

Stadium

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The updated seating arrangement also includes plans to move bleachers farther from the playing surface and to make them handicap accessible. "We moved the bleachers back about 15 feet to allow room for conversion to a multi-purpose field in the future," said Flynn. "Right now the plan is to keep the cinder track surface in place but if you decide at some point to change that it can be done."

Griffiths said the ballpark estimate on the cost of the renovations is about \$2 million. A detailed cost estimate will be presented to the board March 13. "As it stands right now, we are including a field house in the plans," said Griffiths. "If during the bidding process, we find out the project is going to cost significantly more than we've estimated the field house may be excluded."

The district has approximately \$1 million left over from the Wycallis construction and it plans to use the money for this newest project.

District unveils Internet web site

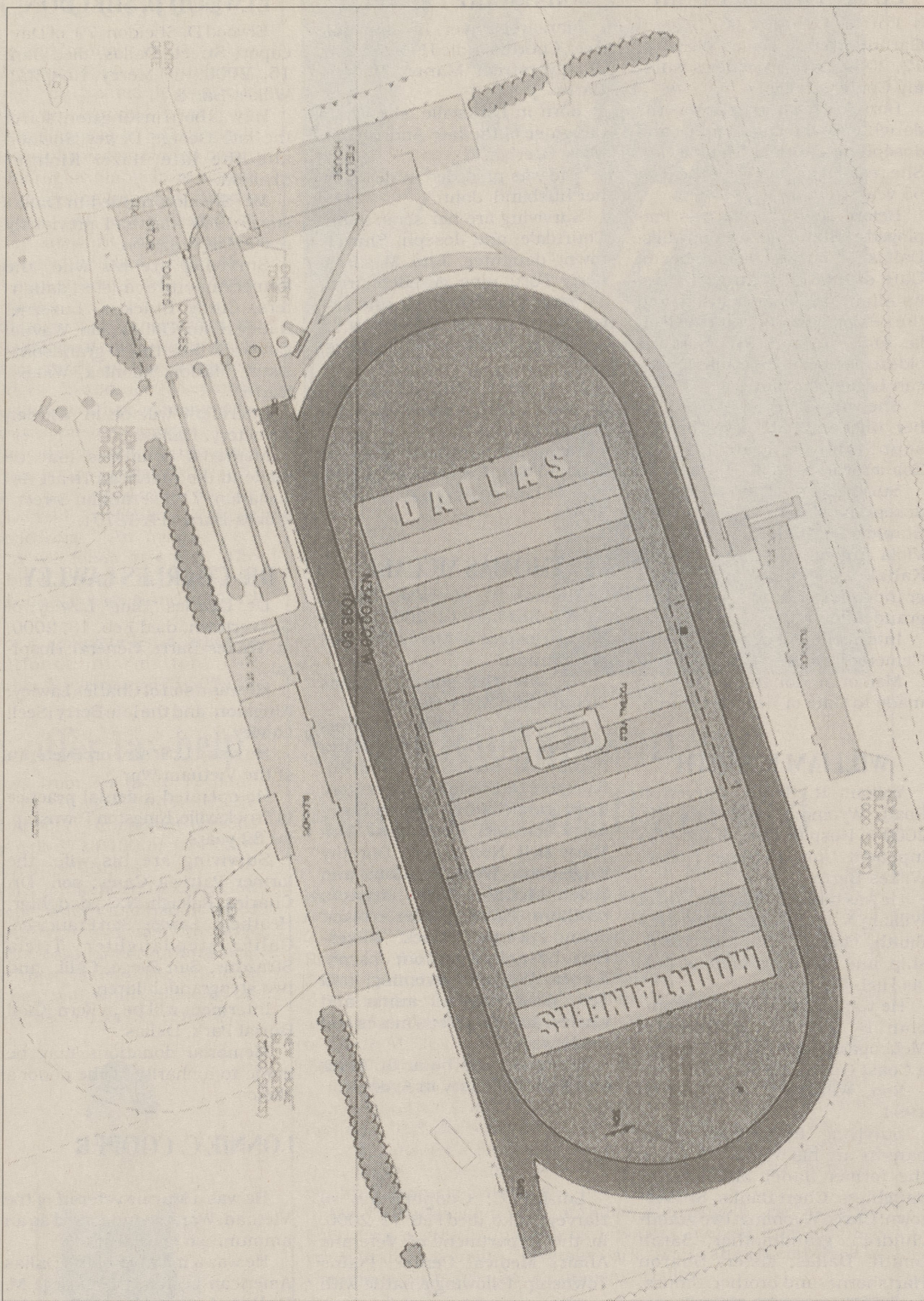
The school board viewed a presentation by Dr. Michael Speziale, assistant superintendent, showcasing the district's new website. The high-tech resource includes brief biographies of faculty, staff and administrators along with information and statistics about each of the district's four schools.

An electronic bulletin board serves as a virtually instant source of news regarding weather delays or cancellations. Changes to the school calendar or athletic schedules can also be posted by authorized personnel.

Links to other websites, such as those offering parenting advice or help with school work will eventually be included as well. "There are some issues which have to be worked out regarding security but there is certainly a lot which can be added," said Speziale.

The Dallas website, which is expected to be up and running next week, can be accessed at www.dallassd.com.

By Kasia McDonough



COURTESY OF FOREMAN BURKAVAGE

Architect's rendering shows new bleacher seating, a new pressbox, concession stand, storage, toilets and a field house. The field house may be dropped if too expensive.

Monitoring

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way it stands right now 10 homes have had carbon filters installed; three of those are clean and seven show low levels of contaminant."

Whether or not in-home filters will be replaced by newly drilled wells remains unclear. "We're looking at where the pollution is migrating any drilling of new wells is a function of that movement," said Brewer. "I can't tell you I have gotten the impression new wells are planned at this point, but the migration will be the deciding factor. We are certainly going to do everything necessary to make sure those affected have clean drinking water."

Sampling of wells near the American Asphalt sandstone quarry which have been tainted by trichloroethane (TCA) will continue as well. "We plan to do some more testing in that area this week," said Carmon.

This new series of water reports should provide hydrogeologists with a better picture of the level and extent of TCA contamination. "We had a meeting with American Asphalt a few days ago and we reiterated the strong need to push ahead with the site characterization already

"We are still in the evaluation stage at this point."

Mark Carmon
Department of
Environmental Protection

under way," said Carmon. "American Asphalt is doing some re-sampling of their own wells on site as well as some of the private wells located nearby and together with our tests we hope to pinpoint the source of the contamination so that we can begin the cleanup process."

A public information session with representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Health is being organized to help address residents' concerns about TCA and MTBE exposure. "We sent our reports to the department of health and they are reviewing all the data we've provided," said Carmon. "There will be a meeting sometime in the next week to 10 days to go over that information and to share it with everyone in Jackson Township."

BIRTHS

MERCY:

ZALEPPA, William and Patricia, Dallas, a daughter, Jan. 27, 2000.

LONG, Duane and Susan, Dallas, a son, Jan. 27, 2000.

NESBITT:

OSTRUM, Fred and Leah, Dallas, a daughter, Jan. 17, 2000.

YURISH, Patrick and Ann Marie, Dallas, a son, Jan. 18, 2000.

SILEY, Jason P. and Susan R., Shavertown, a daughter, Jan. 24, 2000.

SONDAY, Joseph and Ann Marie, Dallas, a son, Jan. 26, 2000.

RICHARDS, Michael and Donna, Shavertown, a daughter, Jan. 28, 2000.

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Building

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least through the busy spring building season. "We hope to bid the job in early spring and have it completed by the summer," said Bagley.

At least two residential communities now being developed may be affected by the moratorium. "A permit has been issued for one home in the Rolling Meadows development as of right now," said Repotski. "DAMA gave them a sewage permit for that one home but as for the other properties in that development, and those in another development still being discussed, permits haven't been issued."

Ray Peeler, who is developing the Rolling Meadows project, said he is optimistic the planning commission's restrictions will not affect construction. "At this point, I don't think it will be a problem for us," he said. "It is my understanding that our entire development has been approved. You don't get a building permit until you decide to go ahead and build, but the way I understood it was

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Paul Niezgoda
Jackson Twp. Planning
Commission

that we did receive approval for all of the 48 lots we have available."

Township planners hope actions taken now will prevent problems like this one in the future. "There has been some discussion about the need to periodically review and update our own long-range plan for the township," said Dr. Paul Niezgoda, who serves as a member of the planning commission. "There is a real need to look at zoning, water, sewer, and quality of life issues. We want to approve and support development that is going to enable residents to live in a pleasant and safe place to live 5, 10, 15 or 50 years down the road."

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