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Barbara King, of Dallas, and Craig Bachik, an urban planner with Kairos Design, review the fine points of one of several plans for the center of Dallas and the Hildebrandt Road/309 intersection. Residents were able to post comments on various plans presented by Penn DOT.

REACTIONS

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Besecker does agree, however, that traffic flow is a problem at the intersection and needs to be fixed.

"With the continued growth, I believe something has to be done," he said. "I'm not convinced the roundabout is what has to be done. There's traffic backup on the highway coming into Dallas from Harveys Lake and you sit there for three lights sometimes before you can go through, which is a long time."

None of the projected reconstructions for the intersection will affect Besecker's building. In fact, he's been told he'll have more room between his office and the highway.

"I'm not unhappy about that," the businessman said.

As an active firefighter for Dallas Fire and Ambulance, Besecker is also interested in the Upper Demunds and Hildebrandt intersection. He feels the better situation for the fire company is option three, which would bring Upper Demunds Road between M & T Bank and the Country Club Shopping Center out to the highway, adding a traffic light.

Norman Darling Jr., of Darling's Farms and Greenhouses on Hildebrandt Road, says changes in Hildebrandt Road and Upper Demunds Road

UPPER DEMUNDS/HILDEBRANDT

Design options for the Upper Demunds Road and Hildebrandt Road intersection are:

- A cul-de-sac of Hildebrandt Road that would create a new intersection with Upper Demunds Road further up the road
- Relocation of Upper Demunds Road so it intersects with Hildebrandt Road later on
- Changing Upper Demunds Road so it cuts between M&T Bank and the Country Club Shopping Center and meets Route 309, adding a traffic light and eliminating an intersection with Hildebrandt Road
- Redesigning Upper Demunds Road so it runs behind Country Club Shopping Center, meets Route 309 at which there would be a traffic light and eliminates an intersection with Hildebrandt Road.

won't affect his business. "It doesn't matter to me one way or the other," he said. "The stuff that they're doing for the school - that might mess us up a little bit."

Darling attended the meeting on the road options and felt choice four is best which would take Upper Demunds Road behind the Country Club Shopping Center.

The intersection projects are scheduled to be in the preliminary engineering and environmental analysis stages in 2008 and 2009, final design in 2010 through late 2011 and construction from late 2011 through 2012.

NATURE

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"What's the white thing on the brown thing?" Grace Harding asked about a white patch on the Great Horned Owl. Young explained the owl was flashing its patch as a warning sign to stay away.

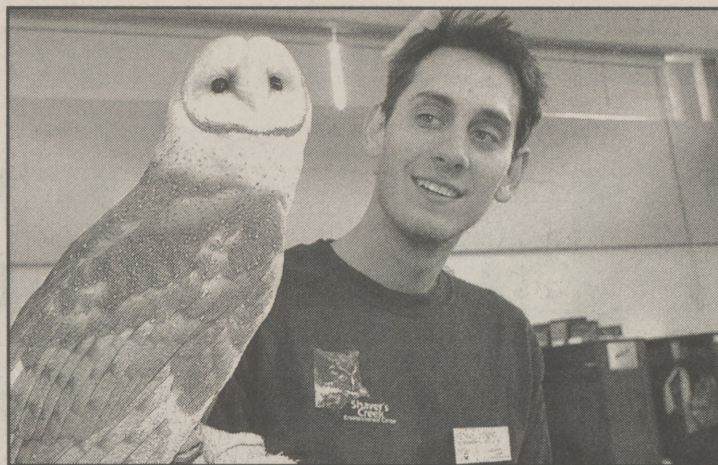
Only the Red-tailed Hawk had a leash attached to its feet so it could not fly away. The hawk is able to fly, but wouldn't make it on her own since she was shot in 1999 and had a pellet lodged in her elbow joint.

The children were both amused and disgusted when the birds defecated on the floor. But Young used it as an opportunity to educate the students about the droppings. He pointed out that the birds urinate and defecate at the same time. The white in the droppings is urine and the brown is feces.

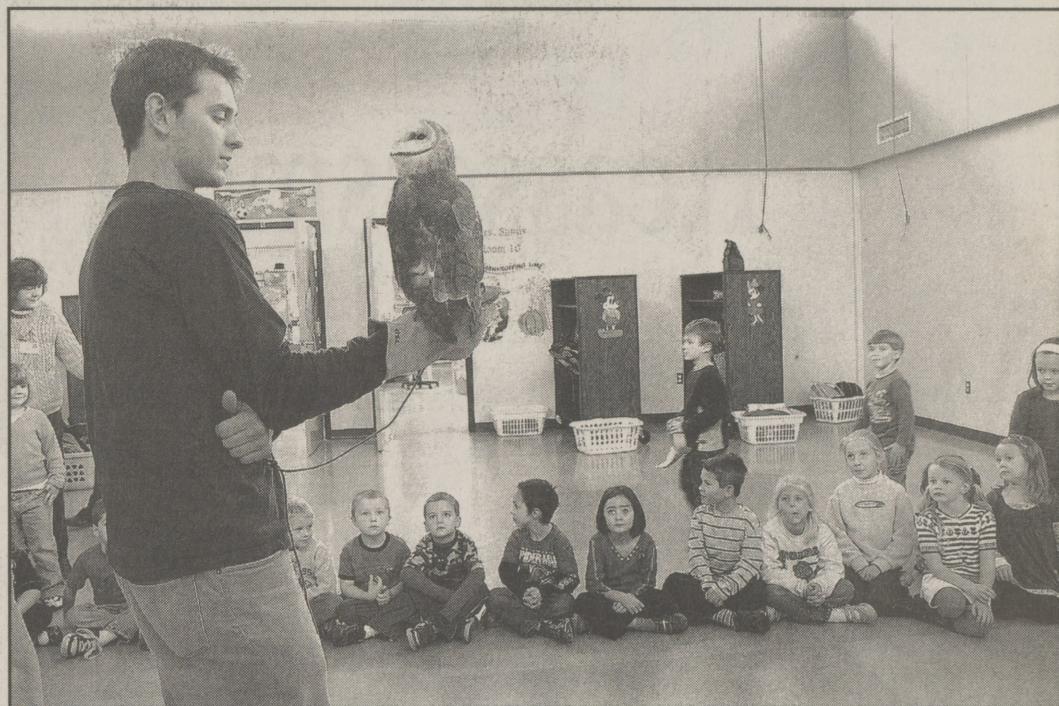
"They go to the bathroom, too," Young said.

Cassidy Mosher's favorite raptor was the Barn Owl because of its heart-shaped facial disk. But she also enjoyed seeing the hawk.

"I liked when he took out the Red-tailed Hawk because that was the first time I ever saw a Red-tailed Hawk up close," Mosher said.



Kenny Young, an environmental educator from Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, displayed a barn owl at Roslund Elementary School in Tunkhannock.



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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Puzzles, Page 2

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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DOWNTOWN DALLAS

Five different plans for the downtown Dallas Borough five-leg intersection are:

- A circular center island at Route 415, Church Street, Lake Street and Main Street
- An oval center island at Route 415, Church Street, Lake Street and Main Street
- A traffic light at Route 415, Church Street and Main Street with another light further up the highway at Route 415, Lake Street and Machell Avenue
- A double roundabout with a center island at Route 415, Church Street and Main Street and another center island at Route 415, Lake Street and Machell Avenue
- A large oval at Route 415, Church Street, Lake Street, Machell Avenue and Main Street

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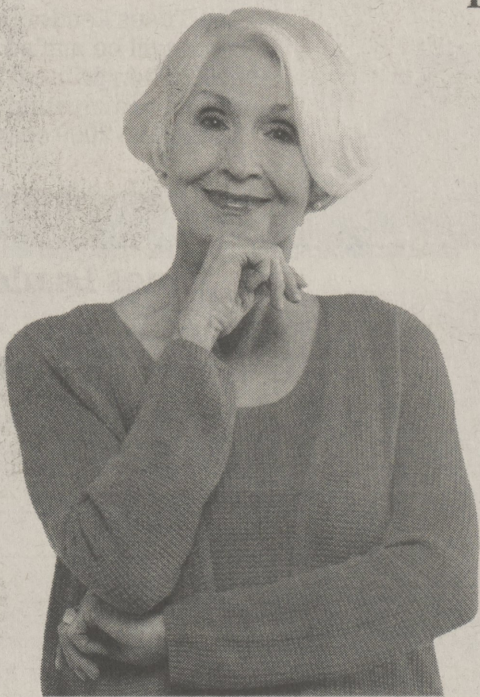
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