

DISTRICT COURTS

Man, woman charged in 2 home thefts

Kenneth Moran, 34, of RR 3, Box 260-5, Dallas, will face charges of receiving stolen property taken from two homes on Oct. 22, 1999. On that date, officer Sey Newberry of the Lehman Twp. Police Dept. investigated a reported burglary at a home at RR 2, Box 389, Dallas, in which a television, camcorder, jewelry, camera and \$105 in quarters were taken. The same day, officer James Drury of the Dallas Borough Police Dept. investigated a burglary at RR 4, Box 183, Dallas. It appeared someone had forced their way into the house, ransacked the furnishings and taken cameras, jewelry, binoculars, a radar

detector and cash. On Nov. 24, Damien Hoover, of the Harveys Lake Police Dept., was called to 215 May Ave. for a landlord/tenant dispute. The owner of the property had evicted the tenants, Maureen Morgan and Kenneth Moran, but Moran had returned demanding to be let in to remove belongings. The landlord would not allow him in because she wanted to show damage to the apartment she said was done by the tenants. When he inspected the residence, Hoover observed property that was stolen from the two homes. Maureen Morgan is named a co-defendant in both counts

BAD CHECKS CHARGES

Jason M. Gaydos, 21, of 41 S. Welles St., Wilkes-Barre, is charged with passing 11 bad checks at the BiLo store in Dallas between Oct. 6, 1998 and Feb. 2, 1999. The checks totaled \$426.21 and service charges were \$220, according to an affidavit of probable cause filed by Dallas Twp. police officer Wayman Miers.

ALLEGED CYCLE THEFT

Dan Romanczuk, 26, of 548 Langdon Rd., Pittston Twp., will face charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, loitering or prowling at night and driving while his license is suspended. Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin said he came across Romanczuk at about 1 a.m. Nov. 19 in the parking lot of Dallas Shopping Center, trying to start a motorcycle. There was a for sale sign attached to the handlebars with a Dallas phone number. The owner said the cycle had been chained to a tree beside Rt. 309, just up from the shopping center. After first denying he had taken the cycle, Romanczuk confessed that he had walked to Dallas from Exeter after arguing with his wife, and wanted to get home. Romanczuk's blood alcohol measured .101 percent on a breath test, but a blood test measured .072 percent, below the legal limit.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR TAKING, CRASHING CAR

Chargers have been filed against Holly Crawford, 25, of P.O. Box 17, Dobson Rd., Sweet Valley, by police officers in two townships. According to court papers, Crawford took a car from 2232 Chase Rd., Jackson Twp., at about midnight Oct. 24. While Patrolman David Kittle was investigating the report, a call came in that the car had been involved in an accident on Rt. 29 in Lehman Twp. The driver, Crawford, ap-

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DUI CHARGES

The following people will face charges of driving under the influence in county court after having a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper:

- James F. Hale, 42, of 6 Roushey St., Shavertown, arrested Nov. 30, 1999 by Dallas Twp. Patrolman Fred Rosencrans, who was called to an accident on Huntsville Rd. shortly after midnight. Rosencrans determined that the driver had lost control and the car had traveled about 235 feet before coming to rest 35 feet off the roadway. Hale refused to take field sobriety tests, and passed out in the cruiser on the way to General Hospital. Rosencrans said in an affidavit of probable cause. When they arrived, Rosencrans could not wake Hale, and asked ambulance personnel to assist. When he came to, Hale began kicking, screaming and punching, Rosencrans said. A blood alcohol test measured .162 percent.
- In addition to DUI, Hale is charged with careless driving and speeding.
- Frank R. Raczkowski, 51, of 129 S. Pioneer Ave., Trucksville, arrested Nov. 6, 1999 by Patrolman Wade Curtis of the Kingston Twp. Police Dept. after the officer saw a U-Haul van driven erratically on Rt. 309 near Hillside Rd.

Curtis followed the van until it turned into the driveway at Raczkowski's home. Raczkowski refused a blood or breath alcohol test. He is also charged with careless driving.

- Edward J. Gronski, 21, of 120 Sweetland Ln., West Wyoming, arrested Jan. 15 by State Trooper Jeffrey Price after he was called to an accident at the intersection of 8th St. and Mt. Olivet Rd., Franklin Twp. at about 3:30 a.m.
- Mark Forghani II, 20, of 82 George St., W. Nanticoke, arrested by Jackson Twp. Patrolman David Kittle Dec. 5, 1999 after a two-car accident on Rt. 29 south of Chase Rd. A blood alcohol test measured .150 percent.

The following people waived their right to a preliminary hearing. Their cases have been sent to county court:

- Brian Lukasavage, 21, of 24 Richard Dr., Dallas, arrested at about 7:30 a.m. Nov. 27, 1999 by Officer James Ibbotson of the Kingston Twp. Police Dept. after a two-car accident at Rt. 309 and Rt. 1036. Lukasavage failed field sobriety tests, and a blood alcohol test measured .261 percent, well over twice the legal limit.
- John J. Kundrat, 38, of 11 Circle Dr., Wyoming, arrested at about 10:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day by Officer Martin Maransky of the Kingston Twp. Police Dept., who said Kundrat was the driver of a car that had run off Manor Dr. Kundrat failed field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol measured .275 percent.
- Deborah Dennis, 45, of 70 N. Lehigh St., Shavertown, arrested near midnight of Nov. 24, 1999 after Dallas Borough Patrolman William Norris observed a car moving erratically on Rt. 309 near Mr. Z's. Norris said Dennis failed field sobriety tests, and a blood alcohol test measured .211 percent, more than twice the legal limit.
- W. Keith Richards, 57, of Pole 172, Harveys Lake, arrested after 3 a.m. Oct. 17, 1999 by Officer James Martin of the Dallas Borough Police Dept., who said he saw a car driven by Richards driving erratically on Rt. 415. According to Martin, Richards failed field sobriety tests, and a breath test measured .159 percent blood alcohol. A subsequent blood test measured .164 percent. Richards is also charged with careless driving.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of March 3-9:

- Kay Haas, trustee, to James Romanchick, 1 acre, Lake Twp., \$45,000.
- Summit Meadow Estates, Inc., to Anthony P. Thornton, Lot 26, Summit Meadows Est., Ross Twp., \$57,400.

Stadium bill near \$1.9 million budget

By **KASIA McDONOUGH**
Post Staff

DALLAS - Foreman Burkavage, the architectural firm designing stadium renovations for the Dallas School District, informed the school board it changed the location of a door in the proposed fieldhouse, allowing female athletes increased access to the building's facilities.

Questions arose at least week's school board work session about the practicality of building a fieldhouse designed to be used primarily by the football team. This change, while not increasing the estimated cost of the project, will make the building more accessible. "We've moved the door so that if female athletes wanted to use the weight room they would be able to do that," said Don Flynn, of the architectural firm.

The architectural team also presented a more detailed estimate of the overall costs of the stadium improvements. The project is expected to cost the district \$1.9 million with \$721,625 going toward construction of the fieldhouse. "Basically, we're trying to provide you with as much information as we can so there are no surprises down the road," said David Sanders, architect. "We're happy with where we're at as far as prices go. Some were a little higher and some were a little lower than what we had initially thought but were right about

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Dallas junior, diver

where we expected to be. If there are any red flags we want to know about them and if not we can move forward with the plans as they stand."

Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, Superintendent of Schools, said the estimate is in line with what the district had anticipated. "The board has given authorization for the architects to move forward with seeking bids for the project," he said. "At this point, I am looking at the overall cost of the project and that is pretty close to what we thought it would be."

In addition to new bleachers and a fieldhouse, the renovations will include the construction of a press box. The new press box, which will include electric heat, will measure 8' by 60' and will be subdivided into five sections. "The press box will have a 10' long space for home coaches, 10' for visiting coaches, 10' for members of the press, 10' for the public address announcer and score keeper and a 20' long space where the superintendent, the school

board and their guests can watch the game," said Flynn.

Other planned improvements include the installation of an irrigation system, which will facilitate watering the football field. Fences enclosing the stadium will be repaired or replaced and new edging will be installed around the existing gravel track. Bleachers will be moved away from the playing surface in order to accommodate future growth, which may include conversion to a multi-purpose sports complex.

The architects advised the district to consider burying a power line which stretches the length of the parking lot nearest the stadium. "We have to make a decision about the power line within the next month or so," said Flynn. "Either we can move the fieldhouse forward about 15 feet or we can bury the power line and leave the fieldhouse where we planned to maximize the space around the playing surface. OSHA restrictions prohibit running the power line over the top of a structure."

Cost estimates on the power line project were not immediately available. "I don't have those figures tonight but we're in the process of working them up," said Flynn. "Certainly, it would add to the overall estimate. Right now, I'd recommend including it as an bid alternate, which will allow the district to consider the value of burying the line versus moving the fieldhouse."

Junkyard

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some changes to the cafeteria, computer labs and the music department so the needs of our students can be better met."

The district also has expressed interest in building a natatorium adjacent to either the high school or middle school. "It's something we'd like to do if the cost is not prohibitive," said Griffiths.

A pool would be a beneficial addition for both students and the community said Erin Cooper, a junior diver who finished second at districts and 11th at the recent state competition. "Swimming is something you can enjoy all your life unlike many other high school sports," she said. "I'd like to commend the district for the swim programs offered at the high school and in the elementary schools. As a lifeguard, I know the importance of teaching water safety and you never know when a person may be able to save himself or someone else because of the lessons learned in a program like those which are being

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Architect, Foreman Burkavage

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A natatorium would provide educational, athletic and recreational opportunities for everyone in the district and would make it easier to schedule practice time for aquatic teams. "Our home pool this past year was the Kistler Elementary school pool in Wilkes-

Barre," said Cooper. "Commuting there six days a week placed a tremendous burden on the parents who drove us to and from practice every day and on the students who are old enough to drive. It's amazing what the team was able to accomplish considering we do not have a pool."

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