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Lake-Lehman will play under lights Saturday

Permanent lighting installed at football field

LEHMAN TWP. — Lake-Lehman will play its first home night football game in 10 years Saturday, and this time the lights will stay put after the game.

Lights were erected this fall as part of the renovations made to Edward Edwards Stadium, and the district had hoped to use them even sooner. But last week's heavy rains worked for and then against that plan, as a soccer game between Lake-Lehman and Dallas was first scheduled for Thursday night, then relocated. The rain postponed application of a new all-weather surface to the track that surrounds the football field, which requires 48 hours to dry.

But the lights are fine. "They're up and running," said Rich Gorgone, ath- See LEHMAN LIGHTS, pg 5

Sick day buyback retains old cap in new contract

LEHMAN TWP. — The Lake-Lehman Education Association, the teachers' union, decided not to make an issue of sick day buybacks that threatened to derail the signing of a new employment contract.

The former contract paid teachers \$42 per day for each sick day they did not use in their careers, up to a maximum of \$4,200 that could be collected at retirement. The new agreement raised the daily rate by \$3 a day in three steps through its five years, but the maximum was not changed. That issue was not included in a list of unresolved issues the union submitted to a mediator, so it technically couldn't be addressed after all the standing disagreements were worked out.

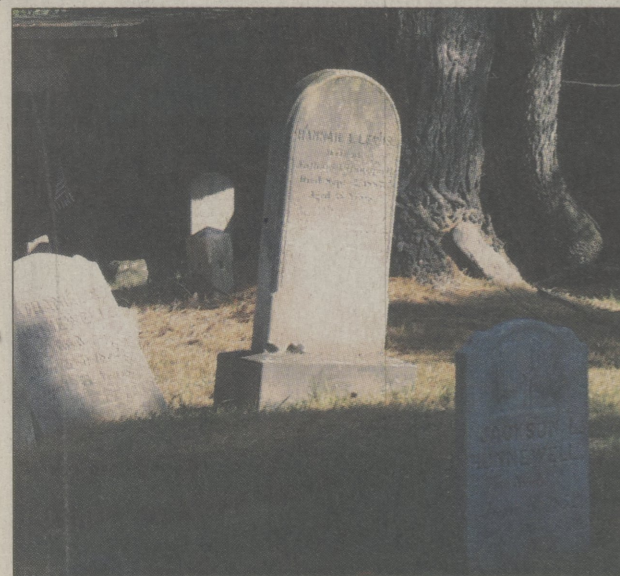
"We had hoped to get more," said Phil Lipski, vice president of LLEA, but he said it was never an issue worth striking about. "It's been a long, hard battle," Lipski said. "We were happy to say it's over."



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Hangin' on

Dallas receiver Mike Racoski was brought down by Wyoming Valley West's Tyler Lauri in Monday's game. The game was postponed from Saturday because heavy rains caused concerns that play would damage the field surface at the high school. Valley West handed the Mountaineers a 25-7 loss, putting Dallas's hopes for post-season play. Dallas travels to Tunkhannock for a game Friday night.



POST PHOTO/ERIN YOUNGMAN

Rice Cemetery in Dallas is one of several in the Back Mountain that contain historic graves.

Cemeteries contain buried historical treasure

By ERIN YOUNGMAN Post Staff

Ever wonder about the inhabitants of the Back Mountain circa 1800, or where the names Shavertown or Kunkle originated? Or which of your neighbors had ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War?

Find out at the third meeting of the Back Mountain Historical Association. "Buried in the Back Mountain: the Graves of Interesting Historical Figures," will be presented by Stephen B. Killian Esq. on October 23 in the McGowan Conference Center on the third floor of the library at College of Misericordia.

Killian has been conducting cemetery research for five years and has

guided cemetery tours for the Luzerne County Historical Association for the last two years.

His Powerpoint presentation will highlight some of the history of the Back Mountain through a photo tour of nine of its cemeteries.

Killian said his research began when he and Will Conyngham started searching cemeteries looking for members of a specific infantry group from the Civil War. That was about five years ago and since then the pair has located many interesting and curious bits of local history they have documented on film.

"Through the course of going cemetery to cemetery, I saw other unusual burials," said Killian.

For example, Killian said in the

Beaumont Cemetery lies a man who served 12 years with Napoleon the First. Two Revolutionary War veterans are buried in the Ide Cemetery.

"I selected cemeteries (for the presentation) where I thought there was someone interesting buried," said Killian.

Hear about the origins of some of the cemeteries, founders of Back Mountain communities such as Phillip Shaver and Phillip Kunkle, forebears of Back Mountain families and local veterans of the Revolution and Black Hawk Wars.

There will be a question and answer period directly following the presentation and light refreshments offered.

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Real-life Peter Pans Dallas High student's project rediscovers flight of Cuban children

By ERIN YOUNGMAN Post Staff

When Jered Weinstock set out to do his History Day project last December, he never expected he would win the regional competition, compete at the state level and that hundreds, if not thousands of school children in Louisiana would view his Powerpoint presentation.

A ninth grader at Dallas High School during the 2001-2002 school year, Jered said what he was hoping for was a challenge.

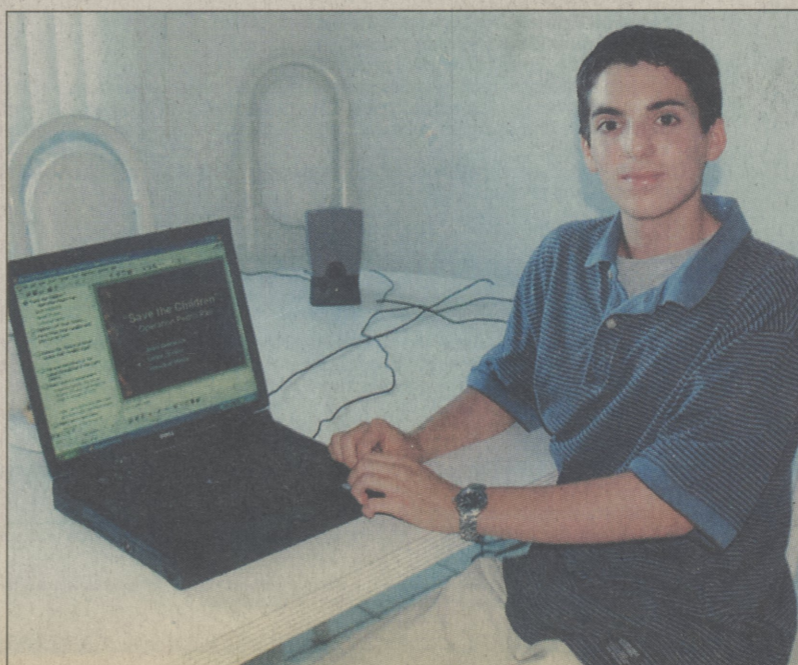
"I definitely knew I was going to gain a

lot of knowledge other than the plain old stuff," said Jered about what he expected from joining the History Day Club.

"Jered's experience reinforces the fact that good projects don't always win, but they can take students in other directions," said Maryann Storz, Jered's History Day advisor.

Jered and Storz agree that it has been the experience, not necessarily the honors, that have been most valuable. Jered has had the opportunity to forge relationships with the people he has been

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Jered Weinstock sits in front of his Powerpoint presentation, "Save the children: Operation Pedro Pan."

POST PHOTO/ ERIN YOUNGMAN

Board takes back high school project

Peeved at delays on middle school, directors withhold payment, too

By ERIN YOUNGMAN Post Staff

DALLAS — The Dallas school board voted Oct. 14 against paying Foreman Architects/Engineers Inc. and Reynolds Construction Management Company, and rescinded the appointment of Foreman for the upcoming high school renovation.

In the ongoing saga that is the Dallas Middle School construction project, for the second time since August, Dallas voted to withhold over \$28,000 dollars from the project architect/engineers and their construction management company, due to the board's continued dissatisfaction with their performance.

The board voted 7-0 against payment to Reynolds. Deborah Morgantini and Frank Natitus were absent.

The board also voted 6-1 to withhold payment from Foreman. School Board President, Ernest Ashbridge voted for payment.

"It's for their non-performance in scheduling, completion dates, the natorium," said Dallas Superintendent Gil Griffiths.

Completion dates have changed again since the September meeting when Reynold's predicted completion dates of October 4. Griffiths said the date changes are due to a breakdown in communication between contractors and construction management.

The band, chorus and industrial arts rooms and natatorium are now scheduled for completion on October 21. The swim team is also expected to start October 21 and academic swimming classes for grades 3, 7 and 9 on October 31.

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