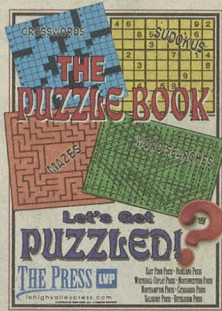


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Board declines 'Friends' help, for now

By **BERNIE O'HARE**
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Despite pleas from the recently-formed Friends of Johnston, Bethlehem Township Commissioners said "No" at their Feb. 18 meeting to an offer of help in restoring a 22-room mansion that was once home to Bethlehem's first mayor, Archibald Johnston.

In a 3-2 vote, commissioners declined to support this group. President Paul Weiss, Michael Hudak and Martin Zawarski voted against the proposal, which was supported by Tom Nolan and Phil "Felix" Barnard. But after the meeting, Weiss indicated that

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the commissioners would support the Friends of Johnston if they are willing to work with and under the township's Parks and Recreation Board.

The Friends of Johnston has been established to preserve, restore and repurpose Housenick Park, located off Christian Springs Road. The park was donated to the township under the will of Janet Housenick in 2006 and consists of the mansion as well as a 55-acre tract of land, nestled along Monocacy Creek. Housenick also estab-

lished a \$2 million trust fund to assist with maintenance costs.

Ten Johnston Friends urged commissioners to adopt a resolution supporting their mission at the park. Pediatrician Dr. Andrew Unger argued for a restoration of the mansion.

"They just don't make 'em like that anymore," he said. His sentiments were echoed by Bethlehem City Council member Karen Dolan.

"You can't pass up an opportunity like this," she urged. "Accept this gift. You will not regret it."

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PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE
 Victoria Bastidas has been the driving force behind efforts to restore Housenick Park and its mansion.

RIGHT: Mayor John Callahan, Mary Mowrer and Gordon Mowrer uncover the marker which recognizes the former mayor's contributions to the revitalization of the northside business district in Historic Bethlehem.

BELOW: Easton Mayor Sal Panto attends and visits with former Mayor Gordon Mowrer and Mowrer's grandson Noah Huron prior to the start of the dedication ceremony.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

FOUNTAIN HILL Zoning board OKs new daycare

By **DOROTHY PYLES**
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

After much deliberation and many questions, Fountain Hill Zoning Board unanimously approved plans for a new daycare at its Feb. 19 meeting.

Applicant Sonia Bourgeois may continue renovations and planning for her childcare establishment. Bourgeois currently owns a family daycare located at 626 West Tilghman St., Allentown, but would like to expand her existing services.

The center will be located at 710 Fiot St. and will have an entrance on Seneca Street. The daycare will have long hours provided to working parents. Bourgeois was granted her request to have hours from 6 a.m. until midnight Monday through Sunday. Her purpose for these hours is to be able to provide a facility to parents who work first and second shifts.

The suggested hours did prompt some concern from the board, especial-

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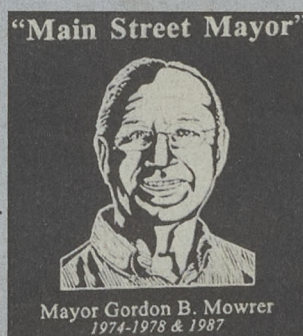
Main Street Mayor



By **DANA GRUBB**
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Former Bethlehem Mayor Gordon Mowrer received his just due as a monument commemorating his legacy, the 1970s revitalization of Main Street, was unveiled and dedicated in his honor Feb. 19.

Nearly 100 family members and friends braved the rainy and chilly weather to honor Mowrer, whom Mayor John Callahan said has "a servant heart." Among those in attendance were former Bethlehem Mayor Ken Smith, Easton Mayor Sal Panto and state representatives Steve Samuelson and Dan McNeill.



Mowrer reminisced about his decision to forego the traditional urban renewal efforts of the 1960s and 1970s, in which blocks were cleared and new structures built, in favor of preservation and capitalizing on downtown Bethlehem's ambience.

"We have one thing to sell down here," said Mowrer, "and that's history."

Victorian era street lamps, benches, bollards, brick and slate sidewalks and street trees were incorporated into the design that Mowrer's 1974 to 1977 administration advanced, and that today remain attractive to many visitors in Bethlehem.

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'Engagement better than confrontation'

Madeleine Albright delivers annual Kenner Lecture at Lehigh

By **DOROTHY GLEW**
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

In 1948 at age 10, Madeleine Albright and her parents immigrated to the United States from her birthplace in Prague when the Communist Party took over the government of Czechoslovakia. In 1993, President Bill Clinton appointed her Ambassador to the United Nations. Four years later she was unanimously confirmed by the Senate as the nation's first female Secretary of State and the highest ranking woman in the United States government.

Albright's ascent to Secretary of State followed her work as a fundraiser for the presidential campaign of Sen. Edmund Muskie in 1972, as congressional liaison to the National Security Council under National Security Advisor Zbigniew

Brzezinski, as a faculty member in Eastern European Studies at Georgetown University, and as a Democratic Party foreign policy advisor during the vice presidential campaign of Geraldine Ferraro in 1984 and the presidential campaign of Michael Dukakis in 1988.

Since leaving office, Albright has authored three New York Times bestsellers, including her autobiography, "Madam Secretary: A Memoir," published in 2003. Albright currently serves as a chair of Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategy firm. She teaches at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and serves on the Board of Directors of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Board of Trustees for the Aspen Institute and the Board of Directors of the Center for a New

American Security.

On Feb. 12, Albright visited Lehigh University to deliver the annual Kenner Lecture on Cultural Understanding and Tolerance. The lecture series of Lehigh's College of Arts & Sciences was established in 1997 by Jeffrey L. Kenner, a Lehigh alumnus and former member of the board of trustees who has funded numerous projects at the university. The lecture, in the Zoellner Center's Baker Hall, drew an overflow crowd.

Albright saluted Lehigh as a fine school with "an outstanding president who happens to be a woman" and for the way it "ignited March Madness in 2012."

She predicted that Lehigh "will rock the world again this year," even without C.J. McCollum.

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PRESS PHOTO BY DOROTHY GLEW
 Dr. Madeleine Albright offers her prescription for promoting cultural understanding and tolerance.

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BY DANA GRUBB

What did you think when Pope Benedict XVI announced he was retiring at the end of February?



"It's a bold move, and it's better that he steps down to let somebody else who is physically able to do the job do it. It took a big man to make a move like that."
Darrin Follweiler
Walnutport



"I was surprised that he gave only two week's notice. With that kind of job you would have thought he'd give more notice."
Elizabeth Babbin
Bethlehem



"My initial reaction was good for him to make that decision for himself and to give himself a break. I thought it was a brave decision."
Sarah Reed
Kutztown



"I got a sense that he just wasn't up for the job anymore. He was too tired, so he retired."
Doug Babbin
Bethlehem

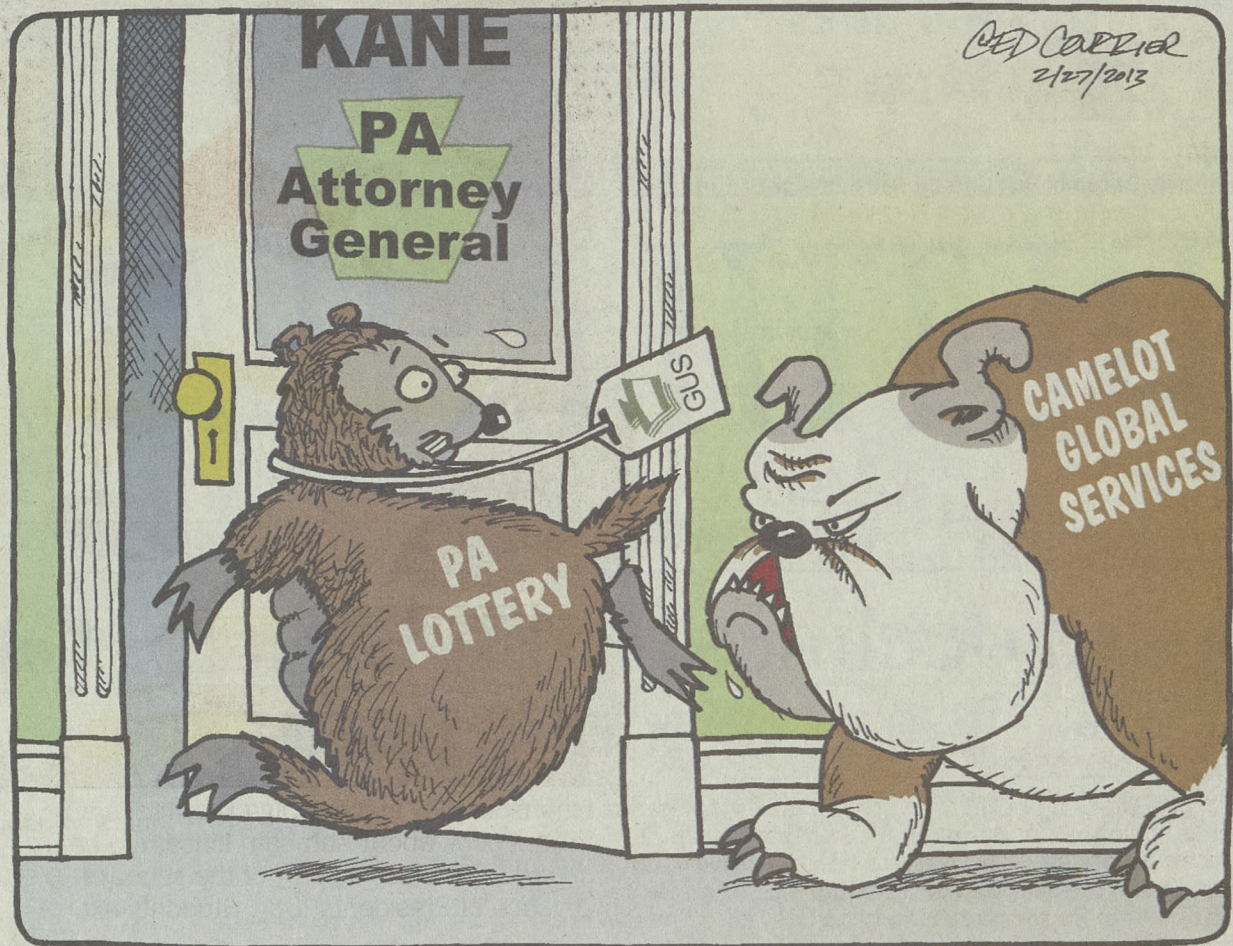


"Being the first pope to step down in 600 years - it's a lot of stress given his age. The ongoing scandal of sex abuse had to put a lot of strain on him. Other popes haven't had to deal with these kinds of things."
John Tuscher
Bethlehem



"I was surprised because of how long Pope John Paul II had served, despite having Parkinson's disease. So, I found it unusual. He seemed in good health."
Kelly Hamilton
Walnutport

ANOTHER VIEW



BOARD

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Victoria Bastidas, who along with Commissioner Tom Nolan, has been the driving force behind this movement, challenged the commissioners to be as visionary as Mayor Archibald Johnston, who in his 1918 inaugural address recognized the importance of community centers.
But Hudak said commissioners are already following a 2011 House-nick Park Plan that calls for \$1.7 million in improvements to the park, with another \$1 million for mansion restoration as a public use. The plan envisions 2.29 miles of walking trails, a pavilion, trail head and public rest-

rooms.
"Contrary to what we heard earlier, progress is being made there," Hudak said.
Nolan sharply disagreed.
"You put a dagger in the heart of the mansion tonight," he charged. Right after the meeting, Nolan and Hudak engaged in a heated exchange.
"You should be ashamed of yourself," Hudak said to Nolan. "Who do you represent, the people of this township or Vicky Bastidas?"
Bastidas lives in Bethlehem, not the township. But despite the angry words, Weiss said he believes things can be

worked out. If the Friends are willing to interact with the township's Parks and Recreation Board, he would support their efforts. He complained that the board had been blindsided.
"They never talked to the board; they never talked to the manager or any of the staff," he observed. "Before it hit the press, they should have come to the township and discussed their proposal with us. We all found out at the last minute."
Weiss also complimented the Friends.
"I think they've got a great group of people there," he said. "But col-

lectively, between them and the township, it's going to be a question about how you dovetail that together."
The township's Parks and Recreation Board has been charged with facilitating the Housenick Park Plan, but Nolan complained it is collecting dust.
"If they [the Johnston Friends] think they can facilitate the restoration of the mansion faster, I'm all for it," he said. "I've got no problem with that."
Contacted after the meeting, Bastidas said her group is willing to work with the township's Parks and Recreation Committee.

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Based on years of experience in international affairs, Albright's prescription for promoting cultural understanding and tolerance is to "do a lot of listening." She noted that Wellesley College, her alma mater, was "American, Caucasian and Christian," in contrast to the diverse population of Lehigh. Albright urged students to seek out people who are different from themselves and hear what they have to say.
"Study the individuals who make you most upset," she said, "and pursue truth wherever that may lead."
Dialogue among people with different points of view may not eliminate differences, she conceded, but it might generate understanding and make it possible to manage and moderate diverse perspectives.

now we can only watch and hope that the new government in China does something."
In the case of Iran, as well as North Korea, Albright recommended multilateral talks.
"Engagement is better than confrontation," she said, "and you gain nothing by not talking."

Albright attributed our lack of involvement in the Syrian conflict to "intervention fatigue." She advocated applying her "Doability Doctrine," intervening only if we can make a difference. She did say that the international community should be doing more in Syria for both the rebels

and the refugees.
Asked about the use of drones, she acknowledged that, while we don't want boots on the ground, employing drones is a very complicated issue. Drones, as well as cyber warfare, are two new tools, and "we need to develop rules regarding their use."

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Thursday, Feb. 28

Salvation Army's Women's Ministries Valentine's party, 10:45 a.m., 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Friday, March 1

University Parish of Holy Ghost R.C. Church fish dinner, 4:30 to 7 p.m. eat in or take out. 417 Carlton Ave., For take-out, call 610-691-0210 between 1 and 4 p.m. today.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, February 27

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.
Bethlehem Township Zoning Board, 7 p.m., municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Bethlehem Zoning Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. public hearing room, Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Thursday, February 28

Hanover Township Zoning Board, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Lower Saucon Twp. Planning Commission, 7 p.m., township building, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike.

Monday, March 4

BASD Facilities and Curriculum committees, 6 p.m., education center dining room, 1516 Sycamore St.

Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners, 7 p.m., municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

Hanover Twp. Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Hellertown Council, 7 p.m., 685 Main St.

Tuesday, March 5

Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Freemansburg Council, 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St.

Wednesday, March 6

Bethlehem HARB, 4 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

CORRECTION

In our Notre Dame HS mini-THON coverage in the Feb. 20 issue, we mistakenly said that the writer of the article, Mary Paige Nesfeder, is our student reporter at Bethlehem Catholic HS. Mary Paige is obviously our student reporter at Notre Dame HS.

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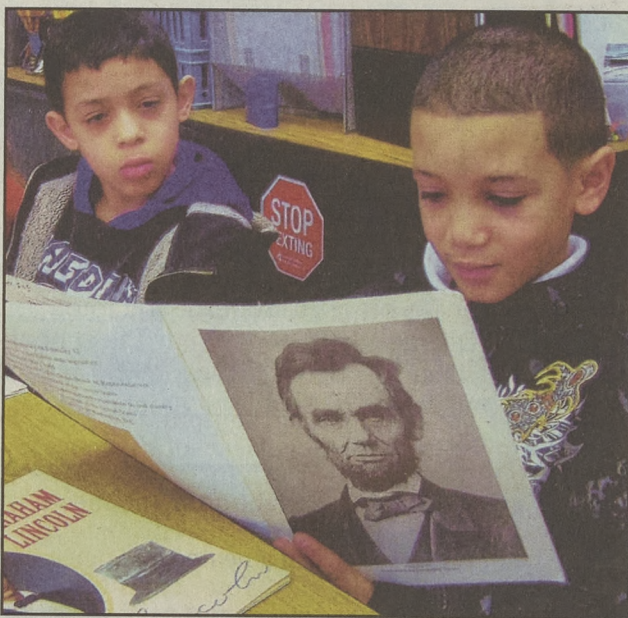
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Freemansburg ES teacher Olga Diaz reads an illustrated book about Abraham Lincoln to her third grade ESL class as part of the school's observance of Presidents' Day. Students Axel

Cruz, Julian Vidro and Agnes Jensen follow along with their copies of "Let's Read Biography." Classmate Keisla Acabeo was also part of the ESL reading session.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Presidents' Day at Freemansburg Elementary

LEFT: In observance of Presidents' Day, a third grade ESL class at Freemansburg ES reads an illustrated book about Abraham Lincoln, the 16th American president. Denny Romero tries to sneak a peek as classmate Kelvin Figueroa seems to be immersed in his copy of "Let's Read Biography" of President Lincoln. Students from the Bethlehem Area School District observed Presidents' Day in the classroom instead of at home, since the district was open during the national holiday due to a snow day makeup.

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ly with regard to security. Owner of the building Eugene Flapp mentioned the extensive lighting on the property and Bourgeois insisted she would invest in cameras for various locations.

Sheila Fernandez, an employee of Bourgeois, represented her employer. Flapp said there are currently inhabited apart-

ments above the proposed location of the daycare and next to the location. John Ashley Esq., member of the board, asked Flapp if there would be enough parking for tenants and employees of the daycare and for dropping off and picking up children. Flapp assured the board that there are 23 parking spaces available for use on the property

and ample room for a pick up and drop off area without interfering with tenant's private parking area. Fernandez submitted the plans of the property, as well as the architect's plans, to the board. Some changes will be made to the existing property, such as adding handicap accessible restrooms and entrances and exists. A small area for food prepa-

ration will also be added to the existing structure. The proposed plans include dividing the building into three separate age-appropriate rooms, with children ranging from infant to preteen.

Once Bourgeois and her team of employees will be able to open for business once they receive licensing from the state.

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"I love Bethlehem," Mowrer said. "We're different; we're special; we're unique."

The brick monument was constructed as part of the Main Street improvements completed in late 2012 at the intersection of Main and West Market streets. The project included underground

utility replacement, rebuilt crosswalks and curb ramps, new brick roadway and a granite star set in the road surface.

A time capsule was added to the monument beneath a second bronze plaque that listed contributors and public officials. It is anticipated that the

capsule will be opened in 2041 on the City's 300th anniversary and it's contents revealed. Included were letters from two Bethlehem Catholic HS students, a variety of public documents, several printed media, and a collection of local promotional materials.

According to Callahan,

the improvement project cost \$825,000, just over \$494,000 of which came from private donations and a city grant. Liberty Property contributed more than \$425,000 to the project. Utility work totaling nearly \$300,000 was covered by city water and sewer funds.

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Rooting Out Bitterness
Last week I wrote on the "Root of Bitterness" and briefly mentioned in my third point that bitterness takes root when one fails to accept the grace of God in humbly forgiving offenders. I strongly emphasized this point when I preached on the "Root of Bitterness" from Hebrews 12:15. In this column I will stress God's solution for Rooting Out Bitterness.
Jesus commanded, "Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven" (Luke 6:37) and "if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:15). Like Peter, our question may be, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." Then Jesus told the parable of the unforgiving servant. Though forgiven a 10,000 talent debt (equivalent to \$10 million), he vindictively held a 100 pence debt (less than \$1) against his fellow servant and came under the wrath of judgment. Jesus concluded, "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:21-35). We must forgive others just as completely and totally as God has forgiven us! The fact is that the wrong done to us is almost nothing compared to our infinite debt to God!
Forgiveness is the key to Rooting Out Bitterness! The excuse, "I can't forgive" really means "I won't forgive!" Jesus promises, "My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Corinthians 12:9). If you will humble yourself before God, He will give you the capacity by the power of His Holy Spirit to forgive your offenders through an act of His grace. "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (James 4:6). I urge you to hear this message at: <http://www.naog.us/sermons.htm>

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AREA DEATHS

Mildred E. Wright,

102

Mildred E. Wright, 102, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 19, 2013, in St. Luke's Hospital. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Frederick and Jennie (Lagler) Quier. She was the wife of the late Philip H. Wright.



She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem,

where she sang with the choir for many years.

She is survived by two daughters, Joanne Meldrum of Bethlehem and Judith Burke of Titusville, Fla.; three grandsons, Keith, James and Brian; and two great-grandchildren, Alexis and Christopher.

Contributions may be sent to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 474 Vine Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Arrangements were made by Pearson Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Pauline M. Casamassa

registered nurse

Pauline M. Casamassa, 81, of Bethlehem Township, died Jan. 29, 2013. Born in Perkasio, she was a daughter of the late Ralph and Delilah (Weikel) Stahr. She was the wife of the late Anthony D. Casamassa.

She was a graduate of the Sacred Heart School of Nursing and worked as a registered nurse for many years.

She was a member of the former Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Judith Casamassa, with whom she resided; a son, Anthony E. and his wife Katrinka of Bethlehem Township; and a brother, Robert and his wife Carol of Georgetown, Del.

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Robert John Boletz

Steel Club chef

Robert John Boletz, 69, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 25, 2013, in his home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late John and Helen (Scheidler) Boletz.

He was a 1961 Liberty HS graduate.

He was in the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam.

He was a chef at the former Bethlehem Steel Club for several years. Later, he was an executive chef for many years at the Tropicana Hotel and

Resort in Atlantic City, N.J. He was a taxi driver in Bethlehem before retiring in 2005. He is survived by a son, Christopher and his wife Silviya of Bensenville, Ill.; and a grandson, John.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, L.V. Unit, 3893 Adler Pl., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Sharon J. Beitler

Rosemont Lutheran Church member

Sharon J. Beitler, 66, of Cedarbrook, South Whitehall Township, died January 29, 2013. Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of the late Marion (Czar) Gerber and a stepdaughter of the late Frank Czar.

She was a member of Rosemont Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a brother, William Czar of Schnecksville, three nieces, Crystal, Kathryn

and Chelsea Czar; a nephew, Ben Czar; and an aunt, Sandy Pyle of Maryland.

Contributions may be made to the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, 501 Third St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20001.

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Josephine Ann Long

Sacred Heart Church member

Josephine Ann Long, 92, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 20, 2013, in Media. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Stella Maculesky. She was the wife of the late Victor Paul Long.

She was a seamstress and tailor.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church and was active for many years in the annual charity bazaar workshop.

She is survived by a brother, Stanley and his wife June Maculesky of Bethlehem; a son, Victor

and his wife Roseanne Long of Thornton; a daughter, Susan and her husband Edward Kille of Pilesgrove, N.J.; two grandsons, Victor and his wife Tammy Long of Worthington, Ohio and Joseph Kille of Pennsville, N.J.; and a great-grandson, Isaac Long.

She was predeceased by a brother, Joseph; and a sister, Martha, who was the wife of Frank Szvetez.

Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Mary L. (Laudenslager) Lelley

food services manager

Mary L. (Laudenslager) Lelley, 80, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 20, 2013, in her home. Born in Orefield, she was a daughter of the late Martin and Lulu (Schrader) Laudenslager. She was the wife of Charles R. Lelley for 57 years.

She was the manager of food services at B Braun Medical, Allentown, for 26 years until she retired in 1995.

She was a member of St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a

daughter, Diane L. and her husband Robert H. Wright of Wallingford; a brother, Donald M. and his wife Jane Laudenslager of Orefield; and five grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Michael A. Lelley; and a brother, Richard Laudenslager.

Contributions may be made to St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church, c/o the funeral home, P.O. Box # 196, Schnecksville, PA 18078-0196.

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Bethlehem resident Michael Contakes receives his certificate of appreciation from BASD superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy, Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan and BASD board president Michael Faccineto. Most of the 65 crossing guards who

protect students at crossings in the City of Bethlehem, boroughs of Fountain Hill and Freemansburg, and Bethlehem and Hanover townships, attended the breakfast to receive their certificates of appreciation.

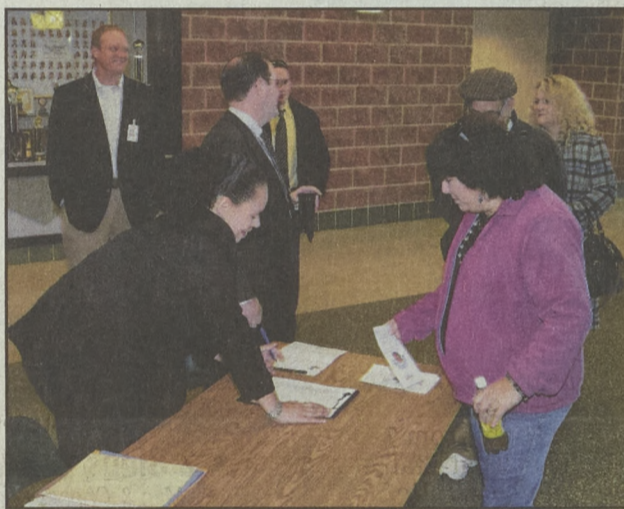
'Guardian angels' guests at breakfast

The Bethlehem Area School District and local municipal officials recognized crossing guards from around the district at an appreciation breakfast recently. The event was sponsored by the district's food service provider, Sodexo, and feted more than 50 guards who work during the school year. BASD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy said he came up with idea while driving around the

district. "They are out there every day at their posts, through all the hot, the cold and rain," Roy said. Representatives from the communities included in the district also attended. Officer Dean Wilson represented Bethlehem Township and perhaps summed up the focus of the event when he described the guards' role saying, "Every day on every corner is a guardian angel."



Sodexo supervisor of dining services Kim Hayes greets crossing guards Betty and Robert Schoenberger at the beverage table. The Schoenbergers have been crossing guards for more than 11 years combined.



Arlene Vargas, administrative assistant to BASD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy, registers crossing guard Gwynn Rupert as she arrives for the appreciation breakfast. Rupert was one of the newest guards to attend. Roy praised Vargas for organizing the event.

Lower Saucon weighs feasibility

By JULIA F. SWAN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

For Lower Saucon Township residents who use the Hellertown Library, it is a question of fairness.

However, supporters of the Bethlehem Area Public Library say, any move by Lower Saucon to change the formula by which it supports libraries would negatively impact the Bethlehem library, and potentially deprive township residents of that library's assets.

Those opposing views were voiced by several people at a meeting Feb. 20 of Lower Saucon Council to discuss whether to allocate money to the Hellertown Library. Some 50 people were in attendance, with one side or the other applauding speakers who shared their views.

Ultimately, council took the issue under advisement, with one council member saying he is considering reincarnating the task force which three years ago studied usage of the two libraries by township residents and the feasibility of leaving the Bethlehem library to join Hellertown.

That study did not investigate the possibility of splitting the township's contribution between the two libraries, a concept which came up during subsequent discussions.

The task force submitted its findings at a public meeting in April 2012. They found 2,101 township residents hold Heller-

Splitting library contributions would benefit Hellertown Library, reduce contribution to BAPL

town library cards, 35 percent of the library's total card holders; about the same number of materials were checked out by township residents from Hellertown as from Bethlehem; township residents checked out 2,454 materials in 2011 from the Bookmobile sponsored by the BAPL; the township pays a per capita fee to the BAPL, totaling \$183,467 in 2012, based on 10,772 residents; six township residents volunteer at the Hellertown Library and a number of clubs from the township meet there.

One problem, which came up again last week, is that the state no longer funds the Access Pa. program. Residents with an Access sticker can use any library that is part of the program, but libraries are no longer reimbursed for usage by residents outside their circulation area.

"Access Pa. is an unfunded mandate," BAPL executive director Janet Fricker said.

Fricker and two Bethlehem residents who have served on the BAPL board of trustees spoke against splitting the township's contribution.

"If you start talking about splitting tax dollars, you're diluting the system," Fricker said. She argued it wouldn't be fair to the other communities that are part of the BAPL for Lower Saucon to reduce its contribution.

She said representatives of those communities reacted negatively when the idea of Lower Saucon splitting its library contribution was brought up at a board meeting. The idea could be reintroduced, she said.

Linda Robertson of Bethlehem, a former trustee, said if the township leaves the BAPL for Hellertown, it would be "going against all trends in libraries across the country," toward consolidation, not fragmentation.

And William Shire, who had also served on the BAPL board, said the BAPL "offers much more than books" and warned if the township left the BAPL to join the Hellertown library, "You'd be trading options for convenience."

But supporters of the Hellertown Library spoke passionately about the convenience and community services it offers.

"We should talk about the children in the community who can walk to the Hellertown library," Councilman Thomas Maxfield said.

Township resident Noelle Kramer agreed, saying her children can

walk to the Hellertown library and they go there for a variety of community activities.

"Bethlehem is of no use to me," she said, because her children can't walk there.

Hellertown librarian Robin Rotherham said, "Lower Saucon residents do contribute greatly to the library, both monetarily and otherwise."

Council President Glenn Kern said, "I was shocked to find out we don't contribute to the Hellertown library."

Allison Finkbeiner, who served on the task force, said the township's contribution to the BAPL is more than the Hellertown library's entire budget of \$143,000. She also pointed out, "You're paying for two buildings at the BAPL."

Other township residents criticized the task force for not doing a comparison of the two libraries before reaching its conclusions, and council for not including that comparison in its directive to the task force.

"Until you compare services at each library, you're deciding in the dark," Jay Lazar said.

Lazar also suggested another option: staying with the BAPL and adding a contribution to the Hellertown library to the township's budget.

"I think we're looking at how to use both libraries," Kern said.

He and other council members agreed more study is needed.

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AREA POLICE

Theft

Colonial Regional Police arrested a woman for attempting to steal groceries from the Hanover Township Wegmans around 3:50 p.m. Feb. 15.

According to police, loss prevention officers observed 40-year-old Alicia M. Amato, of Huntington Lane in Easton, select numerous food and beverage items – including beer – and conceal them in reusable grocery bags. She allegedly passed all points of sale and was stopped in the parking lot before she was able to leave.

Police said Amato had taken about \$146 worth of merchandise.

Amato is charged with retail theft.

Possession

Colonial Regional Police arrested a 26-year-old man following a speeding infraction in a school zone in Hanover Township.

According to police, Jeremy McGowan, of East Boulevard in Bethlehem, was stopped for speeding on Jacksonville Road around 3:10 p.m. Feb. 19. While speaking with McGowan, officers allegedly found unspecified drug paraphernalia in the vehicle.

McGowan is charged with possession of paraphernalia and speeding.

BRIEFLY

FREEDOM HS Softball booster event Feb. 28

There will be a Dine 2 Donate from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and a Celebrity Bartender Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 28 at Starter's Clubhouse Grille, 400 Illicks Mill Road. The event will benefit the Freedom HS softball booster club.

For information, and for a flyer which must be presented at the event in order for the school to receive credit, email nborger@beth.k12.pa.us.



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Valentine's Day at Swain

Francesca and Danielle Tarantino, of Bethlehem, and Christian and Nicole Matlock, of Whitehall, enjoy songs, snacks and tea at The Swain School in celebration of Valentine's Day.

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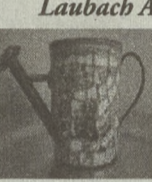
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The cast sings "Bon Voyage (There's No Cure Like Travel)."

Saucon Valley HS presents 'Anything Goes'

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL
Special to the Bethlehem Press

All aboard the S.S. American when "Anything Goes" takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28, March 1, 2 and 2 p.m. March 3 in the auditorium at Saucon Valley HS, 2100 Polk Valley Road, Hellertown.

An unlikely mix of passengers are thrown together while sailing from New York to England. Billy Crocker, the stowaway assistant of a businessman, tries to win the love of Hope Harcourt, the daughter of a

wealthy debutante he fell in love with while sharing a cab. Hope is engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, but after several comedic events, falls back in love with Billy. Meanwhile, Billy's friend, night club singer Reno Sweeney, seduces and wins over Lord Evelyn.

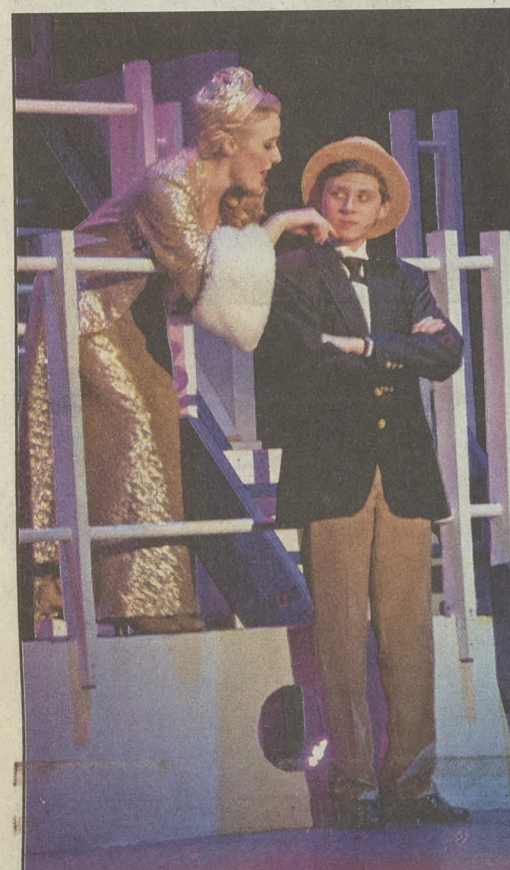
There are 33 performers in the cast including four from the middle school. Leading roles are played by Mackenzie Till as Reno Sweeney, Rachel Altemose as Hope Harcourt and Zach Durnack as Billy Crocker. Others in the cast are Natalie Roche

as Evangeline Harcourt, Davis Weaver as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh; Ian Zuber as Elisha Whitney, Brendan Weaver as Moonface Martin and Hannah Gaither as Erma.

The cast is supported by 15 students in the stage crew, 17 students in the PIT orchestra and three students supporting light and sound.

This is Sal Ritz's first year as producing director and Vince Rostkowski's first year as director. Ritz was the director the past seven years.

Tickets at the door. Information, reservations: 610-838-0961



Reno Sweeney (Mackenzie Till) sings "You're the Top" to Billy Crocker (Zach Durnack).



Caitlin Hoffert, Joy Sulewski, Alex Gardiner and Maddison Rothacker sing "Bon Voyage (There's No Cure Like Travel)."



Billy Crocker (Zach Durnack) sings "You'd Be So Easy to Love" to Hope Harcourt (Rachel Altemose).



Lord Evelyn Oakleigh (Davis Weaver) kisses his fiancée, Hope Harcourt (Rachel Altemose).

YWCA Annual race sponsors sought

The YWCA of Bethlehem is seeking sponsors for the annual Race Against Racism on April 27. The race will begin at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Adler Place and Highland Avenue. For information, call 610-867-4669, ext. 105 or email cpassaro@ywca-bethlehem.org.

EXEC. WOMEN 30th anniversary set for March 7

The 30th anniversary celebration of the Lehigh Valley Chapter, Executive Women International, will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. March 7 at the Tompkins College Center Dining Hall, Cedar Crest College, Allentown.

The local chapter donates two annual scholarships as part of its assist program to help students who have had to interrupt their education for personal or financial reasons. The chapter also conducts reading rallies at Northeast Ministries, Bethlehem, and donates Christmas gifts to underprivileged families. For information, email jnifer20@yahoo.com.

VALLEY LVWV offers election guide

The League of Women Voters has a "Running for Local Office" handbook to assist potential candidates. Ballot petition circulation began Feb. 19. The information is Lehigh and Northampton county specific. For information, call 610-967-3653 or email lvwvehigh@yahoo.com.

LEHIGH CO. 'Unsung Heroes' names sought

Lehigh County Aging and Adult Services is accepting nominations for Unsung Heroes.

To celebrate older American's month, the Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services will recognize Lehigh County residents, 60 years of age or older, who have displayed exceptional generosity with their time and talent to enhance the lives of others and their community.

The Unsung Hero finalists will be honored at a special awards ceremony 1 p.m. May 15 at the Lehigh County Government Center, 17th S. 7th St., Allentown.

To request a nomination form, contact Ann O'Keefe at 610-782-3445 or annokeefe@lehighcounty.org.

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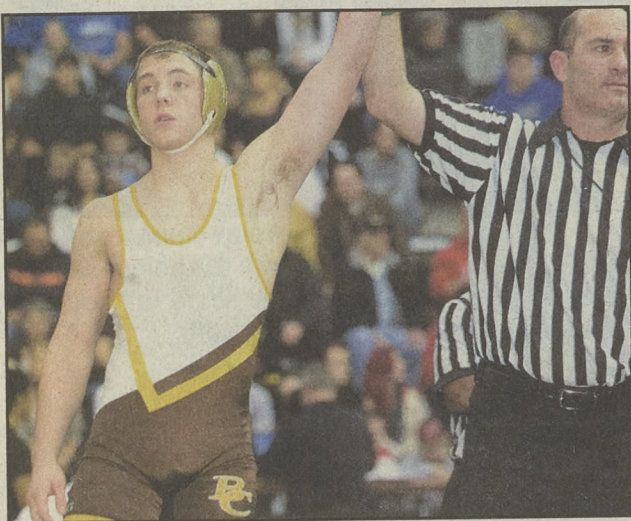
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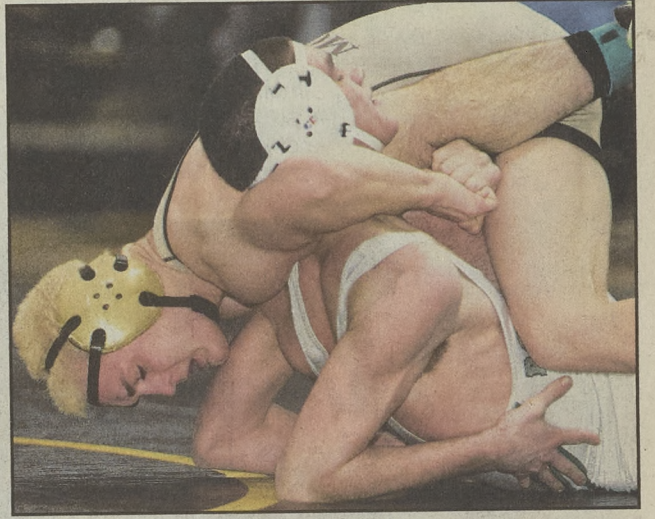
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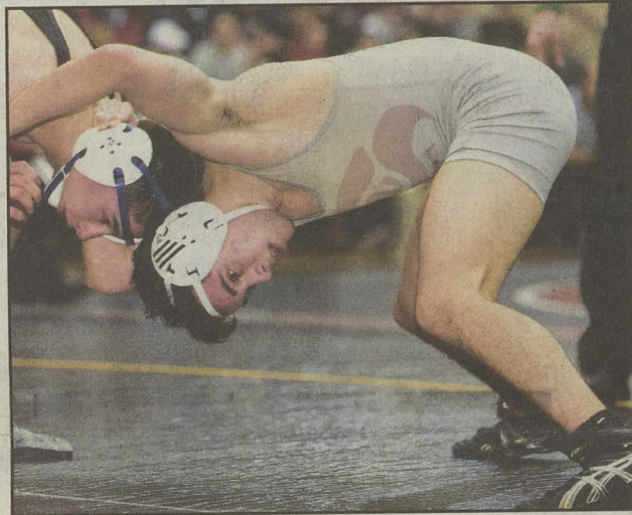
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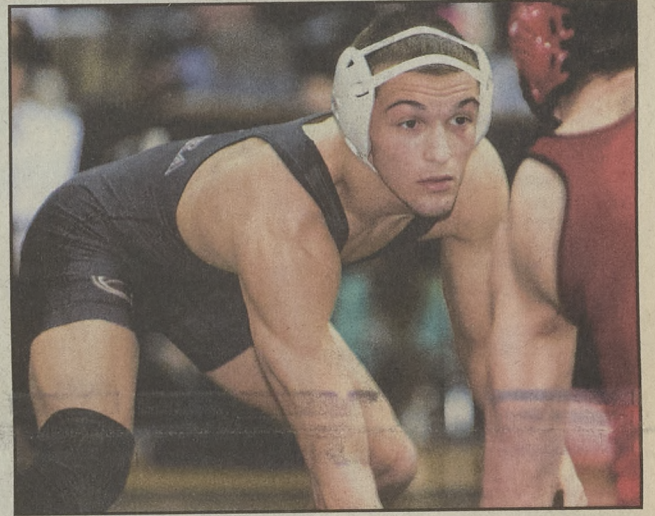
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Hawks cruise to another District 11 title

By ROD HECKMAN
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For Bethlehem Catholic to crown nine champions in last weekend's District 11 2A tournament may not be a surprise to many. After all, the Golden Hawks boast a star-studded lineup top to bottom that recently just earned its third straight PIAA title.

What some people forget, though, is this team isn't made up of just talented upperclassmen that are used to performing on the big stage.

Included on the squad are freshmen who have never participated under the bright lights of Liberty High School during the District 11 finals.

On Saturday, a couple of those freshmen not only got to experience the moment but they also contributed to that total of nine champions.

Luke Karam, at 106 pounds, and Lee Todora, at 132, both earned gold medals in their first district tries to highlight a record-setting evening.

"When you have two freshmen winning a title that's special," said Becahi head coach Jeff Karam, who is also Luke's father. "You don't get too many freshmen winning district championships, so I'm really happy for them."

"Hopefully it's a springboard for next week and the following week - get them out to Hershey. I'd love to see both of them get a medal there."

After upsetting previously unbeaten Jaryd Flank of Wilson in the semifinals by fall, the fourth-seeded Karam opened the finals by holding off Palisades' Jacob Wasser, 2-1.

Karam used a reversal 40 seconds into the third period to take the lead

and rode out Wasser the rest of the way.

"It was close in the first period," said Luke. "Jacob had a plan out there to slow me down. He wrestled me really well. I saved myself out there with my mat wrestling and my ability to hold him down on top. (The tournament) was a great learning experience, especially in the finals. Overall I thought I wrestled really well."

"It's somewhat nerve-racking because you're the first match and everyone is really excited for the finals to start. After it's over, you feel a huge pressure lifted off your shoulders. To be able to sit back then and watch some of the incredible kids on my team like Darian (Cruz) and Zeke (Moisey) is great."

Todora also watched as Cruz and Moisey, as expected, grabbed titles at 120 and 126.

Both nationally-ranked wrestlers took down Pen Argyl opponents in the championship round.

Cruz edged Matt Williams by a 5-3 score while Moisey registered a 20-5 technical fall against Andrew Sutton.

"If I'm not working out with Zeke, I'm also working out with Luke," said Cruz. "He's always picking at my brain. He's usually asking me what I think about stuff. I love that so much because he's always asking me about what's going on, especially wrestling-wise. For him to go out and perform and be a district champ is great."

"In the middle of the season (Lee) had a rough patch. He came out here and finally got the wins he needed, where it counts the most in the postseason. He's so young out there. I work out with him too, constantly pushing

him. Just to see him and Luke succeed especially since I work out with both of them, it's almost like I'm a coach and I'm excited to see them as freshmen win district titles."

Todora grabbed a 3-0 lead against Pius X's Mike Comunale after two periods before surviving a wild third frame and claiming a 10-6 decision.

"This is unbelievable," said Todora. "This has been a dream of mine, to be a district champ as a freshman. I'm always trying to one-up my brother (Ryan) at everything we do and knowing that he didn't win districts in his freshman year helped motivate me."

"We wrestled at the Christmas City tournament and I beat him (Comunale) by a bigger score but in this match nerves definitely got to me. Being in a place like this with all these people

... definitely made me nervous."

He wasn't the only one. Lee's brother, 138-pounder Ryan Todora, was a bit jittery watching his younger brother but after his sibling built an advantage and hung on it was back to business.

Ryan also took a 3-0 lead and hung on for a 3-2 win over Tri-Valley's Hunter Harner for the Hawks' fifth champ of the evening.

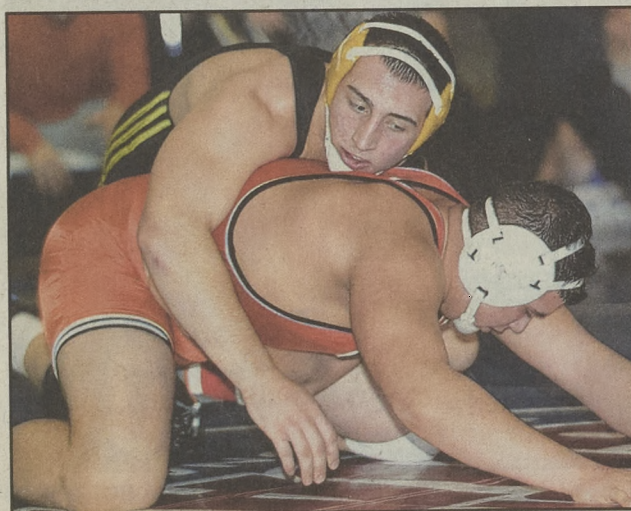
"I know I'm a nervous wreck with my brother wrestling before me," he said. "Thank goodness his match wasn't that close or I'd have a hard time out there because I'd use all my energy rooting for him."

No one had to root for Connor Hedash at 160 pounds as Tri-Valley's Ty Schoffstall forfeited to give the senior the gold

See **Hawks** on Page A10

DISTRICT 11 3A WRESTLING

Freedom's Kauffman, Liberty's Gonzalez win titles



Evan Kauffman



PRESS PHOTOS BY DON HERB
Grimaldi Gonzalez

By PETER CAR
pcar@tnonline.com

Evan Kauffman became Freedom's first district champion since 2006 over the weekend and Liberty's Grimaldi Gonzalez repeated his stint atop the podium as the Bethlehem wrestlers brought home the only gold medals for their respective schools from the District 11 3A wrestling tournament held at Memorial Gymnasium.

Kauffman was one of four Patriots to move onto this week's Northeast

Regional 3A tournament at Liberty, while the host Hurricanes advanced three wrestlers.

Kauffman (220) held off Liberty's Jake Gunning with a 5-4 decision in the finals to finally get the monkey of winning a district title off his back.

It was his third trip to the district finals and it was a major relief for the Patriot senior to walk away with a gold medal.

"The first thing I said to my head coach, 'was that it's about time,'" said Kauffman. "It feels good to See **3A** on Page A10

DISTRICT 11 4A BOYS PLAYOFFS

On a collision course...

Pates survive vs. Easton

By TODD KRESS
Special to the Press

Things got a little nerve-racking for Freedom boys basketball head coach Joe Stellato and his Patriots during the fourth quarter of Saturday's District 11 4A quarterfinals matchup against Easton at William Allen High School's Swards Gym.

The Patriots saw a nine-point lead late in the third quarter disappear as the Red Rovers went on a 9-0 run themselves to tie it with 4:38 to play in the fourth. The Patriots failed to get on the scoreboard for nearly six minutes in that fourth quarter, setting up for a dramatic finish.

That's when Nyreef Jackson hit arguably one of the biggest shots of his career — a fadeaway jumper from the top of the key over the outstretched arms of the Red Rover defense — that put the Patriots up 34-32 with 2:21 to play. That bucket

sparked an 8-0 run to close out the game, and the Patriots advanced with a 40-32 win and will play Stroudsburg in the semifinals.

"I was starting to get very concerned," said Stellato. "I really didn't have too many answers. I kept trying to push the buttons and things just weren't working."

Jackson had a team-high 14 points to go along with 10 rebounds for the Patriots. But none came at a bigger moment than that jumper in the fourth, the Patriots' only field goal in that quarter.

"It was just a big shot for us to get the lead," said Jackson. "It was a tough shot because it was kind of a fadeaway; but I just needed myself to get some room from the defender because he was playing tough defense."

"It's got to be the biggest shot of his life," said Stellato. "That really carried us into a situation where we could hold

the ball. But our defensive carried us the whole game. Even when we went up two we had to get a stop. And we got a stop."

After scoring just 14 points in the first half, the Patriots used an 18-point third quarter to regain momentum. They scored the first seven points of that third quarter and raced out to a 21-15 lead. Derike Chiclana had six points in that third quarter, while Jackson and David Williams each added five.

"Just to come out and have a good tempo to the half because the first half was kind of sluggish," said Jackson. "So he wanted us to come out and set the tone in the second half."

Neither team led by more than five points in the first half, and that came in the opening moments as Freedom held a 5-0 advantage.

Both teams struggled from the field in the open-
See Pates on Page A10



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Derike Chiclana chipped in with 12 points as the Pates survived a fourth-quarter scare to knock off the Rovers in the District 11 playoffs.

'Canes get by Emmaus

By TODD KRESS
Special to the Press

It was a span of roughly 11 seconds as overtime was winding down that proved to be the difference in Saturday's District 11 4A boys basketball tilt between No. 7 Emmaus and No. 2 Liberty.

After the Hornets rallied from a four-point deficit with under a minute to play in regulation, the Hurricanes trailed 49-47 in the extra session with under a minute to play.

The Hurricanes were in need of a big bucket with the clock ticking down.

And it was a pair of their leaders who provided back-to-back plays that proved to be decision maker.

Deshawn Oyeniyi first nailed a three-pointer from straight on with 17 seconds to play that put Liberty ahead 50-49.

K.J. Williams then followed that up with a steal and one-handed jam that gave the Hurricanes a three-point lead with six seconds to play, and ultimately advancing them onto the semifinals with a 52-49 victory at William Allen High School's Swards Gym.

"My thought, of course first of all, was not to miss," said Oyeniyi. "I just had a good feeling it was going to go in because I was wide open."

"The whole game I was kind of off," said Williams. "I hit an early three, [but] after that the whole game I couldn't even make any shots. I had a couple turnovers. I had to reset my mind and came out

and did my job."

Oyeniyi — who had a team-high 17 points — secured a rebound and put back with under two minutes to play in the fourth to put the Hurricanes up by three. Williams then hit one of two free throws with 57 seconds remaining that made it 44-40 Liberty.

"I felt comfortable when I was just playing my game," said Oyeniyi. "I kept my head straight and I just didn't get frustrated."

But the Hornets got a three-pointer from Derek Tannous, who had 18 points on the night, to cut the deficit to one with 34 seconds to play.

After one out of two free throws from Chevon Williams put Liberty up 45-43, Gabe Shankweiler's put back with 10.8 left in
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Deshawn Oyeniyi had a team-high 17 and the Hurricanes advanced to the next round of districts after a win over Emmaus in overtime.

DISTRICT 11 3A PLAYOFFS

Bethlehem Catholic boys down Blue Mountain

By PETER CAR
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Step one in Bethlehem Catholic's 2013 playoff ride was successful last week and the Hawks hope they can keep putting one foot forward toward the District 11 3A championship.

The Hawks ousted Blue Mountain 54-40 last Friday night at Martz Hall in the district quarterfinals and hoped last night's encounter with top-seeded Pottsville would continue

their season.

Unfortunately, last night's results are past Press deadlines, but despite being a fifth-seed and traveling to Blue Mountain for Tuesday's semifinal, head coach Mike Frew wasn't shying away from his team's role in the district tournament.

"I think after getting that win [over Blue Mountain], our guys truly believe that we belong in this tournament," Frew said of his 12-10 team.

"Getting the first win out of the way was good for us."

Justin Lenzer had a team-high 12 points for the Hawks, nailing four three-pointers against Blue Mountain to help Becahi build a 25-21 lead at halftime.

With the Eagles focusing on nullifying center Matt Husek's (six points) interior presence on offense, Becahi needed players from the perimeter to open things up.

"It was a hard fought win for us on the road and I'm happy we were able to take care of business," said Frew. "Different guys stepped up, like Justin and Darwin Saint-Cyr, who scored eight points in the fourth quarter."

"It's that type of effort that we need moving forward if we want to keep making a run."

Pottsville (20-4) had little trouble dispatching Leighton in their quarterfinal matchup, posting

a 59-30 victory.

The Tide defeated Blue Mountain twice this season, as well as knocked off Emmaus during the regular season to prove that it's not a walk in the park just because they are from outside of the Lehigh Valley.

"Pottsville has a different style, but they're very good," Frew said. "They have a long center and a very good spot-up three-point shooter. They're a hard nosed defensive team

and do a good job swarming the ball."

Frew just hopes his team can take advantage of the opportunity and find themselves a seat in Friday's district championship against either Salisbury or Central Catholic.

"We're not overlooking anyone," he said. "We have to deal with Pottsville before we can focus on the future, but we're believing more and more each game."

Hawks get out to fast start before defeating Bombers

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic wasn't taking any chances in its 60-41 district quarterfinal victory over Palmerton on Saturday at Catasauqua High School.

A starting line-up change from the LVC semifinal and full-court pressure from the start propelled the Hawks to an early 11-2 lead.

"In pressure defense, Jordynn Jones is more similar to Janelle [Robinson]. She's quick and fast and strong, and her athleticism will get her through that," said Becahi coach Bill Lanscek.

Jones, a freshman, replaced Robinson, a junior,

who is injured.

Of course, Palmerton would not go away quietly, going on a run to make the score 11-8 by the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Lady Bombers had a five-point lead at one point and scored 15 points to Becahi's 16.

"The girls weren't staying up in the zone, so we switched to man. Palmerton runs a lot of screens, so at halftime, we decided to go back to zone, and Palmerton had a hard time with it," Lanscek said.

In the third quarter, the Hawks held the Bombers to just two points while scoring 20.

"It sparked a running game, and it ended up being good on both ends

of the court for us," said Lanscek.

Kalista Walters led the Hawks with 29 points. The Becahi sophomore also had six rebounds and five blocked shots. Bridget Smith scored nine points, had 13 rebounds, and three steals.

The Hawks will move on to the semifinal game of district playoffs on Feb. 27 when they will take on Central Catholic at 6 p.m. at Parkland High School.

Earlier this season, the Hawks defeated the Vikettes 45-23.

"We handled them pretty good the first time, but our line-up isn't the same. Our work is cut out for us, but we'll be fine," Lanscek said.



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Bridget Smith, center, and the Becahi girls got past Palmerton on Saturday afternoon in a game at Catasauqua High School.

DIVING Steiner takes fourth

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty diver, Rachel Steiner, took fourth place at the LVC Diving Meet on Feb. 16 at Parkland High School.

The Hurricane junior scored 335.80 points at the eleven-dive meet.

"I definitely came into it expecting the best from the other girls, so I did better," said Steiner, who had placed eighth at an eleven-dive meet in January.

Steiner said her best dive on Feb. 16 was her inward dive pike.

"I got really good scores on it. My back dive also gets good scores. I try to get a five or above," Steiner said.

Steiner had some difficulty with her front double.

"I didn't get my best scores. I kind of went for it, but I didn't have enough time to warm up [before that dive]," she said.

Steiner was successful with her front dive full twist, a dive she had stumbled on in January.

"I was a lot happier, of course, and satisfied, and proud of how my team did," said Steiner.

Liberty teammates, Brenna McCornac placed seventh with 323.55 points, Victoria Carter placed 11th, and Rachel Finn placed 16th.

"Everyone did very well," said Liberty diving coach Jeff Zettlemoyer. "Rachel [Steiner] missed one in the first eleven-dive meet, but this time, she didn't miss it."



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Kaylin West and the Hurricanes got past Pottsville in the opening round of districts before falling to Nazareth.

DISTRICT 11 GIRLS BASKETBALL LHS girls fall

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's run in district playoffs came to an end last week, but not without a fight, before the Hurricanes fell to Nazareth, 48-42.

In the fourth quarter of the district quarterfinal at Allen High School, the Hurricanes pulled to within two points of the Blue Eagles three times, but Nazareth had an answer for each attempt.

Nazareth's Kassie Behler and Morgan Calabrese had back-to-back three pointers, and Behler and Lennon Kramer made six foul shots in the final minute of the game.

The Hurricanes knew the challenges they would face against the Blue Eagles, having fallen to Nazareth earlier this season.

"Our end of the game situation,"

said Liberty guard, Kali Shumock. "Last time we struggled with finishing."

Also, the Hurricanes had hoped that their defense would lead to a quarterfinal victory.

"Defense is how we win the game because we are a fast-breaking team, and that's how we get the easy points," Shumock said.

In Liberty's first round of playoffs, the Hurricanes defeated Pottsville, 55-39.

Shumock said, "They came out pretty competitive, but we knew what we had ahead of us, so we came out ten times stronger."

The Hurricanes had their biggest quarter in the second, scoring 23 points while Pottsville scored eight. Defense was also key for the Hurricanes in the second quarter.

CHEERING

Becahi cheerleaders return from Florida

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's varsity competition cheerleading squad recently returned from the 2013 National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Fl., ending the 2012-2013 competition season for the Hawks.

"Our main goals were to score 30 or higher in the cheer and to get to semifinals, which we did," said Becahi captain, Ali Wildman.

Out of 42 teams representing 13 states, the Hawks placed 18th.

"I am so proud of the team," said Becahi cheerleading coach Brenda Michalska.

The Hawks, who competed in the small varsity division, competed twice, advancing from prelims to semifinals.

Becahi's routine began with team tumbling, advancing to partner stunts.

"We did kick fulls, reloaded into full-ups to libs, came down and went back up into switch-ups to heel stretches to arabesques to waterfall outs," Wildman explained.

Next, the Hawks performed the cheer portion of their routine, followed by the dance, running tumbling, and a final pyramid.

"It was really exciting, especially the days building up to it, and when we

got there, it was just an explosion of enthusiasm," said Wildman.

The Hawks also built friendships with cheerleading squads from other states, most notably, Cathedral High School, who won fourth place in their division.

"They were all really nice. We talked to them more [as the days went on], and then we ended up supporting them [during finals]," Wildman said.

The UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships are the most prestigious cheerleading championships in the country. Held at Walt Disney Resort, they are televised on ESPN.



Becahi cheerleaders finished 18th at the 2013 National High School Cheerleading Championships in Florida.

FOOTBALL SCHOLAR BANQUET

The Lehigh Valley Chapter of the National

Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame is having the Football Scholar Athlete Banquet on Sunday, March 3, at 4:30 p.m. at the Northampton Community Center.

The speaker this year is Penn State Coach Bill O'Brien.

Tickets are \$30. Contact Herb Barrall at 484-515-6530.

LV XTREME

Lehigh Valley Xtreme U12 girls soccer summer tournament team will hold tryouts.

Tournaments to run between June and September.

Try-outs will take place at the end of March. If interested, or need

more information, please contact George Saliby, head coach Tri Boro United at 610-554-9557 or at Gsaliby6278@msn.com

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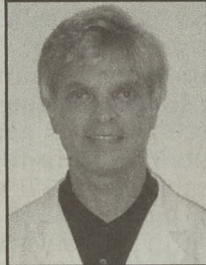
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FILE PHOTO

Rachel Steiner of Liberty took fourth place at the LVC diving meet on Feb. 16.

Girls place at D-11 meet

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty and Freedom had four divers in the top ten at the District 11 Diving Championships on Feb. 23 at Emmaus High School.

Liberty diver, Brenna McCornac, took fifth place with a score of 325.55. Freedom diver, Kaycee Stoudt, took seventh place with a score of 307.00. McCornac's teammates, Victoria Carter, Rachel Steiner, and Rachel Finn placed eighth, ninth, and 14th respectively.

"It's the best I've done all season," said Stoudt.

After struggling in the LVC eleven-dive meet the week before, Stoudt adopted a more relaxed attitude for districts, focus- See Dive on Page A10

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

The Nitschmann MS Drama Club, under the direction of Sarah Hriniaik, will present "Fame Jr." next week in the school auditorium. Hriniaik said the 90-member cast and crew have been preparing for the spring production almost since the start of the school year. Four performances are scheduled on March 1 at 7 p.m., March 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and March 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets

are \$5 and may be obtained in advance by contacting the school office at 610-866-5781, or at the door on the days of performance. "Fame Jr." is based on the hit motion picture, television series, and Broadway theatre stage production. **ABOVE:** The ensemble performs "Hard Work."

Nitschmann presents 'Fame Jr.'



Preparing to clean out her locker, Elizabeth Escott as Carmen Diaz listens as Andrew Rodriguez's Schlomo Metzenbaum lectures, "Your problem is you want everything too fast."



Surrounded by other dancers, Julianna Potts as overweight dancer Mabel Washington, laments, "Lord, keep me from eating what's in front of me."

SAUCON VALLEY NEWS Spotlight on the FBLA

Saucon Valley HS's Future Business Leaders of America is running quite the impressive track record. In only its second year of operation, advisers Chad Shirk and David Miller, along with the club's various officers, seem to be doing something right. Functioning similarly to a true business, FBLA sells doughnuts every Friday morning at the busy intersections of Saucon's main hallways.



Arielle Reed
Saucon
Valley HS

The club's array of colorful personalities doesn't hurt business either, as loud-mouthed salesmen advertise their delicious wares, charming students into buying. Additionally, a long-running competition among the club's officers

and their teams has resulted more than \$2,000 for club trips and activities.

To raise money, FBLA also hosts a bi-annual dodgeball tournament involving middle school, high school and teacher teams that compete for both prizes and glory. The teams go all out, inventing creative names and costumes, going as far as wearing multi-colored tutus, face paint, and even scuba gear just for the fun of it. Open to public admission, the next tournament will occur sometime in the spring.

In addition to being talented in terms of fundraising, Saucon's FBLA club seems to be quite gifted with testing skills, as 23 of its 51 members (including four officers) recently qualified for FBLA states, set to take place in Hershey this coming April.

The club also strives to be involved in the local community, adopting Bingen Road and See **FBLA** on Page A12

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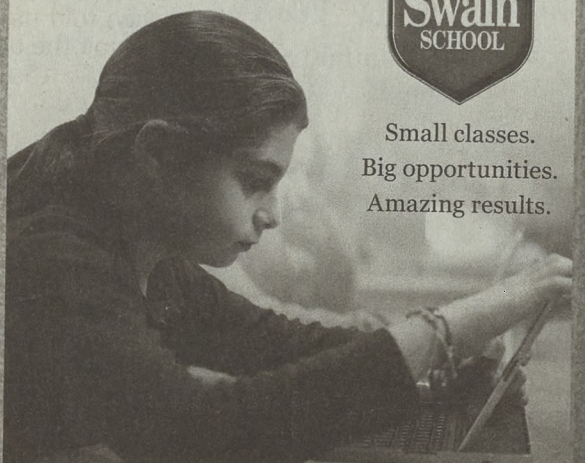
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Family learning night



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Northeast MS staff and students held a family literacy night recently to demonstrate learning strategies to the students' parents through a variety of literacy presentations. Parents moved through a number of stations in the school cafeteria, where faculty discussed with them many of the strategies being used to assist students with reading, language arts and math. Students and younger children enjoyed a variety of learning activities in the gymnasium's literacy center through the use of technology and interactive exercises. The Title 1 program is federally funded and is designed to provide supplemental instruction in schools with higher poverty levels. **ABOVE:** Students Yanni Rosario, Christopher Crisostomo, Arissa Arce, Maia Lockhart, Jazmin Carrasquillo and Desiree Lyons spend time doing exercises designed to assist them in learning to read. Crisostomo said he studied words when he was younger, which helped him overcome a stuttering problem.



Brandon Bradfield uses an iPad loaded with instructional software that is used as a teaching aid in a variety of subjects.



Northeast choral music teacher Denise Parker and student David Matos take a break from playing instrument bingo.



Sixth grade teacher Ann Dodson describes to parent Diana Canady 'Study Island,' a program that helps students with comprehension and reading skills in math. Canady has two children attending Northeast.



English language arts teacher Karen Buchanan explains to parents Suzanne Lettich, Jenna Katsaros and James Reimart how education and teaching are evolving.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Council approves centralized human services building lease

By CAROL SMITH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Location. Location. Location. And an impressive PowerPoint presentation made by Governor Wolf Building employees helped Northampton County Council approve a lease agreement for a centralized human services building.

By an 8-1 vote, a previously divided council gave the Stoffa administration the go-ahead to move forward with a lease-purchase agreement for a 66,375-square-foot, three-story building with 256 parking spaces at 2801 Emrick Blvd. between Freemansburg Avenue and William Penn Highway. The lease, with an option to purchase in five years, would cost \$1 million a year.

Jim Gentile of Polaris Emrick Development, whose company owns the 5.36 acre lot, said the building should be operational in a year and would be energy-efficient to operate.

But Steve Barron, county controller, opposed the project, saying the county would be paying a premium for this lease. "You could do it cheaper," Barron advised.

However, a crowd was on hand at council's Feb. 21 meeting to show support for the plan to centralize the county's Human Services offices into a new state-of-the-art building.

These services are now provided at the historic Governor Wolf Building in Easton and the Martin J. Bechtel Building in Bethlehem. Both buildings are currently owned by the county but need millions of dollars in capital improvements.

Supporters' strongest argument was that the county would be spending this money to rehabilitate the older buildings when for the same amount they could



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have use of a brand new building.

Some people pointed to the state of disrepair of these buildings to indicate that the county does not put enough of the budget money into maintenance and does a poor job when it comes to owning property.

Ken Mohr of Mohr Management said there is already a developer interested in purchasing the Wolf Building. The restoration work needed would return the Wolf Building to a Class A building rating and keep a historic Easton landmark operational.

Mayor Sal Panto of Easton was on hand to provide a history lesson: George Wolf was the only governor from Northampton County and many residents value the building's history. Schoolchildren saved pennies for the construction of the Penny Arch, the stone entry to the building. The Bechtel building would also be sold to raise capital for the new centralized human services facility.

By far the Wolf Building visuals of missing ceiling

tiles, chipped lead paint on window sills, asbestos issues, mold on floors and ceilings, dangling wires and cramped and inadequate spaces to interview parents and children in child-abuse investigations drove home the point to council members that the status quo was not an option for the county. The well-received slideshow was presented by two Children, Youth and Family child-abuse investigators.

Under a five-year lease, the Emrick building would cost the county \$21.5 million and the project would be done in a year. If the county were to build and own its own facility, it would take more than two years and money would need to be borrowed for the project, which would cost \$21.3 million, not including interest on the loan.

While Councilman Bob Werner said he supported the work of the Human Services Department, he was the single "no" vote. Werner said he did not think the Wolf building was falling down around people's ears

and that it was too risky to spend taxpayer money to enter into a lease agreement. Werner thought exploring more energy-efficient building designs would save the county money now and in the future.

"The sky won't fall if we don't act on this lease," Werner added.

Kevin Dolan, the county's Children and Youth administrator, reminded council that it's not just about a building. The families served by the county need a one-stop shop for everyone. These families have minimal resources for transportation and there are more cases where there are crossovers and more violence to address. The new building has easy access to bus transportation routes and major highways and better security for employees and clients. Families are dealing with issues that often involve veterans' benefits, drug and alcohol interventions and grandparents as caregivers, Dolan said.

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PROFILE

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Kimmy means to me. She was an inspiration to all of us, battling and overcoming her cancer so valiantly. Though her untimely death due to her subsequent illness was tragic, her life taught me to appreciate everything that I have and to never give up.

Hobbies: I am a frequent of concerts. Name a band and I have probably seen them live. Shopping for clothes and shoes is another favorite pastime of mine.

Current job(s): I am currently a lifeguard at the Bethlehem Township Community Center. Besides working at both the indoor and outdoor pools, I give swimming lessons year round.

Volunteer/community work: I have participated in the NDHS mini-THON for three years, standing for 24 hours to raise money for pediatric cancer research. I also am a student coach for the Little Crusaders cheerleading squad. I have been a CCD aide for several years and I have also vol-

unteered my time at Arts Quest.

Likes: I have a strong interest in music, especially that of the Killers, Kim's Comeback, Coldplay and Patent Pending. I am an avid New York Jets fan. I enjoy spending time with people who make me laugh and share in my zest for life.

Dislikes: Lack of motivation is a major sore point for me. I am naturally a very driven person, so it's hard for me to understand how someone can be unmotivated. I also hate spiders.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishment so far has been managing the popular local band, Kim's Comeback. I help to promote the band, book shows and sell merchandise. The band has played with several internationally acclaimed acts.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.

FBLA

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ty, adopting Bingen Road and pledging to keep it clean. Over the holiday season, FBLA even partnered with the elementary school in order to donate gifts to kids in need. FBLA members would especially like to thank The Spirk Brothers Inc., Kehs Stucco & Plastering Inc, and Dan Dortic with Major Hyundai in Stroudsburg for helping them achieve many of their goals.

When asked about the club's overall goal for the school year, and what she hopes to see in the future, FBLA President Maria Sanchez

was thoughtful.

"We set out with the purpose of improving our organization and community involvement, and I'm proud to say that I think we have achieved that," she said. "Even though I'm graduating, I hope to see the club continue to flourish and strive to achieve even more."

For more information about any activities regarding Saucon's Future Business Leaders of America, email Chad Shirk at Chad.Shirk@student.svpanthers.org.

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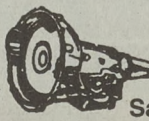
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Interview with a 'Vampire' author Lower Saucon author sets novel in Christmas City

Literary Scene

By JULIE SWAN
 Special to The Press

It's Black Friday, the official beginning of the Christmas shopping season in downtown Bethlehem. The city is festive. Merchants are ringing up record profits.

Then ... one of those shopkeepers is murdered in a mysterious fashion.

Thus begins Larry L. Deibert's latest novel, "The Christmas City Vampire."

Deibert signs copies of his book, 1-3 p.m. March 3 for "Local Author Sundays" at the Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St., Bethlehem.

This is Deibert's third or fourth novel, depending on how you count.

His third, "Combat Boots, Dainty Feet" is an extensive rewrite of his first, "95 Bravo." Deibert, a Vietnam veteran, used Vietnam as the setting for both.

"I like to involve my characters in places I've been," he explains.

Deibert has done that in "The Christmas City Vampire." Local readers will instantly recognize the setting and the frequent references to local landmarks like the Bethlehem Brew Works, the Lehigh Valley Mall and the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem.

The juxtaposition of familiarity and alien evil is intriguing.

He also tries to insert his children (anonymously, of course) into everything he writes.

Deibert, a retired U.S. Postal Service mail carrier, grew up in the Lehigh Valley and has lived in Lower Saucon Township with his second wife since 2002. Deibert retired from



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Larry L. Deibert signs copies of his novel, "The Christmas City Vampire," 1-3 p.m. March 3, Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St., Bethlehem.

the postal service in 2008, and two days later went to work as a courier at Lehigh Valley Hospital, where he still works.

His experience as an author offers a window not only into how some writers work, but also into the dramatic advances in the publishing trade that benefit unknown authors like him.

Deibert talks about how sometimes, as he's writing, "The characters would seem to pop up from nowhere."

"A lot of writers start out with an outline and a list of characters," he says. "I could never do that." With "95 Bravo," he says, "About three chapters in, I knew how it was going to end."

His efforts to get published are easier in this internet age. "95 Bravo" was published as an e-book after being rejected by several print publishers.

"The Christmas City Vampire" was published by a small company, Bradley Publishing, which offers his book for sale as "print by demand." This route is less expensive for the publisher, which doesn't have to finance an extensive print-

ing without knowing what the demand will be. So, it is easier for unknown writers to gain exposure.

The internet also makes editing a less expensive proposition for publishers, with editors who can work from home on copy that is emailed to them.

Deibert acknowledges that when he was young, he was never much of a reader, and never thought about writing until 1975, when his first wife was pregnant and it occurred to him that he should write about his life for his son.

He sent that first effort, which included some of his Vietnam experiences, to 23 different publishers with no success, "so I thought, 'maybe I'm not a writer'."

Then in 1990 he joined a veterans' group and began listening to their stories. Many were more compelling than his, since he spent most of his Vietnam service behind a desk, and one of those veterans suggested he rewrite his book, including some of their stories.

That was "95 Bravo."

Next was his first vampire book, "Requiem for a

Vampire." He had wanted to write a vampire book because he had strong opinions about how the topic has been treated in other novels.

"I didn't think you could kill it [a vampire] with a stake through the heart," he says. He thinks you would have to separate its head from its body in order to destroy it.

After "Requiem," Deibert didn't do any writing for awhile. Then he heard about a contest online, challenging writers to produce a 50,000-word novel in 30 days.

At first he thought the task too daunting. Then he began thinking about a possible topic and came up with the idea of a murder mystery set in Bethlehem during the Christmas season.

He sat down and wrote 1,700 words the first day.

Deibert networks extensively with other writers. He contacts them through Vietnam veterans' groups, on facebook and through other social media. It helps, he says, to exchange books with other writers and get their feedback.

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8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Boa unconstricted: Sequins, fans and boas – oh, my! Quinn Lemley, above, and her diva sidekicks, Gracie and Raz, are set to dazzle in a scintillating tribute, "Burlesque to Broadway," 7:30 p.m. March 2, State Theatre for the Arts, 453 Northampton St., Easton. The show, directed by Tony Award-winning Joe Hardy, tells a joke-filled, compelling and uplifting story of icons who rose from meager beginnings to become strong, celebrated artists. The Las Vegas-style production takes you to the world of vaudeville, Minsky's and The Ziegfeld Follies. The singers-dancers, backed by a 10-piece band, perform one show-stopper after another by the likes of Fanny Brice, Sally Rand, Mae West, Gypsy Rose Lee, Bette Midler and Cher. Tickets: statetheatre.org, 610-252-3132

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Just what: Irish rock band, The Saw Doctors, above, bring its 2013 spring tour of North America to Musikfest Café, Steel-Stacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, at 7:30 p.m. March 5. The Saw Doctors, formed in Tuam, County Galway, Ireland, in the mid-1980s, have garnered a reputation for being a powerful and exciting live band. The group has recorded dozens of hits in Ireland, including the chart-toppers "I Useta Lover," "Hay Wrap" and "About You Now." The group's most recent studio release is 2010's "The Further Adventures of ... the Saw Doctors." In 2011, the group recorded the Petula Clark classic "Downtown" with Ms. Clark, and the song went to No. 2 on the Irish Christmas singles chart. Tickets: artsquest.org, 610-332-3378.

RDT to awaken 'Sleeping Beauty' ballet

By JENNIFER MCKEEVER
 Special to The Press

Cascading faeries descend upon the stage in a rainbow of colors to bless the newborn Princess Aurora, also known as "Sleeping Beauty," with gifts of beauty, energy, song and temperance.

The evil faerie, Carabosse, performed by Kathryn Washer, casts an evil spell upon Princess Aurora. When she turns 16, she will prick herself with a spindle and fall dead.

Luckily, the lovely Lilac Faerie, performed by Esther Martinez, with her six attendants, casts a counterspell that she will fall asleep for 100 years.

Repertory Dance Theatre presents the ballet, "Sleeping Beauty," 1:30 and 7 p.m. March 2, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1533 Hamilton St., Allentown.

Says Jennifer Haltzman Tracy, RDT artistic co-director with Trinette Singleton, of the "Sleeping Beauty" ballet, "One beautiful solo after another culminate together in a string of dances to portray the story.

"It's a wonderful family because you spend a lot of time with these students. They become like your children. They are much more mature in their years with a sense of professionalism and work ethic that is exceptional."

The ballet is in three acts beginning with the faeries giving their gifts and spells. The second act is the 16th birthday of Princess Auro-



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Madeline Jazz Guerdat (Sleeping Beauty), left; Matthew Harvey (The Prince), right, Repertory Dance Theatre, "Sleeping Beauty," 1:30, 7 p.m. March 2, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1533 Hamilton St., Allentown.

ra, receiving a gift of a spindle from the disguised Carabosse.

The "Rose Adagio" is a segment with four desperate

princes trying to win Princess Aurora's love with a rose. The third act is a celebration and wedding, including dances of the Jew-

els; the Ruby, Diamond, Emerald and Sapphire.

There's also an appearance of Puss in Boots, the White Cat. And the Bluebirds will follow up with a Grand Pas de Deux.

A cast of 40 dancers perform the drama of the beloved fairy tale fashioned after the choreography of Marius Petipa, the original choreographer of the ballet, with a tweak or two by Haltzman Tracy and Singleton suited well to the music of Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky.

Guests from Carolina Ballet Theatre of Greenville, N.C., RDT alumni Matthew Harvey portrays The Prince with Sleeping Beauty performed by Madeline Jazz Guerdat.

"Guerdat spends time and directs her attention to the young dancers," says Haltzman Tracy.

American Repertory Ballet of Princeton, N.J., dancers, Samantha Fruhwirth, also formerly with RDT, and Jacopo Jannelli, perform the Bluebirds pas de deux in the third act.

Students from The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, as well as guest artists Shannon Dooling and Angeline Wolf, perform after the 7 p.m. performance.

After the 1:30 p.m. matinee, there's the "Sweets Party," where audience members may meet Sleeping Beauty, do arts and crafts, and try a few dance steps.

Ticket information: repertorydance.org, 610-965-6216



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Sinfonia at 30: The Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra marks its 30th anniversary with harpist Frances Duffy, above, and PSO principal flutist Robin Kani, who perform Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp in C, K.299 at 7:30 p.m. March 2, Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. PSO Music Director Allan Birney chose Handel's "Water Music Suite in D Major" to begin the concert. Also on the program: "The Italian Serenade" by Hugo Wolf and "Le Tombeau de Couperin" by Maurice Ravel. "It's very much an Impressionistic work," Birney explains. "Ravel thinks orchestrally and casts the whole sound world in this homage to the earlier French composer Couperin." The audience may enjoy birthday cake and refreshments during intermission. Tickets: PASinfonia.org, 610-434-7811

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Quinn Lemley: To sequins and beyond

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
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It's called "Burlesque to Broadway," but the song and dance revue, 7:30 p.m. March 2, State Theatre for the Arts, 453 Northampton St., Easton, is much more, according to its star.

"It's a celebration of women, from Burlesque to Broadway and beyond," says Quinn Lemley, star of the show with co-stars, Sara Brophy, portraying Raz, a Rosalind Russell character, and Amanda Brantley, portraying Gracie, based on Gracie Allen. They're backed by a 10-piece orchestra.

"The show is like a young Bette Midler meets 'Chicago,'" Lemley says. "It's not just a burlesque show. People will learn a lot about these women, that they used the power of their mind, the power of the tease. They used their intelligence to build a life for themselves."

OK, we understand that "Burlesque to Broadway" is more than sequins, fans and boas — oh, my!

But what we really want to know: Is Quinn Lemley a stage name?

"It's my real name," says Lemley in a recent telephone interview. "My mom thought I was going to be a boy and she was going to name me Boris. And she saw that I was a girl. 'It's a Quinn,' she said."

Lemley is a British surname. Quinn is Irish. Her mother's side of the family is Polish.

Lemley's family story and show-biz journey is woven into "Burlesque to Broadway."

"I take them [the audience] on a journey of these



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Quinn Lemley, Sara Brophy, Amanda Brantley, "Burlesque to Broadway," 7:30 p.m. March 2, State Theatre for the Arts, Easton

women, and these characters and I talk about my family in a fun way. And there's all these outrageous stories that are fun and tied to the theme of burlesque and Broadway."

Lemley does a Gypsy Rose Lee monologue. There are jokes, references and anecdotes to and about Tallulah Bankhead, Mae West, Fannie Brice, Sophie Tucker and Bette Midler.

"We do all those corny, vaudeville fun jokes. What's unusual is that women are doing it. They used to be done by men."

Of the burlesque aspect of the revue, she says, "It's all about the art of the tease. The tease is all in the mind. What's sexier than a woman taking off a glove?"

It's a big show, with lots of costume changes. Steve Rawlins, who did arrangements for Midler, arranged the revue's numbers. W. Brent Sawyer (Broadway's "A Chorus Line") is music director-conductor-pianist.

"It's one show-stopper after another. There's something for everyone. There's Cole Porter's 'My Heart Belongs to Daddy,' and we do that with a twist; Tom Jones' 'She's A Lady'; Leslie Gore's 'You Don't Own Me';

Cher's 'Bang Bang.'"

"Not only are we doing these amazing harmonies and vocals, but the choreography tells the story, as well," Lemley says. Merete Muentzer is choreographer. "She really takes us from the girly-girl dances they did in the '20s and '30s, with the boa, to today."

And then there are those costumes by Wendall Goings ("Rock of Ages"), from gorgeous gowns to showgirl outfits, Sally Rand fans to beaded dresses.

The 120-minute has a 15-minute intermission.

"There are boas on sale at intermission. So, if the audience is in the mood, they can get their own boas if they want to get their burlesque on. There's a lot of audience involvement."

Lemley has been developing the show for three years. This, ahem, leg of the tour began Feb. 1 in New Brunswick and continued in Vancouver and Montreal and went on to Louisville.

"There's something for everyone. We meet and greet and do a photo-op with the audience," [after the show]," Lemley says.

Lemley researched and wrote the show, collaborat-

ing with Joseph Hardy, who edited it. "He worked with a lot of these people," she says of the Tony Award winner ("You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown").

Lemley began singing and dancing at age four at her parents' restaurant in Columbus, Ind. At 16, she studied with opera diva, Christianne Castelli, in Bordeaux, France. She was in "The Great American Backstage Musical" at Interlochen Arts Academy before heading off to New York City, where she graduated from the Tisch School of the Arts.

She has performed at The Joslyn Theatre, Palm Desert, and The Annenberg, Palm Springs, both Calif.; the Algonquin, Town Hall, Symphony Space and The Knitting Factory, all New York; Spazzio and Gardenia, both Los Angeles, and toured in Switzerland and China.

Her New York stage credits include "The Heat Is On," Israel Horowitz's "Barking Sharks" and Off-Broadway workshops of "Rita! Hollywood Goddess."

Lemley has recorded five CDs on HepCat Records, including "Sirens: Songs of the Silver Screen," "Cocktails With a Twist," "Dance or Die," "The Heat Is On!" and "Live! At The Half Note."

"My grandmother would introduce me to all this music. She was my best friend in the whole world. I would go over there [in Columbus, Ind.]. I would cross the street every day after school. She would educate me on theater, artists, music and film. We would read Mae West's biography."

Second childhood better than the first

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By Pattie Mihalk
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less tops aren't flattering after a certain age."

She's too young to know that "after a certain age," we stop worrying about what people think.

It's so freeing to throw away mental constrictions and preconceived notions about what we should or should not do.

My only problem is that I want to do too much. There's a big world out there called "the great outdoors" and it's a magical playground that keeps calling me.

The other day my superactive husband told me he thought he was going to "take some time off" because he's on the go day and night."

I just smiled, knowing what would come next.

Sure enough, that day Dave and I went to a county-sponsored pickleball demonstration where we were invited to try a new sport that's sweeping the county. It's a cross between tennis and ping pong suitable to all ages.

We loved it. Now, we're going to beginners' pickleball on Mondays, trying to squeeze one more activity into our crammed calendar.

Don't get me wrong. It's not all run, run, play, play. Often, living my second childhood involves doing nothing except sitting on my lanai watching the ducks swim by, or watching the birds at our backyard feeder.

I do that every day and each time I say a prayer of two words: Thank you.

Thank you for this beautiful world.

Thank you for this time of life.

Not everyone understands my version of a second childhood. I went to a meeting the other day where most of us had not seen each other for months. We went around the table answering the question: What have you been up to since we last met?

When it was my turn, I smiled and said I was enjoying every minute of my second childhood—boating, biking, kayaking, dancing, taking new classes and just enjoying life.

My answer was greeted with silence. People just stared at me. I don't know why.

My friend Kay says it's because most retirees still have obligations and responsibilities. They don't have time for other things.

This week I bought an extra ticket and invited her along to see a theater production in our community center. She said she didn't have time to go.

"By the time I cook dinner, do the dishes, do the wash, straighten the house and walk the dogs, I'm exhausted," she said. "I don't have time for what you call play."

Retirement is a second chance to enjoy life. It's our last chance.

That's probably why living a second childhood is even more precious than the first.

How to choose best spot for garden plot

Spring is just around the corner. Now is the time to plan for your vegetable garden.

Choose the site for your garden carefully. The garden site will affect all other gardening practices, so select the best site possible to grow healthy plants.

When deciding on a site, consider exposure to sunlight, soil type and pesticide contamination.

Vegetables need sunlight in order to grow well and produce large yields. A good site receives a minimum of six hours of full sun each day, with eight to 10 hours being ideal.

Consider shading from buildings, fences, trees and shrubs when selecting your garden site. Vegetables do not compete well with trees or other plants for sunlight, moisture and nutrients.

When selecting a garden site, avoid the vicinity of large trees, even if the vegetables would not be shaded to any great extent. Sites with southern exposure are generally warmer than those with northern exposures.

Soils are made up of different particles called sand, silt and clay. Sand makes up the largest of these particles, followed by silt, with clay making up the smallest particles.

Most soils are made up of a combination of sand, silt and clay, which affects soil drainage, structure and fertility. Pick a site with good

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drainage. This is important for promoting good root growth and avoiding plant diseases, particularly root rots.

Soil type affects drainage. Heavy clay soils are slow in drying out and are difficult to cultivate and work properly. Extremely sandy soils may lack organic matter and may dry out too rapidly between watering. The best soil is between these two extremes.

The exact type of soil, however, is not as important if it is well-drained, adequately supplied with organic matter and retains moisture. One strategy for selecting a site is to avoid areas where water pools for long periods of time.

Adding organic matter in the form of decaying plant or animal material effectively improves soil structure. When incorporated into soil, organic matter acts to increase the ability of soil to hold water and tiny particles of clay apart so they can drain out excess water more easily.

Organic matter provides clay soil with needed pore space, which lets in air essential to good plant growth, and prevent tiny particles of clay soil from cementing themselves

together and, therefore, becoming more easily penetrated by plant roots. Organic matter also helps fill in excess pore space of sandy soil, thus slowing down drainage and increasing the ability to hold water.

Heavy soils low in organic matter and soils containing large amounts of very fine clay tend to harden and crust on the soil surface. Clay soils are resistant to changes in their structure.

Incorporating coarse sand or organic matter may improve a small area. You can work an inch or two of coarse sand or organic matter into the soil in any one year. Sand improves soil drainage and workability of clay soils, but beyond that it is of limited value compared to organic matter.

Sources of organic matter include manure, compost, peat moss, spent mushroom substrate and sawdust. Organic matter can be produced in the form of winter cover crops, such as hairy vetch or winter rye; green manure crops, such as vetches or clovers; or sod when the land is not used for gardening. A legume-grass mixture, such as rye and hairy vetch, is an effective green manure crop for improving soil.

Select a spot with good fertility. Perform a soil test to more accurately determine the fertility status of the soil. You can purchase a soil test mailing envelope

from your local Extension Office for a cost of \$9.

Some sites have a greater chance of contamination from pesticides than other sites. It's best to avoid those sites. For example, if your neighbor's lawn is free of weeds while yours has dandelions, this might be an indication that your neighbor is using a herbicide. In that case, avoid planting near the property border shared with your neighbor.

Also, avoid rights-of-ways where power lines are located and locations near railroad tracks or highways since these areas are generally sprayed annually with persistent herbicides.

Rotate the location of the garden every few years when space is available. This will help improve the condition of the soil and avoid plant diseases. At the very least, you will want to rotate among plant families within the garden.

For answers to your garden questions, call the Lehigh County Cooperative Extension Office, 610-391-9840, or Northampton County Cooperative Extension Office, 610-746-1970, and ask to speak with a Master Gardener. Volunteers staff phone lines several days a week, Monday - Friday.

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Butz Corporate Center gets first Allentown zone loan

The Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority (ANIZDA) recently approved a loan to EPC Allentown, LLC, founded by the Butz Family and owner of the Butz Corporate Center.

The \$10-million loan through National Penn Bank is the first private development loan that closed through ANIZDA.

"This transaction signifies the positive momentum in the revitalization effort of the city," said Greg Butz, President and CEO, Alvin H. Butz, Inc.

"Our move to Allentown in 2006 has helped to

lure other businesses to the downtown, a trend we are encouraged to see recommence with the Neighborhood Improvement Zone tax district now in place."

Butz Corporate Center, Ninth and Hamilton streets, Allentown, resides in the center of the Neighborhood Improvement Zone. The Phase II expansion, which will include 52,000-square feet of Class-A retail-office space, is estimated to bring 150 jobs to the city. The expansion is expected to be complete by April.

"With the expansion of the Butz Corporate

Center and the additional jobs it will bring to the city, the Butz family continues to be a leader in the renewal of downtown Allentown," said Sara Hailstone, Allentown Director of Community and Economic Development.

"The members of ANIZDA continue to be encouraged by developers' interest in building upscale office and retail space within the NIZ."

Butz Corporate Center's Phase I is 100 percent occupied. Phase II will be ready for lease in Spring.

LV home sales up 2.3 percent

The Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors (LVAR) released a new research report indicating year-to-date sales, pending sales and the affordability index up over the same time last year.

January 2013 data comparisons over last year at the same time indicate that closed sales were up 2.3 percent to 307, while pending sales were up 30.7 percent to 511.

Inventory decreased 16.8 percent to 3,157 units and new listings decreased 2.4 percent to 953.

The median sales price, the price where 50 percent of homes sold for more and 50 percent of homes sold for less, rose slightly at 1.4 percent to

\$158,250.

The number of days homes were on the market was recorded at 81 days, a decrease of 14.7 percent. Absorption rates improved as the supply of inventory was down 30.7 percent to 6.1 months.

"Inventory of four to seven months is typically regarded as constituting a balanced real estate market," said Ryan Conrad, CEO of LVAR.

The housing affordability index was up 5.9 percent to 217.

"The index is an analysis of affordability in our region," said Therese Kelley, President of LVAR. "It indicates the median household income in the Lehigh Valley is 217 per-

cent of what is needed to qualify for a median-priced home under prevailing interest rates. That is good news for homebuyers and sellers."

Research from the new housing market report may be found at LVAR.org in the consumer section.

Monthly statistics are based on figures generated by the Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors Multiple Listing Service. Average sales and median prices fluctuate monthly depending on the number of sales at the high or low end of the price range. The year-to-date numbers generally remain more constant.

Two join Keller Williams

Evangelia Papadopoulou and Maureen Longenecker have joined Keller Williams' Northampton County office in Bethlehem.

Papadopoulou has been a full-time Realtor since 2006 and was previously with Weichert Realtors. She was a member of Weichert's Executive Sales Club in 2010, Director's Club in 2011 and Million-Dollar Sales and Marketing Club in 2007, 2008 and 2009. She has been a certified relocation specialist since 2008 and became a certified mentor in 2012.

Longenecker, who was also with Weichert, has been a real estate agent



Evangelia Papadopoulou since 2007 and is a member of the Million-Dollar Sales Club. She is a first-



Maureen Longenecker time home-buyer specialist with ABR, SRS and E-Pro certifications.

Depression could be hereditary

Q. Episodes of depression seem to be common over several generations in my family. Is depression genetic?

There is substantial evidence that depression is a hereditary disease. A depression gene known as serotonin transporter (5-HTTLPR) has been found.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that about 121 million worldwide suffer from depression. WHO estimates that depression will become the first cause of disease burden worldwide by the year 2020. Disease burden is defined as the years that patients must live with a disability.

At least 10 percent of the United States population will experience major depressive disorder at some point in their lives. Two times as many

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women as men experience major depression.

In 2011, Dr. Srijan Sen, a professor of psychiatry at University of Michigan, and his team of researchers reported that people with a short variation of the 5-HTTLPR gene are more likely to become depressed under stress than those with the longer variation of the gene.

Serotonin is a neurotransmitter, a chemical substance that transmits impulses across the spaces (synapses) between nerve cells (neurons). Alterations in serotonin levels in the brain can influence mood. The 5-HTTLPR gene interferes with the serotonin process in the

brain. Some antidepressant medications work by affecting the action of serotonin.

The Michigan research confirmed the findings of a 2003 study in which scientists for the first time established the link between genes and environment in depression. In 2009, however, an analysis in which scientists pooled 14 studies, found no heightened risk of depression among those with different versions of the gene.

Dr. Sen's team wanted to settle the controversy that arose after the 2009 report. The group gathered all of the 54 studies on the subject. This included data from about 41,000 volunteers. Based on this much broader analysis, the team concluded that 5-HTTLPR does confer a greater risk of depression when combined with stress.

"This is the final word," Dr. Sen said. "This meta-analysis includes three or four times as many studies, and clearly there is an effect."

One of Dr. Sen's findings is especially interesting to me. He said that it seems that people who have 5-HTTLPR are more reactive to all events, both positive and negative.

Any study of artists reveals a high incidence of depression. Could it be that writers, musicians, painters, and other artists with higher sensitivity have the shorter gene? I hope science will explore art some day and produce data on this subject.

Later in 2011, a British-led international team found a DNA region linked to depression. This finding was replicated by another team from the United States. The researchers said they believed many genes were

involved in depression.

"These findings will help us track down specific genes that are altered in people with this disease," said Gerome Breen of King's College London's Institute of Psychiatry, who led one of the research groups.

Recently, a study in Florida reported that there is a "happy gene" that affects females, but not males. The gene that can make women happy is known as MAOA, which affects brain chemistry.

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Have a question? Email: fred@healthygeezer.com
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SCORE Round Table on marketing

The Lehigh Valley Chapter of Score holds a Round Table on marketing products and services on a small business budget, 8 - 9:30 a.m. Feb. 28, Dunkin' Donuts, 3670 MacArthur Road, Whitehall.

Sue Kovacs, owner of Fusion Marketing Services and publisher of MD News of Eastern Pennsylvania, is moderator.

Round Table discussions are facilitated by a Score member. Introductory comments on the topic are offered. The session is then open to discussion and questions by participants.

Each participant will be given approximately 30 seconds to introduce themselves, and may share their business card.

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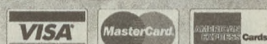
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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

9x9 grid with numbers from previous puzzle

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 grid for Conceptis Sudoku puzzle

Difficulty Level ★★★

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

For locations, call 610-559-3245.
Wednesday, Feb. 27: Beef rice soup, oven fried chicken, bread stuffing, chopped broccoli, wheat bread with margarine, blushed pears.
Thursday, Feb. 28: New England clam chowder, smoked sausage, country fried potatoes/egg, country mixed vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, rice pudding.
Friday, March 1: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, Romaine salad with ranch dressing, wheat bread with margarine, carrot cake.
Monday, March 4: Broccoli cheese soup, beef barbecue on a bun, macaroni salad, ambrosia.
Tuesday, March 5: Roast turkey with gravy, oven roasted sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, pumpkin bar.
Wednesday, March 6: Stuffed pepper, mashed potatoes, tossed salad with 1000 Island dressing, wheat bread with margarine, fruit cocktail.
Thursday, March 7: Chicken pot pie, sliced carrots, spinach salad with bacon dressing, biscuit with margarine, shoofly pie.
Friday, March 8: Lentil soup, beer battered cod, scalloped O'Brien potatoes, green peas, wheat bread with margarine, angel food cake with strawberry topping.

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

For locations, call 610-782-3254.
Wednesday, Feb. 27: Baked ham, with raisin sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, angel food cake. BB: Roast Turkey.
Thursday, Feb. 28: Meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat bread, banana.
Friday, March 1: Baked macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad, wheat bread, baked apples.
Monday, March 4: Chicken cacciatore, wax beans, rosemary potatoes, wheat bread, tapioca pudding.
Tuesday, March 5: Beef-a-roni, carrots, dinner roll, apple wedges.
Wednesday, March 6: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, peas and pearl onions, rye bread, diced peaches. BB: Meatloaf.
Thursday, March 7: Beef stew, broccoli/cauliflower, warm biscuit, fruit cocktail.
Friday, March 8: Stuffed shells with ricotta cheese and marinara sauce, green beans, dinner roll, fresh fruit.

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B UNZQV ZTI PQ JNZM BJ PGNMBME ZM ZQQZK
PX XPPV-GZTOBME GSZMIJ IUZI XPSOJ ZQN
TZSSBME "TPMMNQK'J TZMMNQBNJ."

See cryptogram answer on page B11

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals A

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

PUZZLING BEHAVIOR ACROSS

- 1 Stored up
8 Redirects
15 A little off
20 "I was wrong ... big deal!"
21 Single-issue publication
22 First extra inning
23 Place to stay apart from others
25 Aquarium growth
26 Store away
27 Swine
28 X-ray cousin
29 Furrow
30 Cities, informally
32 Schubert's "Trout," e.g.
35 Select for jury duty
39 City near Cologne
40 "Fee, fi, fo, —!"
41 Certain job lineup for a computer
43 R&B legend Marvin
45 Ultimate
49 Cry from churchgoers
50 Robotic rock group
51 Office missive
52 This or that
54 Ten: Prefix
55 Irish New Ager
57 Lifted-out, boldfaced article excerpt
59 — Jeanne d'Arc: Abbr.
60 Ski lift
63 Like some hygiene
65 Appropriated
66 Something often dodged
69 Camp David —
72 Brother of Fidel Castro
73 Sidelong look
74 PC screen type
77 Tiara-winning teen
79 Emmy-winning Falco
81 Catch wind of
82 De-intensify
83 Ascend
85 "The Waltons" actor Will
88 Sleek, briefly
89 Place for GIs
90 Jenny Craig regimen
91 Schoolroom surprises
93 Make mad
94 As blind as —
96 Throws from a saddle
97 Spat
103 Puente or Jackson
104 Island greetings
105 Always, in verse
106 Fissure
107 Soprano Tetrizzini
112 Less wild
113 Fitting exhortation to someone solving this puzzle?
117 Harsh

15x15 crossword grid

- 118 In the best case
119 Prizes highly
120 Responses of consent
121 Frightful flies
122 Wear
DOWN
1 Vipers
2 Humorist Sahl
3 Oman locale
4 Yukons and Xiterras
5 Old Lloyd Bridges TV series
6 911 agt.
7 IBM's old chess-playing computer
8 Illusionist Henning
9 With 81-Down, confused
10 Mice and lice
11 Make hostile
12 Köln's river
13 Rocky peak
14 Rd. crossers
15 Game maker since 1972
16 Casaba, e.g.
17 Gold block
18 Ward (off)
19 Bed cover
24 Sue Grafton's "— for Quarry"
29 Breath mint alternative
31 Not optional: Abbr.

- 32 "The Raven" writer
33 "I Get a Kick Out —"
34 Juan's "what"
35 2010 Apple debuts
36 Citi Field mascot
37 Fragment
38 Faris of films
39 "— giorno!"
42 Tennis great Chris
44 Plentiful
45 Booze
46 Take — for the worse
47 Galleria unit
48 Head, in Québec
51 Place for movie titles
52 Decorator de Wolfe
53 Like ketchup
56 "Star Wars" guru
58 Guitar's ancestor
60 Rotational force
61 Raise in price by successive offers
62 "As I Lay Dying" father
64 The — Sod (Ireland)
66 Apples and pears
67 Baseballer Banks
68 Doze
69 Chest beater
70 Curmudgeon
71 — Nostra (Mafia's kin)
74 Gibbons of TV talk

- 75 Insertion mark
76 Smelting waste
78 Eleniak of "Baywatch"
80 Jim Croce's "— a Name"
81 See 9-Down
84 Eyed intently
86 Accoutered
87 Smallest litter member
90 R&B's — Hill
91 Good buddy
92 Put in solitary
93 High figs. for Einsteins
95 Green gem minerals
97 "Crazy" singer Cline
98 Give a big lift
99 Very big books
100 "Voilà!"
101 Knitting balls
102 Adorée of silent films
103 Road crew goo
106 Dudes
108 Les — (French for "some")
109 — of March
110 640-acre unit: Abbr.
111 The "A" of PTA: Abbr.
113 "Good Will Hunting" sch.
114 Age-verifying docs.
115 Corrida holler
116 Bygone Russ. state

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See crossword answer on page B11

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Table listing classified ad categories and their corresponding page numbers, such as Lost & Found (40), Entertainment (50), Special Notices (60), For Sale (80), etc.

PUBLIC NOTICE
AUDIT NOTICE
LYNN TOWNSHIP
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
PREPARED ON A MODIFIED CASH BASIS
Year Ended December 31, 2012

Table with financial data including Revenues, Expenditures, Fund equity for 2011 and 2012, and ASSETS. Total Revenues: \$1,311,845; Total Expenditures: \$1,179,519; Excess of Revenues over Expenditures: \$ 132,326.

Note: General fund equity as of December 31, 2011 and 2012 does not include fixed assets. The value of the fixed assets shown below is based on Lynn Township Municipal Property Record 2012 and is reported under account group of general fixed assets.

ASSETS: Buildings \$1,589,034; Land \$ 37,334; Machinery, Tools & Equipment \$ 945,117; Vehicles \$ 390,951; Total \$2,962,436

Total Liabilities and Fund and Account Group Equity \$4,270,973

Published in accordance with Second Class Township Code, Section 904. The annual audit and financial report for the Township is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building during normal business hours, Mon. thru Fri., 8am to 4:30pm. Feb. 27

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, March 11th, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, to discuss and take action on the following legislation:

BILL NO. 2-2013 (Second Reading)
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, CODE ENFORCEMENT, ARTICLE VIII, UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE AND THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS, APPENDIX "G" - SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS, AND ARTICLE IX, ADOPTING THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE OF PENNSYLVANIA, BY REVISING CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR SUCH INSTALLATIONS.

BILL NO. 4-2013 (Second Reading)
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT WITH UGI UTILITIES, INC. CONFERRING UPON GRANTEE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE EXCLUSIVE, PERPETUAL RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, OPERATING, EXTENDING, REPLACING, CHANGING THE SIZE OF AND REMOVING A PIPE LINE, SERVICE LATERALS AND RELATED FACILITIES FOR THE CONVEYANCE, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GAS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO COLLECTIVELY AS "SERVICE FACILITIES") ON, IN, OVER AND ACROSS A STRIP OF LAND IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT "A" WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, MADE A PART HEREOF AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. SUCH STRIP OF LAND BEING GRAY IN COLOR AND TOTTALING 729 SQUARE FEET LYING ADJACENT TO THE IRONTON RAIL-TRAIL AND BEING A PART OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL PROPERTY FOUND IN DBV 1597, PG. 1043.

BILL NO. 5-2013 (Second Reading)
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR A SIDEWALK THROUGH LANDS OF BETHANY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

BILL NO. 6-2013 (First Reading)
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO EXECUTE DEEDS OF EASEMENT FOR AN EASTERLY AND WESTERLY STORM SEWER EASEMENT AND A SANITARY SEWER LATERAL EASEMENT OVER TOWNSHIP LAND ADJACENT TO WHITE CASTLE, 1280 MACARTHUR ROAD, WHITEHALL, PENNSYLVANIA.

BILL NO. 7-2013
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THREE YEAR LEASE OF HP DL380P SERVERS, FOR THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE.

BILL NO. 8-2013 (First Reading)
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO ACCEPT EIGHT (8) ACCESS EASEMENTS, FIVE (5) FROM WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST AND THREE (3) FROM TWO GUYS FROM HARRISON HOLDING COMPANY, LP; AND TWO (2) DRAINAGE EASEMENTS FROM WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST; ALL AS SHOWN ON THE "LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WAL-MART SUPER CENTER WHITEHALL SHOPPING CENTER" DATED APRIL 30, 2009 AT OR NEAR 2601 MACARTHUR ROAD, WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

BILL NO. 9-2013
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OF CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES PER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #13-01, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE.

BILL NO. 10-2013
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, SECTION 37 OF THE 2006 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, ESTABLISHING A NO PARKING ZONE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF CRESCENT COURT EAST BETWEEN THE WESTERN EDGE OF 3678 CRESCENT COURT EAST'S DRIVEWAY AND THE EASTERN EDGE OF 3682 CRESCENT COURT EAST'S DRIVEWAY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Copies of the full text of the proposed legislative items may be examined by any citizen in the Administration office of the Township of Whitehall, PA, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Assistance for the visually and/or hearing impaired is available upon request at least five (5) working days prior to this meeting.

/s/ Paul F. Geissinger
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL

Feb. 27

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for the installation of a standing seam steel roof or an alternate 50-year architectural shingled roof on their Independent Park Community Center building. The project will involve replacing approximately 6,937 sq. ft. of existing roof consisting of three roof areas as shown on roof sketches in Section 80 of the Specifications. The work will include the removal and disposal of the shingles, and the installation of a roofing system. Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on March 25, 2013, at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031-1510, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids shall be sealed, marked, and addressed as follows:

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Copies of Drawings, Specifications and Bid Forms may be examined and obtained at the office of Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc., 6235 Hamilton Boulevard, Wescosville, PA 18106-9797, upon request and a non-refundable deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$30.00) per set. Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.1 of the General Conditions. The successful bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in the amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.1 of General conditions. Upper Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any formalities, to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid which, in its judgment, is in the best interest of the Township. Upper Macungie Township also reserves the right to award either Bid 1 or Bid 2. Minimum wage rates, in accordance with Prevailing Wage Act, as amended, shall be paid to workmen employed on this project. Edward J. Earley, Ed.D. Chairman, Upper Macungie Board of Supervisors

Feb. 27, Mar. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
Borough of Coplay
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

2013 CONCRETE HANDICAP RAMPS AND SIDEWALK PROJECT

BOROUGH OF COPLAY will receive sealed bids for the installation of 13 concrete handicap ramps and sidewalks at various locations within the Borough. Bids shall be delivered or mailed to the Borough of Coplay Municipal Building, 98 S. 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037. Bids will have to be in the office by 3:00 P.M. prevailing time on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, and will be publicly opened and read aloud at a workshop meeting by the Borough Council on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time. All bids shall be sealed, marked and addressed as follows:

Borough of Coplay
ATTN: Sandra A. Gynecsek, Secretary
2013 CONCRETE HANDICAP RAMPS AND SIDEWALK PROJECT

Contract Documents for the work may be obtained at the Borough of Coplay Municipal Building, 98 S. 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037, phone (610) 262-6088 during regular business hours of Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Each bid shall be accompanied by certified check, bank cashier's check or bid bond payable to Borough of Coplay in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid as security. If the bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and the performance and payment bonds with proof of insurance shall be properly secured. Borough of Coplay reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid which, in its judgment, is in the best interest of the Borough. This Project is being funded with Federal Community Development Block Grant funds. Because the contract amount is expected to be at least \$25,000, bidders will be required to pay prevailing wages and must show that they have solicited bids from minority and women business enterprises (MWBE) certified by the State Minority and Women Business Enterprise Office (MWBE). The contact list of certified MWBE material suppliers and service providers pertaining to this project is enclosed with the bid packet. Sandra A. Gynecsek, Borough Secretary

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