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## Cheers! Cheering squad adds a new dimension

By JESSICA APPOLO  
Post Staff

**LEHMAN** - The Lake-Lehman cheerleading squad is leaping to new heights with the addition of two not-so-typical cheerleaders named Eric Pimm and Matt Hinton.

"Although it's rare here in the North to see boys on the cheerleading squad, it's very common and popular in the South," said Lehman cheerleading coach Sandy Dobrowolski. A member of the Universal Cheerleading Association, Dobrowolski just returned from observing the National High School Championship competition held in Orlando, Florida.

Until now the Lehman squad, like nearly all high school squads in our area, was limited to certain stunts for lack of strength and members. On an all-girl cheerleading squad, most stunts require two girls, a spotter and a flyer. A co-ed cheerleading squad allows the team to attempt more difficult and elaborate stunts. Co-ed stunts use fewer members to base a mount, which allows for more mounts and a more difficult routine.

Team members have been very supportive and enthusiastic about Eric and Matt joining the squad, but everyone had some adjustments to make. "It was awkward at first touching the girls, having to lift them," Eric, now in his second season cheerleading, says. In turn, the girls had to adjust to having less privacy with a male around at practices and bus rides, this year two of them since Hinton, a freshman, joined the Lehman cheerleaders.

Both Matt and Eric had to try



Matt Hinton, foreground, and Eric Pimm held Kelly Cave up during a break in the Dallas-Lehman basketball game last week. The boys have added new mounts to the Black Knight cheerleading routine.

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out for the team just as the girls do, with the only restriction for boys being dancing. Eric and Matt were required to learn several cheers, chants, routines and jumps like toe touches.

Both boys are anxious to learn more gymnastics. Eric is working on back flips and back tucks. Team members say he has no fear and learns very fast because he's not afraid to try anything.

Eric is planning to attend a cheerleading camp this summer to improve stunt work and if possible he'll also attend a gymnastics camp.

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## Pay dispute halts discipline program

### Union insists on full-time pay, benefits

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
Post Staff

**DALLAS** - An in-school suspension program has been cancelled by the Dallas administration after the district and Dallas Education Association (DEA) could not agree on how to pay the supervisor of the students.

The district hired a PA certified teacher at \$60 a day with no benefits. The DEA's contention was that the district should pay the "professional employee" a "professional salary."

Gil Griffiths, superintendent, said after discussing the issue with Bill Wagner, DEA president, the union presented a proposed memorandum of understanding that the administration could not accept.

Wagner said the memorandum told the board of directors the union would file a grievance if they did not pay the supervisor a

*"It would've been beneficial for students and teachers in both the middle and high schools."*

Dr. Gil Griffiths  
Dallas superintendent

teacher's salary by September. "We were going to meet them half way. We said they could keep paying him \$60 a day for the rest of the year. But, come September, they should pay him a professional salary. They didn't want to do that," said Wagner.

He estimated that a professional salary would be around \$25,000 per year, plus benefits. Wagner said the teacher was working 40 hours per week.

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## Lake-Lehman wiring schools to cyberspace

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
Post Staff

**LEHMAN** - Lake-Lehman School District's next step in Gov. Tom Ridge's Link-to-Learn program is to get Lehman-Jackson Elementary on-line to the Internet.

The three-year program provides Lake-Lehman with \$44,000 a year to upgrade computers and provide related teacher training. The district does not have to match the non-competitive grant.

Ridge visited the school last January to personally present the

first of three checks. The money is part of \$121 million awarded to 297 public school districts statewide.

"The program is doing very well," said Roseanne Ragnacci, technology coordinator for Lake-Lehman High School. She said the school networked a computer lab with internet access within the high school last year.

"This year we plan to give Lehman-Jackson its own access. We will run fiber optic lines from the

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Kingston Township offices will move to the new municipal building Feb. 23.

## Township offices, police move to new digs next week

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
Post Staff

**KINGSTON TWP.** - Township administrators and police will operate out of the new municipal building beginning Monday, Feb. 23. The new \$7.5 million building at 180 E. Center St. will house the administration offices, zoning officer and tax collector in the upper level. The police department will occupy the lower level.

All meetings of the Board of

Supervisors and commissions will take place at the new building. Telephone numbers remain the same: Administration Office, 696-3809; Police, 696-1175; Fax, 696-3411.

The township has entered into a lease agreement with the Back Mountain Regional Land Trust for office space at the present municipal building at 11 Carverton Rd. Jeff Box, township

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## Foreign scam letters turn up in Back Mountain mailboxes

Businesses in the Back Mountain have become the target of a scam attempt that has surfaced over the past few weeks in other areas of the nation.

Name here, of the Dallas Post Office, said dozens of letters postmarked in Lagos, Nigeria had recently arrived, each addressed in neat handwriting to a local business. Inside the brown envelope, recipients found a typewritten letter from a Dr. Duro Akosa, claiming to be a management consultant in the Directorate of Petroleum Resources (DPR).

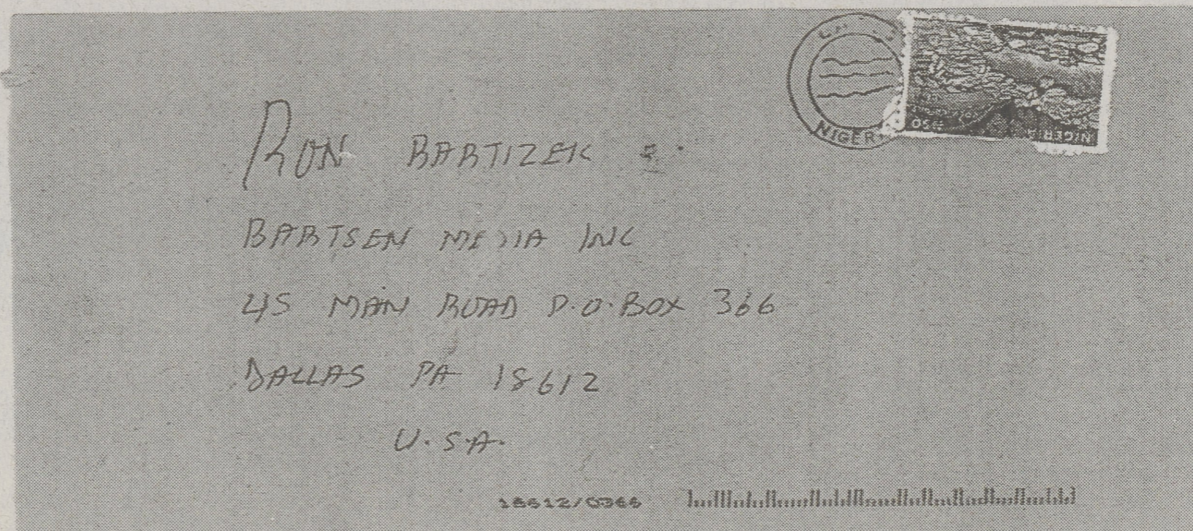
The letter explains that a series of contracts executed by a "Consortium of Multinationals" has been fully paid for, but the contracts were deliberately un-

derstated by \$27,350,000 U.S., and that money is available to transfer to the recipient's bank account "for subsequent disbursement." The business accepting this offer will be paid 25 percent of the sum, plus 5 percent for incidental expenses.

The writer requests confidentiality, claiming that he has spent 20 years in the civil service of Nigeria and "am very much averse to having, my image and career dented."

The letter includes telephone and fax numbers in Lagos, and asks that the recipient reply immediately, preferably by fax, one assumes with a bank account number.

by Ronald Bartizek



Letters like this one have been turning up in business mail in the Back Mountain, and around the nation. They contain a scam that asks for the business's bank account numbers.

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