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Heave-ho

Dallas Fire and Ambulance members pushed and pulled the company's old engine into the new firehouse Sunday, a tradition for fire companies when they first move in. From left, foreground; Bob Rogers, Jeff Hockenberry, Tim Carroll,

Bill Ward, Bill Baker, Rodney Wilhelm. Back row; Dean Fitch and Brett Slocum. Al Shaffer was in charge of steering. The new fire hall on E. Center Hill Rd. will host an open house March 29. Story, more photos on page 3.

Baseball, softball seasons could be picked off

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
Post Staff

DALLAS - Once again Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. has been thrown a curve. With a pending lawsuit threatening to postpone the construction of two new athletic fields for the Dallas School District for two years, the upcoming baseball and softball seasons are up in the air.

The district has informed BMT Baseball that it might have to use the upper fields next to the administration building for middle school teams. The school district owns the land the fields are on, and has leased it to the league for \$1 each year. School board members plan to tour the fields soon to determine what will be needed by the district.

"We want to find out exactly what our needs are. We will try to accommodate everybody," said Tony Barbose, board member.

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Artist opens gallery for herself, others

By JENNIFER JUDGE
Post Correspondent

DALLAS - Margo Vigorito wasn't always encouraged to pursue her art career. "My high school art teacher told me I was wasting my time pursuing art," she said. "Four years later, I had my first one woman art show. I sent him the clipping and told him never to discourage his students."

On Sunday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Vigorito will kick off the opening of Margo Vigorito's Fine Art Gallery and Studio on Route 415, Harveys Lake. The gallery will first exhibit her own work. She decided to open the

"What better way to occupy your children for a few hours?"

Margo Vigorito
Harveys Lake gallery owner

gallery to offer opportunities to new artists. "I want to offer the gallery to predominantly unshown artists," she said. "It's very difficult to show your own work if you're new." Vigorito's next exhibition will showcase the work of her students.

Australian born Vigorito obtained a six month visa and moved

to Manhattan seven years ago, she explained. The Back Mountain became her home after she met, fell in love with, and married an American man a year later. "It's like a fairy tale," she said.

Vigorito's range of subjects and medium are not limited. She works in pencil, charcoal, pastels, acrylics, oils, gloss enamels, and others. "I'm still at a stage in my life where I haven't discovered what I can't do."

The paintings in her exhibition range from Huntsville garden scenes to Sorrento, Australia beach scenes, animal portraits to

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Margo Vigorito, discouraged from pursuing art, is opening a gallery at Harveys Lake.

Special meeting will decide cell tower issue

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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KINGSTON TWP. - The fate of a proposed 150-ft. cellular tower is uncertain after the Board of Supervisors tabled a decision March 11 after a three and half hour public hearing. The board will hold a special meeting March 25 to make its decision.

More than 70 people packed into the meeting room of the new municipal building on E. Center St. to hear from Cellular One and voice concerns about safety, lowered property value and esthetics.

Eight families retained Atty. Mark McNealis, who maintained that the tower does not fit the definition of a conditional use under the township's zoning ordinance. The ordinance defines a conditional use as a public or semi-public use, which McNealis said, Cellular One is neither. He said a cellular company is not a public utility and therefore cannot be a public use.

The planning commission recommended against granting Cel-

"Where was everybody when we advertised this over the last 10 months?"

Randall Glidden
Kingston Twp. supervisor

lular One a conditional use permit. Ed Price, planning commissioner, asked the board to not grant the permit because the tower could prove a safety hazard by falling and will be an eyesore for the people who live next to it and anyone driving on Rt. 309.

To the dismay of many residents, Randall Glidden told the audience the board could not consider safety issues when rendering its decision.

Atty. Michael Melnick, who sat in for board solicitor Ben Jones, said, "Unfortunately, this board has to follow the federal law even if they don't want to. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 says

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Price's supporters carry the day at Lake-Lehman

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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LEHMAN - Supported by a majority in an audience of about 300, Dr. William Price agreed to serve as superintendent of the Lake-Lehman School District for five more years after the school board voted to renew his contract.

The board voted 6-3 to renew Price's contract with an annual salary of \$77,613 and raises subject to board approval. After the majority of the audience finished applauding, Price addressed them. "I wish to thank all who took the time to call and write notes. I intend to stay the superintendent of Lake-Lehman," he said. "We need to continue striving for educational excellence. Together we're going to move forward."

Lois Kopcha, board president, Robert Allardyce and Rose Howard voted against contract renewal. Kopcha said she could support a three-year contract, but not a five years.

Allardyce said Price brought all the controversy on himself by "throwing" his renewal at them and then resigning when they questioned him. "The school board is supposed to do a little nicks-picking," he said. Allardyce was booed when he referred to the audience as inmates who were running the asylum.

Price resigned last month during an unruly board meeting with audience members speaking out of turn and questioning his pay

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Dr. William Price
Lake-Lehman superintendent



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Chip Sorber, a teacher of social studies and baseball coach at Lake-Lehman, spoke passionately about the district's progress during last week's school board meeting.

and contract. Some board members did not want to vote on the contract because they said it was not properly put on the agenda, while others said the board was made aware of the recommendation at its executive session the

week before.

Roxanne Williams of Sweet Valley, whose daughter is a senior, was happy with the board's vote and Price's decision. "It was an excellent decision. It's the best thing the board ever did," she

said. "He's more than qualified. He really is for the kids."

During the meeting, Jim Nelligan of Harveys Lake asked Price to tell him concisely what

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