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Zoning change asked for new commercial development

By MARK SCARAMASTRO
Post Correspondent

DALLAS TWP. — The attorney for the Dakota subdivision has requested a zoning change for a parcel of land in the township.

The land in question is 34 acres partially zoned A-1 for residential use and partially zoned B-3, highway business. The diamond-shaped parcel is located along the eastern side of Rt. 309, between Quality Collision and The Maples residential development.

Dakota wishes to build townhouses on the residential section of the property and is asking council to extend the line zoned for business an additional 74.7 feet into the A-1 zone. B-3 zoning extends to a depth of 300 feet on either side of the highway. The northern portion of the B-3 area is undevelopable wetlands.

Dakota has no concrete plans for the commercial property as of yet, but they strongly believe it will be an office building. Council Chairman Phil Walter said council would not change the zon-

ing without knowing exactly what is going to be built on the property. Council Vice Chairman Frank Wagner suggested that Dakota ask for a special exception to the zoning once they have a definite building plan.

Joe Albert, attorney for Dakota, suggested that council entertain the idea of rezoning the property specific to ownership and purpose. If Dakota were to either sell the land, or build something other than an office building then the township can push the property line back to its original 300 feet.

Albert did not return a phone call requesting more information on plans for the land.

Wagner is concerned that by granting a zone change for Dakota they will be setting a precedent for other businesses to expand onto property not zoned for commercial purposes. In other business:

• Police chief Robert Jolley is conducting a traffic study in the Shrine Acres development to determine if the speed limit should be lowered. Residents have complained of cars traveling

at excessive speeds, and ignoring stop signs on their streets. Council will review the reports of the study to determine any actions or ordinances that may be necessary to resolve this problem.

• A resolution was passed allowing Tax Collector Leonard Kozick to bill escrow companies \$5 for information requested per each taxable account. The money collected will go to the township.

• Connie Higgins was appointed to the Zoning Board.



POST PHOTO/ELIZABETH ANDERSON

The Dallas Middle School renovation project is moving along smartly. The engineer for the reconstruction said a temporary occupancy permit will be sought for some of the new areas of the building.

Middle school project takes another step forward

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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DALLAS — The first phase of the Dallas Middle School construction project will be coming to a close by April's end, Paul Degillio of Foreman Burkavage Architects and Engineers, Inc. told the school board, Monday evening.

Degillio said work on the project was approximately 40 percent completed and he will be asking the planning commission, Tuesday, for a temporary permit to allow occupancy of the new front areas including the entrance to the auditorium, the

"Things are moving quite well."
Paul Degillio
Foreman Burkavage

front administration area and the second floor classrooms. "Things are moving quite well," he added.

Degillio said PlanCon Part H was filed in Dec. 2001 but has been held up due to the state's very high backlog. PlanCon is the process by which school districts apply to the Commonwealth for financial reimbursement on large construction projects, with Part H specifically ad-

ressing the calculation of the temporary reimbursable percentage to the district by the state. Once it is approved, reimbursement on the project can occur.

"As soon as we get that back," Degillio said, "we can start drafting Part I." Part I, provides for the reporting of change orders and/or supplemental contracts during construction.

Ernest Ashbridge, Jr., current

Dallas School Board president and school board member for 31 years, will be honored at the Wycallis Founder's Day assembly on April 17.

Ashbridge presented two of the five winners of Mrs. Cathy Wega's LifeSmart team with the bronze medals they earned competing against 502 other Pennsylvania school districts. Erica Swatko, Janelle Opello and their teammates earned the privilege of representing Dallas School District at the state competition in Harrisburg, taking third place.

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Business club students off to state competition

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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Four Dallas High School students are traveling to Seven Springs, Pennsylvania this week to compete at the state level of competition for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. They and their moderator, Linda Shrader of Trucksville, joined regional winners from other area high schools for the five-hour bus ride.

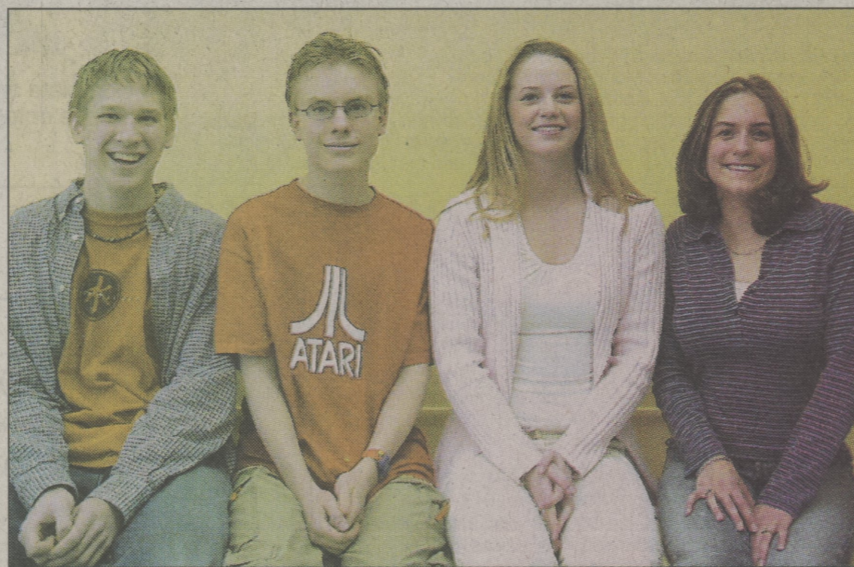
"FBLA is a nationally chartered organization that encourages leadership qualities among students entering the

business world," said Shrader, a business teacher at Dallas High School. She has been the FBLA club moderator for five years.

"This year we also hosted the annual workshop for the region, so it was a very busy year for us," she said.

The four winners, all juniors, are Kelly Lenahan, Adam Nolan Morgan, Steven Losh and Laura Vanderhook. "I took a first place in Business Calculations," said Adam Morgan, a noted mathematics wizard. "I think the state com-

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POST PHOTO/M.B. GILLIGAN

Dallas High School regional winners of the Future Business Leaders of America competition will travel to the state level of competition in Seven Springs. They are, from left: Adam Nolan Morgan, Steven Losh, Kelly Lenahan and Laura Vanderhook.

Supervisor appointments get a public repair job

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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KINGSTON TWP. — John A. Versari and Cornelius J. Allen were once again appointed to the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors on Thursday night.

Township supervisors said they took "curative action" to remedy what township solicitor Benjamin Jones III said were any possible infractions of the state's Sunshine Act in appointing Versari and Allen the first time — about two weeks earlier.

Residents packed two special public meetings of the township's Board of Supervisors as Supervisors Paul Sabol and J. Carl Goodwin appointed the men.

"The Dallas Post front page certainly pointed out the need for legal clarification," said Jones, referring to an article that appeared March 28, in which a media lawyer said that possible infractions of the Sunshine Act may have occurred.

Although no legal decisions have been made as to whether Sabol and Goodwin violated the act, Jones said the meetings were held to publicly debate the appointments and remedy and possible violations.

"The article in The Dallas Post raises a question that has really been raised in other papers, and unless that legal question (concerning the appointments of

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Benjamin Jones III
Solicitor

Versari and Allen) is resolved, there are serious legal consequences," said Jones. "It is highly necessary to satisfy any questions that may have arisen as a result of the March 22 transactions."

Questions into the legality of the action to name Versari and Allen began circulating immediately after their appointments to the board. Sabol said he and Goodwin had made Versari and Allen aware of their appointments prior to the March 22 meeting.

Jones said he canvassed lawyers throughout the state who deal with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act on a regular basis, and of the five he consulted, three thought no infractions of the act occurred, while the other two expressed that there may

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Cody Karalunas practices chest compressions on his training manikin. Care must be taken to stay away from the bottom of the breastbone (the xiphoid).

Scouts learn CPR and more

The young men of Troop 155 in Kingston Township have been busy learning their ABCs — the ABCs of saving lives.

Airway: Open the airway
Breathing: Look, listen and feel for signs of breathing, give rescue breaths if needed

Circulation: Check for signs of circulation and begin chest compressions and rescue breaths if needed

Calling it a CPR course is much too narrow a title.

Under the tutelage of Laura O'Malley, and with the assistance of Emergency Medical Technicians Donna Bartron and Danny Piccillo (he's also an Eagle Scout), the 20 boy scouts

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