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'Right thing to do'

Stoffa vetoes council's decision

By CAROL SMITH
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Using the power of Northampton County's Home Rule Charter, the county executive has vetoed a council decision to keep bond money intended for the completion of Bethlehem's Commerce Center.

"What price is your good name worth?" Executive John Stoffa asked in explaining his veto.

While Stoffa's veto risks going against council's 5-4 decision on the Jan. 21 ordinance, he said his decision is based on acting honestly and with integrity.

"It was the right thing to do," he said.

A Jan. 21 ordinance would have reneged on an agreement between the county and the city of Bethlehem that would have allowed city officials to keep \$686,000 for the purpose of placing signs and trees along the entry way to the \$13 million Commerce Center.

In an attempt to find an alternative solution, Executive John Stoffa's vetoed ordinance states that the city of Bethlehem has agreed to return \$300,000 of the \$686,000 to the county.

When the city returned \$1.6 million of the money from the county's 2001 bond issue last year, the one-mile, four-lane road, which links Route 412 just

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bethlehem native Winnie Romeril, an American Red Cross field press officer, carries Estphane Shan in Haiti.

First Aid efforts challenging

Haitian resilience inspiring, says Bethlehem native on scene

By CAROL SMITH
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With recovery and relief efforts begun in earthquake-ravaged Port-au-Prince, cash donations remain the most-requested relief item.

Three weeks after a massive 7.0-magnitude earthquake killed an estimated 200,000 people, American Red Cross volunteers from the United States and around the world are teaming up with the Haitian relief organizations to treat those in need.

With streets, the single-runway airport and the port becoming more passable, the pipeline to distribute relief supplies is opening up.

"It's been an incredible first aid effort on the part of the American Red Cross," said Winnie Romeril, a paramedic who is serving as an ARC field press officer. Romeril is a Bethlehem native and the daughter of Robert and The Rev. Canon Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril.

In an operation that has involved

"It's been an incredible first aid effort on the part of the American Red Cross."



WINNIE ROMERIL

more emergency response teams than any other single-country disaster in global Red Cross history, the American Red Cross has so far spent or committed more than \$67 million to meet the most urgent needs of earthquake survivors in Haiti, according to the ARC's Web site.

In an MSNBC interview Jan. 20, Romeril described how Hait-

ian doctors whose hospitals were destroyed in the earthquake were now working alongside Red Cross doctors in field hospitals with surgical units and mobile-health clinics set up by the Red Cross to treat the wounded and to distribute antibiotics. Patients with injuries that would be treated in hospitals in the United States are being cared for in open-air clinics, said Romeril of the volunteers' medical work.

In addition to the mobile medical units, shelters to house the thousands of homeless Haitians are being set up, said Steve McAndrew, an American Red Cross disaster relief specialist in an interview via satellite phone Jan. 25. McAndrew said that while conditions improve every day it's challenging to try to relocate the 2 million people the earthquake has removed from their homes.

Distribution of supplies and communication issues remain a challenge to the relief efforts.

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BETHLEHEM

Area mourns veteran archivist

By STAFFORD THOMPSON

Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Moravian Church community as well as persons in pursuit of Moravian history, biography and genealogy were plunged into shock when they learned of the tragic passing of the Rev. Vernon Nelson, 76, retired educator and archivist.



Nelson

A Bethlehem resident, Nelson died Jan. 26 as the result of a motor vehicle accident in the Moravian campus community.

Current archivist at the Moravian Archive Dr. Paul Peucker said that the outstanding work and contribution of the late Rev. Nelson in the development of the Archive will be immortalized.

For more than 35 years, Nelson along with his assistant Lothar Madeheim taught a course to enable students to read old German manuscripts. He also dedicated much of his time promoting the painting of John Haidt, a Moravian artist who was active in America between 1754 and 1780.

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BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student wants to c-o-m-p-e-t-e

District dropped out of spelling bee program 2 years ago

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Alexis is the kind of child that every parent would be proud of — a regional spelling bee champion who also enjoys playing piano and guitar, acting in school dramas and maintaining a 4-plus grade point average.

"She won every spelling bee that St. Jane's ever had," said moth-

er Mary Anne Davis in an interview.

Most recently, Alexis won the Allentown Diocese's spelling bee and last year, after winning the Scripps-Howard regional Spelling Bee, competed at the national event in Washington, D.C.

Accompanied by her daughter, Davis appealed to the school board Jan. 25 to give all students the chance to compete in the Spelling

Bee and also urged them to help her daughter get school backing to try again for the Spelling Bee's top honors.

According to Davis, after first getting cooperation from her daughter's school officials, she felt she was now being stonewalled.

Alexis' spelling bee career came to a sudden stop when she transferred to East Hills MS from St. Jane

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DOUGLAS GRAVES PHOTO
Transfer student Alexis Davis wants to compete in the Scripps-Howard Spelling Bee.



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projections for 2010

Charlene Donchez Mowers

Executive director
Historic Bethlehem
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Q What will you remember most about 2009?

A We are so pleased to welcome visitors to our museums and historic sites from more than 30 different countries around the world; thank you to over 6,000 people who attended Blueberry Festival at Burnside Plantation in July; after being irreparably damaged in the flood of Hurricane Ivan and thanks to a Save America's Treasures Grant, our 18-foot-diameter water wheel is once again turning in the 1762 Waterworks, our National Historic Landmark - America's first pumped municipal water system.

Q What are you facing in 2010?

A Just as other non-profits, we have been affected by the state budget crisis and the loss of funding. We send a heartfelt thank you to the public for their support in time, talent and treasure and hope the

public will continue to support our efforts to preserve our museums, historic sites and thousands of artifacts here in Bethlehem so that we can share our history with residents and visitors alike.

Q What is on your wish list for 2010?

A We invite the public to watch for information about our Heritage Trail. In the spring, we will be launching our Historic Bethlehem Heritage Trail with about 100 stops around town - north side, south side and west side. We have partnered with Touchstone Theater to provide the voices. The public will be able to access the information via cell phone or the Internet and hear stories about life in Bethlehem over the centuries.

Joe Brennan

State representative
133rd district



Q What will you remember most about 2009?

A My oldest son John's first day of kindergarten.

Q What are you facing in 2010?

A At the state level, I expect that we will continue to face serious budget concerns. I am hopeful that our economy will turn around very shortly.

Q What is on your wish list for 2010?

A I hope that those who are either unemployed or underemployed are able to find gainful employment. I also wish for a happy and healthy 2010 for all Pennsylvanians.

Jeff Parks

ArtsQuest
Executive director



Q What will you remember most from 2009?

A The "Soundbreaking" for the SteelStacks project. It is the beginning of great new cultural experiences in our community.

Q What are you facing in 2010?

A At ArtsQuest we are excited about completing the planning and beginning the implementation for new concerts, festivals, independent films and cinema programs, holiday events, farmers, artists and

antiques markets and much more at SteelStacks to open in May 2011.

Q What is on your wish list for 2010?

A Great weather for Musikfest.

Westgate store auction draws 400 bidders



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Auctioneer Barry Slosberg conducts part of the auction early on. Several hundred lots of office, framing and artists' supplies, as well as store furnishings, were available to interested bidders.

On Jan. 27, more than 400 bidders descended on the Westgate Mall in the former Art & Drafting Connection store, looking for deals on more than 20,000 art, drafting, office, craft, framing, graphic and technical supplies. All business furnishings were included. The absolute bankruptcy auction signaled the end for another Bethlehem area business during these difficult economic times. The store opened at this location in 1991. Auctioneer Barry S. Slosberg Inc. conducted the sale.



Bath area residents Paula Rodgers and Jonathan Payne check items for sale prior to the auction. They were trying to figure out the lot numbers prior to bidding and to get a good deal at lower prices.



An unidentified bidder flashes her auction number to complete a successful bid.

AID

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With cell phones lost or destroyed in the disaster, Haitian survivors are still trying to get in touch with loved ones. To assist with connecting families the International Red Cross has set up a Web site. At www.icrc.org/familylinks, people can register their names, location and leave a brief message.

McAndrew spoke to the need for cash donations so that supplies that meet relief standards can be purchased and where possible bought in the region to help rebuild the Haitian economy.

People can donate in support of the relief effort in Haiti at www.redcross.org or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS. Mobile donors can text "Haiti" to 90999 to make a \$10 contribution. A \$10 donation made through mobile giving can provide a family with two

Aid by the numbers

The American Red Cross is currently focusing on three areas through its emergency responders and partners:

Sending food to those in need, including 3 million pre-packaged meals and funding for World Food Program efforts that will enable them to feed up to 1 million people for a month.

Providing clean drinking water, including 3.5 million liters distributed to date in 68 settlements. Each day, the Red Cross is distributing enough water for 100,000 people.

Distributing shelter items, such as blankets, tarps, sleeping mats and tents, to families who have been left homeless.

To date, 79 percent of the funds have been committed or spent on food and water; 18 percent on shelter items; and the remainder on health and family services.

More than 49 flights carrying Red Cross aid have arrived in Haiti. Additional planes, ships and trucks carrying Red Cross humanitarian assistance are en route.

Source: American Red Cross Web site

food is not useful, McAndrew said. He described donations of food that is out of date or shoes that only fit the left foot that are clogging up the relief pipeline.

And food supplies are getting to the camps thanks to a system where the volunteers find out what is needed in the camps, give out vouchers and then return the next day with the supplies.

"We are optimistic we are putting in a good operation," said McAndrew of the efforts to get relief to the people who need it.

So far, 3 million pre-packaged meals have arrived and 2 million liters of water have been distributed, he added.

What both Romeril and McAndrew have observed in their relief efforts is the amazing resilience of the Haitian people as they start to clean up for themselves.

As the Red Cross volunteers distribute water, blankets and other relief supplies the Haitians are getting back to some kind of respectable living conditions, said Romeril.

"You can see micro-economies bubbling up again," she added.

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Wednesday, February 3

HARB meeting, 4 p.m. at Town Hall at 10 E. Church St.

Thursday, February 4

Lehigh Valley Chapter, Executive Women International, monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Copperhead Grille, 1731 Airport Road, Allentown

Northampton County Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Nancy Run Fire Company Hall, 3564 Easton Ave., Bethlehem

Friday, February 5

LEPOCO Popcorn and Peace series, 7:30 p.m., documentary "The Cove" with Ric O'Barry, free, Peace Center, 313 W. Fourth St., Bethlehem

Monday, February 8

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10 a.m., Gold with David Howell, jewelry/coin collector; 11:15 a.m., Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society with Colleen Lavdar, director; at the church, 2344 Center St.

Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.

BASD Curriculum Committee meeting, 6 p.m. at Education Center dining room, 1516 Sycamore St.

Fountain Hill Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

Bethlehem Township Commissioners meeting, 7 p.m. at Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Hellertown Council budget meeting, 7 p.m. at 685 Main St.

BASD Human Resources meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Education Center dining room, 1516 Sycamore St.

Tuesday, February 9

Bethlehem Township Parks and Recreation meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Hanover Township Supervisors meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road

Hellertown Borough Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at 685 Main St.

Saucon Valley School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Audion Building, 2097 Polk Valley Road

Wednesday, February 10

BASD public budget workshop, 6 p.m. at Education Center dining room, 1516 Sycamore St.

Fountain Hill work session, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

Lower Saucon Township Historical Society talk by Herman Hackman on the history of the Pflueger family, 7 p.m. at Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike. Hackman is the grandson of Clarence Pflueger. The history of the Pflueger family intertwines with the history of the European settlement of Pennsylvania. Information, call 610-625-8771.

To have an event listed, contact George Taylor at 610-625-2121, ext. 3112, gtaylor@tnonline.com or fax 610-625-2126.

NELSON

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book on Haidt's paintings compiled by Nelson was almost complete and arrangements for its publication were in the works.

Moravian Archive staffers lauded Nelson's efforts in installing climate control and fire sup-

pressant systems at the facility.

Nelson became an archivist in 1961. He advanced to become director of the Moravian Archive in 1963 until his retirement in 2000.

Up to the time of his death, Nelson was a welcome and frequent visitor and participant in the affairs of the Archive.

'It's a mixed message'

Worst over, says Chamber speaker, but economy will continue to grow at a relatively slow pace

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Keynote speaker and Wells Fargo economist Dr. Jay Bryson detailed current trends in the economy and offered projections for the year ahead to several hundred area business leaders and government officials attending the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Lehigh Valley Economic Outlook Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville Jan. 26.

Area economist Kamran Afshar, of Kamran Afshar Associates, reviewed trends in the Lehigh Valley.

In his "Economic Outlook 2010," Bryson related how third quarter 2009 trends were indicating recovery from the recession. He cited increases in housing starts during the third quarter and an annualized increase in retail sales of 6 percent between September to December. Capital spending was beginning to come back, although not strongly, he said. Exports have increased due to a weakened dollar.

"The third quarter grew at a halfway decent pace," he added.

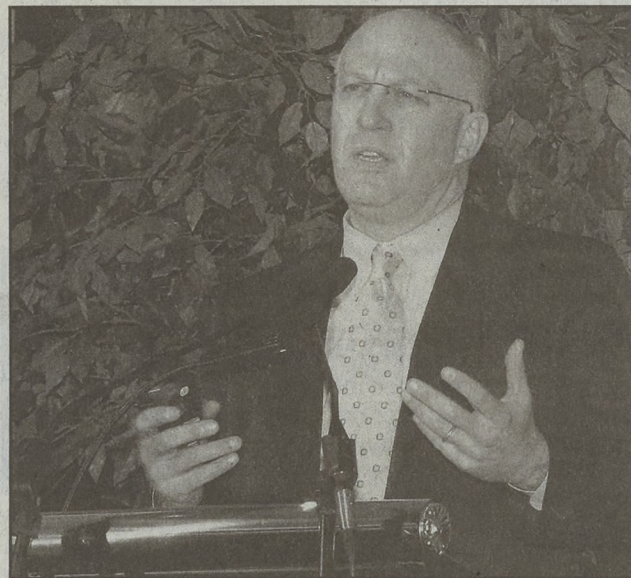
Looking at 2010, Bryson predicted that consumer spending, which represents two-thirds of the entire economy, would be sluggish at first, but that growth overall would range from 1.5 to 1.75 percent. He indicated that Americans are saving more, which is a good sign for growth as well.

Bryson compared the current recession to those of 1973-1975 and 1981-1982 and explained that it usually takes 10 quarters to get back to the previous peak in the economy, which bodes well for late 2010 and early 2011.

"If you measure what people feel, then the recession is probably not over,"



Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan presents one of four 2010 community development awards to Hyatt Place Bethlehem partners Richard Jabara, president of Meyer Jabara Hotels, and Joseph Posh, managing partner of Posh Properties.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Global economist Dr. Jay H. Bryson of Wells Fargo & Company forecasted a slowly improving economy. "If you measure recessions by changes in the GDP, it's probably over."

he cautioned. "We're looking at another jobless recovery."

Addressing the possibility of inflationary problems coming out of the recession, Bryson explained that \$1 trillion in excess reserves in banks will not be turned into loans because financing conditions are tighter and the largest companies don't need to borrow.

"There is more of a risk to an economy of deflation instead of inflation," he said projecting 1.7 to 1.8 percent as the potential range for any inflationary trends. He felt that the Federal Reserve would keep interest rates low to help prevent a recessionary return.

"It's a mixed message," said Bryson. "The worst is

over, but the economy will continue to grow at a relatively slow pace."

Afshar's analysis for the region was based on responses from area businesses. Fifty-six percent of companies in the Lehigh Valley have six or fewer employees, according to statistics. Overall, local companies have laid off more than they've hired and more than 50 percent are reducing expenditures, although his analysis also showed more than 50 percent anticipate increasing expenditures, which is a good sign.

"Considering we came out of a thunderstorm, a light rain is not bad," he said.

In addition to the economic presentations, mayors of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and Phillipsburg, N.J., each presented a Community Development Award to J. G. Petrucci Company Inc., Meyer Jabara Hotels and Posh Properties, restaurateur George Miereles and Infin-Tee Golf Facility for their advancement of key economic development initiatives in each community.

BEE

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Francis de Chantal, a private school in Wilson Borough that participates in the Scripps-Howard Spelling Bee, which is locally sponsored by the Express-Times newspaper.

Bethlehem Area School District stopped participating in the program two years ago.

When, after transferring into the BASD school system for the 2009-10 academic year, Davis realized that East Hills MS does not participate in the nationally known spelling bee, she started to do what she could to get Alexis the necessary support from the school so that she could qualify for this year's competition.

The deadline for late entries was Dec. 18, according to the spelling bee's Web site. Jennifer Kelly, who coordinates the local competition for the

Express-Times, told the Press that with a letter from the school and with Alexis' record she felt she could get the seventh-grader entered into the contest.

Davis said she had everything set up prior to the Dec. 18 deadline and thought she had East Hills Principal David Horvath's support with his agreement to sponsor Alexis. According to Davis, Horvath had given her permission to list the school as her daughter's sponsor and to enroll her daughter in the program — if she would pay the fee and expenses.

She said Horvath called her Dec. 16 to confirm the school's support.

Horvath did not return calls to the Press seeking to confirm Davis' version of the story, but referred the Press to his superiors at the Bethlehem Area School District. Dr. Dean Donaher, director of student services, confirmed that he and Horvath, after consulting with school board President Loretta Leeson and Acting Supt. Thomas E. Persing, had told Davis that she could cite East Hills as Alexis' sponsor in her application to compete at the national spelling contest.

With the school's sponsorship assured, Davis went to the Spelling Bee's

Web site and enrolled Alexis, paying the \$19 entrance fee with her credit card. All seemed to be set.

"Alexis was overjoyed," said Davis of her daughter. But then, according to Davis, she and Alexis' teacher, Theadora Loupos, got an e-mail from Scripps-Howard's Spelling Bee administrators saying that Alexis' registration had been withdrawn because Davis had registered East Hills without approval from the school.

When Scripps-Howard realized that the fee had been paid with a personal credit card, it had raised a question at Scripps-Howard headquarters and at the Express-Times office.

School administrators had concerns about simply designating a student to represent the school at the spelling bee, regardless how well-qualified she might be. Because they had opted out of the program two years ago they felt that, in Davis' words, "they were opening a can of worms." They thought that some parents in the school system might object on the grounds that their own talented spelling whiz had not had an opportunity to compete and that appointing Alexis Davis would not be fair to them. Donaher told the Press

that he and Horvath thought they had provided Davis with the necessary authority to make the initial application for the school, but told the Press on Jan. 28 that he is now working on a letter that will meet the Spelling Bee's requirements.

Donaher said that this effort to get Alexis qualified was in the works before Davis took her case to the school board.

Davis, confirmed that Donaher had told her he was working on the application Jan. 21, but no action had been taken by the day of the school board meeting. So she said she had decided to go on with her plans to speak at the school board meeting.

Davis told the Press that a staffer from state Rep. Steve Samuelson's office had called to tell her that the lawmaker had asked Leeson to look into the matter.

Regarding the school district's second thoughts about perceived fairness, Donaher said that the district has an opportunity to do something for a qualified student. If other parents object, then he will try to deal with it — if it happens.

As to future spelling bees at BASD, Donaher said that he understands that, unlike previous years when the entire school district had to sign up for the competitive program, that the rules have changed and that now individual schools can sign up.

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Rev. Vernon Hans Nelson

head of Moravian Archives

Th e Rev. Vernon Hans Nelson, 76, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 26, 2010, in St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. Born in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., he was the son of the late Olaf and Hartha (Lenius) Nelson. He was the husband of the late Jane E. (Jordan) Nelson, who died in 1985.



In high school he played basketball, ran track and was valedictorian of his senior class. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1955, graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and in 1958 his divinity degree from Moravian Theological Seminary. In 1967 he earned a master's degree in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania. From September 1958 through May of 1960, he served as assistant pastor of the Lake Mills Moravian Church in Wisconsin. Beginning in the summer of 1960, he was at the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem,

first as the assistant to Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, and since 1963, as archivist.

His tenure at the Moravian Archives was marked by many important projects, most notably the compilation of an index to the Gemein-Nachrichten, the move into a new archives building in 1976, and the institution of a course in reading German script. His lifelong project was a biography of the Moravian clergyman and painter John Valentine Haidt (1700-1784.)

He is survived by two daughters, Rebecca Jane Nelson of Baltimore, Md. and Barbara Gail Nelson of Bethlehem; a sister, Jeanne Floor of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; and a brother, Donald E. Nelson of Accokeek, Md.

He was predeceased by a brother Howard H. Nelson.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or the Moravian Archives, 41 W. Locust St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

Tyler R. Takach

worked at Giant Food store

Tyler R. Takach, 20, of Bethlehem Township, died Jan. 15, 2010, in St. Luke's Hospital Fountain Hill. He was the son of Kathy S. (Rowe) Takach of Bethlehem and Richard J. and his wife Theresa A. (Pavkovic) Takach, with whom he resided.



He was a 2008 Freedom HS graduate and was attending Triangle Tech in Bethlehem.

He worked at the Giant Food Market, Route 191, in

Bethlehem Township. In addition to his parents and stepmother, he is survived by maternal grandparents, Robert and Jean Rowe of Hellertown; two brothers, David J. and his wife Leslie Petko and their son Aiden of Warsaw, Ind., and Zachary R. Takach, at home; and two stepbrothers, Daniel J. and Nicholas P. Mortagua, both at home.

Contributions may be made to the Wildlands Conservancy, c/o the funeral home, 500 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

Nancy A. Moser-Reed

local bartender

Nancy A. Moser-Reed, 57, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 26, 2010, in Manor Care 2 Health Services, Bethlehem. Born in Chicago, Ill., she was the daughter of the late John and Shirley E. (Ziegenfuss) Birkel. She was the wife of the late William Reed.

She was a nurse's aide

at Holy Family Manor and later was a bartender for various bars and clubs.

She is survived by a daughter, Bronwynn A. Moser and her daughter Sage of Catasauqua.

She was predeceased by a sister, Cheryl A. Rich. Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

Michael F. Soldridge

of Coplay

Michael F. Soldridge, 49, of Coplay, died Jan. 19, 2010. He was the husband of Kathy L. (Fairbairn) Soldridge for 28 years.

Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late William and Elizabeth (Dorwood) Soldridge. He was a self-employed handyman.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, April and Justine; a son, Michael Jr.

and his wife Kristen; two brothers, William Jr. and Jeffrey Soldridge; two sisters, Susan and Catherine; and two grandchildren, Aubrey and Manuel.

Contributions may be made to the family c/o the funeral home, 327 Chestnut St., Coplay, PA 18037.

Arrangements were made by Robert A. Hauke Funeral Home Inc., Coplay.

Jack "The Whistler" Ratarsky

owned Chickadee Dress Co.

Jack "The Whistler" Ratarsky, 81, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 25, 2010. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of the late Morris and Julia Ratarsky. He was the husband of Lucille (Breidenbach) Ratarsky for 23 years.



He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

He was employed by the Northampton County Housing Authority. He was the former owner of Muriel and Chickadee Dress companies, Bethlehem and the Coplay Dress Company, Coplay. He was president of P.I.T.A. Management Company, Allentown.

He coached basketball at the Jewish Community Center of Allentown for 24 years. He was a member of the Y.M.C.A.

of Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Scott and his wife Linda of Knoxville, Tenn.; a daughter, Sheryle Leekley of Los Angeles, Calif.; a stepson, Scott Sr. and his wife Colleen Hawk of Bethlehem; three grandchildren; Jimmy Simonetti of Knoxville and Annalise and Sophia Leekley of Los Angeles; four step grandchildren, Scott Hawk Jr., Marissa DePriest, Katelynn Guranich and Michael Murphy, all of Bethlehem; and a step great-grandchild, Kadin Hawk of Bethlehem.

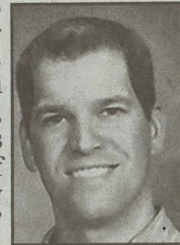
Contributions may be made to VNA Hospice of St. Luke's, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017 and/or the American Cancer Society, 3893 Adler Place, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Kevin Scott Bender

Notre Dame church member

Kevin Scott Bender, 34, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 26, 2010, at the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Born in Nazareth, he was the son of Stanley "Butch" Bender Jr. and Julianne (Schwartz) Bender. He was the husband of Joelle (Hudak) of Bethlehem for 10 years.



He was a 1992 graduate of Notre Dame HS. In 1997, he graduated from Penn State University, Wilkes University and Lehigh University.

He was a teacher at Eyer MS, East Penn School District. He taught at Alburis ES for 11 years. He served as the Arts and Recreation Director at Hillside School in Emmaus.

He was a member of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Catholic Church.

He was the union representative for Alburis ES.

He was a coach for Lehigh Little League.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by two children, Logan and Leah, both at home; three brothers, Nicholas and his wife Danielle, of Whitehall, Russell and his wife Kyla of Saylorburg and Douglas of Bethlehem; paternal grandfather, Stanley R. Bender Sr. of Nazareth; maternal grandmother, Helen Schwartz of Bethlehem; aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be missed by Joelle's parents, Ed and Sharon Hudak; and her brother, Ed III and his wife Kristine; and sisters, Monica and her husband Jason Reinke and Bethany Socrates.

Contributions may be made to a trust fund for the benefit of Logan and Leah Bender, payable to CGMI c/o Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, 74 West Broad St., Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18018-5738.

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

Donald C. Conklin

East Hills Moravian member

Donald C. Conklin, 76, of Bath, died Jan. 26, 2010, in the Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, Bethlehem. Born in Easton, he was the son of the late Clarence R. and Evelyn E. (Bowlby) Conklin. He was the husband of Patricia E. (Blouch) Conklin for 34 years.

He worked in the machine shop at Lehigh University for 18 years, retiring in 1991.

He was a member of East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem.

He was a member of the Men of Retirement Age (MORA) Club of Bethlehem and the Fraternal Order of the Fleas, Easton.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four

daughters, Christine A. and her husband Edgar Watt of Kempton, Carole A. and her husband Robert Wessner of New Tripoli, Cindy A. and her husband Philip Christman of New Tripoli and Cindy L. and her husband David Ondria of Poultney, Vt.; two sons, Raymond W. and Michael T. and his wife Jody Ruff, all of Bethlehem; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Joseph Lindner.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3893 Adler Place, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Kathryn Leibensperger

Salvation Army cook

Kathryn Leibensperger, 89, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 27, 2010, in her home. Born in Bethlehem, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Anna E. (Burkit) Moffitt. She was the wife of the late Lyman Leibensperger.



She worked for The Salvation Army, Bethlehem as a cook and custodian, having retired in 2000.

She was a member of The Salvation Army.

She is survived by a son, Sidney and his wife Nancy of Phillipsburg, N.J.; a sister, Agnes and her husband Earl Moll of Coopersburg; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by three sons, Walter, Ronald and Lyman Jr.

Contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

Francis Trostel Knouss

Central Moravian member

Francis T. Knouss, 94, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 25, 2010 at Moravian Hill Square Retirement Community, Nazareth. He was the son of the late Francis and Netta Knouss. He was the husband of the late Alice Knouss.



He graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1937.

He headed membership development for the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that, he worked at Bethlehem Steel Corporation for 40 years in the accounting and finance departments.

He was a member of Central Moravian Church where he served as a

trustee and sacristan.

He served on the board of the Moravian Music Foundation and the board of directors of the Moravian Development Corporation. He was appointed to the City of Bethlehem recreation commission, serving for 17 years.

He is survived by a daughter-in-law, Martha Knouss; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Christopher and Uzma Knouss; a granddaughter, Rebecca Knouss; and a great-granddaughter, Kaia Knouss.

He was predeceased by a son, Dr. Robert Knouss.

Contributions may be made to the memorial fund, Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Arrangements were made by Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

Margaret G. "Honey" Fink

taught at Egypt school

Margaret G. "Honey" Fink, 94, of Hokendauqua, died Jan. 24, 2010, in Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. She was the wife of the late Stanley W. Fink.



She was a 1932 graduate of Whitehall HS. She was a 1934 graduate of Kutztown State Teacher's College.

She taught first grade at Egypt ES for 13 years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church

of Hokendauqua where she was a deacon, Sunday school teacher and a member of the Presbyterian Women.

She was a life member of both the Coplay Saengerbund and the Herbert Paul Lentz American Legion Post Auxiliary. She was a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Allentown. She was a past president of Lady Hamilton.

She is survived by a daughter, Donna J., with whom she resided; relatives; and friends.

Arrangements were made by Gilbert Funeral Home Inc., Whitehall.

Terri A. Buskirk

worked for Access Services

Terri A. Buskirk, 43, died Jan. 28, 2010, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident on Easton Avenue, Bethlehem Township. Born in Fountain Hill, she was the daughter of Richard and Pat (Huber) Jones of Allentown. She was the wife of Marvin L. Buskirk of Danielsville.

She was a mental health coordinator for Access Services.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by a daughter, Hollie of Danielsville; a

son, Dylan of Danielsville; a brother, Todd R. and his wife Annette Jones of Allentown; and an uncle, Richard and his wife Connie Huber of Harrisburg.

She was predeceased by maternal grandparents, Cyrus and Grace Huber; and paternal grandparents, Owen and Hannah Jones.

Contributions may be sent to the Center for Animal Health & Welfare, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton, PA 18042.

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The Obituary
Joe Smith of Anytown passed on to face eternal judgment last week unexpectedly, although death should be expected by everyone since the Bible tells us in Hebrews 9:27, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment!" Joe worked for Anytown Recycling & Salvage where he daily witnessed salvaging of metals, but he evidently never considered how God can salvage sinners, as the Bible declares in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Joe loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman, yet he had no time for the Creator of nature. He held membership in several clubs and was a rather likable guy who did lots of good things. Of course, doing good does not save us from sin or qualify us for heaven since the Bible says in Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." He was not a church member, but of course church membership in itself won't get you into heaven anyway, because Jesus said in John 3:3, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God!" Services will be held at Anytown Funeral Home where everything possible will be done to make Joe look presentable and at peace with the God Whom he never knew. The services will be conducted by Rev. Lie who will do his best to convince Joe's friends and relatives that he somehow made it into heaven. Of course, there's no possibility of that since Joe never asked Jesus to save him from his sins and the Bible clearly states in Revelation 20:15 that "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." If you, unlike Joe, want to be sure before you die of going to heaven, you should read the Bible, go to: www.naog.ws/theway.htm, or call 610-262-5645.

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Continued from page A1 north of Interstate 78 to the 1,600-acre Commerce Center industrial park, could not have these final touches completed because of planned road improvements to Route 412 by PennDOT.

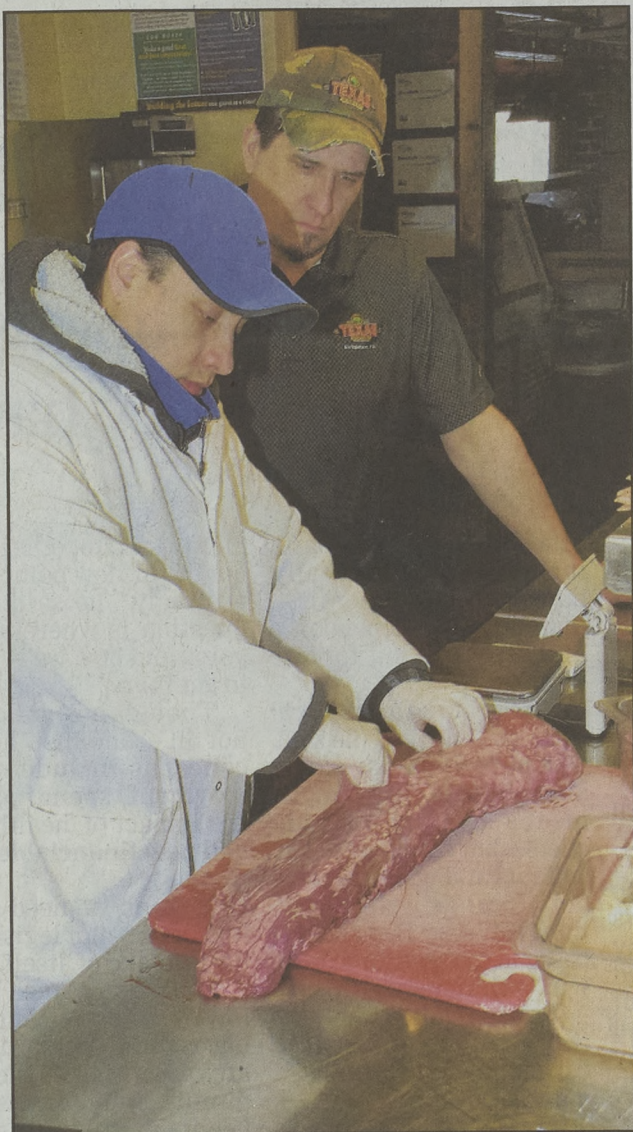
Council Vice President John Cusick, who introduced the bill to keep the \$686,000, wrote in an e-mail interview that he was disappointed that Stoffa had chosen to veto the ordinance. Describing these final stages of the project's development as work best paid for by the private developer and not county taxpayers, Cusick wrote, "Not only do I believe that the project is impracticable and unfeasible, but it is also a pathetic waste of tax dollars and an egregious example of corporate welfare."

Stoffa said that the county's solicitor disagreed that the project had changed so much from its original purpose to have made it impracticable or unfeasible.

Council will need to have six votes to override Stoffa's compromise ordinance.

Council President Ron Angle said he does not see that as likely. Angle said that of the four votes opposed to keeping the bond money, two were Republicans who he doubts will change their vote. Angle said he thought the compromise a good one in that the county will have \$300,000 to go toward repair projects that it did not have previously.

Council meets Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Texas Roadhouse managing partner Bill Dech watches as Jose Leon practices for the semi-final competition.

Methodical meat cutter

Area resident in national Texas Roadhouse staff competition

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

When Jose Leon came to the United States from Mexico at the age of 7, he probably had little idea what his future might hold. However, on Feb. 9, the 38-year-old Bethlehem resident and Texas Roadhouse meat cutter will be in Warwick, R.I., competing in the semi-finals of the National Meat Cutting Challenge with 17 other semi-finalists. If Leon's successful at that level, he would advance with six others to compete for a \$20,000 prize at the national competition in New York City April 12.

According to store managing partner Bill Dech, Leon has been working at



Jose Leon demonstrates slicing a steak.

the Texas Roadhouse, which is situated near the intersection of Route 33 and Freemansburg Avenue, for five years.

He was originally hired as a dishwasher, moved into the meat room, becoming an assistant meat cutter, and is now a full-time meat cutter. Dech describes Leon's style as "very methodical" and says he's

been practicing for the semi-finals.

Leon advanced from an eastern Pennsylvania meat cutting competition where he finished in second place. Dech explained that the Texas Roadhouse has rigid specifications for its steak products. Leon and his competitors will be graded by product coaches for cleaning and cutting two sirloin butts, one filet and a rib-eye steak. The competition is timed.

Observing Leon at work recently, it's easy to see that this unassuming man is on a mission. He handles his knives deftly and is precision oriented as he carves fat from the meat.

Leon is married and has a 4-year-old daughter.

Knox box ordinance draws criticism

HELLERTOWN COUNCIL

By JOSH POPICHAK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A proposed ordinance that would require borough business owners to keep keys in locked boxes attached to their buildings drew considerable criticism at a Hellertown Borough Council meeting Jan. 19.

Vasilios "Bill" Christogiannis, owner of the Saucon Valley Diner, told council members that he opposes the so-called "Knox box ordinance," which would mandate the installation of safe-like boxes outside commercial structures, multifamily dwellings, nursing homes and government buildings. Private residences and in-home businesses would not be subject to compliance with the ordinance.

"I don't want to give authority to anybody except myself and my dad to enter my property at any time," Christogiannis said.

If someone enters his property without his permission, "anything can

happen," he added. "I feel that individual rights are being violated by this box. If it comes to the point that you have to enter the building, that's why you have axes. Do it the old-fashioned way."

Entering buildings by breaking down doors or breaking in windows, however, is exactly what Hellertown firefighters want to avoid doing, Borough Fire Chief Rick Delmore has told council repeatedly.

"By law and by ethics, if we get dispatched to a property we have to investigate it," Delmore told council members Jan. 19.

Having a Knox box located outside of a business will help prevent damage to the building; damage which presently occurs if no one is available to unlock a door when firefighters respond to an alarm, he added.

In the past month, several Hellertown businesses have been damaged because no one was avail-

able to grant firefighters access when they needed it, Delmore said. With a Knox box in place, in the event of a fire or another type of emergency, firefighters, police officers and emergency medical technicians would be able to gain access to a key by calling the Northampton County Emergency Dispatch Center and requesting a code over the radio. That code would be used to unlock a box, facilitating the release of the key and allowing for more rapid entry when time is of the essence, Delmore told council members.

Newer models of Knox box also come equipped with keypads, and all emergency responders will be assigned personal identification numbers (PINs) which will have to be entered, thus providing an added level of security.

Currently, 1,400 Pennsylvania municipalities encourage or mandate the use of Knox boxes at businesses and a variety of other commercial and residential units. According to Delmore, the use of Knox boxes in the Commonwealth has been without incident, to his knowledge.

"I've never heard of anybody taking one of these off of a building. Most people don't even know what they are," he emphasized.

In support of his advo-

cacy for a Knox box ordinance in Hellertown, Delmore introduced Northampton County's Director of Emergency Management Services Robert Mateff at the meeting.

Mateff told council members that 19 Northampton County municipalities have Knox box ordinances in place, and that during his 12-year tenure the county has "never had" a misuse investigation related to a Knox box.

The county's role is to help keep keys secure in their respective Knox boxes, he explained.

"Everything that we do is recorded, so we have a record of all of the transactions that happen," he added.

Selective Insurance, which is a municipal insurance provider, has never processed a liability claim related to someone illegally accessing a Knox box, Delmore told council members.

Borough council solicitor Michael Corriere also weighed in on the proposed ordinance, which he said has undergone several drafts.

"There are certain procedures that have to be followed," in the event that access to a Knox box is required, he assured council members.

If adopted by council, the Knox box ordinance's

purpose would be defined as being "for the health, safety and welfare of the borough," he added.

Failure to comply with the ordinance's specifications could result in a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or penalties of \$100 per day, Corriere noted.

The draft presently under review by council would require business owners to install Knox boxes within 180 days of the ordinance's adoption or face penalties.

However, if many of the business owners who spoke at the Jan. 19 meeting have their druthers, there will be no ordinance.

Hellertown accountant Stephen Szy, who owns Stephen M. Szy Tax Service, said he has been a business owner for 37 years.

"I don't think this lock box is for everybody," he told council members. "With identity theft on the rise, my biggest concern is the compromise of my records. With all these records there it could pose a gigantic problem for any professional person."

"As it stands right now I would be opposed to anything that forces us to put a Knox box up," Szy stated.

Joining the chorus of voices opposed to the proposed ordinance were Ray Matey, of Matey's Crossroads Hotel; Dale Kichline, owner of Dale R.

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Pastor Ray Ricketts is the new Senior Pastor of Calvary Temple. Upon his election as Senior Pastor, Pastor Ray has taken on the job with exuberance and has begun to implement some exciting programs at Calvary Temple.

Rev. Ray Alexander Ricketts was born on the island of Jamaica to Michael and Pearline Ricketts. He is a graduate of Grambling State University, where he earned his BA in Political Science. He received his Masters of Divinity Degree from New York Theological Seminary.

Pastor Ray Ricketts previously served as Senior Pastor of Rivers In The Desert Community Church from December 2000-2004. He then served as Co-pastor of Cathedral of Joy from 2004-2005.

Rev. Ray A. Ricketts is passionate about serving Jesus Christ and leading others to Him. He is an anointed and gifted teacher, preacher, and leader. Pastor Ray Ricketts previously served as the Youth Pastor at Calvary Temple.

He is married to Arnett Ricketts, and they have three lovely children Claire, Cassandra and Marcus; three grandchildren Malcolm, Mya, and Mekhi.

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Embassy Bank President Dave Lobach, at the new Route 378 branch, recently explained local banks have not suffered as larger banks have during the recession. Not only did some, such as his own, not take recovery money, they have flourished without it. Embassy is due to open its eighth branch this year in Easton.

Put the customer first

Not only did small institutions like Embassy Bank not take recovery money, they have flourished with

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
Special to the Bethlehem Press

As national and international financial institutions slowly recover, ask the government for aid and gird themselves against repeating recent mistakes, small local banks have found a foothold and proven themselves healthy alternatives.

Dave Lobach Jr., president of the Lehigh Valley's seven-branch Embassy Bank, recently explained some of the benefits of using small banks, and some of the reasons they remained strong throughout the recession.

According to Lobach, the keys to the continued

vitality of a small bank include thinking locally, putting the customer first, maintaining independence and strategizing for the long run.

"We try to be a good local corporate citizen," he said. "We put our money where our mouth is." By that, he means keeping not only clients, but employees, consultants and materials vendors local as well. Everything Embassy Bank does is based in the area for a "win-win" relationship.

Lobach called the past two years "one of the greatest economic downfalls of your life or mine."

"It's very debatable as to how it was created and who created it - and we're

all working together to get out of this low point in the economy," he said. "The question is where are we going and how we're going to get there."

Though he's a banker, not an economist, he said concerns include unemployment, spending, and the impact of health care and new financial legislation.

"I think we need smart legislation, not legislation for the sake of itself."

Lobach said small banks have money to lend and have credit standards that are responsible to the community. Small banks have been able to weather the crisis by staying focused on their clients and think-

ing long-term rather than making decisions for short-term gains.

"There's a lot of discussion going on right now about banks lending," he said.

The question becomes one of demand. Is there robust demand at this time for new capital expenditures? He feels there isn't, and continued consumer purchasing is needed to stimulate the economy.

Consumer confidence also needs to increase.

"I think there are a lot of factors that need to come together," he explained. "2010 is going to be a very important year. We need to keep budgets under control, and we need smart

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Budget process continues to unfold

Board limits tax increase, approves pay increase for

By JOSH POPICHAK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The budget process is continuing to unfold on schedule in the Saucon Valley School District.

At a Jan. 26 meeting, Saucon Valley School Board members approved a resolution not to increase the district's tax rate for the 2010-11 school year at a rate exceeding 2.9 percent, the index calculated by the Pa. Dept. of Education.

The resolution was approved 7-1, with Michael Karabin casting the lone "no" vote, and was delivered after several residents urged board members to consider the potential impact of yet another tax increase on residents.

Gordon Gress, of Lower Saucon Township, told board members that "any tax increase is a significant burden."

To "solve the whole problem" of finding more funding for the district, Gress advised the board to do something elementary: "Spend

less money."

Another speaker during the public comment period was Allan Bach, of Hellertown, who referred to a possible tax increase's impact on senior citizens as "nothing more than raping the people when they're retired."

"If I don't pay my school taxes, I don't have a house," he went on to say, acknowledging that he is frustrated and telling the board, "It's a damn shame there's only a few of us here to talk."

After receiving public comment, board members took action to approve the yearly evaluation of the district's superintendent, Dr. Sandra Fellin, along with a proposed 3.6 percent salary increase for her for the 2010 calendar year.

Board member Ralph Puerta praised Fellin's performance during her review and noted that the 3.6 percent increase is actually less than she was entitled to

receive, based upon a formula which takes into account both cost of living and merit.

Fellin voluntarily agreed to accept a 3.6 percent increase, he explained, because it will be in alignment with the increases recently negotiated for district teachers.

Prior to a roll call vote, board members Karabin and Susan Baxter lauded Fellin's performance, but said they would not support the pay raise.

Baxter indicated that her decision not to support the 3.6 percent raise was consistent with her decision to oppose the adoption of the teachers' contract. A 3.6 percent salary increase, she said, is too large, given current economic conditions.

Board members Lanita Lum, Charles Bartolet, Sharon Stack, Edward Inghrim, Puerta and board president Lachlan Peeke all voted

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Lobach said the Lehigh Valley historically has come out of hard economic times faster than the national average and should be doing better by the end of the year.

Small banks such as Embassy continue to flourish and Lobach said consumer confidence is important for the health of the Lehigh Valley. “How do we get more money flowing into the economy than is going out? Spending and taxes—that’s what I’m worried about.” He then waved toward his employees and customers. “We’re here to lend.”

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in favor of the raise. Board member Sandra Miller was absent.

In other business, board members unanimously approved a request to help fund the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 (IU-20) general operating budget for 2010-11, following a presentation by the IU’s executive director, Dr. Charlene Brennan.

For the 2010-11 school year, Saucon Valley School District’s contribution to the IU’s general operating budget will increase by \$346,322, to a total of \$21,329,622. This amount represents a 1.6 percent total increase in funding and a 1.65 percent increase over last year, Brennan explained.

“We were very fortunate in many areas that allowed us to save some dollars for you,” Brennan said, adding that the general operating budget for the IU represents approximately 2 percent of its total operating costs.

The general operating budget is “the one budget that all of our

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

The new VIA Thrift Store is open on Stefko Boulevard.

VIA marks Stefko thrift store opening

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

VIA, the area agency that runs programs to benefit children and adults with disabilities, held a grand opening Dec. 10 at its new Thrift Store located in the Stefko Shopping Center.

Although the shop has been open for several months, VIA vice president of operations Anthony Fili said, “We always open soft for a couple of months so we can get to know our customer base,” which he said can take up to a year to identify.

The “best time is right before the holidays,” he added.

About 50 to 60 customers have been shopping the newest VIA Thrift Shop location each day, according to Fili, who hopes to hit a range of between 75 to 100 daily shoppers. Household items and clothing and shoes for men, women and children are stocked.

Proceeds from the sale of items are used to benefit adult and children program services at VIA.

Store manager Jenny Reiker said that shoppers have visited from all over



Bethlehem resident Kathy Kufrovich is employed at the new store through an AARP employment program since September. “I love it here,” she said. Kufrovich said she likes meeting the customers and shopping there as well.

the Lehigh Valley and that she’s noticed a number of regulars.

Refreshments and a raf-

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Kichline Garage, L.L.C.; Bob Hero, owner of Hero Electric Sales & Service; Donna Long, owner of 412 Auto Tags Notary; and Beverly Rosewicz, co-owner of Lost River Caverns.

Rosewicz said she would be concerned about the security of credit card information at her business if a Knox box ordinance were adopted. She also told council members that an Internet search she conducted led her to information about a “security breach” which occurred in 2006 as the result of misuse of a Knox box in another state.

She did not have detailed information about the incident with her at the meeting but told council members that she would refer them to it if necessary. Long, who is contracted as a notary by the Commonwealth, said she is also concerned about maintaining the security of the records maintained by her business.

“I’m not going to be responsible for other people,” she said. After hearing comments from business owners for more than an hour, council members began their own discussion of the ordinance, which focused on the pros and cons of both the Knox box system and its proposed implementation.

“I am not in favor of mandatory Knox boxes for all businesses in Hellertown,” council member Gail Nolf said. Nolf added that she would support having Knox

boxes attached to businesses which are directly attached to residential units, and other structures where “life and safety” issues would be a concern.

“This is an issue of privacy,” she added, before stating that she would encourage a dialogue involving business owners, borough staff and elected officials regarding the issues at hand.

Council member Richard Staffieri agreed.

“I don’t think council has enough information to pass this and I think we should table it,” he proposed.

After additional discussion, a roll call vote to table the discussion for one month while alternate solutions are explored was called.

With council member John Bate absent, the result of the vote was a 3-3 tie, which forced Hellertown Mayor Richard Fluck to cast the tie-breaking vote. Fluck voted to table the vote on the adoption of the ordinance.

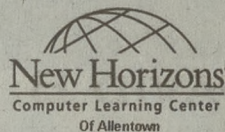
Subsequently, council President Philip Weber announced that even in a month, it is unlikely that any action on adoption of a Knox box ordinance would be taken.

“We are going to talk about (the ordinance) at the second meeting in February,” he told everyone in attendance at the meeting, “but I can tell you we’re not going to put it to a vote on Feb. 16.”

The next Hellertown Borough Council meeting will be held Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at Hellertown Borough Hall.

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school districts contribute to and are mandated to contribute to," Brennan explained.

Some programs funded by the general operating budget include curriculum and technology, which Brennan characterized as "departments that we could not live without."

The IU has done its part to trim expenses by negotiating a reduction in the

workers' compensation premiums it pays and by negotiating "major concessions from our employee groups," which included forfeiture of an annual sick leave rebate and a reduction in vision benefits, she stated.

A budgetary reserve decrease of 28.2 percent was also necessary, she said.

"We are aware of the struggles that school districts are facing in the next several years," Brennan said. "We will do every

possible thing that we can to control your costs. We are committed to that."

Several board members, including Baxter, complimented Brennan on her presentation and thanked her for her professionalism and attentiveness to their questions and concerns.

The IU-20 currently has approximately 1,400 employees and between 280 to 320 teachers serving a wide array of students from throughout the region.

'The Renaissance is rolling'



PRESS PHOTO BY DENI THUMAN-EYER

SSTF chair Roger Hudak addresses members of the Mayor's South Side Task Force in the Broughal MS library.

SSTF meets in the new Broughal MS

By DENI THUMAN-EYER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Mayor's South Side Task Force was treated to an inside look at the newly completed Broughal Middle School for its Jan. 26 meeting. Gathering in the third floor library, chairman Roger Hudak told the group that he was scheduled to testify before the Pa. Gaming Commission Feb. 3. Representing the Task Force as well as his Block Watch, he will give a three-minute overview on the impact of the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem on the South Side.

In reporting on other activities, Hudak said the Southside Initiative was making an impact on economic development with stronger collaborations among groups on the Southside. In addition, the Lehigh-Broughal Part-

nership and progress on the Greenway and the Skateplaza are having a significant impact on the growing vibrancy of the neighborhoods.

"The Renaissance is rolling," said Hudak with obvious enthusiasm.

Guillermo Lopez and Bethlehem Police Commissioner Stu Bedics reported on the progress of the 222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative. The focus in Northampton County is to raise awareness about gang activity and to present a three-part police-community strategy which includes prevention, law enforcement and re-entry into the community of those who had previously been involved with gang activity. Emphasis is placed on giving youth safe and engaging alternatives to gang involvement.

In related business, several members of the Bethlehem Police Department reported on new initiatives with Lehigh's Police force. Lehigh is sending officers into Southside neighborhoods to reduce the incidence of street crime and to educate off-campus students about better awareness in the prevention of crime.

Before inviting Task Force members to tour the school, Broughal Principal Joe Santoro spoke briefly of his long history with education in the City of Bethlehem and of the pride the staff, students and community have expressed.

An example of the school-community collaboration is the medical/dental facility funded by the Laros Foundation and St. Lukes Hospital.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Board approves rec contract

By MALLORY VOUGH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors Jan. 26 approved the independent contractor agreement between the township and Traci Cyr, who holds basketball clinics at the community center.

Cyr is not an employee of the community center, which is why there is a contract in place, according to Chairman John Diacogiannis.

Wendy Nicolosi of Broughal & DeVito sat in on the meeting as solicitor in place of James Broughal. Nicolosi rec-

ommended to the supervisors that they approve the contract under the condition that the solicitor's office reviews it.

In other business, James Birdsall of Hanover Engineering asked the supervisors to bring in representatives of

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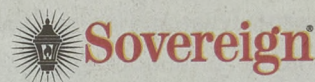
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Academy graduates



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Twenty-six Bethlehem area residents graduated from the inaugural Citizens Academy during ceremonies in Town Hall Nov. 16. The 10-week course provided attendees with an inside look into Bethlehem city government operations. **ABOVE:** Retired educators James and Mary Patricia Ackerman were among the Citizens Academy's graduates who received their certificates from Mayor John Callahan.

VOLUNTEERS

CAMP COMPASS, a nonprofit agency that works with inner-city youth by building character and rewarding their efforts with outdoor trips, is in need of a public relations volunteer to handle promotion for its 10th Anniversary. For more information, visit its Web site www.campcompass.org. Call John Annoni at 610-703-7869 or e-mail address info@campcompass.org.

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the Airport Commons Office Complex, Northgate II Lot 3, to discuss its status at the next meeting.

"The letter of credit expires Feb. 21, but we have not been able to get in touch with them," Birdsall said.

Nicolosi briefly looked over the files and said she believed the letter of credit was evergreen, but the paperwork, dated in 2008, should still be updated and that a status update

was also necessary. "This is the problem with these older projects. The new improvements start to deteriorate the longer they stay uncompleted," Birdsall said. "We want to make sure it's safe and stable and we don't want to lose the improvements that have been made."

All supervisors agreed with Birdsall. Diacogiannis requested a letter be written asking representatives to appear before the board at the next meeting Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

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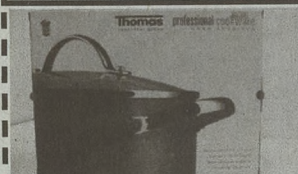
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Weitknecht will provide guidance on what to do if abuse is occurring or someone suspects that there is abuse.

She urges people to call police and also to tell supportive family members and friends what is happening.

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Crime uncovered

Author investigates path of a sociopath

Literary Scene

By ALEXANDRA RACINES
Special to The Press

Steven Walker didn't plan to write two true-crime books.

He doesn't even like to read them.

Even so, Walker, who lives in Allentown, spent years researching and investigating the life and crimes of Timothy Krajcir, a serial killer who has Lehigh Valley ties.

The result is "Predator" (Kensington Books, \$6.99, 341 pp.), which delves into the crimes of Krajcir, who killed no fewer than nine women and allegedly sexually assaulted and robbed many others.

Walker signs copies of his nonfiction book at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at Borders, Whitehall Mall, Grape Street and MacArthur Road, Whitehall; and 1 p.m. Feb. 13 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2960 Center Valley Parkway, Upper Saucon Township.

Katherine Ramsland, a professor of forensic science at DeSales University and author of "The Human Predator" and "The Devil's Dozen," has said of "Predator": "All crime connoisseurs should read Steven Walker's account of this clever and deviant predator."

Krajcir, who attended Emmaus High School before joining the Navy, had also lived in Ironton, Whitehall Township, and Wescosville, Lower Macungie Township.

Krajcir's murderous rampage in the late 1970s and early 1980s in Missouri, Kentucky and Illinois went unsolved for almost 25 years.

Finally, Krajcir was arrested for sexual assault by Allentown police.

Following a failed escape from Lehigh County Prison, he was transferred to Graterford Prison. Krajcir is serving 13 consecutive life sentences in Illinois.

Walker also wrote "Blood Trail" (2005, Pinnacle), a true-crime story about a confessed serial killer from Indiana.

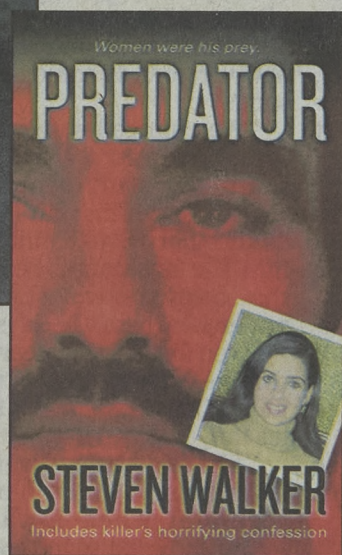
Walker not only doesn't like to read true-crime books, he doesn't like to



Allentown author Steve Walker, left, signs copies of his book, "Predator," Feb. 6 at Borders, Whitehall, and Feb. 13 at Barnes & Noble, Upper Saucon.

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write them.

His first love is writing horror fiction. In 1996, Walker had his first horror novel, "Desmodus," published.

Walker, born in Heidelberg, Germany, whose father was in the military, spent his childhood in Thailand. He started freelance writing professionally in 1989, beginning mostly with short horror fiction pieces for small-press publications.

Walker founded the Lehigh Valley Writers Academy in 2001. He worked as a reporter for The Morning Call newspaper for three years.

He went to England for two years to work for a newspaper. After returning to the United States, Kensington Books asked him to write a book about Krajcir.

"It was much easier the second time around because I didn't have to do a book proposal," Walker says.

The hardest part of writing true-crime books for Walker is getting victims' family members to talk.

Walker's research included traveling several times to Missouri for interviews.

"For the most part, they have been wonderful in inviting me into their lives and telling me about their loved ones. I originally wanted to call my book 'Nine Lives' and write about the victims' lives, rather than the ways they were killed.

"But my publisher wanted me to focus on Timothy Krajcir, so I ended up doing that, but also made sure I had enough information on the victims' lives as well."

It is not easy to see the signs of a future serial killer, according to Walker:

"If you look at psychological profiles, people will say the person on that path is a loner, and tortures small animals when he is a kid. Timothy Krajcir did not show these signs. He was an athlete, but he didn't socialize outside of the basketball team.

"He went to Emmaus

High School briefly, but did not finish. Instead, he joined the Navy and got married. Shortly thereafter, he started his murderous rampage, which lasted a couple of decades, killing a total of nine women — five from Missouri, two from Illinois, one from Kentucky, and one from Pennsylvania, until he was finally apprehended in Allentown."

Walker does not know if one specific thing leads someone to become a serial killer.

"The two people I've worked on [Brown and Krajcir] blamed it on poor parenting, but a lot of people have bad parents and they're not all serial killers. Timothy Krajcir is definitely a sociopath. He killed and tortured women."

Next, Walker says, he's going to take a break from writing true-crime nonfiction. He has a novel in the works.

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8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Still at his Peak: David Cassidy, above, has been to the topmost of the poppermost with the hits, "I Think I Love You" and "Come On Get Happy," as a star on the hit 1970's TV sitcom, "The Partridge Family." Cassidy performs those hits and more when he returns to Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe, at 8 p.m. Feb. 12. Ticket information: 833-605-7325

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International jazz: Moravian College instructor Skip Wilkins, above, brings The International Quintet to the Lehigh Valley for its United States debut, beginning with a concert at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in Foy Hall, Moravian College, Bethlehem. The quintet's stops include Macungie Institute, Feb. 13, and Muhlenberg College, Feb. 14. Listen for selections from the ensemble's new CD of originals, "Frdlant Nights," recorded in Prague, the Czech Republic.

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Students: Get your poetry in motion

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
Focus Editor

The Student Poetry Contest is now The Lehigh Valley Student Poetry Project.

The name change marks the fifth anniversary of popular annual Press newspapers' Focus section youth literary event.

Moreover, the name change is in recognition of a new outreach effort where students will be able to record their peers reading poetry they have written.

This new outreach is a joint effort with WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Public Radio, which partnered last year with The Press for the student poetry program.

In celebration of April National Poetry Month, the top three poems in each category will again be published in the April 21 and 22 Focus section of the Press.

The student whose poem places first in each category may have his or

her photo published with his or her winning poem.

And again for 2010, first place winners are invited to read their poems on the "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon" 6-6:30 p.m. April. 19 on WDIY-FM, 88.1 and online at www.wdiy.org.

Look for details on the student poetry recordings to be announced in an upcoming issue of the Press Focus section.

The poetry project is again open to high school, middle school and elementary school students in school districts in the circulation areas of The Press: East Penn, Salisbury, Parkland, Northwestern, Whitehall-Coplay, Catasauqua, Northampton and Bethlehem, as well as students attending

private, parochial, charter and cyber schools in the Press newspapers' circulation areas.

English and Language Arts teachers are encouraged to include the poetry contest in their instructional lesson plans.

Here are the entry guidelines:

1. Poems are not to exceed one typed, double-space, maximum 60-space line, 8 1/2 by 11-inch page.
2. Poems must be the original work of the student.
3. One poem entry per student.
4. Permission of a parent or guardian is required for a student's photo to be taken and published with the first place poem.
5. Entries must be received by

March 15, 2010.

6. Only one poem may be submitted per email. Email submissions are encouraged.

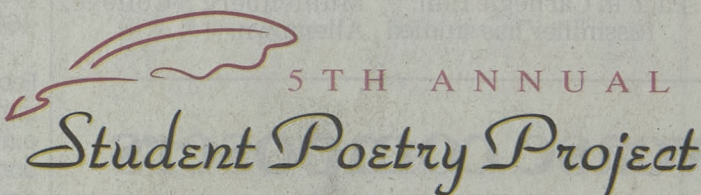
7. Multiple entries from classrooms may be submitted in one envelope.

8. Copies of submitted poems will not be returned.

9. Include student name, age, school grade, school, and telephone number (or that of parent or guardian) for notification if the poem is chosen. The specific address and phone number will not be given out.

10. Email your poem, with Student Poetry Project in the subject line, to: pwillistein@gmail.com; mail to: Student Poetry Project, The Press, 308 E. Third St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18015, or drop off at the Bethlehem office of The Press, 308 E. Third St., Bethlehem, or the Parkland area office, 1633 N. 26th St., (26th Street and Walbert Avenue), South Whitehall Township.

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Musikfest in 'Transformation'

"Transformation" is the theme for Musikfest 2010, the 10-day music and arts festival Aug. 6-15 in downtown Bethlehem.

The digital painting for the poster, created by ArtsQuest eMarketing Manager Jon Lunger, features three musicians, a saxophonist, trumpet player and guitarist, in front of a brightly-colored wall of speakers.

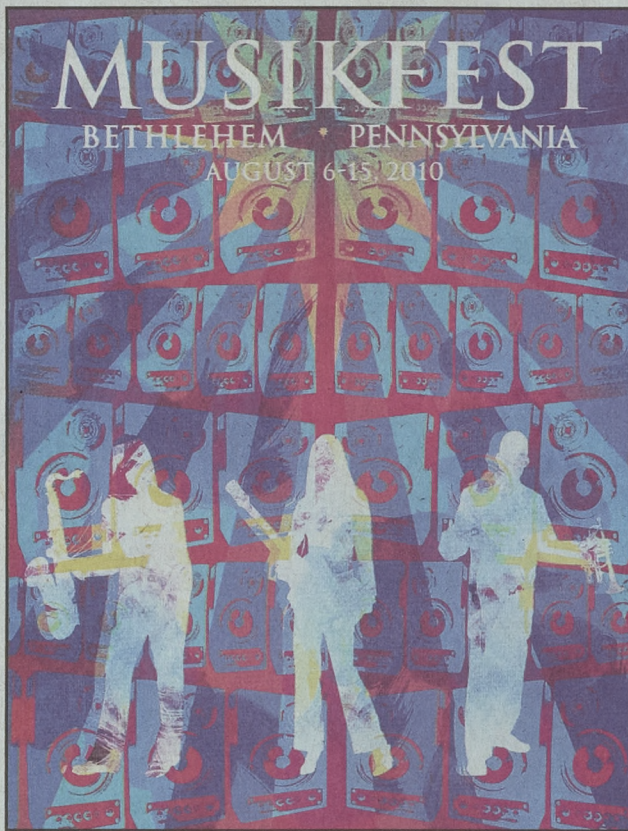
A festival highlight will be the Transformation Series, Aug. 7-8 and 13-15 in Peter Hall, Moravian College.

"This year's Transformation theme is symbolic in many ways. Not only is it a nod to the transformative effects that

music has on all of us, but it also reflects the transformations that Musikfest has undergone over the years," Jeff Parks, president of ArtsQuest, says.

"What started as a smaller community event in 1984 has grown into a major celebration that attracts more than one million people to downtown Bethlehem each August," Parks says.

"Musikfest will undergo further transformation next year as the Sands RiverPlace main stage moves to its new home across from the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, slated to open in May 2011," says Parks.



Musikfest 2010 poster

Cassidy to get 'Happy' at Penn's Peak

By MICHELLE RIEDER
Special to The Press

David Cassidy returns to Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe, at 8 p.m. Feb. 12.

"I had such a great experience when I was there last, and I want to go back. I'm fortunate they want me back," Cassidy says during a recent telephone interview.

Cassidy was launched to instant stardom in the early 1970's when he starred on the television show, "The Partridge Family," as the eldest son, Keith Partridge, of his real-life stepmother, actress Shirley Jones.

Working with family is a Cassidy tradition. Last year, he co-starred with his brother Patrick, along with Alexa Vega ("Spy Kids"), in the ABC

Family television series, "Ruby & the Rockits."

"I love working with my brothers," says Cassidy, who turns 60 April 12. He's best-known for the hits, "I Think I Love You" and "Come On Get Happy."

His brother, Shaun, was the TV show's producer and his youngest brother, Ryan, was production designer.

Cassidy's career has crossed from television to Broadway and Las Vegas, as well as commercials. According to Cassidy's website, he sings a new version of the Slinky jingle for the iSlinky Challenge 2.0 app, with a spring release date for the application for iPod Touch and iPhones.

Cassidy has been working for four decades as an

actor and musician performing live shows for his fans.

"I go back and play the places I love and want to play. It [Penn's Peak] has such intimacy and a great vibe to it," he says.

Cassidy will perform new versions of some his songs.

"We changed some of the show and we'll do some new stuff people weren't expecting, but I'll do 'The Partridge Family' hits. The fans want to hear the songs the way they remember them," he says.

Even former teen heart throbs have their own idols. Cassidy is a Beatles fan.

"I have a strong Beatles' influence. I met John [Lennon] when I was young at his house in New York. I also met Paul

[McCartney]. It was great to meet those guys and get to play music with them," Cassidy says.

Cassidy lives in Florida with his wife, songwriter Sue Shifrin-Cassidy, and their 18-year-old son Beau. His daughter, Katie Cassidy, is an actress and has appeared in television shows and movies, including "Click," starring Adam Sandler.

What if Cassidy hadn't enjoyed a life-long career as an entertainer? What would he do if he wasn't... David Cassidy?

"I'd train thoroughbred race horses. I've raced, trained, bought and sold horses for the past 30 years. That's what I'd do," he says without missing a beat.

Talking to strangers can be rewarding

Sometimes, something I write touches a button in readers and motivates them to respond. And I never know which thought will bring that response.

That was the case with a past column where I wrote:

"The thought comes to me that 'by myself' is not the same as 'alone.' Somehow, alone sounds lonely, but 'by myself' is just the beginning of exploration."

It was a column about enjoying a dreary day, not about being alone. But that sentence struck a chord with four readers who sent e-mails to share their experiences of being alone.

One woman, who never married but is happily engaged in many aspects of life, said she can and does go everywhere alone. But it's never easy.

Too many times, she wrote, people don't make her feel welcome because she's not part of a couple. She claims that women are the worse offenders.

"I force myself to walk up to people at a party and try to make conversation. There have been times when women have turned their back on me as if I'm not even there. People aren't very welcoming to a woman who is alone," she claimed.

Well, she is right about one thing: It's the people around you that make the difference between arriving alone and feeling alone. You can be as outgoing as you possibly can, but if your overtures aren't welcome, you will feel alone.

One reader said she forces herself to go to social gatherings and community events alone, trying to make new friends. "I don't find my efforts to be very successful," she wrote. "What I did find is people go to social events and stay with those they already know. Maybe it's more comfortable for them to stick with familiar people, but in the process, they never get to know anyone else."

Only one man responded to the issue of "by myself is different from alone." Charles said he is divorced for 11 years. During much of that time, he was at home taking care of his elderly parents. When they died, he was quite lonely and began to work at meeting new friends and joining new activities.

"It's hard because I can carry on a good conversation on a one-to-one basis but it's absolutely terrifying for me to walk into an affair when I seem to be the only person who doesn't know anyone," he said.

I am extremely outgoing person and don't have a hard time talking to anyone. But I can relate to his feelings about how hard

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik
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it is to walk in someplace alone.

Working for a newspaper requires doing exactly that. Whether it's covering a banquet, a meeting, or a big community happening, I've had to go everywhere alone. It's never been hard for me to do that.

But when my husband died, what used to be easy grew difficult. I remember forcing myself to go to a party alone, making a private deal with myself that I could not leave until I talked to six people. Sometimes, that was so hard that I found myself asking a stranger, "What are they serving?" then counting that as conversation.

The point I'm making is that my attitude greatly influenced my social success. When I was relaxed and outgoing, it was easy to make new contacts and people were welcoming. When I changed my attitude and thought social occasions were hard, it turned out to be a self-fulfilling prophecy.

One reader, who said she never has a hard time talking to strangers and doesn't mind going somewhere alone, thinks the hardest part of meeting new people is having others take the time to get to know her.

"People who come in together tend to stay together and talk with each other. It's hard to break into established circles," she said.

That seemed to be the common response from those who responded to the column. But we can all do our part to welcome newcomers.

Friday night, I went to a boating club meeting for the first time and was absolutely amazed at how many people came up to welcome us. One man went so far as to move us from a table where we were sitting alone to one with six friendly members. He knew we were newcomers because the club gives red nametags to newcomers so other members can properly welcome them.

How nice. Wouldn't it be nice if other clubs and organizations had a similar approach?

The next time you're with your friends at a club meeting or social event, remember to make an effort to talk with newcomers, too, especially those who are alone.

After all, Will Rogers was right when he said: "Strangers are just friends we haven't met yet."

Wilkins and group have the IQ for jazz

By BRET TALBERT
Special to The Press

The International Quintet (IQ), an all-star jazz ensemble, is appearing regionally at a number of musical venues this month, including Feb. 5, Moravian College, and Feb. 13, Macungie Institute.

The group was formed in 2007 when Moravian College professors Neil Wetzel, alto sax; Gary Rissmiller, drums; and Skip Wilkins, piano, were invited to teach and perform in the Czech Republic. It was there that they met Rostislav Fra, tenor sax, and Josef Feon, bass, to complete what is now the IQ's lineup.

Moravian College music professor Wetzel and artist-lecturer Rissmiller were invited to teach at the Karel Velebn Summer Jazz Workshop in 2006. The following year, workshop director Ale Benda invited Wilkins, Moravian artist-lecturer and assistant professor at Lafayette College, to teach and perform at the workshop, too. The three have returned to Frdlant

each summer since then.

At the 2007 workshop faculty concert held in the historic Frdlant Castle, Wetzel, Rissmiller and Wilkins played with Czech faculty members Fra and Feon.

In August 2009, the IQ embarked on a 10-day tour of the Czech Republic and Central Europe, playing jazz clubs and festivals. During this time, the IQ played in the town of Kyjov in the province of Moravia, the same location where the original Moravian settlers of Bethlehem were born. Highlights of the tour included playing in the courtyard of a 13th century castle as well as being televised for a live national broadcast.

Wilkins says that while touring, the IQ was always well-received.

"When we go to Europe, we get the royal treatment. The audiences there are passionate about jazz and very receptive to our music," Wilkins says.

"We are excited about the upcoming tour here at home with Rostislav and Josef."

The tour culminated in "Frldant Nights," a CD of original compositions recorded at Czech Radio Prague Recording Studios.

Wetzel describes the music on the CD as dynamic and progressive. "It's fascinating that we all have such similar tastes in music despite our backgrounds," he says. "It really shows in our live performances which are intense and unpredictable. There's a lot of chemistry, emotion and sensitivity in our music."

The members of IQ have impressive resumes.

Wilkins has performed with David Liebman, David Sánchez, Stanley Turrentine, Bobby Watson and Peter Erskine.

Wetzel has backed many great performers, including Tony Bennett, Natalie Cole, Bob Hope, Johnny Mathis, Bernadette Peters, the Temptations and the Four Tops, and has recorded with the Philly Pops Orchestra and singer Patti Page in Carnegie Hall.

Rissmiller has studied

with the great Joe Morello and has performed with Phil Woods, Tom Harrell, Randy Brecker, Don Patterson, Dave Liebman, Phil Markowitz and Bobby Watson. He recently toured for two years with vocalist Simone.

The performance and recording credits for the individual members of the IQ are perhaps overshadowed only by their dedication to teaching students the art of jazz. From private lessons and classroom theory to workshops and published materials, all five members of the group are dedicated to helping students in the world of jazz.

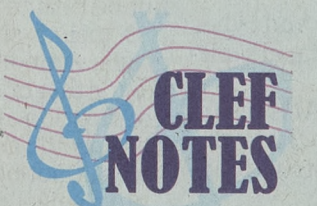
The International Quintet performs at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5, Foy Hall, Moravian College, Bethlehem; 9 p.m. Feb. 6, Lafayette Bar, Easton; 5 p.m. Feb. 7, Deer Head Inn, Delaware Water Gap; 8 p.m. Feb. 12, Williams Center, Lafayette College, Easton; 7 p.m. Feb. 13, Macungie Institute, Main Street, Macungie; and 8 p.m. Feb. 14, Recital Hall, Muhlenberg College, Allentown.

Music club to showcase composers

By JANE KNOTEK
Special to The Press

The Allentown Music Club's fourth program of the season, "American Composer Showcase" recital, will be presented at 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at Calvary Baptist Church, 4601 Tilghman St., Allentown. The recital is free and open to the public.

"American Composer Showcase" features five artist-members of the club. Guest accompanists are Sally Hill, Karen Berta and Dr. Charles McClain, piano; Erin Dry, flute; and Anthony Simons, clar-



inet.

Performing are Jonathan Beitler, piano; Gary Edick, tenor; Susan Smith, soprano; Thomas Siemiatkoski, violin; and Karen El-Chaar, flute.

Susan K. Smith is program coordinator.

The program opens with the singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Karen El-Chaar will play "Sonata 1" by James Matheson (b.1970). It contains five sections: intrada, gavotte, allegro, adagio and aria-vivace.

Smith will sing Aaron Copeland's (1900-1990) "As It Fell Upon A Day" with Dry and Simons accompanying.

John Jacobs Niles' (1892-1980) haunting "Way-faring Stranger," Elinor Remick Warren's (1900-1991) "Snow Toward Evening" and Charles T. Griffes (1884-1920) "By A Lonely Forest Path" will be sung by Gary Edick.

Jay Unger's (b.1946)

"Ashokan Farewell," John William's (b.1932) "Theme from 'Schindler's List,'" Scott Joplin's (1867-1917) "The Entertainer" and Jascha Heifetz's transcription of George Gershwin's (1898-1937) "Summertime" are Thomas Siemiatkoski's selections.

Jonathan Beitler (b.1951) performs his composition "Suite in Three Movements." The three themes are shining objects, shimmer shine and effervescent conception.

Doors open at 2:45 p.m. Information: 610-261-4072

LEHIGH VALLEY STAGE

"Godspell," 8 p.m. Feb. 11-13; 2 p.m. Feb. 14, Cedar Crest Stage Company, Samuels Theatre, Tompkins College Center, Cedar Crest College. 610-606-4608

"I Do! I Do!," through Feb. 28; doors open, 11:30 a.m.; dinner, noon; show, 2 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday, doors open, 5:30 p.m.; dinner, 6 p.m.; show, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and select Wednesdays, The Pines Dinner Theatre, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-2333

"Little Shop of Horrors," Feb. 19 - March 7, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sundays, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-8943

"Oleanna," 8 p.m. Feb. 11, 12; 3 p.m. Feb. 13, Black Box Theater, Williams Center for the Arts, Hamilton and High streets, Lafayette College, Easton. 610-330-5009

"Quilters," Feb. 11 - 21, 8 p.m., Wednesday -

Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Act 1 Second Stage Season, Schubert Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, Center Valley. 610-282-3192

"The Associated Mess," improvisational comedy troupe, 8 p.m. Feb. 14: "All the Single Funny Ladies' Improv Show": Chelsea Carle, Jen Kurtz, Melissa Molinari, Megan Ward, Syd Stauffer; other shows Feb. 28, March 14, 28, Theatre514, 514 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-8943

"The Tale of the Allergist's Wife," Feb. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14; 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Pennsylvania Playhouse, Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem. 610-865-6665

"Tickle Me Tuesdays," 7 p.m. Feb. 16: Corey Alexander; Ryan Hill, host, High Gravity Lounge, Allentown Brew Works, 812 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-433-7777

8 DAYS A WEEK

YOUR LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

By ALEXANDRA RACINES
Special to The Press

ART EXHIBITS

ABBEY HILL GALLERY
225 Porter St., Easton
**Barbara J. Briggs, Melissa Perma-
haus, Kim Robertson**, through Feb. 28

ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM
Fifth and Court streets, Allentown. 610-432-4333
Artventures, 1 - 4 p.m. Sundays: Art Project, Ice; Featured Artwork: "The Adoration of the Magi"
Family Time, 1, 3 p.m. Feb. 6: "Geometry in Action," SOTA Foyer
2010 Regional Scholastic Awards Winners, through Feb. 7
Lehigh Valley Going Green, Feb. 7 - May 30, Rodale Gallery; Reception, 6 - 8 p.m. Feb. 11
The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design, Feb. 7 - May 30, Kress Gallery; Reception, 6 - 8 p.m. Feb. 11
The Founding of the State of Liberty Spiritual: Violet Oakley's Studies for the Governor's Reception Room Murals, through May 16, Payne Gallery

AMERICA ON WHEELS
5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200
Concept and Custom Cars, through April 17

ART GALLERY AT FALK'S
1418 Main St., Hellertown
Betty Knesevitch: Watercolors, through March 31

BANANA FACTORY
25 W. Third St., Bethlehem. 610-332-1300
Lehigh Valley Photography Club; Reception, 5:30 p.m. Feb. 3
Glassworks Staff, First Friday demonstrations, 6 - 9 p.m. Feb. 5
The Vanishing Face of America: Works by Raymond Sicignano, through March 21, Banko Family Gallery
Loie Glasser: Sit Down: Sculptural Art Chairs, through April 4, Hallway to the Arts; First Friday Reception, 6 - 9 p.m. Feb. 5
Lynne Dian Gulezian: All Roads Home, through April 18, Crayola Gallery; First Friday Reception 6 - 9 p.m. Feb. 5

BETHEHEM ROTUNDA
City Hall, Bethlehem
Bethlehem Fire Department, through February

BAUM SCHOOL OF ART
510 Linden St., Allentown. 610-432-0032
Walter E. Baum and Friends, through Feb. 5

2010 Regional Scholastic Awards Honorable Mentions, through Feb. 7

CEDAR CREST COLLEGE
100 College Drive, Allentown. 610-606-4666
Life Choice, through Feb. 26

DOWNTOWN BETHLEHEM GALLERIES
3rd St., Bethlehem
First Friday, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Feb. 5

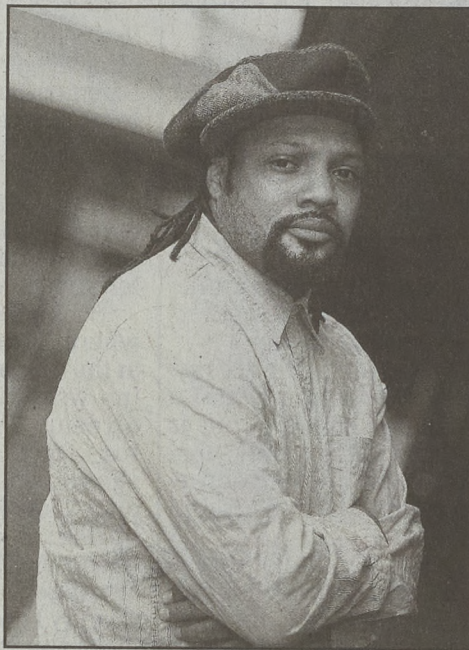
GOUNDIE HOUSE
505 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-691-6055
Roll Out the Barrel: Bethlehem Brews History, through Aug. 8

HELLER HOMESTEAD ART GALLERY
1890-92 Friedensville Road, Lower Saucon Township
Stephanie Faleski, Feb. 6 - March 28; Reception, 7 - 9 p.m. Feb. 8

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE
Open Studio Figure Drawing, 10 a.m. Thursdays, Williams Visual Arts Building, 243 N. Third St, Easton
Grace Hartigan: From the Studio, through March 13, Williams Center for the Arts, Hamilton and High Streets, Easton. 610-330-5361
Patricia Sonne, Second Friday Figure Study, 10 a.m. Feb. 12, Williams Center for the Arts

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700
Arts and Crafts, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays; 9 a.m. Thursdays
Art Perspective Quilting, 8:30 a.m. Thursdays

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420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-



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Rennie Harris talks about his dance troupe, Puremovement, which performs at 8 p.m. Feb. 3 at Lafayette College, Easton.

758-3414
Matthew Burrows: Everything, At Any Moment, through Feb. 5, Girdler Student Gallery
Alexander Calder: Our Unfinished Revolution; Salvador Dali: Playing Cards Suite, Portfolios from permanent collection, through Feb. 12, Rauch Business Center Gallery
Wood Turning Center of Philadelphia: Challenge VII: Dysfunctional, through March 13, Zoellner Arts Center
Friends of Lehigh Libraries: The Royal Society and the Origins of Scientific Communication, through May 26, Linderman Library
Howard Finster, Charley Kinney, Echo McCallister, Purvis Young, through June 19, Dubois Gallery, Maginnes Hall

LEHIGH VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL
Suite 201, 840 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-437-5915
Susan Blair Brew, through February

LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM
432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. 610-435-1074
The Civil War: America at the Crossroads, through July 11

LOWER MACUNGIE LIBRARY
3450 Brookside Road, Lower Macungie. 610-966-6864
Sylvia Roth, through February

MERCANTILE HOME
526 Northampton St., Easton. 610-258-4046
Ken Jones, Jr., curator, Holly Ward Bimba, Patricia Fabricant, Rebekah Potter, Valerie Roybal, Roy G. Biv, Feb. 4 - April 4; Reception, 4 - 7 p.m. Feb. 6

MORAVIAN COLLEGE
Priscilla Payne Hurd Campus, Main and Church streets, Bethlehem. 610-861-1365
Daniel Athonisen: Painting, Drawings and Wood Engravings, through March 7, Payne Gallery

MUHLBERG COLLEGE
Martin Art Gallery, Baker Center for the Arts, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3467
Anastasia Alexandrin: Female Epoch, Feb. 3 - 28; Reception, Gallery Talk, 1 p.m. Feb. 6; Lobby Galleria

Making a Mark: The Etching Revival, through Feb. 20, Martin Art Gallery

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Communications Hall, Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem
John Kolbeck: Pictures to Look at While Under the Influence of Light, through Feb. 23; Reception, 5 - 7 p.m. Feb. 4

TOUCHSTONE THEATRE GALLERY
321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-867-1689
H. Scott Heist: The Pleasures and Terrors of a Truthful Reportage: 12 Portraits of Jacques Lecoq, through Feb. 12

WESTMINSTER VILLAGE
803 N. Wahneta St., Allentown. 610-782-8391

Linda Anderson, Charlie Daniels, Westminster Village Art Walk, through Feb. 28; Reception, 2 - 4 p.m. Feb. 20

CINEMA

CEDAR CREST COLLEGE
100 College Drive, Allentown. 610-606-4666
An Inconvenient Truth, 7 p.m. Feb. 10, Alumnae Hall Auditorium

CIVIC THEATRE OF ALLENTOWN
19th Street Theatre, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-0888
The Young Victoria, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3, 4, Theatre 514
A Single Man, coming soon

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
2344 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-865-9782
Joy Movie Night, 6 p.m. Feb. 5

MUHLBERG COLLEGE
2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3467
Images of Harlem in African American Films of the 1930s, 7 p.m. Feb. 10; screening, lecture, Paula Massood, Moyer Hall. Free

PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY
2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. 610-285-5000
Hotel Rwanda, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3, Auditorium; discussion

SYMPHONY HALL
23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. 610-432-6715
Carmen, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3: The Met: Live in HD encore performance
Simon Boccanegra, Plácido Domingo, 1 p.m. Feb. 4: The Met: Live in HD
Prairie Home Companion, 8 p.m. Feb. 4: Live in HD

CONCERTS

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Tim Gillis, John Rehrig, 1 p.m. April 27, 28: "Branson Fever"
The Nelson Riddle Orchestra, 1 p.m. April 29. Sold Out
Mel Tillis, 8 p.m. April 30
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The Glenn Miller Orchestra, 1 p.m. Oct. 26, 27. Sold Out Oct. 27
Ryan Pelton, 1 p.m. Nov. 6: Elvis Tribute. Sold Out
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STATE THEATRE
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TV REPORT

Harhart visits the Farm Show
Rep. Julie Harhart's (R-183) February "Legislative Report" visits the 2010 Pennsylvania Farm Show. The program includes a look behind the scenes, the 2010 butter sculpture, and information on the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Safety and

Laboratory Services. The program is telecast on: Service Electric, Channel 50, 9:30 p.m. first Monday; Blue Ridge, Channel 13, 10 a.m. Wednesdays and between 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Mondays; and RCN, Channel 4, 9 p.m. third Thursday. The program can also be viewed under "Latest News" at Harhart's website, www.JulieHarhart.com.

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THEATER REVIEWS

Go see, go see 'I Do! I Do!' at new Pines

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
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"I Do! I Do!" is arguably the natural sequel to the 1960s' classic "The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt.

"I Do! I Do!," an adaptation by Jones and Schmidt of "The Fourposter" by Jan de Hartog, inaugurated the new Allentown location Jan. 29 of The Pines Dinner Theatre, which has come down from the mountaintop in the Slatington area to the Allentown Fairgrounds Fairgrounds Hotel-Main-Gate complex, 17th and Liberty streets, Allentown, where the show continues through Feb. 28.

"I Do! I Do!" takes up where "The Fantasticks" left off. Here, another cute couple, Agnes (Greta Kleckner, an impressive Ethel Merman-esque soprano belter) and

Michael Snow (Ryan Paul Kelly, a nicely-modulated baritone) cope with the "happily ever after" part. The two-hander spans 50 years, 1895-1945.

A four-poster bed becomes battleground and sanctuary for the married couple's hopes, schemes, triumphs and disappointments. "That's what married life is all about" goes one of the song's lyrics.

Among the cheerful show's 19 tunes is the inspiring standard, "My Cup Runneth Over With Love," which became a strings and harpsichord-propelled 1967 Top 10 hit for Ed Ames.

Kleckner and Kelly harmonize beautifully on this and other songs, none of which are the easiest to sing, including "I Love My Wife," which Kelly renders tenderly.

Each provides the other a willing comedic foil. When Kleckner screams Michael, one imagines the entire West End Theater District can hear it. Yes, the Pines' troupe is alive and well and putting on shows in Allentown.

Kelly has a light touch that gives him the sly demeanor of a young Warren Beatty.

Both actor-singers do a little soft shoe, as well.

With costumes by Carline Blatt, Agnes' dresses are lovely, Michael's tuxes are spiffy and their silk pajamas are smashing.

The set consists of their bedroom, dominated by a large four-poster bed, with a few other props.

Sincerity is the byword in this musical, which emotionally short-hands events as the decades fly by faster than you can

say mortgage payments. That's because Oliver Blatt's crisp direction keeps the standard one-hour first act and 45-minute second act musical popping.

Music director Stacy Bechtel becomes a one-woman band at the keyboard-synthesizer.

This being dinner theater, it's not too much of a stretch to imagine one sitting in the couple's dining room and eavesdropping on their bedroom follies.

The easy amiability of the musical, which perhaps inspired the marriage vows reaffirmation movement, concludes on a note of understanding and fidelity that provides an uplifting sendoff.

Welcome, welcome, The Pines, and go see, go see "I Do! I Do!"

'Rome' in numerals

"When in Rome" is silly and sweet.

Beth (Kristen Bell), in Rome for the wedding of her younger sister (Alexis Dziena), scoops five coins from the fountain of love pool. The flip side of the myth is that when one takes coins from the fountain, a spell is cast on those who tossed them. They fall in love with you.

Back in New York City, where Beth is a curator at the Guggenheim Museum working for a stern director (Anjelica Huston), five suitors give chase, including a magician (Jon Heder), bodybuilder (Dax Shepard), painter (Will Arnett), sausage factory owner (Danny DeVito) and Nick (Josh Duhamel), a former Syracuse University football player who is a New York Daily News sports reporter and was best man at Beth's sister's wedding. Nick is the only eligible receiver.

Director Mark Steven Johnson, who directed "Daredevil" and "Ghost Rider" and wrote the screenplay for "Grumpy Old Men," tries his best to elevate the screenplay by David Diamond and David Weissman, who co-scripted "Old Dogs."

There is a funny premise here. However, the resulting script doesn't deliver.

Story and character development strains credibility. The men pursuing Beth couldn't be more bizarre. The presumed difficulty of a young woman with Beth's brains and beauty to not find "the one" is a stretch, even though she admits her main relationship is with her job.

If you are a fan of Kristen Bell ("Couple's Retreat" and TV's "Gossip Girl," "Heroes," "Veronica Mars") or Josh Duhamel ("Transformers," TV's "Las Vegas"), you will enjoy their - pun intended - engaging performances. Bell has a compelling fresh-faced brightness. She does this exasperated raspberries thing with her lips that is endearing. Duhamel has the natural handsome decency of a leading man. He seethes with sincerity.

The supporting players are so unusual-looking they appear to be computer-generated. There's Stacy (Kate Micucci, TV's "Scrubs," a Nazareth Area High School graduate who could win a Liza Minnelli look alike contest); the sausage king (DeVito, who could win an R2D2 look alike contest); Beth's dad (Don Johnson, who would win a Don Johnson look alike contest); and Antonio the painter (Arnett, who would not win a "Jersey Shore"-cast member look alike contest).

"When in Rome" is a date movie. First, though, you need a date. You may need to visit that fountain

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



of love.

"When In Rome": MPAA Rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned). Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13) for some suggestive content; Genre: Comedy, Romance; 1 hour, 31 minutes; Distributed by Touchstone Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: There are cameos by sports stars Lawrence Taylor and Shaquille O'Neal. The "When in Rome" cast dances during the closing credits, a la "Mama Mia!" Adele sings Bob Dylan's "To Make You Feel My Love" on the soundtrack. It's noted that the "Pain" exhibition at the Guggenheim depicted in the movie is fictional.

Box Office, Jan. 29: "Avatar" made it a lucky seven weeks in a row at No. 1 with a solid \$30 million and \$594.4 million, seven weeks. "Avatar," already the international box office champ, is on track to become the highest-grossing domestic movie ever, surpassing director James Cameron's other mega-hit, "Titanic." "Edge of Darkness," starring Mel Gibson, opened at No. 2 with \$17.1 million. "When in Rome" opened at No. 3, with \$12 million.

4. "Tooth Fairy," \$10 million, \$26.1 million, two weeks; 5. "The Book of Eli," \$8.7 million, \$74.3 million, three weeks; 6. "Legion," \$6.8 million, \$28.6 million, two weeks; 7. "The Lovely Bones," \$4.7 million, \$38 million, eight weeks; 8. "Sherlock Holmes," \$4.5 million, \$197.5 million, six weeks; 9. "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel," \$4 million, \$209 million, six weeks; 10. "It's Complicated," \$3.7 million, \$104 million, six weeks

Unreal, Feb. 5: "Dear John" stars Allentown's Amanda Seyfried who falls in love with a soldier (Channing Tatum) home on leave. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, he re-ups. Lasse Hallstrom directs, based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, author of "The Notebook." "From Paris With Love" stars John Travolta as an American spy attempting to stop a terrorist attack in Paris.

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🍷🍷 CATCH A MATINEE

Playhouse takes a bite out of Big Apple

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to The Press

Here's a recipe for after-dinner fun: Take one arrogant, preening husband, add one culturally upwardly mobile but depressed wife and you have trouble enough.

Mix in a mother advanced to that age when discussing one's bowels is a suitable topic for conversation and the brew becomes potent.

When the wife's mysterious childhood girlfriend who has been every where and knows everyone is stirred in, the pot starts to boil.

Playwright Charles Busch's "A Tale of the

Allergist's Wife" has all of the ingredients that make a trip to the Pennsylvania Playhouse a good after-dinner treat. Director Greg Boyer serves up a great night out for the adults in the family. The play continues weekends through Feb. 14.

Marjorie Taub, played by Nancy Zrake-Daniels in the title role, opens the two-act play looking every inch the mousey and depressed house wife as she languidly directs the building's doorman, Mohammed, in the installation of a new chandelier in the Taubs' tony Manhattan apartment.

Mohammed, played

with quirky mannerisms by Billy Ehrlacher, is doorman, handyman, confidant and authority on international terrorism for the comfortably Jewish Dr. Ira Taub family.

Ira, played with convincing pompous arrogance by Dean Hiatt, tries to get his wife, Marjorie, over the recent death of her therapist by throwing open the curtains to a bright view of the Manhattan skyline. He urges her to get back to her museums and plays - her haute culture strivings that have, nevertheless, left her feeling intellectually bankrupt.

Recently-retired Dr. Ira

Taub, self important and patronizing, loves to bask in the adoration of his wife and mother-in-law and to talk about his volunteer work with the homeless and about his admiring students. His smart smugness is priceless.

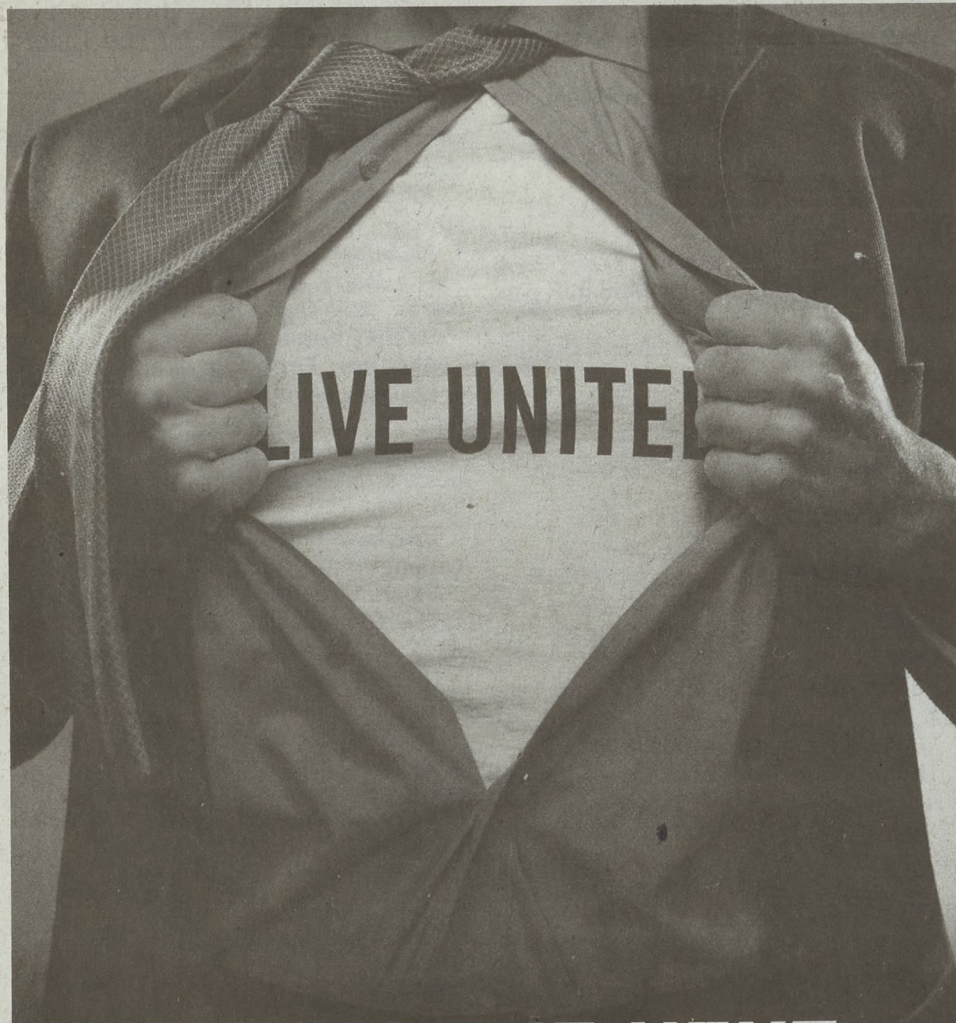
When Lee, long-gone childhood friend of Marjorie's, played with exciting believability by Jan Labelarte Beatty, drops in on her old friend, Marjorie makes a near miraculous recovery from her nearly suicidal doldrums. Lee, a shameless namedropper, has been intimate friends with every famous personality from Andy Warhol to Princess Grace. She is a marvel to watch.

Lee quickly re-establishes "best girlfriend" status with Marjorie while her potty-mouthed mother, Frieda, played with cantankerous devilment by Jan Kleckner, and Ira are out of the apartment.

After Lee's upbeat intervention, Marjorie resumes her routine of theater, lunches and museum tours with her new-found friend whom husband Ira and her mother, Frieda have never met. Soon, they convince her she has an imaginary friend and urge her to get mental help.

Lee appears just in time to relieve the "imaginary friend" concerns but she has soon moved into Taub apartment as a guest that won't leave. She charms Marjorie and Ira into a ménage-a-trois and chisels mother Frieda out of \$5,000 for a suspicious non-profit group that doorman Mohammed proclaims is a terrorist organization.

Things don't start to get back to normal until, under pressure, Lee resumes her world travels, this time, perhaps "to Morocco."



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ENGAGEMENTS

Fuld-Smith

Emmaus grad plans spring 2011 wedding

Eileen and Garry Fuld, of St. Augustine, Fla., formerly of Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, and Lynn and H. Joseph Smith, of Wescosville, announce the engagement of their children, Dr. Kimberly Beth Fuld and Dr. Ryan Joseph Smith.

Kimberly graduated from Plymouth-Whitmarsh High School. She is a cum laude graduate of Franklin and Marshall College with a degree in neuroscience. She received a medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed an internship at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, Bethlehem, followed by a residency in pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University-A.I. Dupont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, Del. She is completing a fellowship in pediatric endocrinology and diabetes at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.

Ryan graduated from Emmaus High School. He graduated cum laude from Franklin and Marshall College with degrees in biology and government. He received a medical degree from The Pennsylvania State University Medical College, Hershey, Derry Township, and completed an internship at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest, Salisbury Township, followed by a radiology residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, where he served as



Dr. Kimberly Beth Fuld and Dr. Ryan Joseph Smith

chief resident. He then completed an abdominal imaging fellowship at The University of Pennsylvania. He is a board-certified radiologist on staff at Albert Einstein Medical Center.

Kimberly is the granddaughter of Ruth S. Gross and the late Richard G. Gross, and the late Carol and Kurt Fuld. Ryan is the grandson of Hilda Demko and the late William Jacob Demko II, and the late Catherine M. and Charles E. Smith.

The couple is planning a spring 2011 wedding in Philadelphia

Kremers-Strouse

Emmaus grad plans wedding

Pamela Kremers of Allentown announces the engagement of her daughter, Melissa Ann, to Mark Strouse, son of Robert and Elizabeth Strouse of Emmaus.

The bride-elect is a stay-at-home mother of 10-year-old twin girls, Britanny and Bethany, and a son, Josh.

Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of Emmaus High School and has worked for Giant Food Store, Allentown, for more than 17 years.

He is also a commercial artist.

The couple has not set a date for the wedding.



Melissa Ann Kremers and Mark Strouse

Light at end of carpal tunnel

Q. I spent many hours at my computer and got this awful pain in my forearm that made me stop. Do you think I have carpal tunnel syndrome?

HEALTHY GEEZER

By Fred Cicetti
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I'm not qualified to diagnose, so I suggest that, if that pain persists, you see a physician and get it checked.

However, I can tell you about carpal tunnel syndrome. The median nerve runs from the forearm into the hand. This nerve controls impulses to the palm side of the thumb and fingers, but not the pinky.

The median nerve goes through the carpal tunnel, which is a narrow opening at the base of the hand. When tissues in the carpal tunnel, such as ligaments and tendons, get swollen or inflamed, they press against the median nerve.

If the nerve is compressed, you can suffer the following symptoms:

Pain in the wrist, palm or forearm;

Numbness or tingling in the hand and fingers;

Worse symptoms at night than during the day;

Intensified pain when you use your hand;

Thumb weakness; and

Difficulty gripping.

The symptoms usually start gradually, often at night because many people sleep with flexed wrists that compress the median nerve. Some who suffer from the syndrome say they wake up with a need to shake their hand to get relief.

Others report being unable to discriminate between hot and cold with their hands.

In the worst-case scenario, in chronic and untreated cases of carpal tunnel syndrome, the muscles at the base of the

thumb can degenerate.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, there is little data to prove that repetitive movements can cause carpal tunnel syndrome. A Mayo Clinic study found that heavy computer use did not increase a person's risk of developing carpal tunnel syndrome. However, repetitive movement can cause bursitis and tendonitis.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is probably caused by inheriting a small tunnel. Other contributing factors include: a wrist fracture or sprain; a growth in the canal; rheumatoid arthritis; heavy use of vibrating hand tools; glandular problems, and fluid retention.

Carpal tunnel syndrome usually occurs only in adults. Seniors are more likely to develop the syndrome than younger people. Women are three times more likely than men to develop the disorder. Those who suffer from diabetes are also at high risk.

The first treatment for the syndrome is rest. This includes splinting the wrist to keep it straight, which reduces stress to the median nerve. Over-the-counter pain relievers may ease symptoms. Water pills can decrease swelling.

Corticosteroids can be injected into the wrist or taken orally to relieve pressure on the median nerve. The efficacy of acupuncture and chiropractic for carpal tunnel syndrome is unproven. However, yoga has been

shown to reduce pain and improve strength.

If symptoms last for six months, surgery is often recommended. Carpal tunnel release is one of the most common surgical procedures in the United States. The majority of patients recover completely.

The operation cuts the band of tissue around the wrist to reduce pressure on the median nerve. The procedure is usually same-day surgery under local anesthesia.

There is a minimally invasive form of this surgery. Occasionally, the wrist loses strength from the surgery. Patients should undergo physical therapy after surgery to restore wrist strength.

Here are some tips for preventing carpal tunnel syndrome:

Avoid bending your wrist all the way up or down.

Relax your grip. Most people hold onto things too strenuously.

Write with thick pens with oversized, soft grips and free-flowing ink.

Pistol-grips on tools are better than straight-handle tools. Avoid vibrating tools, if possible.

Don't rest your wrists on hard surfaces for long periods.

Take breaks from repetitive hand movements.

At a computer, adjust the height of your chair so that your forearms are level with your keyboard and mouse so you don't have to flex your wrists.

Keep your hands warm. Wear fingerless gloves if you can't raise the temperature in your environment.

Have a question? Email: fred@healthygeezers.com

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Valentine's Day, 9 a.m. Feb. 9, 12: Children's Story Time

Mother-Daughter Book Club, 7 p.m. Feb. 9: "The Giver" by Lois Lowry

Book Lovers' Group, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10: "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" by Annie Barrows, Mary Ann Shaffer

American Girl Club, 11 a.m. Feb. 13

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Christian Writers' Circle, 10 a.m. Feb. 6

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Lost and Found Book Group, 7 p.m. Feb. 10: "Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything across Italy, India and Indonesia" by Elizabeth Gilbert

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Story Circle, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10

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Kim Beverly, 7 p.m. Feb. 4: "If Loving Two Is Wrong" reading, book signing, Room 113, Seeger's Union. Free

Rabbi Dr. Rob Lennick, noon Feb. 5: "The Book of Esther," Seeger's Union. Free

Pamela Tate, 7 p.m. Feb. 9: "Painting the National Landscape on Adult Learning: How Can Liberal Arts Colleges Meet the Challenge?" Miller Forum, Moyer Hall. Free. Reservation required

Marie Howe, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11: "In the Company of My Solitude: American Writing from the AIDS Pandemic," "The Good Thief," "The Kingdom of Ordinary Time," "What the Living Do" reading, book signing, Hoffman House

PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

4422 Walbert Avenue, South Whitehall Township. 610-398-1361

Nim's Island, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9: Night at the Movies, South Whitehall Township Building, 4444 Walbert Avenue, South Whitehall Township

Kathryn Craft, 7 p.m. Feb. 10: "Good From Page One"

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

3700 Mechanicsville Road, Whitehall Township. 610-432-4339

Knitting Guild, 6:15 p.m. Feb. 4

Lehigh Valley Audubon Society, 7 p.m. Feb. 9: "Harassing Wind with Turbines - Friend or Foe?"

Submission deadline for Literary Scene is noon Monday, 10 days prior to the Wednesday-Thursday Focus section publication date. Email: Alexandra Racines at: litscene@gmail.com

SACRED HEART

Heart disease seminar topic

A free seminar about women and heart disease will be presented by Mary Fran Kaminski, RN, BS, CCRN, at noon Feb. 5 in the auditorium, second-floor conference center, Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown.

Information: 610-776-4690

8 DAYS

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Allentown Symphony, 8 p.m. Feb. 13, 2 p.m. Feb. 14: "Romeo and Juliet," Diane Witry, conductor; Sarah Lane, Luis Ribagorda, dancers

THE FUNHOUSE 5 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 610-868-5311

The Urban Achievers, 10 p.m. Feb. 3

The Tour Band, 9 p.m. Feb. 4

Your Welcome Surf, 9 p.m. Feb. 5

Magic Bean, 9 p.m. Feb. 6

Uncle Mike: Grateful Dead tribute, 9 p.m. Feb. 8

Paul Thiessen Band, 10 p.m. Feb. 8: Open Jam Night

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DANCE

FEARLESS FIRE COMPANY Starlite Ballroom, 1221 S. Front St., Allentown. 610-390-7550

Allentown Area Swing Dance Society, 7 p.m. main; 5:30 p.m. beginner; 6:30 p.m. advanced Feb. 5, 12: Con Gallagher, East Coast Swing; 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Open Dance Sessions; 7 p.m. Feb. 9: Wingo Horn, Cha Cha

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE Williams Center for the Arts, Hamilton and High streets, Easton. 610-330-5361

Rennie Harris Puremovement, 8 p.m. Feb. 3; open rehearsal, 4:15 p.m. Feb. 2; Lecture, Rennie Harris, 7 p.m. Feb. 2, Room 108

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-3414

Alvin Nikolais Centennial Celebration, 8 p.m. Feb. 6: Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, DeSales University, Muhlenberg College dance students, directed by Alberto del Saz and Murray Louis

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700

Line Dance, 10 a.m. Mondays, Saturdays

Cardio Dance, 10 a.m. Thursdays

Jazz, 1 p.m. Wednesdays, through February

King Henry Dance, 1 p.m. Feb. 3; 8 p.m. Feb. 13

Bill, Donna Arnold, 8 p.m. Feb. 6

MUHENBERG COLLEGE 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3467

Muhlenberg College Dance students, 8 p.m. Feb. 11, 12, 13; 2 p.m. Feb. 13: Master Choreographers, Empie Theater

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH 424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-868-7432

Folk Dancing, 6 p.m. Feb. 7

Valley Contra Dance, 3 p.m. Feb. 13

ALLENTOWN FAIRGROUNDS AGRI-PLEX 302 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-7541

Antique and Modern Arms Show, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Feb. 13; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Feb. 14

NANCY RUN FIRE COMPANY HALL 3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4: Mini-Hamfest, monthly meeting

SNOWBLAST FESTIVAL Main Street Triangle, Emmaus

An Evening in Emmaus, 5 - 9 p.m. Feb. 5, 6

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ArtsQuest Center to hire 100

ArtsQuest has announced that it is seeking to fill the first two of approximately 100 jobs that will be created by the development of the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks.

The first new position, Director of Celebration, will be responsible for the development of cultural events and programs at the ArtsQuest Center and other ArtsQuest venues on the SteelStacks campus, scheduled to open in Bethlehem in May 2011.

The second new position, Director of Relationship Information, will

require the candidate to have extensive knowledge of the relationship management software system that ArtsQuest uses to organize and communicate with its constituents.

The positions are also expected to include areas such as event management, facilities management, electronic marketing, administrative assistants, performing arts management, cinema program management, music production, accounting, database management, box office and retail.

The majority of the approximately 100 posi-

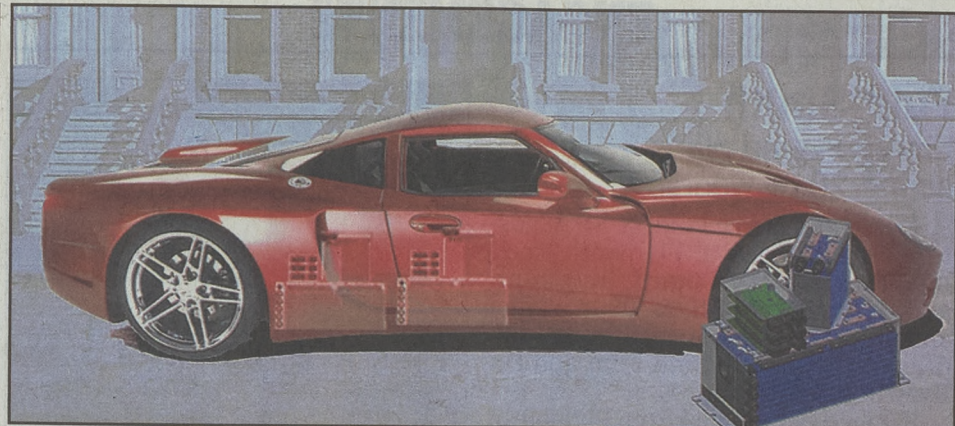
tions created as a result of the ArtsQuest Center will be hired in late 2010 and early 2011.

More than 30 of these positions will be with the ArtsQuest organization.

The balance will be with the food service organization that will partner with ArtsQuest at the ArtsQuest Center.

Positions scheduled to be filled will be placed on the website during the next 14 months.

Those interested in employment with ArtsQuest should log on to the ArtsQuest website, www.artsquest.org



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Factory Five GTM Supercar has International Battery lithium ion battery packs.

Phila. Auto Show hybrid uses Allentown firm battery packs

International Battery, an Allentown-based U.S. manufacturer and developer of large-format lithium-ion rechargeable batteries, is providing two lithium ion battery packs for West Philly Hybrid X Team's super fuel-efficient cars, aimed at exceeding 100 MPGe (miles per gallon or its energy equivalent).

The environmentally-friendly vehicles, one of which is at the Philadelphia International Auto Show, through Feb. 7 in the Philadelphia Convention Center, are being built by high school students from Philadelphia's inner city, to compete in the \$10-million Progressive

Insurance Automotive X PRIZE.

The first vehicle, a modified Factory Five GTM Supercar, with acceleration of 0 to 60 in under five seconds, will compete in the Alternative category and will be powered in part by International Battery's large format lithium ion battery cells.

The battery design incorporates 50 Ah lithium-nickel cobalt manganese cells and contains a total of 9 kWh. A modular design conveniently distributed throughout the car allows a nominal operating voltage of 180 volts.

The second vehicle, a Ford Focus, contains a 15

kWh battery based on similar 50 Ah cells and will compete in the Mainstream class of the contest.

"We're proud to participate and help local high school students achieve their goals in this exciting project," said Dr. Ake Almgren, International Battery president and CEO.

"Not only are their large format lithium batteries high performing, but they are also built right here in Pennsylvania. Using American components is an important part of our business plan," Simon Hauger, director for the West Philly Hybrid X Team, said.

BETHLEHEM Restaurant week through Feb. 6

The second annual Winter Restaurant Week continues through Feb. 6 in downtown Bethlehem.

Bethlehem's Winter Restaurant week debuted in 2009 in response to the

popularity of the annual Summer Restaurant Week, June 27 - July 3 this year.

Eighteen restaurants in Downtown Bethlehem will offer fixed price menus for lunch and dinner.

Diners at participating restaurants will have a chance to enter their

name in a drawing to win gift certificates for a meal for two at each of the 18 locations.

The Bethlehem Parking Authority is offering free parking to Winter Restaurant Week patrons at 33 W. Walnut St. and 75 W. N. St. On the Southside, restaurants will have tokens for parking meters.



Manny Rodrigues

Ivy League adds senior loan officer

Ivy League Mortgage, an Affiliate of First National Bank of Chester County, has announced the addition of Manny Rodrigues as Senior Loan Officer of the Lehigh Valley-Pocono office.

He has more than 10 years experience as a Loan Originator, Banker, Manager and Regional Director. He has worked for MetLife and Bank of

America and has been a self-employed mortgage broker. He holds multiple licenses and certificates in the profession.

Rodrigues lives with his wife and two children in the Lehigh Valley area and is involved in civic groups, participates in church activities and helps to support several local charitable organizations

CANCER SUPPORT February events

Free programs at The

Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley, 83 S. Commerce Way, include Art in the Evening, 6 p.m. Feb. 4; 25: Jessica Hoffman; supplies

provided; and Valentine Date Night, 5:30 p.m. Feb. 12: Couples' dinner-dance. 610-861-7555

Kistler O'Brien taps design specialist

Kistler O'Brien Fire Protection, Bethlehem, has named Benjamin Bretzik of Allentown as mass notification business development and sales specialist.

Bretzik will acquire new business in the area of mass notification systems and be responsible for design and development of customer mass notification systems.

Prior to joining Kistler O'Brien, Bretzik was a design engineer of luxury motor coaches and transit buses at Blue Bird Coachworks, Fort Valley, Ga.

Before that, he was senior mechanical designer at Featherlite Luxury Motorcoaches, Sanford, Fla. He worked for two other firms designing yacht interiors and aircraft systems.

"New and prospective customers will benefit from Ben's extensive background of designing complex systems in the custom transportation industry as he engineers and designs complex mass notification systems for large campuses, including colleges and hospitals among others," said



Benjamin Bretzik

Eric F. Blasser, president of Kistler O'Brien Fire Protection.

Bretzik attended the University of Central Florida.

Cribs, strollers back to 2004

The following recalls were issued Jan. 17 - 21 by federal and state agencies:

Cribs: Dorel Asia SRL is recalling Dorel Asia cribs sold at K-Mart, Wal-Mart and Sears January 2005 - December 2009. The drop side hardware can fail causing the drop side to detach from the crib. When the drop side detaches it creates a space in which an infant or toddler can become entrapped and suffocate or strangle. Consumers should contact Dorel Asia, www.dorel-asia.com, 866-762-2304, to receive a free replacement kit.

Strollers: Graco Children's Products Inc. is recalling Graco's Passage™, Alano™ and Spree™ Strollers and Travel Systems sold October 2004 - December 2009. The hinges on the stroller's canopy pose a fingertip amputation and laceration hazard to the child when the consumer is opening or closing the canopy. The recall involves Graco Passage™, Alano™ and Spree™ Strollers and Travel Systems. Consumers should contact Graco, www.graco.com, 800-345-4109, to receive a free protective cover repair kit.

Elliptical Trainers: Johnson Health Tech North America is recalling Horizon Fitness and LIVESTRONG™ Fitness Elliptical Trainers sold October - November 2009. The foot pedal can become disengaged, posing a fall hazard. The recalled products are elliptical trainers branded under the Hori-

CONSUMER RECALLS

zon Fitness and LIVESTRONG Fitness names. The brand name is located at the top of the console display with the model numbers just below and the serial numbers are located on the front support tube of the trainer. Consumers should contact Johnson Health Tech NA, www.horizonfitness.com, 800-962-3596, to schedule a free in-home replacement of the defective pedals.


Built-In Ovens: BSH Home Appliances Corp. is recalling Thermador® Built-In Ovens sold June 2004 - July 2007. The ovens can have gaps in the insulation where overheating can occur and when used in the self-cleaning mode it can cause nearby cabinets to catch fire. This poses a fire hazard. The recall involves Thermador Brand built-in double ovens with model numbers C272B, C302B, SEC272, SEC302, SECD272 and SECD302 and serial numbers between FD8403 through FD8701. Model and serial numbers are located on the underside of the control panel. Consumers should contact Thermador, www.thermador.com, 800-701-5230, to schedule an inspection and free repair, if necessary.

Steam Mops: Conair Corp. is recalling Lysol Steam Cleaning Mops sold

September 2006 - September 2009. Hot water mixed with Lysol can forcefully spurt out and rupture the housing unit, posing a burn hazard and a laceration hazard to consumers from the broken housing unit. The recall involves the Lysol Steam Cleaning Mop by Conair with model numbers SM10L or SM10LR. The model number is printed on the bottom of the mop under the microfiber cloth. Consumers should contact Conair, www.conair.com, 800-687-6916, to receive a free replacement steam cleaning mop.

Choppers: Lifetime Brands Inc. is recalling Pedrini® Pro Chop™ Professional Multipurpose Choppers sold at Sam's Club locations October - December 2009. Pieces of the chopper's metal blades can break off during use and fall into food being prepared in the chopper, posing a laceration hazard. The recalled product is the Pedrini® Pro Chop™ Professional Multipurpose Chopper with model number 5061050 and UPC 024131114849. The product is a multipurpose chopper and corer for fruits and vegetables. The model number and UPC are located on the chopper's packaging. Consumers should return the chopper to any Sam's Club for a full refund. Consumers can also contact Lifetime Brands Inc, www.lifetime-brands.com, 800-471-3986.

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Friday, Feb. 5: Smokey tomato cheese soup, roast beef with gravy, scalloped potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, apple walnut crumb cake.

Monday, Feb. 8: Cream of chicken soup, Circle R burger, baked beans, macaroni salad, fresh apple slices.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: Roast turkey with gravy, cornbread stuffing, seasoned carrots, whole wheat bread with margarine, chilled apricots.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: Pasta fagioli soup, breaded veal with gravy, mashed red potatoes, creamed corn, wheat bread with margarine, chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday, Feb. 11: Sweet and sour pork, white rice, asian vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, chilled peaches.

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Friday, Feb. 5: Baked fish with lemon butter, au gratin potatoes, corn O'Brien, multigrain bread, peach crisp.

Monday, Feb. 8: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: Barbecue chicken breast, American blend vegetables, succotash, roll, rice pudding.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: Salisbury steak with gravy, parsley new potatoes, creole zucchini, whole wheat bread, apple.

Thursday, Feb. 11: Baked ham, whipped sweet potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, angel food cake. **BB: Turkey.**

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

2	5	1	8	9	7	4	3	6
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Difficulty Level ★★★

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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1 Coffee lighteners
7 Servile
14 Waiting in neutral
20 Dress all fancily
21 Singer Lynn
22 More slender
23 Thrill rides
25 Cocoon constructors
26 Nearly a dozen
27 "Am — believe this?"
29 Triple crown
30 Like fleas and lice
33 Blinds
37 Comment of concern
38 Brightening stars
39 State-run game
40 They're often flown on poles
44 Shows one's fallibility
45 Season starter?
46 Book keeper
47 "Boy!" or "girl!" lead-in
48 "Ugly Betty" actress Ortiz
51 Cantaloupe, e.g.
53 Throat projections
57 Attacks from an airplane
60 "Today" co-host Meredith
62 Quarterback Graham
63 Theme of this puzzle
68 Meatheads
69 Consecrate
70 Maker of fashionable dresses
71 Huge hammering machines
75 Seoul locale
76 St. Paul-to-St. Louis dir.
77 Not one
78 Saintly
80 Vid recorder
83 Detailed narrative
84 It's taken while wearing a cuff
89 Humiliating person
92 Main artery
93 Bull features
94 Lift enclosures
96 Beverages
99 "Stop! Or — Will Shoot" (1992 film)
100 WWII female enlistee
101 Let out of jail early
102 Expropriates
104 Some investors play it
111 Scalp, say
112 Presume
113 Allocates
114 Sowing apparatus
115 Circular

DOWN

1 Naval off.
2 Pal of Piglet
3 Certain bent pipe
4 Fast, musically
5 FBI head Robert
6 Carousel
7 Astrigent plums
8 Usurer's offering
9 Cato's skill
10 Fido's doc
11 Suffix with Harlem
12 Big steps
13 Can't say no
14 Flu-ridden
15 Positively perilous place
16 Cowboy ropes
17 Storm into
18 Less remote
19 Oily
24 Large pharmacy chain
28 Big-eyed nestlings
30 Nebbish
31 One frosting a cake
32 Alias, e.g.
33 Wild canine
34 Tennis player Majoli

116 Get hitched
35 Harass
36 In a way, informally
38 Lions' org.
41 Archipelago composition
42 Lots (of)
43 Singer Barry
47 "Do I need to draw you —?"
48 Chorus voices
49 Product label abbr.
50 En masse
51 Parsonage
52 D followers
53 Auspices
54 Pop star Celine
55 In — (stagnant)
56 Speakers' platforms
57 Ends
58 Bangkok natives
59 M-16, e.g.
60 Rooftop wind indicator
61 "Believe — not!"
64 Be the owner of
65 Love, to Fifi
66 From Iceland, e.g.
67 "I like Ike" pres.
72 Bit for crime lab analysis
73 Name on a thesaurus
74 One after another
75 Keystone —

78 Big bellies
79 Lupino of "Moonlight"
80 Ringlet
81 "Artaxerxes" composer Thomas
82 Untidiness
83 Delighted in
84 God of wine
85 Mauna —
86 Bruins' Bobby
87 Donna of Clinton's cabinet
88 In a serious way
89 Objects
90 Paris palace
91 Stupefy
95 Rizzo played by Dustin Hoffman
96 Fast — (quick)
97 Planet Mork hailed from
98 "Havana" actor Milian
101 A model strikes one
103 Kind of 35mm camera
105 Book after Galatians: Abbr.
106 Jacuzzi site
107 Shirt
108 Ornamental pond fish
109 Airport stat
110 "General" of Chinese menus

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See crossword answer on page B9

CRYPTOGRAM

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of North Catasauqua, PA will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in Borough Hall located at 1066 Fourth Street. The subject of the hearing will be the request of: 1. APPEAL NO. 2010-01 - James & Jann Eline seek an appeal from the Zoning Officer (procedurally) and for the following zoning variances: Section 503.G.G-2.2 (maximum building coverage), Section 502.G.G-2.6 (off-street parking), Section 404.2.G-2, (side yard setback and building coverage), Section 609 (buffer yard), Section 705 (off-street loading), Section 706 (trash receptacles), Section 905.2 (non-conforming structures not to exceed 25% increase), Section 905.3 (expansion of non-conforming structure to conform to all yard and coverage provisions). The applicant also is seeking a "Special Exception" and a "Expansion of non-conforming Structure". The subject property is Tax Map M4SE4b, Block 010, Lot 001, and is located at 1096 Milton Street, North Catasauqua, Pa. 18032. The applicant and/or their representative are required to attend said hearing and present testimony regarding this matter. All other interested parties may attend. A copy of the aforementioned applications can be reviewed at the Borough Hall during established business hours. James F. Lancsek, CET Zoning Officer Jan. 27, Feb. 3.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Emmaus Borough Council Vacancy

The Borough of Emmaus is accepting letters of interest from candidates seeking appointment to fill a vacancy on Emmaus Borough Council for a term ending on January 1, 2012. Interested persons shall submit a letter of interest to the Borough Manager on or before Friday, February 12, 2010. The letter may be delivered to Town Hall at 28 S. Fourth St., Emmaus, PA 18049, or by email to cneely@borough.emmaus.pa.us. Craig B. Neely, Emmaus Borough Manager Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of BERNICE J. HAMBOR, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known all the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: James Michael Hambor c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire 537 Chestnut Street Emmaus, PA 18049 or to his attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire 537 Chestnut Street Emmaus, PA 18049 Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of South Whitehall Township will conduct hearings on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., in the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, for the following zoning appeals: ZHB-2010-02: The appeal of Liberty Towers LLC seeking relief to erect and maintain a 160' tall, monopole, cellular communications tower on the property at the Dorneyville Shopping Center, 3245 Hamilton Boulevard. The appellants are requesting a use variance regarding Section 12.34(d) and a height variance regarding Section 12.34(c)(15). The subject property is zoned "HC", Highway Commercial. ZHB-2010-03: The appeal of the Lehigh Valley Educators Credit Union seeking a temporary use special exception approval to hold a two-day, used vehicle sales event on the bank property located at 3720 Hamilton Boulevard. The appellant is seeking approval per Sections 12.25(c) & (d) to conduct the event on April 30th & May 1st, 2010. The subject property is zoned "HC", Highway Commercial. ZHB-2010-05: The appeal of the Kyle David Group LLC seeking relief to occupy the property at 1737 Neva Street for a proposed computer software office. Related to the proposed development of a new parking lot area, the appellant is seeking interpretations and/or variances to Sections 12.38(a)(3), 12.38(b)(1), 12.38(f)(5) and 12.36(a) &/or (b) regarding existing front yard restricted area parking, minimum parking lot area setbacks, minimum two-way access lane width, and buffer strip requirements. The subject property is zoned "NC", Neighborhood Commercial. ZHB-2010-06: The appeal of the Robin and Rhonda Schultz seeking a favorable interpretation, or in the alternative a variance, regarding the size of an accessory use garage, proposed for the single family dwelling property at 4203 Orefield Road. The appellants are seeking approval per Section 12.25(b) for a forty foot (40') by sixty foot (60') pole building. The subject property is zoned "R-H", Rural Holding. The above-referenced properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of any submitted plans, applications, and/or supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance). All appellants must attend. All interested parties are invited to attend and have the opportunity to be heard. Keith M. Zehner, Zoning Officer Feb. 3, 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on February 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428. Appeal No. 10-002 of East Penn School District, 800 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA 18049; property owner East Penn School District; property address 6135 Sauerkraut Lane, Macungie, PA, 18062; Pin #547454577047, zoned Semi-Rural, requests a hearing pursuant to Lower Macungie Township Ordinance No. 1998-11, as amended, to determine a Variance of Appendix A, Article II, Subsection 2.02.9.1.1; to permit free standing sign in the flood plain for the public elementary school, and any other relief as may be required from the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance. Appeal No. 10-003 of Polaris South Realty, LP, Attn: James N. Gentile, 7562 Penn Drive, Suite 100, Allentown, PA 18106; property owner (Lot 7) Seagis Lower Mac., LP; (Lots 18-20) Polaris South Realty, LP; property address (Lot 7) 7533 Industrial Park Way, Allentown, PA 18106, (Lots 18-19) along Industrial Park Way, (Lot 20) along Schoeneck Road; Pin # (Lot 7) 546398552594, (Lot 18) 546398470193, (Lot 19) 546398772818, (Lot 20) 546398896474, zoned ORLIC, requests a hearing pursuant to Lower Macungie Township Ordinance No. 1998-11, as amended, to determine a Variance of Section 1607 and Section 1704; relating to 10' buffer yard with planting strip, and any other relief as may be required from the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance. Appeal No. 10-004 of Nu Additions/Betterliving, 4624 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104; property owner James & Wendy Furbur; property address 2081 Willow Lane, Macungie, PA 18062; Pin #547467367504-01, zoned Semi-Rural, requests a hearing pursuant to Lower Macungie Township Ordinance No. 1998-11, as amended, to determine a Variance of Section 1600.7; to permit addition of sunroom, and any other relief as may be required from the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance. Appeal No. 10-005 of Hamilton Crossing, LP, 900 South Avenue, Suite 100, Staten Island, NY 10314; property owner Most Reverend John C. Barres STD JCL DD, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown; property address (1) 5375 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18106 (2) 5285 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18106; Pin # (1) 547565181468 (2) 547566750069; zoned Commercial District, requests a hearing pursuant to Lower Macungie Township Ordinance No. 1998-11, as amended, to determine a Variance of Sections 1006, 1007, 2000.E.12; regarding buffering requirements and increasing the maximum impervious coverage from 60% to 65%, and permit the use of a parking ratio of 1 space per 250 SF, and any other relief as may be required from the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Hearing Board will not necessarily call these items in the order listed. All applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at 7:00 p.m. The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact Bruce Fosselman, Township Manager, at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance. James F. Lancsek, Zoning Officer Feb. 3, 10

Estate of JOSEPH J. KRUPA, deceased, late of Borough of Emmaus, County of Lehigh, and State of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Executrix: CHERYL MCLEROY 143 Dutchtown Road Saugerties, NY 12477 David B. Shulman, Esquire SHULMAN & SHABBICK 1935 Center Street Northampton, PA 18067 or to her Attorney: Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting times have been changed from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the following Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, PA meetings for the calendar year 2010. The meetings are held in the Municipal Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051. Supervisors regular meetings: 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission meetings: Last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except November when meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 23rd. D.P. Breininger, Sec. Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Emmaus will meet on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 S. Fourth St., Emmaus, PA 18049 for the purpose of reorganization, as well as conducting regular business related to the Commission. Vincent Tranguich, Chairman Civil Service Commission Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Statement of Northwestern Lehigh School District for the auditors for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009, was filed on January 8, 2010, in the office of the Prothonotary, Lehigh County Courthouse, Clerk of Judicial Court, Civil Department, 455 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101-1614, and will be confirmed absolutely unless an appeal is taken therefrom within thirty (30) days after the filing thereof. The report is available for public inspection at the business office of the School District during normal business hours. Feb. 3, 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE

Catasauqua Area School District Board of School Directors meeting(s) will be held as follows, to discuss any business that may be brought before the board/committee: Thurs., Feb. 11, 2010 - Finance Committee meeting - 5:45 p.m. (Note: This is a change of date from Thurs., Feb. 4, 2010). Meeting will be held in Sheckler Elem. School Faculty Room, 201 N. 14th St., Catasauqua, PA

PUBLIC NOTICE

By Order of the Board of Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District Superintendent Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of DOROTHY E. WALBERT a/k/a DOROTHY ELIZABETH WALBERT, deceased, late of Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pa. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Donald Walbert a/k/a Donald Paul Walbert Diane Keiser a/k/a Diane G. Keiser Sharon Getz a/k/a Sharon L. Getz Peggy Roche a/k/a Peggy A. Roche Executrix c/o William F. Kocher, Jr. 509 Linden Street Allentown, PA 18101 or to their Attorney: William F. Kocher, Jr. 509 Linden Street Allentown, PA 18101 Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive testimony and evidence on the Conditional Use Applications filed under Sections 402 and 2132 of the Township Zoning Ordinance by David M. Jandl and/or Jandl Realty, L.P. and which propose to establish a Quarry on approximately 699 acres of land owned by the Applicants in western Lower Macungie Township, north of the Borough of Alburtis. These Hearings shall commence on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Macungie Middle School, 6299 Lower Macungie Road, Macungie, PA, 18062 and will continue from time to time until completed. Members of the public are invited to attend and participate in this hearing. The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact Bruce Fosselman, Township Manager, at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance. Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners Peter Nelson, Solicitor Grim, Biehn & Thatcher 104 South Sixth Street P.O. Box 215 Perkasia, PA 18944 Feb. 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lower Macungie Township Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Farmland Preservation Board will not hold their regularly scheduled meeting on February 24, 2010. Instead this meeting will be held on March 3, 2010 at 7 PM at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA. Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale at Indian Creek Storage Co. Inc., 5070 Indian Creek Rd., Macungie, Pa. on Feb. 4th at 10 A.M. Unit P 3 Charles Meredith Goods sold to satisfy the owner's liens. Cash only, sold as is remove at time of sale, sale is subject to adjournment. Jan. 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF WAYNE C. HANDWERK deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Larry W. Handwerk, Co-Executor Faye D. Harper, Co-Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to their Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2010, a renewal request of John Joseph Gaffney for a Private Detective License was filed in the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas at CP-39-MD-0000208-2010 in accordance with the Pennsylvania Private Detective Act. The Court has fixed Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom 2C before the Honorable James T. Anthony as the date for the hearing of the renewal request. All persons interested in the renewal request for license may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the renewal for Private Detective License should not be granted. Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF LINDA ANN a/k/a LINDA A. ANN a/k/a Linda Ann Ann, deceased, late of the Township of Whitehall, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Donald Seagraves 5919 Chapmans Rd. Orefield, PA 18069 or Dennis Edward Brozey 216 N. Scenic St. Allentown, PA 18104-5135 or to their Attorney: Neil D. Ettinger, Esq. Ettinger & Associates, LLC Peachtree Office Plaza 1815 Schadt Avenue Whitehall, PA 18052 Feb. 3, 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE

COPLAY BOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC MEETING, BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA The Coplay Borough Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on the Borough's Draft Comprehensive Plan at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. The meeting will be at Coplay Borough Hall on 98 South 4th Street in Coplay, PA. The Draft Comprehensive Plan includes recommendations on the future development and preservation of the Borough of Coplay. Items to be discussed will include recommendations on business district beautification, park and recreation enhancements, street improvements, and options for meeting the facility needs of the police, public works, and administrative staff. Prior to the meeting, copies of the Draft Plan will be available for public review at the Coplay Public Library at 49 South 5th Street in Coplay, PA. Sandra A. Gycsek, Borough Secretary Feb. 3, 10

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of MICHELLE ALYCE PAGANO, Deceased, Late of N. Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County, PA. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Nichole C. Kilroy, Administratrix, c/o Robert A. Bacine, Esq., 794 Penlynn-Blue Bell Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422-1669. Or to her Atty: Robert A. Bacine, Flamm, Boroff & Bacine, P.C., 794 Penlynn-Blue Bell Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422-1669. Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE RENTKO, late of 813 Eagle Drive, Emmaus, County of Lehigh, State of Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement: Joseph F. Rentko, Jr., 6115 Weaversville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017, or to his attorney, Alicia M. Howard, Esquire, 5744 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, PA 18067. Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF KENNETH R. WISSER, deceased, late of Weisenberg Church Road, New Tripoli, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Gail Mangold Glenn Wisser 7589 Weisenberg Church Road New Tripoli, PA 18066 Executrix, or to their attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles W. Stopp, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080. Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2010 WILL BE HELD AT THE CATASAUQUA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 118 BRIDGE STREET, CATASAUQUA, PA: BOROUGH COUNCIL First Monday of the Month 7:00 PM Regular Monthly Meeting Last Monday of the Month 7:00 PM Regular Executive Meeting NOTE: May Executive Meeting 5/24/10 July Regular Meeting 7/6/10 September Regular Meeting 9/7/10 Special Year-End Meeting 12/20/10 COMMITTEE MEETINGS: General Government - Last Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M. Public Safety - Third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Planning & Zoning - Second Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Recreation - Second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM Public Utilities - Third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM Public Works - Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM SHADE TREE COMMISSION Third Tuesday, Bimonthly 7:00 PM Beginning January 2010 BOROUGH AUTHORITY Second Tuesday of the Month 7:30 PM PLANNING COMMISSION Fourth Tuesday of the Month 6:30 PM Regular Monthly Meeting NOTE: APRIL MEETING.....WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21st SEPTEMBER MEETING.....WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd ZONING HEARING BOARD Third Tuesday of the Month 7:30 PM Regular Appeal Hearings BOARD OF HEALTH Meetings Scheduled as Called 7:30 PM ANY CHANGES IN THE ABOVE MEETING DATES WILL BE ADVERTISED PRIOR TO THE MEETING. ALL OTHER BOROUGH MEETINGS WILL BE ADVERTISED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING. Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF RUTH G. FURLER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Carl E. Furler 306 1/2 W. Aycock St. Raleigh, NC 27608 Kelly A. Quaster III Bristlecone Pine Rd. Sedona, AZ 86336 Executrix, or to their attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles A. Waters, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080. Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF LARRY LEE DIMMIG, deceased, late of Slatetale, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Tami G. Dimmig 4219 W. Grant Street Slatetale, PA 18079 Executrix, or to their attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Charles W. Stopp, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080. Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF ARDATH H. RODALE, Deceased, Late of Lower Macungie Twp., Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Heather Rodale, Maria Rodale, Heidi Rodale & Anthony Rodale, Executors, c/o Steven G. Winters, Esq., 1900 Market St., Phila., PA 19103-3508. Or to their Atty: Steven G. Winters, Cozen O'Connor P.C., 1900 Market St., Phila., PA 19103-3508. Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF JUAN PEDRO CARPIO deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Larry P. Hartman, Co-Executor Dennis W. Hartman, Co-Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to their Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF GEORGE A. BAUMAN a/k/a George Bauman, Deceased, late of Lehigh Center, 1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Marjo Holtzhafer c/o James A. Ritter, Esquire 111 E. Harrison St., Suite 2 Emmaus, PA 18049-2916 or to her Attorney: James A. Ritter, Esquire 111 E. Harrison St., Suite 2 Emmaus, PA 18049-2916 Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REVISED SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE OF HEARING/MEETING Notice is hereby given that the Lynn Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing/meeting at the Lynn Township Municipal Building, 7911 Kings Highway, Lynnport on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. to hear the following appeal(s): APPEAL #478, Case #10-01 A hearing of the appeal of Deanna L. DeLong for a variance and/or any other relief deemed necessary in order to construct an addition to an existing single family dwelling to be used as an in-law suite. The property is located at 9140 Kings Highway, Kempton, PA 19529 and is in the AP - Agricultural Preservation District. The size of the lot is approximately 2 acres. APPEAL #479 - Case #10-02 A hearing of the appeal of Jeffrey N. Vogels for a variance and/or any other relief deemed necessary in order to construct a 6'x34' deck on an existing single family home that is a non-conforming structure. The property is located at 9356 Kistler Valley Road, Kempton, PA 19529 and is in the AP - Agricultural Preservation District. The size of the lot is approximately 6.05 acres. Kevin N. Deppe, Zoning Officer Feb. 3, 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Legal & Legislative Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA. Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lower Macungie Township Environmental Advisory Council will not hold their regularly scheduled meeting on February 8, 2010. Instead this meeting will be held on February 22, 2010 at 7 PM at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA. Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF SARAH H. BICKEL deceased, late of Zionsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Virginia M. Langan, Co-Executrix Fern E. Price, Co-Executrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF BETTY J. HARTMAN deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Larry P. Hartman, Co-Executor Dennis W. Hartman, Co-Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to their Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Donald S. Young, Esq. Rebecca M. Young, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

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CRYPTO SOLUTION

IF A YOUNG BEAR LIKES READING A NOVEL EVERY THIRTY DAYS, COULD YOU CALL HIM A BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CUB?

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, will consider for adoption at a Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of February, 2010, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance revising Ordinance 02-01, Chapter 185, Section 185-45, by requiring an inspection of property to determine compliance with the Township Property Maintenance Code and Use Compliance with the Township Zoning Ordinance, and the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy prior to the transfer of property in the Township. In the event that the Board of Supervisors do not consider for adoption the Ordinance described hereinafter at the Public Hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the Ordinance for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on the 9th day of March, 2010, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Hanover Township Municipal Building located at 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during normal business hours.

The following is the proposed Amendment to the Hanover Township Zoning Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REVISING ORDINANCE 02-01 CHAPTER 185 SECTION 185-45 BY REQUIRING AN INSPECTION OF PROPERTY TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND USE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, AND THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, Pennsylvania ("Township") recognizes that it is necessary to protect innocent purchasers from violations of Township Ordinances applicable to the property being purchased.

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to protect and improve public health and safety by causing all properties to be inspected for compliance prior to transfer of ownership with the standards for basic safety and maintenance as found in the Township Property Maintenance Code and the allowable use designation according to the Township Zoning Ordinance, in order to make sellers aware and to notify buyers of property defects related to the applicable Codes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of same.

SECTION 1. The Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by the "Second Class Township Code" and the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as amended, as well as other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby ordain and enact the following amendment to the Hanover Township Codified Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 02-1, is hereby amended with the deletion and replacement of Section 185-45 as follows:

"§185-45. Certificates of Occupancy.

A. Definitions.

(1) "Certificate of Occupancy" means a certificate issued by the Township Building Code Official upon compliance with the standards in the Township Property Maintenance Code and the allowable use designation according to the Township Zoning Ordinance following inspection of Property as required by this Section.

(2) "Conditional Certificate of Occupancy" means a certificate issued pursuant to 185-45(C)(3) of this Section which requires the abatement of violations of the Township Property Maintenance Code.

(3) "Inspection Report" means a Notice of Violation which is issued to a seller of Property upon inspection by the Township Building Code Official as required under section 185-45(C). The Inspection Report shall list any discovered or uncorrected violations of the Township Property Maintenance Code and the allowable use designation according to the Township Zoning Ordinance. The Inspection Report shall expire one (1) year from the date of the original inspection.

(4) "Property" shall mean any structure, building or land or portions thereof.

(5) "Transfer of Ownership" means the conveyance, either in whole or in part, of Property.

(6) "Unfit for Human Habitation" means a Property which is dangerous or detrimental to life or health because it is dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, vermin-infested or lacking facilities and equipment standards according to the Township Property Maintenance Code, as designated by the Township Building Code Official.

B. New Construction. It shall be unlawful for any person to

use and/or occupy any Property, or change the use of any Property, in any manner, including that of a home occupation pursuant to § 185-25F of this chapter, until a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

(1) The Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued in accordance with this Section following submission of a Building and Zoning Permit Application in such form as the Zoning Administrator may require.

(2) After a Building and Zoning Permit Application ("Permit Application") has been made, the Building Code Official ("B.C.O.") shall inspect any Property described in said Permit Application, and shall determine the conformity with the applicable Township Ordinances. If the B.C.O. is satisfied that the Property, is in conformity with all applicable Township Ordinances, and that the proposed use is consistent with this Chapter, a Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued.

(3) A Certificate of Occupancy shall be granted within 5 days after the B.C.O. has received or completed a final Inspection Report that indicates the Property, is in compliance with applicable Township Ordinances and the Uniform Construction Code.

C. Transfer of Ownership. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or otherwise transfer ownership of any Property, to another person unless a Certificate of Occupancy or Conditional Certificate of Occupancy has been issued prior to said transfer of ownership and any use or occupancy of such Property; provided, however, that the failure on the part of such seller or transferor to obtain the Certificate of Occupancy shall not excuse the purchaser or transferee of the property from the requirements of this section.

(1) The seller of Property in Hanover Township is hereby required to secure an Inspection Report from the Township prior to the transfer of ownership. The seller of the Property shall have ten (10) business days from the date that the Property is listed for sale or the seller enters into an agreement of sale with a purchaser, whichever is sooner, to submit a Resale Building and Zoning Compliance Application ("Compliance Application") in such form as the Zoning Administrator may prescribe and request an inspection of the B.C.O. and pay the appropriate fees for the inspection.

(2) After a Compliance Application has been made, the B.C.O. shall inspect the Property described in said Compliance Application, and shall determine the conformity with said Compliance Application and the existing Township Property Maintenance Code. If the B.C.O. is satisfied that the Property is in conformity with the existing Property Maintenance Code, and that the proposed use is consistent with this Chapter, a Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued by the B.C.O.

(3) A Conditional Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued by the B.C.O. if the Inspection Report requires abatement of violations in order to comply with the Township Property Maintenance Code and the buyer of Property agrees to abate the violation a set forth in 185-45(E).

(4) A Certificate of Occupancy or a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy shall be granted or refused within 15 days after receipt of the Compliance Application.

(5) Exemptions: The provisions of this Section shall not apply to Property on which the buildings are intended to be demolished and a valid demolition permit pursuant to Township Code has been obtained or vacant Property.

D. Inspection Fees. All inspection fees shall be established by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. Inspection fees shall be due upon scheduling an inspection or re-inspection.

E. Abatement of Violations. In the event that violations of the Township Property Maintenance Code exist in or upon the Property as outlined in the Inspection Report, such violations shall be addressed as follows:

(1) The seller shall abate the violations prior to the transfer of ownership and, in such event, the seller shall request a re-inspection to determine that the violations have been fully abated and a Certificate of Occupancy (without conditions) can be issued; or

(2) The buyer shall execute a notarized statement acknowledging the receipt of the Inspection Report and that the buyer shall begin to abate the violations within sixty (60) days of taking possession of the Property and shall fully abate the violations within eighteen (18) months of taking possession of the Property.

F. Any Certificate of Occupancy issued hereunder may be revoked in the event that the Property is later determined to be unsafe or uninhabitable or that a condition exists that is in violation of any Ordinances of the Township or that the actual

use is in violation of any Ordinances of the Township. In the event that such a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy is issued subject to conditions, a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy may be revoked if such conditions remain unsatisfied within the time limit provided for at the time of issuance of such conditional certificate. Prior to the revocation of the Certificate of Occupancy, the property owner shall be given 10 days written notice of the intent to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy. Before the Certificate of Occupancy is revoked, the property owner may request a hearing before the Township Board of Appeals.

G. Any person who violates or permits a violation of any provision of this Section shall, upon conviction of a summary proceeding brought before a District Justice, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000, plus costs of prosecution. In default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days. Each day or portion thereof that such violations continues or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this Section that is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and if any provision thereof shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been enacted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision(s) not been included herein.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2010.

James L. Broughal, Solicitor
Hanover Township
Northampton County
38 West Market Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Feb. 3, 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public meeting and providing recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on the following:

GIANT FOOD STORE #243 @ VILLAGE WEST SHOPPING CENTER MAJOR SUBDIVISION #2008-105 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW

An application to further develop the property known as the Village West Shopping Center located at the southeast corner of the Tilgham Street and Cedar Crest Boulevard intersection. The plan proposes to expand the Giant Food Store by 9,128 square feet consisting of 8407 square feet of new building area to the front of the store and 721 square feet of adjacent retail space. Other site improvements include reconstruction of the main parking lot and landscaping upgrades. The subject property is zoned GC General Commercial.

AHMAD MAHMUD RESUBDIVISION #2010-301 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW

The application to further develop the property located at 2715 West Pennsylvania Street. The plan proposes the regrading of the existing swale and construction of a retaining wall along the north and west sides of the 0.4004-acre property. The subject property is zoned R-4 Medium Density Residential.

PROPOSED OFFICIAL MAP FOR SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEMPORARY USE PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL BY THE ZONING OFFICER WHEN CERTAIN PRECONDITIONS ARE MET

All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

Gerald J. Harbison, Assistant Director

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