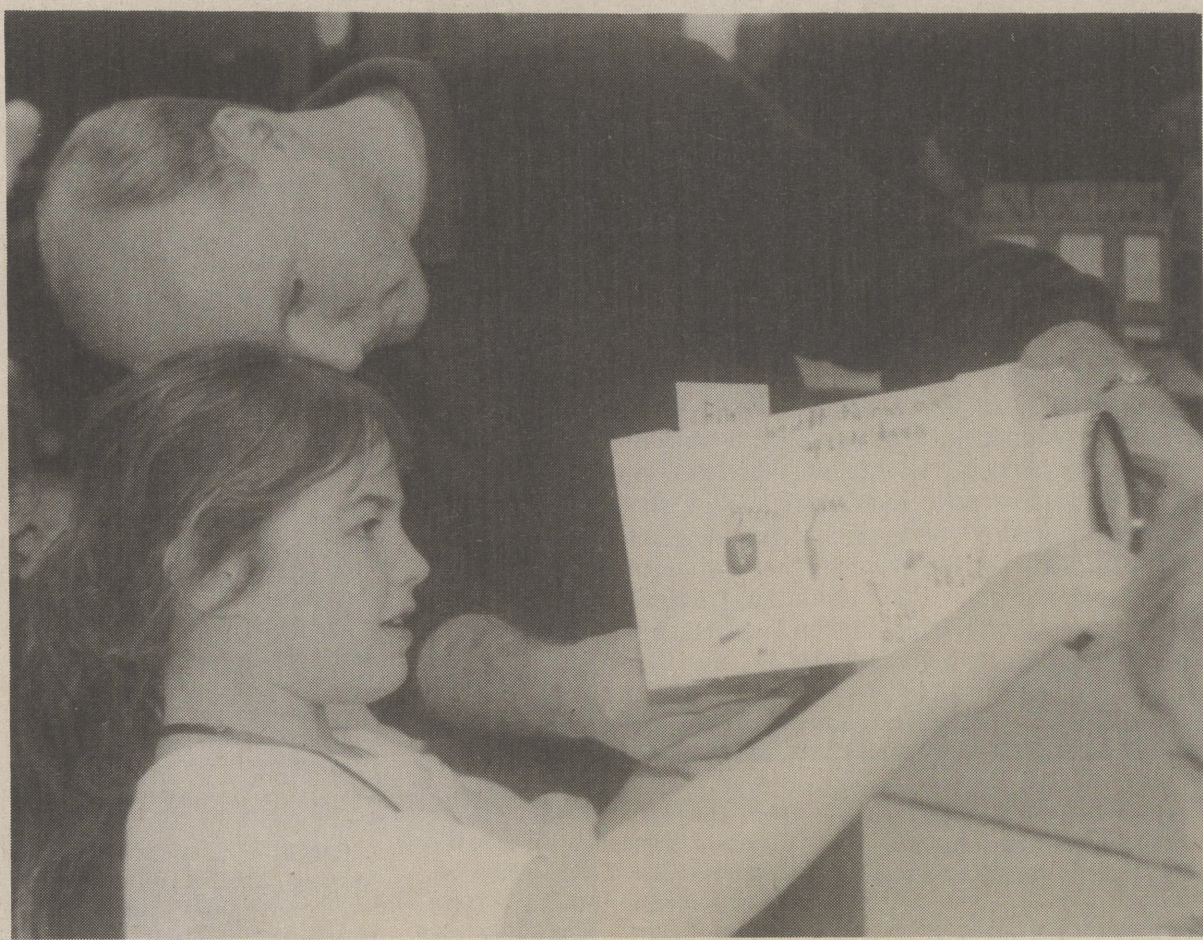
"Look, here's a way to make different sounds," said kindergarten teacher Mrs. Mertz, running a metal spoon across a line of bottles containing different amounts of water. Lyndsay Ellis immediately picked the spoon up and smiled as she tried the experiment for herself.

Scott Provose stared open-mouthed at a collection of sea shells, tentatively touching a large, sea-worn scallop.

Sara Swepton demonstrated the Morse code on a telegraph she made herself from batteries, wires and lights. "I saw it in a science book," she said. "I learned the whole alphabet - it wasn't hard. The hardest part was setting everything up."

She easily translated a mes-

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John Law, in top photo, helped Sara Swepton get a good look at the home made camera box made by his son, Michael, at the Science Expo at Dallas Elementary School. At left, Whitney Adams displayed an impressive collection of sea shells. More photos on page 12.

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## Gas cleanup could take 2-3 more years

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**LEHMAN** - Higher levels of one gasoline additive and the reappearance of a second one in wells around Lehman Corners don't surprise the Environmental Protection Agency.

The severe winter and reduced well water usage due to the closing of a pizza shop have caused the levels of the gasoline additive

*Wet weather, closed business raise contamination levels*

MTBE to increase and benzene to reappear in the wells, according to EPA site coordinator Richard Fetzer.

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## Pool backers present their case to board

Surveys support Dallas High pool, they say

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**DALLAS** - Residents who want the district to build a pool for the swimming and diving teams presented figures which they say show the facility can pay for its own operation to the school board at its May 13 work session.

The swim team presently uses the pool at College Misericordia, which the district pays \$25 per hour for. Swim team parents don't

*"Swimming could become a valuable part of the curriculum."*

Betsy Gaffney  
Pool advocate

care for the facility because it doesn't have a diving area and is

See POOL, pg. 8.

## Teachers must return to class before retiring

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**DALLAS** - Four teachers returning from sabbatical leave won't be able to retire until they return to the classroom for a year.

The board voted at its regular May 13 meeting against waiving the requirement for a year's service between the end of a teacher's sabbatical leave and retirement for James Bamrick, who took leave for travel, and Jean Myers, Francis Kopko and John Roberts, who are out on medical leave.

"If they can't return to work for medical reasons, they'll have to use up their sick days," said president Ernest Ashbridge. "They were obligated to return and we feel they should be held to it."

The board also unanimously voted to expel two boys, identified as R.C.M. and R.J.K., for a year for smoking marijuana in the Middle School boys' lavatory. They will finish the year in home schooling provided by the district, "making every effort to keep up the good work they're doing," according to a copy of the penalty. Their parents will also "make every effort" to enroll them at West Side Tech in the fall.

The boys were also petitioned to Luzerne County Juvenile Court by the police after the incident.

In other personnel matters the board unanimously voted to hire part-time guidance counselor Cynthia Basila for 20 hours a week at \$20 per hour, and part-time special needs home school teacher Donna Evick and substitute special education/special needs aide Dorothy Larson at \$5 per hour.

Dr. Edward Brewer was appointed interim principal at the

Westmoreland School at \$173.08 per day, to fill the position of Sam Barbose, who is presently substituting for Dallas Elementary principal Ruth Tetschner, who is finishing a year's sabbatical leave.

Maureen Banks and Thom Russ voted against Brewer's appointment. "We could have gotten by for the rest of the year differently," Banks said.

Solicitor Ben Jones was unanimously reappointed at an annual salary of \$25,000. His medical insurance is provided by another employer, Ashbridge said.

## Bond issue to cover costs of new building

New garage for road crew comes first, then two-story township headquarters

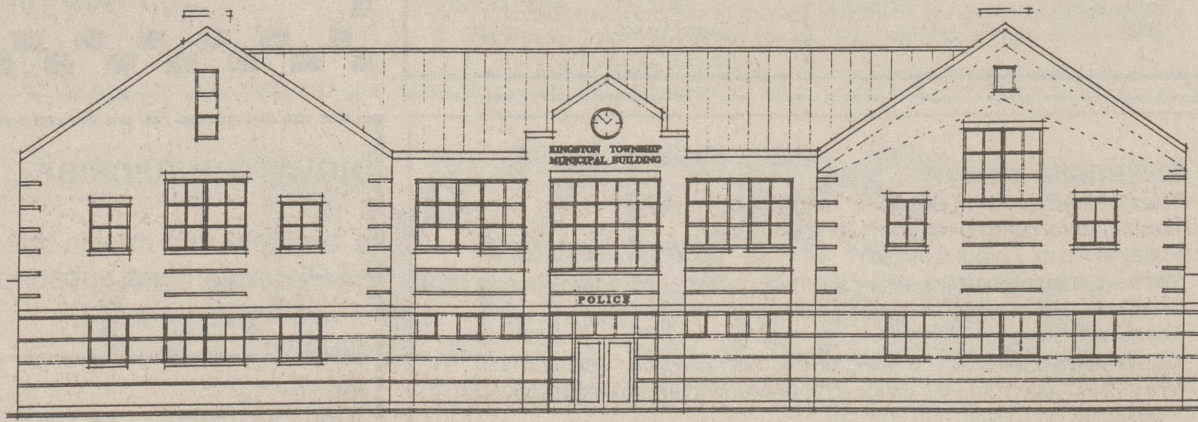
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**KINGSTON TOWNSHIP** - When construction begins this summer on a 6,000 square-foot addition to the municipal garage, it will be only a matter of time until road supervisor Butch Chamberlain gets his own office with a real desk and windows.

He presently operates from a mobile office - the cab of his truck, according to township manager Jeff Box.

The masonry garage addition, which will connect the salt storage shed and the present truck bays, will upgrade the existing buildings, add two floors of offices, work space and storage facilities. Construction will begin as soon as the weather improves and will be finished next year, Box said.

A new municipal building, expected to be started next spring, will be built on a hillside on East Center Street opposite the township recreation park. The two-story brick structure will house the police department, two class-



SOUTH ELEVATION  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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Architect's sketch of proposed Kingston Twp. municipal building.

room/conference rooms and storage rooms in the lower level. The municipal offices will be in the upper level, which will include a 150-seat supervisors' meeting room, two conference rooms and space for future expansion.

The supervisors hosted a public information session May 13 to

unveil the plans for the garage and a new municipal building to the public. The entire project will cost \$2.9 million, which Box said will probably be funded by a municipal bond issue.

At the regular May 8 meeting the supervisors unanimously voted to award a bid for painting the traffic lines on all township

owned streets to Alpha Space Control of Fayetteville, PA, at a rate of .04558¢ per foot, for a total of \$7,400, and to pay Vincent Construction \$3,318.51 for work on Firecut Road.

The supervisors also voted to hold the spring road inspection June 2, with chairman Paul Sabol voting against it because of a prior obligation.

### PROJECTED DALLAS POOL REVENUES

Summer recreation programs	
400 resident members paying \$50 each	\$20000
100 non-resident members paying \$100	\$10000
75 competitive swimmers paying \$150	\$11250
15 competitive divers paying \$150	\$2250
Evening swimming lessons	\$6480
Two-month learn to swim programs	\$12096
4 classes 3 days a week with 28 kids	
Evening pool rentals: 3 hours, 3 nights a week	\$6750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68826</b>

### PROJECTED DALLAS POOL EXPENDITURES

Aquatics director/swim coach (12-month full-t)	30000
lifeguards/swim instructors (part-time)	10000
Custodians (part-time)	6000
Part-time workers' fringe benefits	1416
Full-time workers' fringe benefits	7800
Pool chemicals and water testing	7500
Utilities	20000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82716</b>

Figures provided by The Dallas Community Association for an Aquatic Facility

### ■ Crafts revived

Lake-Lehman High School art class practices old-time crafts Pg 3.

### ■ Showdown

Lehman will face off with Meyers, with a chance to tie for the season title. Pg 9.

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