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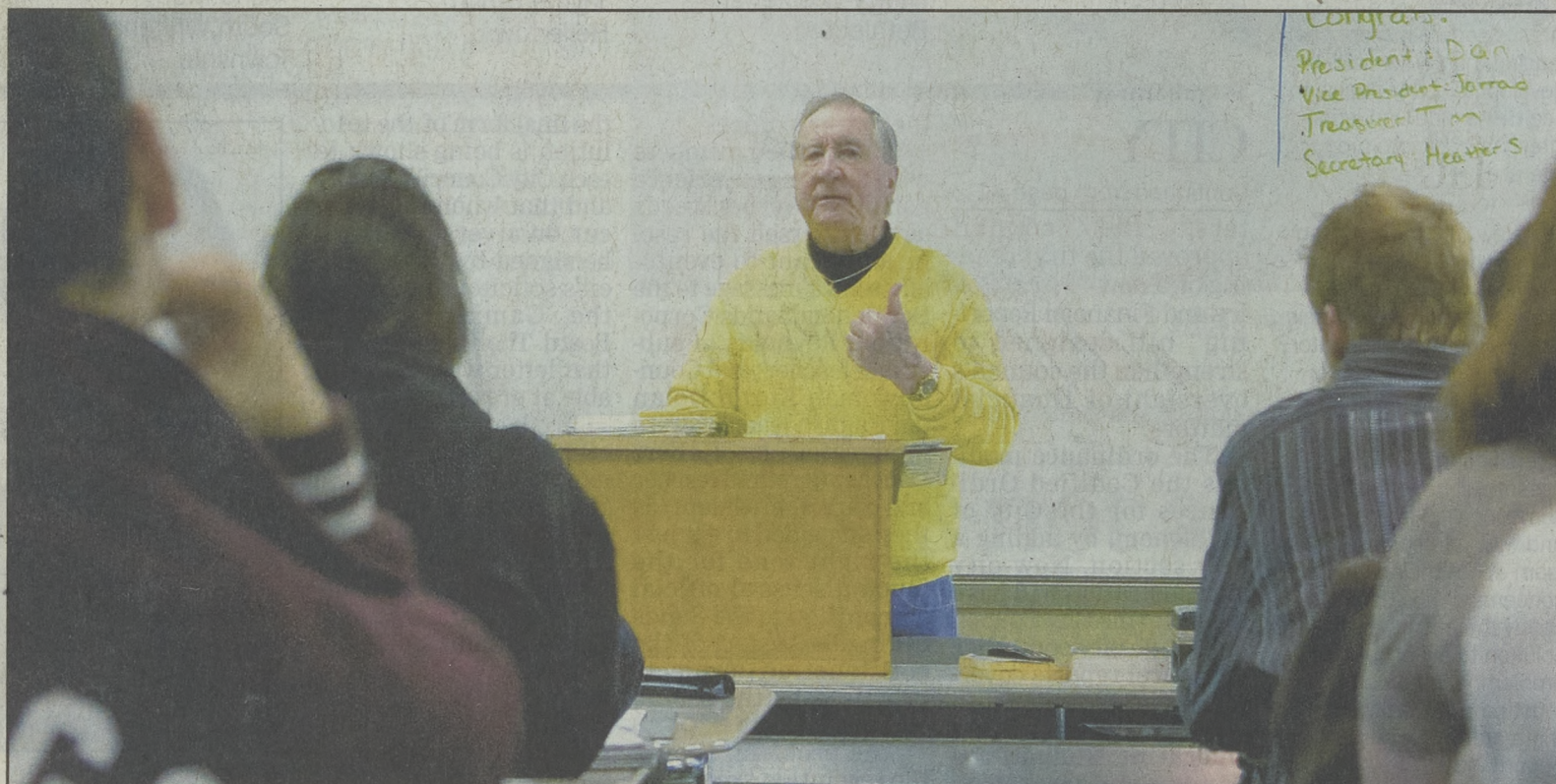
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Students listen to Albert Moyer's account of working at Bethlehem Steel during its decline.

## CITY Council reviews reporting regulations

### Sands resolution debate continues

By DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem stands to gain an estimated \$300,000 savings due to planned refinancing of five bonds. Bethlehem City Councilman William Reynolds, who is on the city's Finance Committee, said at council's March 16 meeting that by taking advantage of the low interest rates being held down by the slow economy the city could benefit.

The exact amount that will be saved will depend on what day the fund managers decide to take the bonds to market, a decision that depends on the interest rate, which changes daily.

According to the city's Business Administrator Dennis Reichard, the savings will go into a city savings account.

This will bring the city's windfall savings this year to more than \$1 million when added to the \$800,000 saved from refinancing a Water Authority bond in February.

Reynolds said that low interest rates benefit the city, but hoping for low interest rates, which are being driven down by the bad economy, would be like "rooting for the other team."

In other financial mat-  
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## 'The link to that moment'

### Albert Moyer puts a face on Steel's decline for classmates



Albert Moyer, of Easton, speaks to his classmates at Northampton Community College about his experience working at Bethlehem Steel.

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Albert Moyer stood in front of his classmates at Northampton Community College sharing his experiences from when he worked at Bethlehem Steel during its decline.

Moyer is taking Professor Solomon Levy's American History class purely for the sake of learning. The class is studying the "Rise and Fall of American Industry" and Bethlehem Steel is a great case study.

Levy believes "the best resources are sometimes the students themselves. "Having students of many ages in class enriches the educational experience for students," Levy said.

A student who can talk to the class about his experiences at Bethlehem Steel makes history real. When a classmate shares experiences, it allows the students to put a name and a face to

what they are learning.

"He's the link for them to that moment," Levy said of Moyer. "His presence enriches the class."

Moyer told his classmates that he worked his way up from administrative assistant to superintendent at Bethlehem Steel.

"When you were laid off you had roughly 10 minutes to clean out your desk. When I would walk around out in the plant ... everyone thought, 'Uh oh, this is my day.'"

Levy said that having older students in class not only provides a link for the students, they set an example about the intrinsic value of education.

"They are a good example for a student that is getting a degree in something else but has to fill a requirement, or take history as an elective," Levy explained.

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### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

## Council wants out of swap agreement

**Because interest rates are low now, the county doesn't want to pay 4.9 percent interest two years from now when it can get 3.5 percent on the sale of new bonds now. But it must get out of its swaption agreement in order to issue the new bonds.**

By CAROL SMITH  
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With interest rates expected to rise in 2010, Northampton County Council wants to avoid financial risk from a 2004 swap agreement.

Vic Mazziotti, Northampton County's director of fiscal affairs, told the Finance Committee at a March 17 meeting that council should explore unwinding the swap contract with Merrill Lynch to protect the county's finances against rising interest rates on the outstanding balance of the 2001 bond issue.

Believing that swap agreements are too risky a financing option, state Sen. Lisa Boscola, D-Lehigh County, plans to introduce a bill pro-

hibiting the use of swaps at the local level.

Comparing the county's swap contract buyout to a homeowner who would like to refinance a 30-year mortgage which has a 5 percent interest rate with a new mortgage at 3 percent, Mazziotti told the Press that in the next few weeks, finance committee members would meet with a financial advisor to find ways to raise the money for the \$11 million it will cost the county to get out of its swap agreement.

With the swaption, Merrill Lynch has the right to call the bond in as of October 2012. If Merrill Lynch exercises its option, the county would be in a repayment agreement that would require paying 4.9 percent

interest on the \$67 million outstanding bond balance until the year 2030. The county in exchange would need to sell bonds at a variable interest rate to make these payments.

Because interest rates are low now, the county doesn't want to pay 4.9 percent interest two years from now when it can get 3.5 percent on the sale of new bonds now. But it must get out of its swaption agreement in order to issue the new bonds.

Spending \$11 million would save the county \$4.6 million over the next two years of the bond's debt service, Mazziotti said.

In 2001 the county took out a \$111 million bond for Gracedale and prison renovations and courthouse

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# Alicia Karner

Economic development administrator, DCED

## Q&A

BY CAROL SMITH

**Q** The position of Economic Development Administrator is a recent addition to the Department of Community and Economic Development for Northampton County.

**A** What are your major responsibilities?  
 Actually, the position itself is not new, however, I am new to the position. My responsibilities include managing Northampton County's economic development authorities, including the Industrial Development Authority, the General Purpose Authority and the newly created Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority. What that means is I coordinate and monitor all programs dealing with the authorities, including the Tax Increment Financing Districts, tax-exempt and taxable bond financing and grant and loan programs. I also oversee the county's hotel tax grant program, as well as state and federal grants that come through the county for economic development projects.

**Q** What is your previous experience?  
**A** Immediately before taking this position, I served as Northampton County's Economic Development Analyst. For almost 10 years prior to coming to the county, I worked for Sen. Lisa M. Boscola, where I handled many economic and community development issues.

**Q** What do you see as the most important goal you hope to achieve in this position?  
**A** I have several goals in this position. My main priority is to encourage job creation and retention by utilizing the programs offered through the authorities. It is as important to assist companies in staying and growing in Northampton County as it is to bring companies here. Also, increasing the availability of property for business development is key. This includes ensuring adequate infrastructure, including roads, water, sewer, etc. to existing buildings or development sites. If businesses want to come or grow here and we don't have infrastructure that meets their needs, that is a problem. Additionally, the



redevelopment of existing sites is generally more challenging than greenfield development. My goal is to see these older industrial sites put back into productive use.

**Q** How will Northampton County residents and business owners benefit from your role as economic development administrator?

**A** Residents will benefit through job creation and retention and through a diversified tax base. Businesses will benefit by having someone who is interested and willing to sit down and learn about their needs and concerns. While unfortunately there isn't always a solution to every business problem, each problem must be explored so that there aren't any missed opportunities.

**Q** Northampton County is experiencing a decline in revenues. How will this position improve the financial picture for the county?

**A** Actually, Northampton County is not experiencing a decline in revenues as much as it is facing an increase in costs. With that said, the bottom line is still the same, there is a greater demand for the county's financial resources. Because the county's revenue is primarily derived from property taxes, it is important that the property tax burden is shared by more than just the homeowner. Creating a healthy mix of residential and industrial properties is important to the entire county.

**Q** Is there anything else you would like the community to know about your role as economic development administrator?

**A** I would like the business community to know that I am eager to learn more about them and about their needs. I can be reached at akarner@northampton-county.org or 610-559-3200 ext. 3 and I look forward to hearing from them.

# ABOUT HEALTH CARE REFORM

BY DEBRA GALBRAITH

Have our legislators done a good job of explaining the health care bill?



**NO.**  
Tiffany Barndt  
Bethlehem



**I don't know enough about it.**  
Nancy Wisniewski  
Bethlehem



**I just don't know much about it.**  
Jayme Smith  
Hellertown



**I don't really know enough about it.**  
Trisha Muth  
South Whitehall Township

## CITY

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ters, the council approved the first reading of a new "Fiscal Policy and Financial Reporting" bill designed to strengthen the council's oversight of financial matters.

The ordinance modifies the Codified Ordinances for the City of Bethlehem, by adding a new section. Now city administration will have to send to the City Council and to the city controller analytical reports covering the preceding month on the General Fund Operating Budget, the Water Fund Operating Budget and the Sewer Fund Operating Budget.

The administration will also have to submit reports on the Gaming Local Share Account and the Accounts Payable and the Accounts Receivable.

The bill was developed by former Councilman Jay Leeson who saw the need for city council to be better informed about financial actions taken by the city administration.

Recently the business administrator transferred, without the city council's or the mayor's knowledge, casino host fees from an escrow account to a general account where the cash was used to pay city bills. Council earlier this month approved a resolution censuring the administration for its handling of that incident.

According to Reynolds, Mayor John Callahan told him at Finance Committee meeting that a letter of reprimand had been placed in Business Administrator Dennis Reichard's personnel file. This could not be confirmed through

the mayor's office.

City Council members with teaching experience got in the verbal weeds as they parsed the resolution meant to eventually send a message to the Bethlehem Sands Corporation. Reynolds (a substitute teacher) and Councilwoman Karen Dolan (an English teacher) were moderated by Robert Donchez (a retired teacher and council president) as they struggled to get just the right tone for the much discussed official admonition to the Sands urging the restart of the construction projects promised by the casino corporation.

The problem: should the resolution "request," as Reynolds wants or should it "greatly anticipate" a response as Dolan suggests?

The resolution had been tabled at an earlier City Council meeting.

Donchez, who had spoken with Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem President Robert DeSalvio the day before, said he wasn't sure the resolution was needed because DeSalvio had told him they "are getting very close to jump-starting [resuming construction of] the hotel."

Councilman Gordon Mowrer reiterated his position that no resolution is needed at all. "They have already said that they are going to [restart construction]. Let them do it."

Councilman David Giacinto expressed skepticism about the Sands' intentions. "I'm not convinced the stoppage [of work on the hotel] is related to economical [conditions]. We don't know for sure they are going to finish the project."

According to a spokesperson for the City of Bethlehem, a draft of

the final form of the resolution is being shown to each City Council member and that when they concur on a version it will be signed by City Council's solicitor and sent to the Gaming Control Board. The final version of that letter was not available at press time.

In other business, council passed several ordinances: a bill to adopt the 2009 Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, and a bill that revises fees for the enforcement of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code.

Other bills passed authorized year end adjustment to the 2010 golf course enterprise fund budget; the 2010 non-utility capital fund budget; and the 2010 community development fund budget.

In the courtesy of the floor offered to citizens at the end of the meeting, Dwayne Best asked that each member of the council support his efforts to unionize his fellow Sodexo Company employees.

Resident Al Bernotas complained to council members that a fee of \$300 to \$400 is required of citizens who want to bring an issue to the city's Zoning Hearing Board. Bernotas said he prefers a nominal fee of \$10 for private citizens to come before the ZHB.

Several mayoral appointments were approved: Dr. Basil Dolphin to the Civil Service Board for Engineers and Electricians; H. Frances Doyle to the redevelopment authority; and Nancy L. Topping was reappointed to the Sister City [City of Bethlehem and the Japanese city of Tondabayashi] Commission.



Professor Solomon Levy talks about the relevance of what was happening at Bethlehem Steel to what was happening across the country.

## MOYER

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Moyer said he takes classes in whatever he's interested in at that time. He has taken classes in psychology, philosophy and history. He's also taken classes he isn't that interested in so he understands what it's like for students filling requirements.

"My grandson has a degree in psychology," he said. "I took it so he and I can have more in depth discussions. I didn't really take to it."

Moyer said he will continue to take classes and expand his knowledge as long as he can.

"I'm doing it more for self-gratification," he said. "You're never too old to learn."

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## SWAP

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improvements.

With the advice of Mazziotti and a financial

advisor, Finance Committee members will take the next step to determine the best way for the county to raise the money for the principal due on the bond. Two options would be a

short-term loan from a bank or to take the money from the General Fund, which has a total balance of \$60 million with \$51 million allocated for unreserved spending.

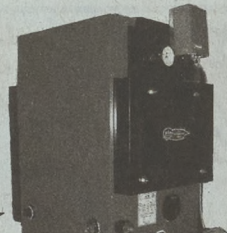


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**Wednesday, March 24**

Bethlehem Planning Commission meeting, 4 p.m. at Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.  
 Bethlehem Parking Authority meeting, 4:30 p.m. at 85 W. North St.  
 Via All-Star Banquet, 6 p.m. at Freedom HS's gym. Call 484-893-5389 or e-mail [gstano@vianet.org](mailto:gstano@vianet.org).  
 Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.  
 Bethlehem Township Zoning Hearing Board, 7 p.m. at Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.

**Thursday, March 25**

Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Building at 3630 Jacksonville Road

**Friday, March 26**

Christmas City Cat Club show, 2 to 8 p.m., Charles Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Road. Fee. Ticket discount with can of cat food that will be donated to local shelters. Call 610-252-2098 or 610-346-7691.  
 St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church eat in, or take out fish dinner, 4 to 6:30 p.m., 980 Bridle Path Road. Cost. Call 610-867-0402.  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home School Association 17th annual Tricky Tray/Gift Raffle, 6 to 9 p.m., 3221 Santee Road. For information, call 610-866-1094.  
 Farmersville ES PTA will hold a used items collection 6 to 8 p.m. at the gym entrance, 7036 William Penn Highway, Easton. For information, call 610-730-6037.  
 Bethlehem Christian School open house and social studies/art fair, preschool to fourth grades 6:15-7:30 p.m., Ebenezer campus, 3100 Hecktown Road; Calvary campus, fifth to eighth grades, 8 to 9 p.m., 111 Dewberry Ave. For more information, visit [www.bethlehemchristianschool.org](http://www.bethlehemchristianschool.org).

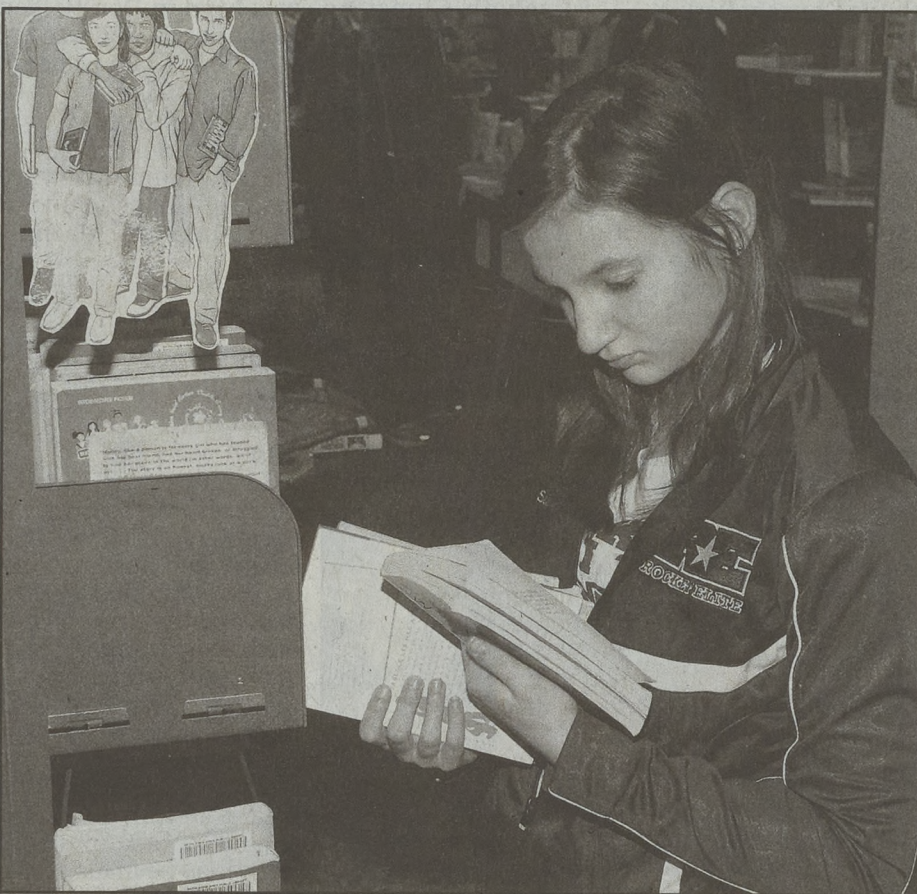
**Saturday, March 27**

Prom dresses will be distributed to female students with high school ID from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the State Theatre for the Arts, 453 Northampton St., Easton. No children will be permitted. Information, call 610-867-4669.  
 Christmas City Cat Club show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Charles Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Road. Fee. Ticket discount with can of cat food that will be donated to local shelters. Call 610-252-2098 or 610-346-7691.  
 Breakfast with the Bunny at the Banana Factory, 9:30 a.m., 25 W. Third St. Tickets are required. Call 610-332-1300 or visit [www.artsquest.org](http://www.artsquest.org).  
 Calvary United Methodist Church Easter egg hunt, 10 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 to 10 at 4411 Green Pond Road, Easton, call 610-253-2731.  
 Farmersville ES PTA will hold a used items collection, 10 a.m. to noon. Use gym entrance, 7036 William Penn Highway, Easton. For information, call 610-730-6037.  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home School Association 17th annual Tricky Tray/Gift Raffle, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., 3221 Santee Road. For information, call 610-866-1094.  
 Lehigh University's Spring Fling for South Side families, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the front lawn of Lehigh's University Center. In case of rain, the event will take place in Grace Hall. Call 610-758-4583.  
 Bethlehem Catholic High School's "A Knight To Remember" dinner and auction, 6 p.m. Call 610-866-0791 ext. 23 for reservations or information.

**Sunday, March 28**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home School Association 17th annual Tricky Tray/Gift Raffle 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3221 Santee Road. For information, call 610-866-1094.  
 Christmas City Cat Club show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Charles Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Road. Fee. Ticket discount with can of cat food that will be donated to local shelters. Call 610-252-2098 or 610-346-7691.  
 Via All-Star Classic basketball games and Special Olympics Shoot Out, 10:30 a.m. at Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road. There is a fee. Call 484-893-5389 or e-mail [gstano@vianet.org](mailto:gstano@vianet.org).  
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**Second book sale big success**



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

About 13,000 books, movies, music CDs and DVDs were available at the Bethlehem Area Public Library's second 2010 book sale held March 11 and 13. Special events manager Liza Holzinger said books on Celtic themes, gardening and fishing were the featured offerings this time around. The sale raised \$13,115, bringing the year-to-date proceeds to \$26,825. Book sales have raised more than \$500,000 for the library since 1977. The next sale is scheduled for May 6 and 8. For additional information, call 610-867-3761 ext. 259. **LEFT:** Sarah Davis of Bethlehem Township peruses titles offered for teen readers March 13.

**'This is not accurate or fair'**  
 Former softball coach shares his side of story

By JOSH POPICHAK  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

**SAUCON VALLEY SD**

A Saucon Valley softball coach whose appointment was recently scuttled by members of the school board is speaking out about why he believes his nomination turned into a non-starter.

John Seneca, a Lower Saucon Township resident, had been head coach of girls softball at Saucon Valley High School since 2005.

He says the board's seemingly abrupt decision not to rehire him, which went against the administration's recommendation, came as an unhappy surprise.

"Nobody contacted me (from) the administration or the school board," he said during a recent interview.

Following the board's Feb. 23 meeting, at which high school teacher Tim Murphy was named interim head coach until a new head coach is hired, Seneca said he reached out to Saucon Valley's Director of Athletics Robert Frey for an explanation of the board's decision.

Seneca said neither Frey nor any school district official has been able to provide him with "any concrete reason as to why" he wasn't rehired for the spring sports season, which is now underway.

A March 9 meeting at which dozens of team members, other coaches and friends of Seneca's spoke on his behalf, failed to persuade a majority of board members to change their minds, and a motion made by Charles Barto-

let to rehire Seneca and assistant head coach Herb Payung failed by a vote of 6-3.

Just prior to the vote, board members met in executive session to discuss the matter.

After the executive session, board member Ralph Puerta spoke about how disappointed he was in the board's handling of the situation.

"As a board ... we clearly waited too long, we did not explain ourselves (and) we haven't really lived up to our responsibility," Puerta said at the time.

Puerta also referenced the district's dual sports policy during his comments, stating somewhat cryptically that "it's quite upsetting to the board when we find that that policy not only isn't being followed, but it's being undermined."

The dual sports policy, which was approved by the board and took effect in 2009, allows students to participate in two different sports simultaneously as long as they sign an agreement which mandates that they choose a "primary" sport and a "secondary" sport.

According to the policy which is clearly enunciated on the form, students,

coaches and parents must sign the declaration of a primary and secondary sport to establish "which of the two sports will be (the student's) priority when conflicts in scheduling arise."

An example of a conflict which has occurred in the past is when a cross-country meet and a softball game are scheduled to be held at the same time.

The policy also mandates that "prior to the season beginning, coaches will include possible consequences for missed practices/events, in their rules and regulations," and frequent scheduling conflicts require coaches and their players to work together throughout the season in order to maintain compliance with the policy.

"We believe in this policy," Puerta emphasized on March 9. "And we will try to do a better job of administering this in the future."

Seneca, when questioned about his support for Saucon Valley's dual sports policy, said that when it was first enacted he began to comply with the new mandates right away.

However, before the dual sports policy was

enacted last year, he acknowledged that there had been an issue involving dual sports participation involving a member of his team.

"It just kept escalating," Seneca said of the issue, adding that it forced "the superintendent to create a dual sports policy just for that softball season."

At that time, Seneca said, "myself as well as my coaching staff adhered 100 percent to (the policy)."

Seneca, whose daughter Sarah is a standout senior on the Saucon Valley softball team this year, acknowledged that alleged non-compliance with some aspect of the dual sports policy may have been the main reason for his dismissal.

"That was the take-away that I had; because a policy was ... broken. That was my takeaway," he said, adding that he was "a bit miffed" by the insinuation.

The issue of parents coaching their own children involved in district sports appeared not to have been the primary issue which prompted the board to dismiss him, he also acknowledged.

That issue became a concern after board member Lanita Lum brought it up at the Feb. 23 school board meeting, but Lum evaded a response when questioned on March 9 whether this had motivated her decision not to support Seneca's rehiring.

Lum said that Seneca's coaching of his own daughter was not why she voted against his appointment.

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**The Torn Temple Veil**

When Jesus Christ died on the cross "the veil of the temple was rent (torn) in twain from the top to the bottom" (Matthew 27:51). This thick veil or curtain had separated man from God. Only the high priest once a year on the Day of Atonement could pass this veil into "the most holy place" where God's presence dwelt. Josephus, a first century Jewish historian, wrote that the veil was four inches thick and that horses tied to each side would not have been able to pull it apart. The veil was about 60 feet high! The fact that it was torn "from the top to the bottom" shows that this was an act of God not of men!

God's tearing open the veil at the moment of His Son's death dramatically symbolized that Christ's sacrifice, the shedding of His own blood, was a sufficient atonement for sins. It signified that now the way into the Holy of Holies was open for all people, for all time, both Jew and Gentile.

The old law of ordinances was torn and laid aside. Just before Jesus died, He said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). All was fulfilled in Him. The atoning blood which was every year sprinkled "within the veil," was now offered "once for all" by the great High Priest, Jesus (see Hebrews 9). No blood of lambs is needed now, for Jesus has entered "within the veil" with his own blood.

The death of Jesus Christ provided access to God! Jesus is **The Way to God** as He said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Please see [www.naog.ws/theway.htm](http://www.naog.ws/theway.htm) for more on this.

Yes, God tore open the veil that separated us from Himself so that we could come to Him by faith in Christ! "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace..." (Romans 5:1-2).

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**CITY POLICE**  
**PFA Violation**

Police issued a warrant for the arrest of 32-year-old Sidney Werkheiser, of Church Street, around 8 a.m. March 4.

According to police, a woman who has a Protection from Abuse order against Werkheiser reported he came to her Hawthorne Road home. He allegedly kicked a hole in a wall of the residence and took her car without permission.

Police are looking for Werkheiser and the black Honda Accord on an unauthorized use of motor vehicle charge.

**Shoplifting**

Police arrested a 17-year-old male at the 1880 Stefko Boulevard Valley Farm Market around 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19.

According to officers the young man, of Abbe Court, ordered a pound of cooked chicken fingers and then got himself a bottle of Vitamin Water. Employees allegedly observed him stuff the water bottle down the front of his pants as he attempted to leave with both items. He is charged with false ID to law enforcement officers and retail theft.

**Robbery**

A man reported he was robbed of several thousand dollars when he arrived to buy a car March 7.

According to police, the victim had made plans to meet the seller at the Fairfield Inn by Marriott around 5 p.m. Once in a hotel room, the unspecified seller relieved the victim of \$5,200 he was reportedly going to use to buy the vehicle. The two men had met once previously at Woody's Sports Bar to discuss the details of the meeting.

Police are investigating the incident but question why the men were meeting to discuss a car sale in a hotel room without the car.

**Dinner benefits inn, pageant**



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

A March 14 spaghetti dinner held at the historic Sun Inn benefited two local organizations. Sharing the proceeds 50-50, the Sun Inn Preservation Association and Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant sold about 200 tickets to the event. For \$10, each diner received a generous helping of spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and choice of beverage. The dinner was catered by Mamma Lisa's Catering. For additional information on upcoming Sun Inn events, visit [www.SunInnBethlehem.org](http://www.SunInnBethlehem.org). The 2010 Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant will be held in the Rose Garden Dec. 11 and 12. **LEFT:** One of two dining areas is packed with people enjoying their spaghetti meals.



Dressed in Colonial period costumes, Sun Inn board members John Howard and Seth Cornish, and Cornish's daughter Kristin, greet diners.



Event supporter Ginny Shunk is assisted and served by Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant volunteer Ann Marie Allen.



Lisa Villani of Mamma Lisa's Catering hands a hearty serving of spaghetti and meatballs to one of the roughly 200 event supporters.

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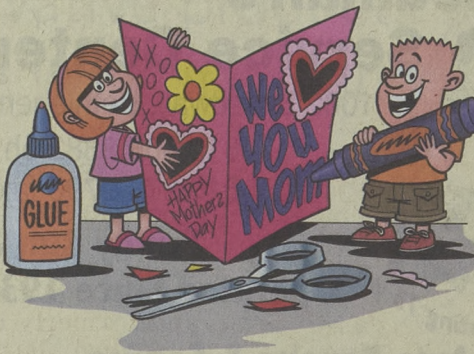
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Wesley Methodist Wesley Circle Of Friends egg hunt, 10 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall, 2540 Center St., for toddlers and up. Call 610-865-5715.

**Friday, March 26**

Bethlehem Township Easter egg hunt, 6 p.m. on the grounds of the Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. Ages toddler through elementary are welcome. Call 610-332-1900.

**Saturday, March 27**

S.V. Jaycees breakfast with the Easter bunny, 9 a.m., Dewey Social Hall, 502 Durham St., Hellertown. Fee. For reservations and information, call 610-625-2990.

Breakfast with the Bunny at the Banana Factory, 9:30 a.m. 25 W. Third St. Tickets are required. Call 610-332-1300 or visit [www.artsquest.org](http://www.artsquest.org).

City of Bethlehem residents' Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m. on the lawn at Memorial Pool, Illick's Mill Road. The hunt is for children 3 to 8 years old. Participants should bring their own baskets or bags. Rain date is April 3. Call 610-865-7081 for information.

Calvary United Methodist Church Easter egg hunt, 10 to 11:30 a.m., ages 2 to 10. 4411 Green Pond Road, Easton. Call 610-253-2731.

**Sunday, March 28**

Fountain Hill, noon; Easter Bunny arrives at 12:15 p.m. at Stanley Avenue Park behind the Wawa for children 10 years old or younger. Pre-registration and pass pickup is required. Stop at the Borough office, 941 Long St. by March 19. Call 867-0301.

**Saturday, April 3**

St. John's Windish Lutheran Church Easter egg hunt and breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 9 a.m. to noon for St. John's members, children and grandchildren only. 617 E. Fourth St. Call 610-868-3282.

**Sunday, April 4**

Central Moravian Church's Scripture egg hunt at 10 a.m. on the green outside the Old Chapel, 73 W. Church St., for toddlers and older. Call 610-866-5661.

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

# Council considers cell tower

By ADRIENNE WRIGHT  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fountain Hill Borough Council will consider adding a cell phone tower in town, as discussed during a council work session March 17.

"The tower will act as a revenue center for the municipality, not a cost center," said Larry Romanowski, a representative of TowerOne Partners, which has erected towers throughout southeastern Pennsylvania.

The proposed cell tower would be located behind the upper ballfields off Dodson Street. TowerOne is not affiliated with any carrier provider but instead engages with municipalities to build cell towers. Before breaking ground, the company markets to carrier providers such as AT&T and Verizon to secure buyers.

"We don't put steel in the air until we have a carrier," he said.

With a capacity for six carriers, the tower could potentially generate between \$13,000 and \$50,000 each year for the municipality.

Council member Carolee Gifford questioned whether TowerOne would consider using a stealth tower, which disguises the structure as a tree or flag pole. Romanowski said that this would not be the most cost-effective

method, since a more traditional steel pole could accommodate additional carriers.

"This is how you get the biggest bang for your buck," he said.

Council member Helen Halleman questioned how a cell tower would benefit the community. In addition to the revenue stream, Romanowski said that

TowerOne representative Larry Romanowski presents to Fountain Hill Borough Council the merits of adding a cell tower in town. The proposed tower would be located behind the upper ballfields off Dodson Street.



PRESS PHOTO BY ADRIENNE WRIGHT

of a check-cashing business at 950 Broadway. Gifford said that while she was initially skeptical, she was persuaded by the Planning Commission's favorable assessment.

Council Vice President Norman Blatt was also in favor.

"There was a bank there in the first place," Blatt said, "so I don't understand why it was turned down to begin with. They cash checks anyway."

With Gifford's motion and council member Fred Capuano's second, an ordinance will now be drafted and moved through the approval process.

Council President Lawrence Rapp also announced that Lehigh County had received \$56,000 in appropriations from the Sands Casino to be distributed to local municipalities. According to Rapp, Fountain Hill will tentatively receive \$4,800 of the funds.

The council also moved to add to April's agenda:

- Donation of the De-Angelis property
- Appointment of a tax collector
- Revision of the bicycle ordinance
- Approval of a no parking recommendation on the east side of Bishopthorpe Street

The next borough council meeting is set for April 5 at 7 p.m.

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the need for additional antenna servers for local residents means that cell towers are coming either way, and doing it this way would give the municipality an added level of control. The issue was added to the agenda for the council's regular session April 5.

Also discussed at Wednesday's meeting was the addition

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ment, but when pressed by members of the audience to reveal why she voted the way she did, she refused to do so, citing the fact that her deci-

sion is confidential because it is personnel-related.

Seneca, for his part, said he is somewhat resigned to the fact that he will possibly never know the full reasons he was fired from the job he had grown to love.

But the public and abrupt manner in which he was dismissed has left him disappointed and somewhat cynical about the process, he explained.

"I sat there and I felt like I was a criminal, and I thought, 'This is not accurate or fair,'" he said.

Still, he added, he is grateful for the show of support he received and optimistic about the future.

"I'm looking forward to coaching again at the high school level," he concluded.

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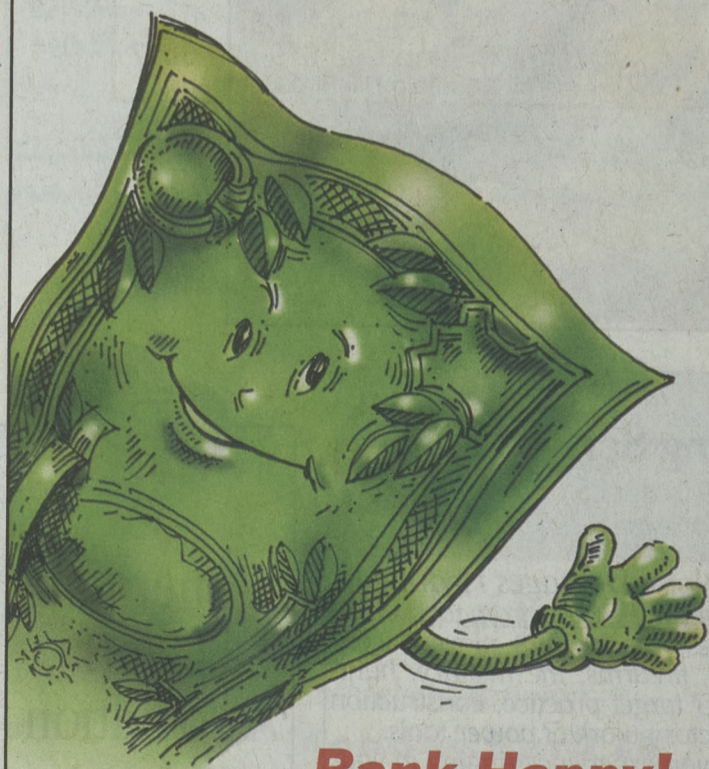
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## Daffodil Days IN THE Valley

First they were delivered and packed, as about 20 volunteers from LSI and Daffodil Days committee gathered March 15 at Banko Beverages in east Allentown to pack bunches of daffodils with stuffed bears and vases for distribution during Daffodil Days week, March 15

to 21. With a Daffodil Days fundraising goal of \$250,000, 275,000 flowers will be sold in the Lehigh Valley region. Cancer Society representative Rosemarie Murphy said, "We'd like to thank all of the people who participated again this year."



PBS 39's Amy Burkett presents Aydan Balkam of Laury's Station with a 'care' bear and daffodils.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

LSI employees Sandy Cabrera and Kathy O'Malley from Bethlehem, and Ann McBraitry from Palmer Township pack stuffed "care" bears with bunches of daffodils March 15.

Next, deliveries were made throughout the Lehigh Valley. Representatives of the American Cancer Society, Daffodils Day committee and 2010 Daffodil Days honorary chair Amy Burkett of PBS 39 visited the St. Luke's Hospital-Bethlehem Campus pediatric unit March 16. Handing out stuffed "care" bears and daffodils to the young patients and their families Burkett said, "It's an honor to make a little kid smile."



Safely held in her father James' lap, Asher Cole of Bethlehem holds a "care" bear and eyes a bunch of daffodils being presented by Amy Burkett.



LSI volunteers Bonnie Klein and Joy Hood from Orefield, and Davis Flores from Northampton, works on the other end of assembly by packing bunches of daffodils with this year's teal-colored vase.



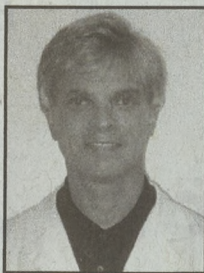
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### Northampton Community College Speakers' events taking place March 25

At 11:15 a.m., Daniel Serwer, vice president at the U.S. Institute of Peace, will speak in the Lipkin Theatre on "Rebuilding Trust around the World." Also at 11:15 a.m. in room 220, College Center, state Sen. Lisa Boscola; Alan Jennings, executive director of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley; Tim Potts, executive director and co-founder of Democracy Rising Pennsylvania; Tim Kennedy, publisher of The Morning Call; and Jim Deegan, managing editor of The Express-Times will participate in a panel discussion on: "Thinking the Unthinkable: No Newspapers."

At 2 p.m. in the Kiva, Jaqueline Serwer will provide a preview of the Smithsonian Institution's newest museum, The National Museum of African American History and Culture, slated to open in 2015.

At 7 p.m., NCC Pride Gay/Straight Alliance and the NCC Diversity Committee will host a screening of "Out in the Silence," a documentary filmed in Pennsylvania about the challenges of being an outsider. The film makers will participate in the discussion after the screening.

### Kraus exhibition opens April 9

First-year art student contest entries will be on display April 9 through 25 in the Communications Hall Gallery, Main Campus. The drawing scholarship winners will be announced at 11 a.m. April 20 at a reception in the gallery. The competition is funded by the Patrick J. Kraus Endowment Fund. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### SMaRT career workshops offered

Animation and biotechnology are just a few of the workshops being offered to girls in grades 5 to 8 at the SMaRT Careers for Girls 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The SMaRT \*(Science, Math and Related Technologies) program is at the Monroe Campus, 3 Old Mill Road, Tannersville.

Northampton Community College's main campus is located at 3835 Green Pond Road. The Fowler Family Southside Center is located at 511 E. Third St. For more information, contact NCC at 610-861-5300 or 1-877-543-0998 or visit [www.northampton.edu](http://www.northampton.edu).

### Moravian College

#### Philosophy conference will be held March 27

The first Lehigh Valley Undergraduate Philosophy Conference will be held March 27 in the Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Complex, Main Street Campus. Undergraduate students and professors representing institutions from the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) will be presenting a wide variety of general philosophical topics including ethics, feminism, gender, animal rights, religion, identity and more.

Leading philosopher and educator Douglas Anderson, professor of philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, will be the plenary speaker for the conference. His topic, "The Mestizo-life of Philosophy," studies the history of philosophy and American philosophy and philosophy's relationship to other dimensions of culture. Anderson is a 1980 graduate of Moravian College, who earned his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

The conference was coordinated by the college's Philosophy Department assisted by students Maggie Riegel, class of 2010, and Armando Chapelliquen, class of 2012, who served as program coordinators. For information, visit <http://home.moravian.edu/public/phil/conference/index.html>.

Moravian College is located at 1200 Main St. For more information, call 610-861-1300 or visit [www.moravian.edu](http://www.moravian.edu).

## Rutherford is new treasurer

By H.L. Stone  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners appointed Thomas G. Rutherford the township treasurer at the March 15 meeting.

Rutherford, a longtime resident of Bethlehem Township and an investment manager with more than 30 years experience, worked for 28 years at Bethlehem Steel as a portfolio manager and trustee of the Bethlehem Steel Pension Fund, then for Brascan-Hyperion Asset Management, in New York City, as an investment manager and later as a consultant for Melewski Financial Solutions and other firms before retiring in 2009.

"He was the best qualified," said Third Ward Commissioner Jerry J. Batcha.

Rutherford and his wife, empty nesters with three grown children, spent some time traveling and enjoying retirement. Soon after, however, he decided to channel his energies into establishing the registered investment advisory firm, Albemarle Capital Management, where he is owner

and investment advisor.

After perceiving the recent need of the township, Rutherford applied for the vacant treasurer's position, hoping to bring his talents to bear for the good of a community he's been part of since 1977.

"I saw it as an opportunity to get involved in local township management, especially in the area of financial management and pension management. I'm looking to see that the taxpayers' money is spent in an approved manner," he said.

Rutherford replaces Robert Birk, who resigned Feb. 28 to take a job outside the township. Birk, a former commissioner himself, had served as treasurer for one term. The commissioners are obligated to fill the treasurer's position within 30 days of a resignation.

Rutherford will serve out the second half of Birk's term, which lasts until January 2012 before having the option to seek the office in the November 2011 municipal election.

The treasurer, with a salary of \$4,000 annually, provides financial oversight, has check-signing duties and performs budgetary reconciliation for the township.

After receiving several applications for the position, the township interviewed seven of the most qualified contenders.

"Any one of them could have stepped into the position easily," Batcha said, but he added that Rutherford's overwhelming experience pushed him forward as the ideal candidate for the position.

In other business, the commissioners awarded contracts to high bidders for two projects. The contract for the cold-in-place asphalt recycling project was awarded to E.J. Breneman, Inc. for a bid of \$272,333, the only bid submitted this year. There are rarely more than two bids submitted for this recurring yearly road repair contract.

Monies to finance this project come from the liquid fuels budget, an annu-

al disbursement to municipalities from state gasoline tax funds specifically designated for road repairs or public works involving these repairs, including the purchase of necessary tools or machinery.

According to the Governor's Portal at [www.governor.state.pa.us](http://www.governor.state.pa.us), Bethlehem Township received \$493,469 on March 1 of this year.

The township receives the money each year, but skipped doing the repairs in 2009, using the funds to offset a budgetary deficit, saving the township from an even greater increase in taxes.

Batcha cites the local effects of the economic downturn as responsible for last year's shortfall.

A second contract for the Vegetation Management Project was awarded to Moyer Indoor Outdoor for \$8,980 for the maintenance of various open spaces such as the municipal grounds, parks and the areas around the soccer fields. Moyer's was the most qualified bid out of the four submitted.

## Police officers earn promotions

By H.L. Stone  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Two township police officers were promoted at the March 15 Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners meeting.

Cpl. Daryl J. LaPointe was promoted to sergeant and patrolman Mark Conway was promoted to corporal with Chief of Police Daniel Pancoast and Captain George Boksen in attendance.

La Pointe said his family was very excited.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time," he said.

La Pointe, a 20-year law enforcement veteran, has been with the township for 10 years, serving as corporal since 2006. Officers must wait for two years in order to apply for the next highest rank. Sergeant is the highest active police duty rank before becoming an administrator.



PRESS PHOTO BY H.L. STONE

Bethlehem Township Chief of Police Daniel G. Pancoast, center, with newly promoted officers, Sgt. Daryl J. LaPointe and Cpl. Mark Conway.

Conway, a patrolman with the township for four years, is looking forward to his new position and commensurate pay raise. In his new position Conway will go from \$62,338 a year to \$66,901.

La Pointe's salary will go from \$66,901 to \$68,831. These salaries are part of the contract between the township and the police union.

Pancoast said getting a promotion is a competi-

tive process.

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**Bethlehem resident is LV Idol**

The 2010 Lehigh Valley Idol grand prize winner is 20-year-old Kaitlyn Campbell, of Bethlehem. Campbell will receive a trip to New York City, recording studio time and a makeover at TC Spa and Salon. Junior Idol 2010 co-winners were 11-year-old Mariah Reichely from Coopersburg and Jared Cowley from Stewartville, N.J. Angelita Wood, 17, of Bethlehem Township was voted Lehigh Valley Teen Idol 2010.



Campbell

The competition, held March 14 at Hotel Bethlehem, was sponsored by Martin Guitars, VIA Media, TC Salon, Visual Sounds, Video Theater, Creative Sound Studios, Penn's Peak and Starters Pub.

**YWCA to honor area women**

In keeping with its 35-year tradition of recognizing altruism in the local community and as part of Women's History Month, The YWCA of Bethlehem will honor five women and two teens at its Women & Teens of the Year Awards banquet 5:30 p.m. March 24 at the Candlelight Reception and Conference Center, 4431 Easton Ave.

Katie Loeb-Schwab earned the Golden Laurel award this year, the YWCA's most prestigious recognition. The Golden Laurel recognizes individual women who, as a volunteer, serves as community activist, fundraiser, leader of a special event or project or advocates for others.

The YWCA of Bethlehem also will honor Diane Donaher, Jessica Lee, Joy McQuay and Faith Ryan as women of the year. The teen winners are Lauren Thorley and Belinda Vosburgh. Each teen receives a scholarship.

**Local student wins geography bee**

Sean Iannelli, an eighth grader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Bethlehem, won the school competition for geography. One hundred public and private school students qualified for the state finals April 9 at Penn State University.

This is the third year in a row that Iannelli has qualified for the state competition.

**NCC grads inducted into honor society**

Several local students at Northampton Community College (NCC) were recently inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for students of two-year and junior colleges. To qualify for membership, inductees must have a 3.5 or higher grade point average, be enrolled in an associate degree program and perform community service work. The inductees and their hometowns include:

From Bethlehem: Aissatuo Ba, Victor Beltran, Emily Bit-sack, Christine Briesmeister, Nancy Bustos, Andrea Caneline, Lisa Chuck, Luke Cimera, Maria Colletta, Michael DeRosa, Rachel Folger, Robin Ganchoso, Robert Louis Gonzalez, Jennifer Herman, Michelle Homlish, Ariel Justice, Penny Kelemen, Brandi Kennedy, Khatereh Keramati, Melissa Kosmaczinski, Angela Luckey, Daniella Migas, Claire Millet, Lizette Perez, Yessenia Perez, Kaitlyn Phelan, Richelle Pinto, Valerie Reese, Rachel Rivera, Lisa Rodriguez, Michaelle Rosado, Susan Taylor and Jim Weaver.

From Freemansburg: Kelsey Beck; from Hellertown: Matthew Boucon.

**Student honored for environmental work**

A Northampton County teen is among three high school students honored March 13 by the Lehigh Gap Nature Center for his work in the environmental field.



Weidner

Zachary Weidner of Wilson Area HS was nominated by his biology teacher Jennifer Burd. Weidner has been active in the environmental club for three years and is currently taking AP environmental science at school. He attended the Northampton County Junior Conservation Club.

He has participated in Envirothon and the Cedar Crest College Biology Olympics.

As an active Boy Scout, Weidner will be working toward his Eagle Scout project this spring. He has many merit badges in the environmental field.

His parents are Mark and Patty Weidner of Williams Township.

Others honored were Audrey Bowe from Emmaus HS and Jessica Fegley, a Towamensing Township resident who attends Palmerton Area HS.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY KATHY BYRNES

Best Legs' winners bask in the glory of victory: third place winner Jay Coleman of Bethlehem; first place winner Maury Mollin of East Stroudsburg, who celebrated his birthday; and second place winner Howie Cooper of Wescosville.



Contestants line up for a final pass by the judges

**Best legs beat the weather**

Donegal Square set the stage for the Annual Best Legs in a Kilt Contest March 13. The torrential rains which brought the competition indoors did not dampen the spirits of those who braved the weather. This year's contest was part of Donegal Square's 25 year anniversary celebration. The City of Bethlehem Bagpipe Band and Irish Dancers were on hand to accompany the 10 contestants.



Joe Przybylowicz of Bethlehem tries to sway votes his way by none too subtle advertising.

**Broadway construction to begin**  
**Work will eliminate westbound passing lane**

By PAUL WILLISTEIN  
pwillistein@tntonline.com

**SALISBURY TWP.**

The days and nights of drivers speeding their vehicles in the westbound passing lane on Broadway in Fountain Hill Borough and Salisbury Township are numbered.

The westbound passing lane is being eliminated.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has set up large orange road signs in the eastbound and westbound lanes of Broadway, announcing construction work was to begin.

While the posted speed

limit is 35 mph in each direction, drivers of westbound vehicles routinely achieve 45 mph to 55 mph as they attempt to pass other vehicles.

On March 19, construction and flag person crews were on site.

The work is to take approximately two and one-half months.

The road construction is expected to be completed by June 4.

During the construction period, two lanes of traffic, one lane in each direction, are expected to be open at all times.

The majority of the work is to take place during daytime work hours.

The roadwork will eliminate the Broadway westbound passing lane roughly from Dodson Street in Fountain Hill to Public Road in Salisbury.

Instead, a portion of the middle lane will become a left-hand turn lane westbound into the entrance and parking lot of the KidsPeace Broadway Campus on the southside of Broadway and a left-hand turn lane eastbound into the Kids

Peace parking lot on the north side of Broadway.

The work is part of the expansion and renovation work at the KidsPeace campus.

The road improvements were reviewed by the Salisbury Township Zoning Hearing Board as part of the KidsPeace approvals.

The sidewalk on the south side of Broadway is to be extended into Salisbury.

Improvements are also expected to be made to pedestrian-crossing warning lights and crosswalk.

Additionally, the storm sewer drains are to be upgraded.

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11:15 a.m. Cross Carry through Bethlehem  
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**BRIEFLY**  
**ST. MICHAEL'S**  
 Community cleanup  
 scheduled for April 10

The third annual community cleanup at historic St. Michael's Cemetery, E. Fourth and State streets, South Bethlehem, is slated from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 10. All who wish to help are asked to report to Dan Gasda, and to bring their own tools. Gloves are a good idea, too, although some gloves and bags are expected to be provided through the state.

The event is co-sponsored by the St. Michael's Cemetery Association, the South Side Task Force, and the South Bethlehem Historical Society. Clean fill is being made available through Chiles and Sullivan Inc., and City of Bethlehem machinery and personnel are contributing to the effort under the direction of the city's chief inspector, Michael Palos.

Among those planning to take part are Palos himself, his son, coach of the Bethlehem Catholic HS football team, and Becchi's football players, as well as students from Lehigh University.

Because of schedule conflicts this year, the St. Michael's cleanup can only be held on April 10. In the event of rain the community cleanup of the cemetery will be canceled. In that event, would-be St. Michael's participants are asked to consider joining the general neighborhood cleanup scheduled for April 17 at 9 a.m., at the corner of Brodhead and Packer Avenue.

For more information, call Roger Hudak at 610-865-4695.

# Laptop discussion continues

By DOUGLAS GRAVES  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

After asking the Bethlehem Area School District's technology director at last week's Curriculum Committee meeting if laptop computers were needed in elementary grades, school board President Loretta Leeson introduced the subject again at the school board's regular meeting March 15.

The Press last week implied in a headline and story that the school district had already decided to purchase the laptops with a \$600,000 grant, but this is not the case. The issue is still being discussed.

Leeson, at the regular meeting, referenced a recent Washington Post article describing a possible trend among college professors to "banish" laptops from their classrooms as being a "zone of distraction" not only to users checking their e-mail but to the students behind the Web surfer.

The board had last week, when meeting as a committee, asked Director of Technology Frank Arbusites to do a review of the technology needs for the school district, a review that was initiated by a challenge to the school administration's plans to buy laptop computers with a \$600,000 grant. The review, when completed, will help the school board decide whether to purchase the computers.

Acting Supt. Robert Persing told the board that he didn't want to do anything to jeopardize the grant. It is not clear if the

## BETHLEHEM AREA SD



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Iris Cintrón, supervisor of Minority Affairs, Government Programs and Grants, received a round of appreciative applause from the Bethlehem Area School District and others in the audience upon approval of her request to retire June 29.

\$600,000 grant could be spent for anything other than computers, he told the board.

Board member Judith Dexter said that if the grant can be spent on other items, that the administration might be able to replace some decade-old textbooks.

In other business, the board approved the winning bids for demolition, site work and environmental rehabilitation for the old Northeast MS. Also approved was the school administration's request to install 40 new

pull fire alarms at Freedom HS.

The board authorized a lease agreement with the Borough of Fountain Hill to use their softball field while Broughal MS is under construction.

The board also authorized the administration to award a contract for 72 passenger buses at approximately \$75,500 each.

Parents can request that their children attend an elementary school other than the one that "serves their regular attendance area." The board approved the meas-

ure, which allows parents to submit a "petition for open enrollment form" beginning May 3 but not later than July 1.

Board member Irene Follweiler told the board that the search for a new superintendent has resulted in 30 people requesting more information; 16 applications have been received and that the contracted search firm was arranging for "the first round" of interviews.

The still unpaid "Hillary Clinton" bill of \$15,000 for rent and other expenses for the gymnasium at Liberty HS during her presidential campaign was discussed briefly. Board member Rosario Amato recommended that the bill be sent to a collection agency while member William Burkhart suggested that the bill be written off, "if collection is not easy."

The board decided to let the school administration attempt to collect the money and, if unsuccessful, to refer the matter to a collection agency.

BASD now has the board's authorization to "partner" with the Lehigh Valley Writing Project to teach 32 elementary school teachers how better to "receive training in, and serve as models of, effective writing practices" to help students become better writers.

The program will be paid for by a \$14,250 grant. The school board renewed its "dual enrollment" program that allows students to take college courses while in high school.

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Follow the instructions to register. Then click "Vote for this idea" on the right-hand side of the page.

**YWCA**  
 Decision lecture  
 is March 24

The second to last of the Great Decisions Foreign Affairs Lecture Series is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24 at Kirkland Village, Madison Avenue, Bethlehem. Retired Ambassador Peter Tomsen, former special envoy for Afghanistan, will be the guest speaker.

Tomsen, who served as George H.W. Bush's special envoy and ambassador to the Afghan resistance from 1989 to 1992, also served as principal deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and as ambassador to Armenia. Tomsen will discuss the challenges faced by special envoys and how they resolve conflicts.



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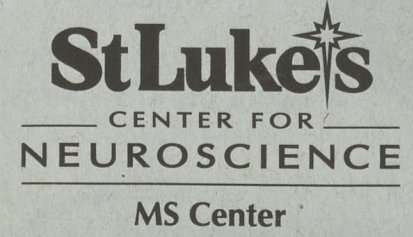
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**MS and Cognitive Deficits**  
**Tuesday, May 4**  
 Cognitive changes can occur at any time in the course of MS. Sometimes these changes are very mild, but sometimes they can make daily life a challenge. This program will explore the different types of cognitive deficits associated with MS and some strategies to manage them.  
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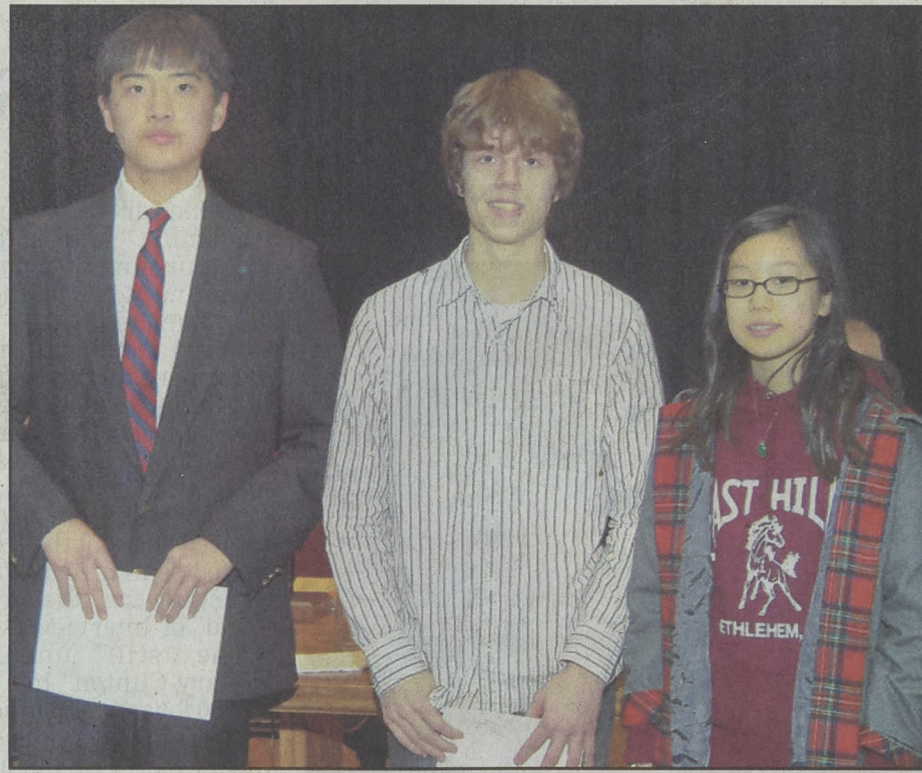
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**PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES**  
Emily Seltzer, a Freedom HS senior, is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Seltzer was recognized at the March 15 BASD school board meeting.



Michael Zhou, Michael Samuelson and Velisa Li, all students at East Hills MS received congratulatory certificates for their achievements at a MATHCOUNTS competition. The certificates were presented by BASD school board President Loretta Leeson in a brief ceremony at the school board's regular March meeting. The East Hills MATHCOUNTS team placed second in a local competition while Samuelson won an individual first place. Omar Elsayed is also on the MATHCOUNTS team.

**BASD**

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The board authorized the administration to apply for several Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants to area elementary schools. Each grant is worth \$5,000. Schools

that will apply: Calypso ES for reading and another grant for technology and the Marvine Family Center.

Retirements approved: Iris Cintrón, supervisor of Minority Affairs, Government Programs and Grants, effective June 29; Joseph Santoro, princi-

pal at Broughal MS, also effective June 29; and Mary Catherine Tachovsky, principal at James Buchanan ES, effective June 30.

Other retirements approved were: Judith Carr, June 10; Valerie Ceccherelli, March 30; Karen Check, June 10; William Helmer, June 10; Alexan-

dra Dilli, Feb. 10, 2010; Donald Elliott, June 16; Dennis Beisbach, June 5; and Robert Kindt, Feb. 6, 2010.

Appointment: Thomas Doluisio reappointed to the Northampton College Board of Directors for a six-year term as a trustee.

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Contact the Volunteer Center to receive a brochure listing agencies in need of volunteers at 610-807-0336 or e-mail [vc@volunteervlv.org](mailto:vc@volunteervlv.org). Visit the Volunteer Center's Web site at [www.volunteervlv.org](http://www.volunteervlv.org) for a larger listing of volunteer opportunities.

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