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LEHIGH

Debt vote could be soon

By ANDREW CASS
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Lehigh County Board of Commissioners at its April 10 meeting held the second reading of a bill that would ask voters if they would like to give final approval before the county incurs certain types of debt.

If the bill passes, Lehigh County voters will be asked in November if they would like to make the final decision before the county issues debt to support private sector activities, such as building a pro football stadium.

Currently the commissioners can ask for voter advisory before the county incurs debt, but it is not required. If approved in November, voter approval would be mandatory any time the county plans to create debt for private sector activities.

Commissioner Thomas Creighton, who sponsored the bill, said it would add an extra hurdle to the process before debt can be approved.

The bill was originally proposed in 2011 and was

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PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Donegan ES students sweep the sidewalk of East Fourth Street during the Southside Spring Cleanup April 6, under the supervision of principal Sonia Vasquez (red vest). She said the fourth and fifth graders are from the Cadet and Leadership Program.



Southside cleanup SPRINGS into action

South Bethlehem native and resident Joe Barron loads his pick-up truck with bags of yard and street debris, primarily leaves and branches from the winter, which he collects in his Evans Street neighborhood annually as part of the Southside Spring Cleanup. This year's April 6 event was organized by the Mayor's Southside Task Force and Lehigh University. More coverage on page A5.

NORCO

County faces lawsuits

Stoffa seeks sealed bids

By CAROL SMITH
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County Executive John Stoffa says it is the right thing to do to seek sealed bids for the medical transportation contract at Gracedale Nursing Home. Feeling their power challenged, NC Council members will consider their options to sue the Stoffa administration.

Last month, by a 3-6 vote, council members refused to award a contract to LifeStar Response for medical transport services at Gracedale, the county-owned nursing facility in Upper Nazareth Township.

This was the second time council threw out the low bid on the Request for Proposals in favor of current contract holder, Nazareth Ambulance Corps (NAC), a local non-profit organization. NAC is currently working on an extended contract which is set to expire in June.

Stoffa said he hopes to have a transport service in place by July.

Awarding a sealed bid contract versus an RFP contract requires that the lowest bidder get the contract and does not require council's approval. It also circumvents council's two previous refusals to accept LifeStar.

Under the RFP process, LifeStar's bid would save Gracedale thousands of dollars in the first year of the contract. The RFP was for a one-year contract with options for council to review and renew for two one-year contracts. The first year of

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Archives move to new home

By CAROL SMITH
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

After an absence of nine years, Northampton County residents can now access the county's extensive collection of documents and records at its new home.

An April 5 dedication ceremony opened the new 9,750-square-foot Archives Building to the public. The new location at 999 Conroy Place in Forks Township is handicapped-accessible and has a parking lot close to the building.

When the county's old Archives building was torn down in 2004 to allow the county's prison to be expanded, the county moved its records to an Iron Mountain facility in Allentown at an annual



PRESS PHOTO BY CAROL SMITH

Maurice Dimmick, Northampton County's first archivist, demonstrates how the new stacks slide open and closed. Approximately two-thirds of the building is a warehouse where high-density shelving on a track system stores file boxes of county records that date back to 1793.

cost of \$110,000. Anyone wishing to research family documents or public records found it a drawn-out process.

In April 2012, county council approved the purchase and renovation of the former Edwin Stipe Plumbing warehouse for the new Archives building. The \$2 million facility includes \$750,000 to purchase the building, renovations that will keep the building's temperature at levels to safeguard the historic documents that date back to 1793, shelving system and moving costs from Iron Mountain. The county's Records Improvement Fund covered the building's purchase and will gradually replace money taken from the county's general fund

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BY DANA GRUBB

How concerned are you about North Korean leader Kim Jong's continuing threats to fire nuclear missiles?



"It sounds like more bark than bite."
Cheyenne Diaz
Freemansburg



"It doesn't seem that they have the technology or weapons to wage a war like that. I think it's more posturing than anything."
Mike Cunningham
Bethlehem



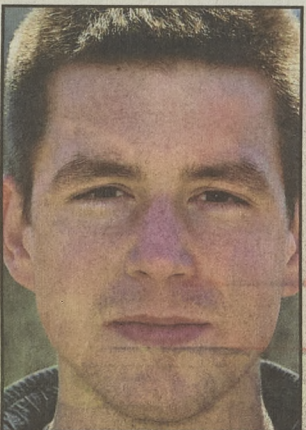
"I'm really hoping it's a bluff and it won't happen."
Tiffany Remington
Northampton



"I'm very concerned. I think he's a threat not to be dismissed. We continuously need to monitor him."
Greg Peters
Bethlehem



"Here in the states I'm not really concerned. It really doesn't seem that he has those kinds of weapons in their arsenal. However, I am concerned because I have family in the military stationed on Okinawa and one soon to be deployed to South Korea."
Stephen Weiler
Bethlehem



"I'm not as concerned as maybe I should be. I'm more concerned about other things in our government than I am about North Korea starting a war."
Stephen Schmidt
Bethlehem

NORCO

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Approximately two-thirds of the building is a warehouse where high-density shelving on a track system stores bar-coded file boxes of county records. In addition to preserving historic documents, the county's records management program also stores the county's daily records. Records will be microfilmed for easy retrieval and public access. The warehouse has the capacity to store more than 26,000 1.2-cubic-foot boxes of county records which the Archives staff, under the supervision of Renee Drago, is converting from paper to electronic, space-saving formats. For the first time in nine years, the Archives staff and the county's records will be under one roof.

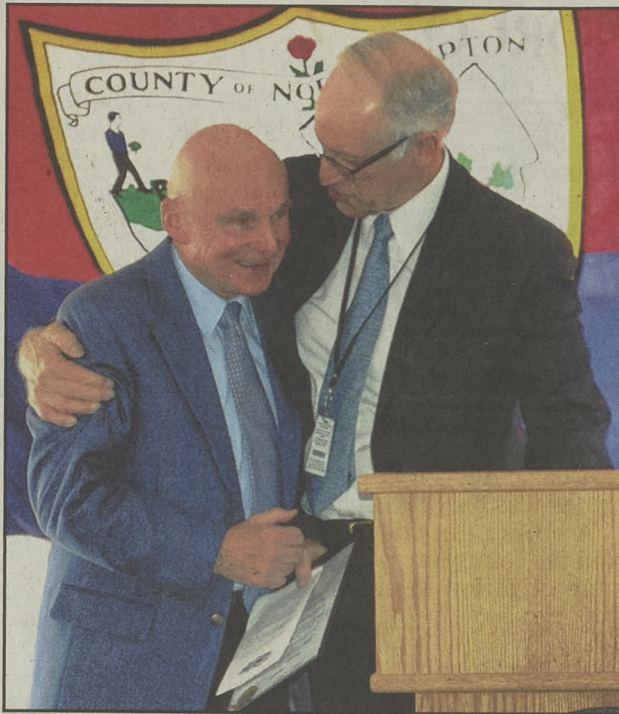
At the dedication ceremony, which was attended by 75 guests, state archivist Susan Hartman commended Northampton County for its new state-of-the-art Archives building. Hartman said the county has long recognized the importance of keeping the county records in a safe place that was convenient for the public to access.

"Once again Northampton County is at the top of the heap in setting an example for other counties to follow," Hartman said in praising the new facility. The county was one of the first in the state to establish an Archives Division to preserve the record of who lived here and how they interacted with each other. County records help the public research family relationships, protect property rights and hold elected officials accountable, said Hartman.

"A county that doesn't care about its past can't care about its future," said County Executive John Stoffa in welcoming the county's archives to their new home.



State archivist Susan Hartman commends Northampton County for its new state-of-the-art Archives building at an April 5 dedication ceremony attended by 75 guests.



Serving as Northampton County's first archivist, Maurice Dimmick is recognized for his dedication and service with a resolution presented by County Executive John Stoffa. Dimmick served as the county's archivist for 12 years from 1970-1981 and from 1994-95. The Archives reading room will be dedicated to Dimmick.

Stoffa honored Maurice Dimmick and Jane Moyer with county resolutions for the significant contributions they made to the work of preserving the county's history. Serving as Northampton County's first archivist, Dimmick served as the county's archivist for 12 years from 1970-1981 and from 1994-95.

The Archives reading room will be dedicated to Dimmick.

Moyer was a librarian for the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society and the Easton Area Public Library.

In attendance were the five NorCo council members who voted for the Archives building: John Cusick, Margaret Ferraro, Ken Kraft, Bob Werner and Scott Parsons.

Hours for the public to access the new Archives building are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information or directions, go to the county's Web site at www.northamptoncounty.org or call or email Drago at 610-829-1220 or rdrago@northamptoncounty.org.



PRESS PHOTOS BY CAROL SMITH

Northampton County's new Archives building is now open to the public. Hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information or directions, go to the county's Web site at www.northamptoncounty.org or call or email Archives Officer Renee Drago at 610-829-1220 or rdrago@northamptoncounty.org. In April, the Archives relocated to 999 Conroy Place in Forks Township after nine years of storage at the Iron Mountain facility in Allentown at a cost of \$110,000 annually. The county's original Archives building was torn down in 2004 when the county's prison was expanded. The new location is easily accessible for visitors with disabilities and has a parking lot close to the building.

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LifeStar's contract was \$225,000, a savings of \$86,000 over NAC's proposal.
LifeStar has indicated that if its low-bid proposal is denied it may pursue litigation against the county.

The recommendation of the Stoffa administration, Premier Healthcare's management and the Gracedale Advisory Committee was for LifeStar.
At this point, Stoffa said the county faces possible litigation in either direction: council or Life Star.

Council's refusal to accept LifeStar boils down to an issue of hometown politics, in Stoffa's opinion.

Two council members who support NAC's bid are Republican incumbent Peg Ferraro and Democratic candidate for county executive Lamont McClure. The May primary is around the corner. Both council members were strong advocates for keeping Gracedale as a county-owned facility when it found itself in financial difficulty and was up for sale to a private company last year. Now they are advocates for saving jobs at Nazareth Ambulance.

At council's April 4 meeting, Ferraro said she viewed LifeStar's bid as an attempt to put Nazareth's service out of business and hoped that Stoffa and council could practice the art of compromise in the governing process. "County council has spoken; let's compromise," said the 18-year-veteran council member and former Lower Nazareth Township supervisor.

Supporting Ferraro was McClure, who said this contract was not about money but about the health and viability of Nazareth EMS, which does a fine job at Gracedale and should not be forced to compete with a Danish-owned corporation such as LifeStar.

Councilman Bob Werner, a Democrat who serves on Gracedale's Advisory Committee, reminded council members that Premier Healthcare Resources, a King of Prussia-based management company, was their choice to improve Gracedale's fiscal stability and that many Gracedale union employees had given back millions of dollars in contract benefits to support these efforts.

RFPs are used to see what the market has to offer in the way of services. "Why use RFPs if we don't accept the results?" Werner asked.

Stoffa added that the RFP process used in this contract was legal. LifeStar met all the criteria while there were some bidders who were not considered because they failed to qualify. One of the criteria was to employ workers who were Lehigh Valley residents. Nowhere in the RFP did it say foreign-owned companies cannot apply.

In Stoffa's view, going to sealed bids for Gracedale's routine medical transport needs, such as doctor's appointments and X-rays, is the fiscally responsible action to take. With capital improvements needed at Gracedale, it is important to save money wherever and however possible without jeopardizing the quality of residents' care, he said.

Council's next regular meeting is at 6:30 p.m., April 18 at Northampton County Courthouse's third floor, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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AROUND TOWN

Wednesday, April 17

Salvation Army Women's Ministries drop-in center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.; 1 p.m. Moravian middle school students program, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

The Gluten-Free/Celiac Sprue Support Group, 7:30 p.m. Lower level board room of St. Luke's - Warren Hospital. Call 610-865-3543 or 732-207-6666.

Thursday, April 18

Annual spring sidewalk sale, 10 a.m. Downtown Historic District and downtown Southside.

Bethlehem Garden Club, noon hospitality time, 1 p.m. meeting, 1:30 p.m. "A Look at Oriental Gardening" by Robert Stamper. Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road. Visit www.bethlehemgardenclub.org.

Friday, April 19

Annual spring sidewalk sale, 10 a.m. Downtown Historic District and downtown Southside.

Saturday, April 20

Robert Lasso Memorial 5k run, 8:30 a.m.; registration 7 a.m. YMCA, 430 E. Broad St. Call 610-867-7187 or email mogrodnick.bethlehem-pa.gov.

H.E.A.R.T.S. clinic, Broughal MS family center, 114 W. Morton St. Call St. Luke's infolink, 866-785-8537, to schedule an appointment.

Earth Day on the Greenway by the Sierra Club.
Annual spring sidewalk sale, 10 a.m. Downtown Historic District and downtown Southside.

Bethlehem Cops 'n Kids Celebration of Reading, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fowler Family Center, 511 E. Third St. Call 610-861-7561 or visit copsnkidslv.org or email lcops-n-kids@att.net for information.

Spring on Fourth! What's on Third? street festival and chili

cook-off, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Third, Fourth and New streets.

Sunday, April 21

Kiwanis, BeCaHi and LHS Key clubs pancake and sausage breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon, Bethlehem Catholic HS, 2133 Madison Ave. Call 610-465-8569.

Earth Day on the Greenway by the Sierra Club.
Annual spring sidewalk sale, 10 a.m. Downtown Historic District and downtown Southside.

Holy Family Manor Auxiliary's eat in/take out spaghetti dinner, noon to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Hall, 1200 Spring St. Call 610-965-5595 ext. 555 or 610-997-9409 or email rlance@hfmanor.org or aruggiero@cshhcs.org.

St John's Windish Lutheran Church Vera Bradley Bingo youth program benefit, 2 p.m. Kitchen open. 617 E Fourth St. Call 484-767-3972 or 610-867-6183.

Monday, April 22

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10 (Henry Gun Factory and the Making of the Henry Rifle) and 11:15 (A Day in the Spring: Setting the Stage for the Birds) a.m., 2344 Center St.

Tuesday, April 23

The Salvation Army's Women's Ministries, bridge, 10 a.m., 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Wednesday, April 24

The Salvation Army's Women's Ministries, drop in center, 9:30 to 11 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

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MEETING BOARD

Thurs., April 18

Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m., 669 Washington St., Easton.

Mon., April 22

BASD regular board, 7 p.m., East Hills MS auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.

Northampton Co. Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority, 5:30 p.m. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Tues., April 23

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

Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

Wed., April 24

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.

Bethlehem Township Zoning, 7 p.m., municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

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

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

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LEHIGH

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sponsored by Creighton and then-commissioners Dean Browning and Andy Roman. The bill was then reintroduced last December by Creighton.

"Like fine wine, this bill hopefully gets better with age," Creighton said.

Debt approved by voters does not count against the county's debt limit,

which concerns some commissioners.

"I think the issue is we would be creating a situation that wouldn't exist otherwise," Commissioner Michael Schwab said. "Normally, a project would come to us and we'd vote on it and it would count toward the cap. By adding this we could perhaps create a situation that could

push us over that cap."

Commissioner Vic Mazzotti said the county is far from its debt limit, so he's not sure the potential to go over that cap is a significant issue, but said it was still a concern.

Commissioner Scott Ott said that he agreed with Creighton that the bill would add a second hurdle and slow down the

process of approving debt, but said the possibility of going over the debt limit is troubling.

The bill will be voted on at the next board of commissioners meeting April 25 in the public hearing room of the Lehigh County Government Center in Allentown.

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STATE POLICE
DUI

State police arrested 30-year-old Kurt Rice, of Bethlehem, for driving while intoxicated around 1 a.m. March 27.

According to police, Rice was observed driving over the center double yellow line on Cetronia Road and was pulled over. Officers determined he showed signs of drunkenness, which was later confirmed by a blood test.

Rice is charged with DUI and traffic violations.

DUI

State police arrested 30-year-old Melissa Maker, of Bethlehem, for driving while intoxicated around 2 a.m. March 30.

According to police, Baker's Pontiac was observed straying outside its lane while traveling westbound on Route 22 and was pulled over.

Police determined Baker was driving drunk and charged her with DUI and traffic violations.

CITY POLICE

DUI

Police arrested Emmyliz Nazario, 36, of Pine Top Circle in Emmaus, following a car accident around 7:30 p.m. April 6.

Police said Nazario drove her car into a parked vehicle inside the Walnut Street Garage, and was determined to be intoxicated.

Nazario is charged with careless driving, driving without insurance, public drunkenness and DUI.

DUI

Police arrested 41-year-old Paul Bonnici of Lehigh Parkway in Allentown for drunken driving around 3:30 a.m. April 7.

According to police, Bonnici was found slumped over in the driver's seat of his car in the Eighth Avenue Wawa parking lot.

Bonnici is charged with DUI and related violations.

DUI

Police arrested a young woman at the Five Points McDonald's when she was found asleep in her car around 2:30 a.m. April 6.

According to police, Alison MacLeod, 23, of Wichita, Kan., was discovered passed out behind the wheel in the drive-through lane and determined to be highly intoxicated.

MacLeod is charged with careless driving and DUI.



Angie Marrero and Donovan Ramos from the Boys and Girls Club of South Bethlehem remove dirt and litter from the area around the East Fourth Street youth facility.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Parks and Public Property Department waste removal truck operator Steve Dudla takes a bag of trash from Ryan Williams, a community service volunteer from Bethlehem Township. The City of Bethlehem trash truck provided pickup service and removal in the areas being served by some 15 cleanup crews, composed of 200 volunteers from local schools, colleges, businesses and corporations. North Bethlehem's Historic District City Cleanup is scheduled for April 27 in celebration of Earth Day. The Saturday morning event is sponsored by the Downtown Bethlehem Association to freshen up the historic downtown area by picking up litter, cleaning out planters and planting spring flowers. Volunteers are to meet DBA personnel at 9 a.m. on the corner of Main and Broad streets for the two-hour event. Additional information is available on the DBA website at downtownbethlehemassociation.com.

Southside cleanup
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Broughal MS volunteers Symara Chew, Nia Graham and Mickayla Reeves work with teacher Amy Putlock at Lehigh University's Campus Square, headquarters for the Southside Spring Cleanup. More than 20 Broughal music students participated in the cleanup.

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Freemansburg Avenue will be closed between Main and Washington streets. Motorists are strongly encouraged to avoid the area and seek alternate routes.

BFM Farmers' Market to open May 11

The Bethlehem Farmers' Market at Campus Square will open for the 11th year on May 11. The city's oldest farmers' market runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday through October along New and Morton streets. There will be 14 vendors, three of which are new to the market.

K O F C Run, walk set for May 5

There will be a Cinco de Mayo 5K Walk/Run for Victory at 1 p.m. May 5 at Notre Dame HS. Proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Trinity Council #313. For information, visit www.kofc313.org or call 610-217-9031 and/or email denblaze@aol.com.

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BASD Board considers Pre-K expansion

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Bethlehem Area School District board

members heard news on Nitschmann MS and talked more about pre-k education during their

facilities and curriculum meetings April 8.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jack Silva introduced a 45-day plan for increased early childcare within the district.

The availability, cost and importance of pre-k learning is often stressed by Aurea Ortiz and was also mentioned during public comment by resident Stephen Antalics. Silva said his plan is to

increase the district's pre-k load by 10 percent next year, which will rise to 390 students. But he said there are a number of challenges along the way; not the least of which is that providing such early schooling isn't actually in the district's mandate. "We're hustling," he said. "We're doing the best we can."

Board member William Burkhardt said

information indicated 20 youngsters out of 60 applicants were left out of the SPARK program because of space limitations and asked how many students are really left out - as it seems unlikely there were only 60 4-year-olds in the city eligible.

Director of Student Services Dean Donaher was present and said there were only so many

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Continued from page A6 applications; that many parents are simply unaware of the program and others don't qualify. Ortiz offered additional suggestions for discussion but Eugene McKeon said even all the money in the world for student acceptance into SPARK won't help if there's no physical space to put them.

Irene Follweiler cited Antalics' earlier comment and agreed with the importance of such early programs, but wondered how far they must go. She

said one day it may come to a referendum for the community to decide if pre-k education will become a standard responsibility for the BASD.

Meanwhile, engineers Mark Stein and Arif Fazil explained requests for proposals on investigating the overall environmental concerns of the Nitschmann property have been answered and offered recommendations.

He suggested the board review for acceptance Arthur A. Swallow Associates for land surveying, Advantage Engineers for geotechnical work and SSM Group, Inc. for envi-

ronmental testing. He said estimated costs - about \$135,000 all together - cover the length of the entire project and include

a buffer for unforeseen expenses.

Fazil said some work, such as the removal and containment of asbestos

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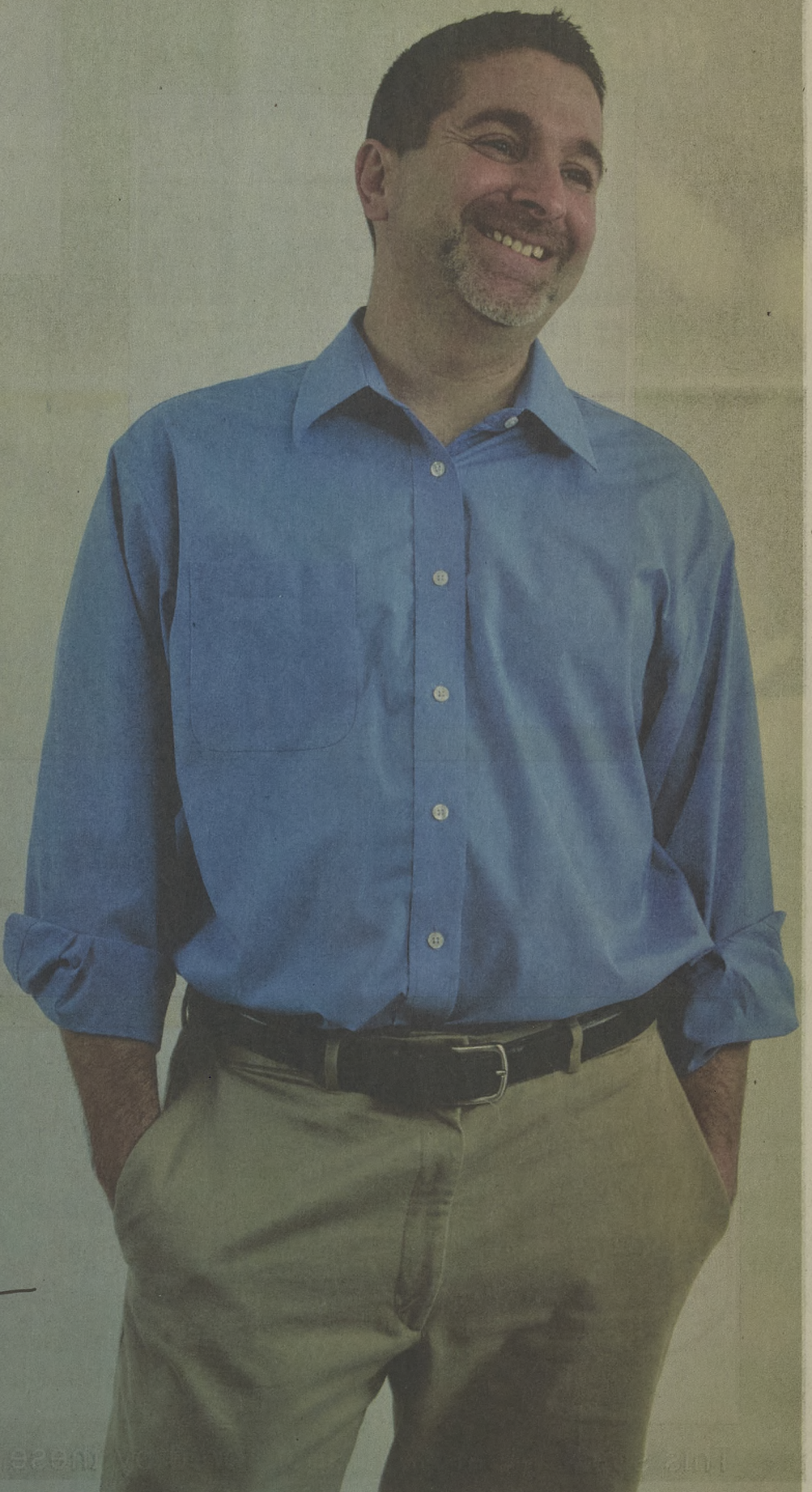
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'Canes give Pates first loss



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Liberty's Dan Mitchell (20) throws to teammate Ed Albertson (15) for an out during last week's win over Freedom at Coca-Cola Park.

By PETER CAR
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Liberty knew that a loss to Freedom last Friday night at Coca-Cola Park would mean a hole in the division.

The Patriots entered the contest undefeated in the Lehigh Valley Conference and had a one-game lead over Liberty.

A loss would have meant an early two-game hole that nobody on the Hurricanes roster wanted to deal with.

Ed Albertson assured that wouldn't happen for the Hurricanes, as he picked up his third win of the season following a 6-0 win over their rivals in a Friday nightcap.

Albertson struck out six, walked four and allowed three hits in the shutout, while Jake Tone and Josh Nales each knocked in two runs to hand Freedom its first loss in the league this season and put both teams at 4-1 in the conference.

The win puts Liberty (6-2) and Freedom (7-3) atop the division with the 'Canes having the tiebreaker at the moment, but after a tough week that featured a 6-5 victory over Whitehall (8-1) and a 1-0 loss to Parkland (5-1), head coach Andy Pitsilos felt good of where his team stands.

"We knew that beating

Freedom would be big for us because of where they were in the league," said Pitsilos. "We didn't want to fall two games behind them. That's a tough spot to come back from at this point of the season."

Liberty shouldn't have many more tough spots ahead of them this season, especially with the three-headed monster they have on the mound with Albertson, Zack Kantor and Josh Nales.

Nales got the win over a previously undefeated Whitehall team and Kantor threw a gem against the Trojans, striking out eight and allowing four hits and an unearned run in the 1-0 defeat.

In what was Liberty's toughest week of the season so far, and perhaps on their entire calendar, the Hurricanes came away looking as one of the top three teams in the conference.

"Beating Whitehall was good for us and then they went out and beat Parkland," said Pitsilos. "We had a great pitching matchup against Parkland and just lost a tough game. The big thing for us that I got confidence from is the way we've been playing defense. If we play good defense, along with the pitching we're getting, we're going to be in every game."

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ANDY PITSILOS
LHS BASEBALL
HEAD COACH

THEY SAID IT

GIRLS HOOP COACH WANTED

Chad Werkheiser has resigned as the head girls basketball coach at Catasaquua High School, effective immediately.

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SOFTBALL Up and down week for LHS

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Last week was a week of feast or famine for the Liberty Hurricanes, winning two high-scoring games and losing one.

A 15-10 victory over Bangor preceded a 10-0 victory over Whitehall before the Hurricanes fell to Parkland, 12-0.

Making her pitching debut at the varsity level last Saturday against Bangor was Lauren Epsaro, and three days later, the Liberty junior pitched a no-hitter against the Zephyrs that ended after six innings.

Normally an outfielder for the varsity team, Epsaro had pitching experience, but decided to wait until this year to take the

mound since the Hurricanes already had Erin Wilson, who graduated in 2012.

"I just realized we had Erin [last year], so I thought I would try different positions, and I would practice [pitching] throughout the year. This year, I told [Coach Rich Giering] I would step up and do it," Epsaro said.

Epsaro also had two doubles, a walk, and an RBI, and catcher, Ashley Malek, had a double, a single, and an RBI against the Zephyrs.

Epsaro said, "It's good with Ashley. We played j.v. together. When I'm out there, I'm usually just confident no matter what. My two-seam and change-up usually work pretty well

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PRESS PHOTO BY SCOTT W. PAGEL

Carly Deichman and the Patriots picked up two more wins last week. Here Deichman fires to first for an out during a game on April 11, a 3-2 win over Allen. Freedom also knocked off Central by a 10-1 score.

TRACK AND FIELD

Horton sets school record in 110 hurdles

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic hurdler, Tyler Horton, broke another school record in the 110 high hurdles (14.4), and twin brothers, John and David Donchez, combined for 26 points in the Hawks 82-67 track and field victory over Freedom last week.

In individual events, John Donchez won the

800 meter (2:07), and David Donchez took first place in the triple jump (37-2 1/2) and the javelin (126-3).

Also for the Hawks, Becahi sprinter, Donovan West, was a double-event winner, placing first in the 100 meter (10.8) and the 200 meter (22.7).

Freedom sprinter, Tony Flatts won the 400 meter (52.7).

In distance events, Freedom's Robbie Bogar-

do won the 1600 meter (4:42).

"Most of that was from my team yelling at me. I saw that [John Donchez] had a good kick because he was in the 4x8 with me," said Bogardo.

The 4x8 was won by the Becahi team of Donchez, Andrew Schaeffer, Mike Duffy, and Angelo DeGaetano (8:32).

The Patriots clinched a one-two-three finish in

the 3200 meter, led by Chris Kelly (10:15), followed by William Alpaugh, and Shane Smith.

Horton won the 300 intermediate hurdles (40.2).

The Hawks swept all relay events as West, Antwann Keenan, Mike McDaniel, and Elijah Finneran won the 4x1 (45:02), and Freddie Simons, Horton, Sean

Moroney, and Austin Biege won the 4x4 (3:36).

In throwing events, Joseph Santos won the shot put (31-1 1/4) and the discus (90-3) for the Patriots.

In jumping events, Simons won the long jump (20-5), and Horton won the high jump (5-7) for the Hawks.

The pole vault was won by Adam Cygan (9-0) for the Patriots.

Blanchard sets mark in 100

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic sprinter, Mara Blanchard, broke the school record in the 100 meter in the Hawks 108-41 victory over Freedom last week.

Blanchard and teammates, Katie Altpeter and Jade Kubitsky, made it a one-two-three finish in the 100 meter, with a time of 12.3 for Blanchard.

"My coach told me, and Katie high fived me, so I was pretty happy about that," said Blanchard.

Altpeter won the 200 meter in 26.6, and Kubitsky won the 400 meter in 1:01.7.

In distance events, Becahi's Meghan Roszyk won the 800 in 2:35, and Freedom's Alexa Deemer placed second.

"I wasn't expecting [Alexa] to be that close,

but it pushed me further. I get more motivated to run better so I don't lose the lead, especially with everyone yelling," said Roszyk.

Deemer took first place in the 1600 in 5:34, and Shaina Palmer won the 3200 in 11:58 for the Patriots.

Deemer said, "[In the 800] I was coming off the mile, so I was a little bit

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PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD

Mara Blanchard, shown here in a relay event, broke the school record in the 100.

LACROSSE

Hawks still working hard

By TODD KRESS
Special to the Press

The Bethlehem Catholic boys lacrosse team has endured a tough start to the season.

Things didn't get any easier for the Hawks when they hosted current LVC leader Parkland last Tuesday at Bethlehem Catholic High School.

The Trojans scored eight first period goals, and regularly controlled possession of the ball for much of the contest. That lead was increased to 10-0 at halftime, which was then doubled by game's end, as the Hawks remained winless on the season with the 21-0 defeat to Parkland.

"Our guys work hard all the time," said head coach T.J. Hirsch. "I just think that some catching and throwing issues really got us today, which was a little disappointing. It didn't happen in the other games. Parkland is definitely a skilled team."

The Hawks are now slated at 0-5 in LVC play, while Parkland sits with just one conference loss.

Goals came at a rapid pace for the Trojans, with many coming within just seconds of one another. Meanwhile, the Hawks tallied just one shot on goal that came in the second period.

"You only can teach coaching points from something like this here," said Hirsch. "There was some positives - that we ran offense, clears and stuff like that. Just kind of pure examples of ground balls, the way they play defense [and] the way they play offense, that's kind of where we go back to practice tomorrow and work on those things."

Parkland's Dylan Klusaritz had five of his team-high six goals in the first period that set the tone for the Trojans out of the gate.

Ethan Howell opened a second half charge for the Trojans, who added

five goals in the third period and six in the fourth. Howell scored three goals after halftime, while also pitching in with a team-high with six assists.

While the score may not be indicative of the team's play, the Hawks put together a second period in which Hirsch was pleased with a few aspects of his team. The Trojans scored two in that second period after the Hawks allowed eight in the first.

"Definitely in the second quarter we ran some offensive plays, and we actually got a shot too, said Hirsch. "We just didn't capitalize on it. But we definitely ran what we worked on in practice."

The schedule doesn't get any easier for the Hawks in the upcoming week. Results from Tuesday's game against Emmaus were not available at time of press. The Hawks will face Central Catholic on Thursday at Percy Ruhe (Alton) Park. Game time is set for 4 p.m.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Tyler Peiper and the Hawks have an important week coming up if they want to make the district playoffs.

Hawks have work to do

By PETER CAR
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It's been a tough season for Bethlehem Catholic so far and it got even more difficult last week.

The Hawks suffered their second loss of the week, when Easton pulled out a 4-3 victory Friday evening at Coca-Cola Park. Malin Loeb sack knocked in the game winning run with two outs to spoil the Hawks day on the IronPigs turf, as well as end any momentum Becahi had after Thursday's 2-1 win over Central Catholic.

The Hawks sit at 2-6-1 on the year and head coach Mike Grasso knows things need to change quickly in order for the Hawks to salvage their season.

"We're losing tough games that we won last year," said Grasso. "We lost two [walk-off] games

this week. Allen and Easton were both games that we could have won, but we didn't."

Easton built a 3-0 lead after two innings, but Pat Mergel, Jake Carly and Paul Karoly each knocked in runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings to tie the game at 3-3 heading into the final two frames.

Unfortunately, the Hawks fate landed them with another loss in the league, as they sit at 1-4 in LVC play.

They started the week with an eight inning 4-3 loss to Allen, followed by their victory over Central before falling to the Rovers. With time of the season, Grasso knows the Hawks room for error is nearly non-existent at this point.

"We'll keep fighting," he said. "It's just tough to not get a win after such a great pitching perform-

ance by David [Derkits]. We were a couple hits away from opening this game up, but that's just the way the season has gone for us."

Derkits pitched his way through the seventh, giving up the eventual winning run off Loeb sack's RBI double, capping a day that entailed six strikeouts, three walks and nine hits.

With that in the rear-view, Becahi moves forward with games against Northampton (5-4), Nazareth (2-7) and Notre Dame-East Stroudsburg (1-5) this week, in what Grasso calls "crucial."

"No doubt this is a big week for us," Grasso said. "We got to win all three and worse case scenario is get two out of three. The last two games we played showed that we still have a lot of confidence. We just got to keep fighting."

VOLLEYBALL

Liberty falls to Parkland

By PETER CAR
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It was a chance for Liberty to see what they could do against another top tier Lehigh Valley Conference opponent, but this time the Hurricanes couldn't figure things out until it was too late.

With a win over Bethlehem Catholic under their belts this season, the 'Canes took on an undefeated Parkland squad last Thursday with their sights of truly cementing themselves as the top team in the league this season.

By night's end, that wasn't their fate, as Parkland (6-0, 5-0) swept all three games — 25-22, 25-14, 33-31 — to stay atop the LVC landscape and knock Liberty down a peg.

Head coach Neiad Ammary saw his team jump out to an early 17-12 lead in the first game, only to have Parkland rally, before they controlled the second game until making things close in the third.

"I think we learned a few important things about ourselves during that match," Ammary said. "Parkland helped us identify some parts of our game that need improve-

ment, but we also learned that we are capable of beating them. We were up for most of the first set and then got stuck in a bad rotation, which allowed Parkland to work their way back.

"We finally figured out how to counter some of their strategies and adjusted our lineup at the start of the third set, but by then it was a little late. We feel like the third set was a better indication of how both teams actually compare."

Zach Gallagher led Liberty with eight kills on the night, while setter Adam Hann added 27 assists to pace Liberty (5-2, 4-1).

The Hurricanes traveled to CB West Saturday night for an affair and saw their once undefeated season turn into a two match skid, as the Bucks took down the 'Canes in three games — 25-21, 25-14, 25-16.

"When it rains, it pours," said Ammary about the loss to West. "We made 37 unforced errors in three sets and just couldn't seem to do anything right. They [CB West] were a very good team."

Now Liberty has to find their mojo again of being

a good team with only one match on the agenda this week, last night against Allen, before the Christopher Dock tournament this weekend.

Ammary plans to use the down time wisely before things kick up next week.

"Over the weekend, we identified 10 improvements that we feel we can make," said Ammary. "We have a few consecutive days of practice this week and then the Christopher Dock tournament this weekend, so we will have a chance to work out some glitches and prepare for the second half of the season."

Bethlehem Catholic (4-1, 4-1) swept Allen in three games last week and take on Northampton and Nazareth this week. They travel to Central York this weekend for the Koller Classic, one of the top tournaments in the state.

Freedom (3-3, 2-2) battled back with a good week, registering wins over Southern Lehigh and Allen to get themselves back to .500 and the district race.

The Pates take on Nazareth, Northampton and North Pocono this week with the hopes of climbing up the playoff

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Becahi left fielder Lauren Visconti hauls in a fly ball during a win over Central.

Softball

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In the top of the fifth inning, the Zephyrs threatened with bases loaded, but the Hurricanes were able to get out of the inning without giving up any runs.

"We were kind of surprised because last year, we had a good match up with them," said Epsaro.

Also last week, Freedom defeated both Central Catholic, 10-1 and Allen, 3-2. Emily Gundrum had 13 strikeouts for the Patriots against the Vikings.

Bethlehem Catholic also defeated Central Catholic and Allen. Both scores were 10-0.

Track

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fatigued, but I gave it everything I had. [In the 1600] I paced myself and gave everything without being pushed."

Emily Perry placed first in the 110 high hurdles for Beca in 17.9, and Lexi Reightler won the 300 intermediate hurdles in 48.1.

Bethlehem Catholic swept all relay events as Blanchard, Dana Neupauer, Reightler, and Altpeter won the 4x1 relay in 51.0, Lauren Posch, Megan

Tucker, Reightler, and Nia Mims won the 4x4 relay in 4:25, and Roszyk, Olivia Zemanek, Megan Strucko, and Cecelia Zemanek won the 4x8 relay in 10:34.

Freedom's Giovanna Erie was a double-event winner in the shot put (32-10) and the discus (91-9), and Blanchard also won

two throwing events: the long jump (16-2 1/2) and the pole vault (10-6).

"I tried for my P.R. at 11-1, and in the long jump, Lauren Posch was an inch or so behind me," said Blanchard.

Posch, however, won the triple jump (31-11).

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Chief says new bikes needed

HELLERTOWN

By MARK RECCEK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Although Hellertown Police Chief Robert Shupp believes the borough should purchase new bicycles for patrol officers, council Vice President John Bate wants the borough to invest its money wisely.

"I think we need to be more responsible," Bate said of Shupp's request.

Shupp told council during the April 1 meeting he was unsuccessful in securing grants for new bicycles. The bikes, Shupp said, are needed to replace

older, aging bicycles owned by the borough and to monitor Hellertown's section of the Rails to Trails due to vandalism that has taken place. He stressed the bikes would permit officers to cover a substantial area along the trail.

Shupp told council there is money available in the budget for such purchases.

"We have more than enough money to purchase the bikes," he said. "I think it's important to

monitor the area along the trail [Rails to Trails] where graffiti signs are."

Bate stressed to Shupp and council it should proceed with caution.

"Just because you're saving money in the budget doesn't mean you have to spend the money," Bate said.

Councilman Thomas Rieger agreed with Bate, indicating he does not want money to be spent on the purchase of bikes that will later sit unused.

Michael McKenna,

member of council, supported the purchase of the bikes.

"I think it's important we go through with this," he said. "That we at least have the presence of two or at least one police on a bike."

Shupp said the purchase would be from Saucon Valley Bikes.

Council unanimously agreed to purchase one bike and repair and restore one older bike currently in the possession of the borough.

"I just want to be more thrifty," Bate added.

Student to participate in Naval program

Nicholas D. Karabin, a student at Bethlehem Catholic HS, will participate in the 2013 U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar program.

Summer Seminar teaches prospective applicants about life at the Naval Academy, where academics, athletics and professional training are key elements in developing our nation's leaders. Each student will attend a six-day session and experience a glimpse of USNA life.

Nicholas is the son of Drew and Mary Jane Karabin.



Karabin

Driver given safety award

Trans-Bridge Lines' annual Safety Day event was held at the Best Western, Bethlehem. A number of motorcoach drivers and shop personnel were recognized for safe driving and outstanding attendance. Forty-two drivers received Safe Driving Awards for accident-free driving, spanning a time period of one to 44 years.

Bethlehem resident Joseph Edraney was honored for 44 years of safe driving and Evan Bevan, also of Bethlehem, won a safety award. Trans-Bridge President Tom JeBran stated how proud he is of the employees and their commitment to help the company operate safely and provide a reliable transportation network for the community.

District terminates Berkheimer contract

SAUCON VALLEY

By MARK RECCEK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Saucon Valley School Board is no longer satisfied with the services of Berkheimer Tax Administrators Inc.

During the March 26 meeting, members of the board granted authorization to district Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald to submit termina-

tion papers that will end the contract the school district has set up with Berkheimer. The current contract expires June 30.

District Business Manager David Bonenberger told board members it has been difficult doing business with Berkheimer.

"I'm not satisfied with their customer service," Bonenberger said. "We've tried to reconcile reports of complaints multiple times."

Bonenberger said due to lower costs and a good working relationship, the district hopes to switch tax collection services and retain

Lower Saucon Township to collect its school taxes.

Switching to Lower Saucon will net the school district more than \$6,000 in savings. The district paid Berkheimer \$30,078 per year. Services with Lower Saucon Township will cost the district \$23,748 per year.

The board is expected to vote on terminating the contract.

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TALKS

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Solicitor Leo DeVito advised this would be no Sunshine Act violation because members would just be gathering data, not taking any formal action. Barry Roth, who chairs the Recreation Board, complained that his body was being left out of the loop again. But President Weiss assured him, "We're not trying to exclude anyone."

Although a master plan was approved nearly two

years ago, this project has a lot of cooks. In addition to the commissioners, Recreation Board and Johnston Friends, Northampton County Executive John Stoffa was at the meeting, signaling the county's interest. Housenick Park advocate Victoria Bastidas, a recent appointee of the county's Open Space Advisory Board, also attended the meeting. Housenick trustee Tim Brady was there as well. But they have yet to decide on what meal they'd like to prepare.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Kids' vitamin deficiency signs

A healthy diet is supposed to provide all of the essential vitamins and minerals necessary to sustain a body. But thanks to finicky eating habits and limited choices, many children are not getting the vitamins and minerals they need to grow up healthy. Although many foods are fortified with certain vitamins, they still may not be enough to provide the level of nutrition required for a growing body. Parents may be well informed of a child's needs of vitamin C to boost immune system function, but they may not be as readily informed about other vitamins that are essential to human health.

* **Vitamin A:** Vitamin A promotes a healthy immune system and proper eyesight function. A child lacking in vitamin A

may be tired and weak and experience weight loss. Other symptoms include dry eyes, skin scaling and respiratory infections.

* **Vitamin B6:** Hyperactivity and impulsiveness are often blamed on an underlying medical condition, such as ADHD. But such conditions may be the result of a deficiency in vitamin B6.

* **Vitamin B12:** Nervous system function is largely governed by proper levels of vitamin B12. Children who do not receive enough vitamin B12 may experience weakness, insomnia, edema, and abdominal pain.

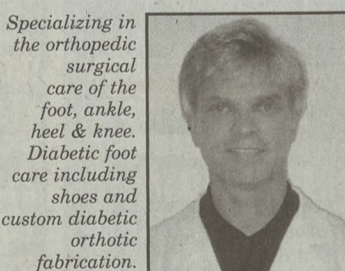
* **Vitamin D:** Vitamin D is called the "sunshine vitamin" because it is produced in the body after exposure to the sun. Children who spend many hours indoors or wearing thick layers of sunscreen may not get enough vitamin D. Irritability, muscle cramps and even late teething could be tied to vitamin D deficiency.

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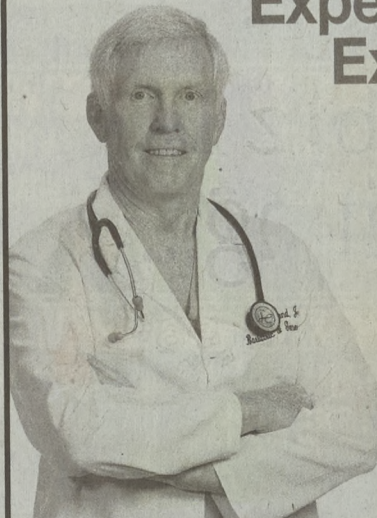
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BRIEFLY

BAPL

Satchel Paige event on April 20

Baseball legend Satchel Paige will be re-enacted at 3 p.m. April 20 at the Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. The interactive program is presented by actor and playwright Cedric Liqueur, who trained as an actor with the Royal London Shakespeare Company. Registration and limited to BAPL cardholders in the library's service area. Register at www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 224.

HHS

Yard sale set for April 27

Hellertown Historical Society's annual yard sale fundraiser will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27 in conjunction with Saucon Valley History Day, Heller-Wagner Grist Mill.

First come, first served reservations for space must be received by April 20. Visit www.hellertown-historical-society.org or call 610-838-1770.

ALLENTOWN

Band concert set for April 28

Allentown Band, with organist Jane Ellen Knotek, will be presenting a concert 3 p.m. April 28 at Zion UCC "Liberty Bell" Church, 620 W. Hamilton St., Allentown.

Tickets will be available at the door. For information, call 610-435-2412.

SDEP

Vocal scholarship competition June 6

Star of the Day Event Productions will hold the second annual high school vocal scholarship competition its June 6 at the Allentown Brew Works.

The contest is for junior and senior high school students. For information, contact starofthedayprods@yahoo.com.



PRESS PHOTOS BY MARK RECCEK

Lehigh Valley Christian HS students will perform the musical "Annie" 7 p.m. this Friday and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. The show will cast 11 LVCHS students and six younger students from surrounding school districts. This year's performance marks the first year the school is presenting a musical. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will be avail-

able at the door. LVCHS is located at 330 Howerstown Road, Catasauqua. For more information on the musical, call the school at 610-403-1000.

ABOVE: Grace Farrell, Oliver Warbucks, Annie, Rooster Hannigan, Lily St. Regis and Miss Hannigan display their excitement after arriving in New York City.

BRIEFLY

L.S.T.H.S.

History Day set for April 27

The annual Saucon Valley History Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27, rain or shine, at the three historical properties. The Hellertown Historical Society, 150 W. Walnut St., the Lower Saucon Township Historical Society and the Lutz-Franklin schoolhouse, 4216 Countryside Lane, and the Heller Homestead, 1890-92 Friedensville Road, will feature special activities such as quilting, tole painting, colonial paper craft demonstrations and live music. Call 610-625-8771 or email lsistorical@yahoo.com for information.

GREENWAY

Earth Day events April 20, 21

The free and open to the public Earth Days on the Greenway will be held 11 a.m. to 5 pm April 20 and noon to 5 p.m. April 21 along the Southside Greenway between New, Taylor, Third and Fourth streets. Activities on April 21 include a program from 1:30 to 3 p.m. featuring Dave Fry and Tom Church, along with the Mock Turtle Marionettes, and a Lorax Earth Day from 1 to 6 p.m., at the Fox Environmental Center at Illick's Mill. Greenway activities include recycling relays, fly casting demonstrations, creatures from the creek, sanding bird feeders and toad house. There will be a volunteer planning meeting from 6:30 to 9 p.m. April 17 at the Fox Environmental Center at Illick's Mill, 100 Illick's Mill Road. Volunteers are still needed for 4 to 7 p.m. April 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 20 and 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 21. Email sierraagchair@gmail.com to sign up.

LV Christian HS presents

'Annie'



Abby Parnell, in the role of Miss Hannigan, Parker Reese, playing Rooster Hannigan, and Hannah Parnell as Lily St. Regis perform in the scene Easy Street.



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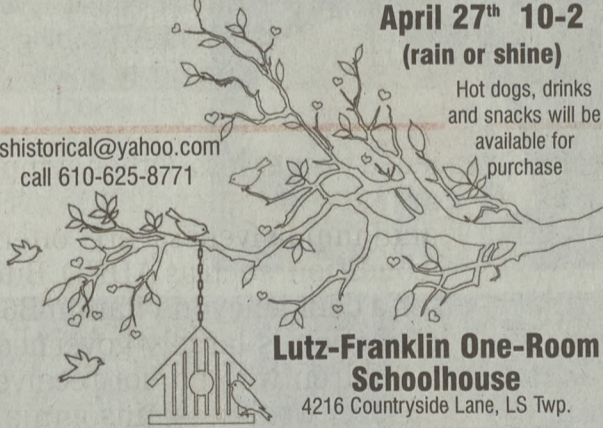
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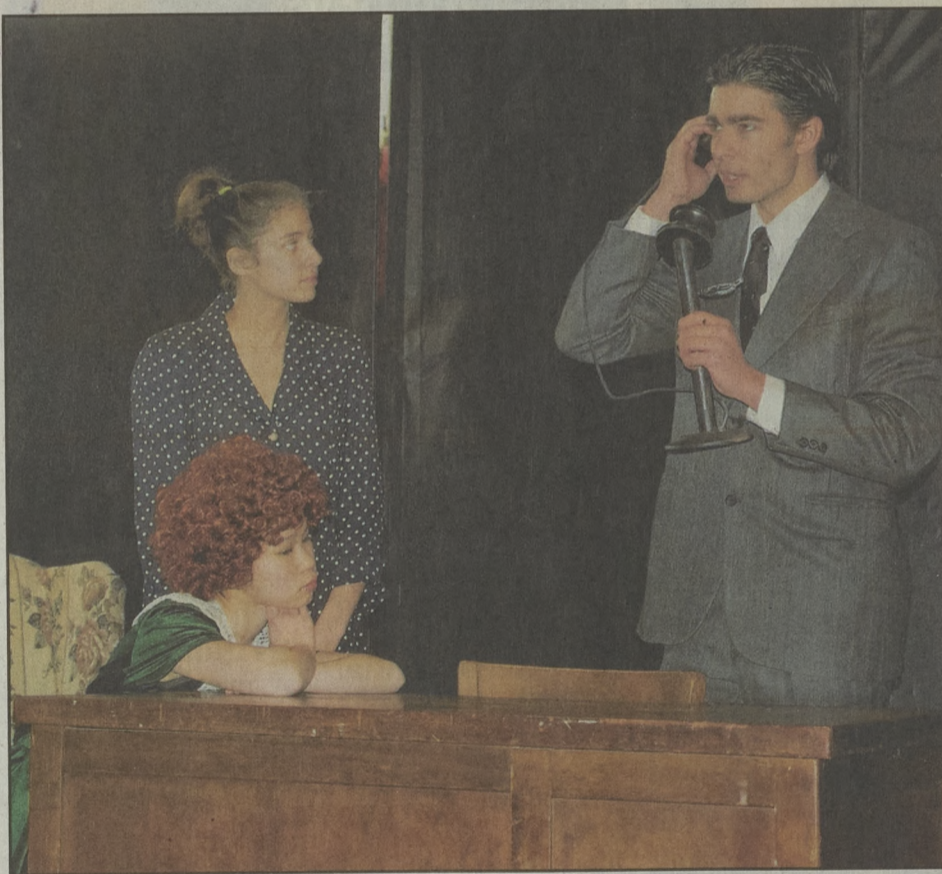
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Annie, played by Elizabeth Ruppert, is consoled by Grace Farrell, played by Monica Snyder as Oliver Warbucks, played by Joshua Brennan, discusses the day's events on the phone.

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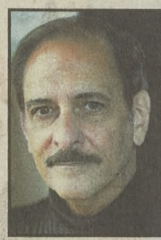
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Back to Bethlehem Steel; a visual journey

Bethlehem residents have long memories and are fiercely proud of the years they worked at Bethlehem Steel Company. They remember that, without the employment of 30,000 native-born and immigrant workers over the last century, they could never have afforded their homes — or could have educated their children. Many of them survive today.



Ken Raniere
Columnist

overview of the photographic documentation of the Bethlehem Steel plant. Both Metz and Elliott worked closely to gain entrance into the plant in 1985.

Elliott's visual presentation of photographs transported the audience back to a time when Bethlehem Steel was fully operational.

In order to document his architectural subjects, Elliott used a four-by-five-inch camera propped on a tripod. Black and white photographic prints were made from negative film. This afforded deeper blacks that could not be achieved with a digital camera.

At the steel plant, Elliott shot 15 to 20 photos a day and used three different lenses for close-up and long distance shots. He utilized natural light that bathed the steel plant's interior buildings — aware that electricity never illuminated the spaces he shot.

One moody photo depicts a gray haze over the blast furnaces on a 95-degree August afternoon, while another captures an organic, "prehistoric" industrial form, which in reality is an abandoned slag car. Joseph Elliott's "The Steel" is a valued journey back to the bygone industrial age in Bethlehem. The book is available at the Moravian Bookshop and Muhlenberg College.

The preservation of and interest in Bethlehem Steel was obvious April 3 at the PBS39 Community Room by the number of those who attended a presentation by Muhlenberg College art professor, Joseph Elliott with his new 102-page book, "The Steel: Photographs of the Bethlehem Steel Plant, 1989-1996."

At the beginning of the program, South Bethlehem Historical Society President Dana Grubb introduced historian Lance Metz, who contributed an overview of the Bethlehem Iron Company in Joseph Elliott's book.

Metz concluded his talk with the introduction of Elliott, who gave an



Contestant Jacob Crisafulli (William Barfee) employs the unique method of spelling his words first by outlining them on the floor using his foot, in the song, "Magic Foot."

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

LV Charter School for the Arts presents '25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee'

The Lehigh Valley Charter School for the Arts will present "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," a musical comedy about a diverse group of contestants as they compete for the Putnam County Spelling Bee trophy. Based on the music and lyrics of William Finn, the book by Rachel Sheinkin, and improvisational concept of Rebecca Feldman, the local performance is

directed by Michael Morris and is under the musical direction of Ellen Ditmer. Evening performances are scheduled April 17, 18, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and matinee performances on April 20 and 21 at 2 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre at 675 East Broad St. Tickets cost \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$12 for students. For ticket information visit www.charterarts.org.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Joe Elliott signs a copy of "The Steel" for Muhlenberg College art major Tara Simpson and her boyfriend Jay Poteat.



Author and photographer Joe Elliott discusses the effect that natural lighting had on his interior photographs of Bethlehem Steel Plant structures.



ABOVE: Raquel Macias as Marcy Park, the typical over-achieving student, sits atop a contestant pyramid at the conclusion of, "I Know Six Languages."



Hayley Stephan as moderator Rona Lisa Peretti and James Egbert as spelling bee judge Vice Principal Douglas Panch guide the contestants in the competition.



Victor Abreu (contestant Leaf Coneybear) exclaims, "It's funny how I keep getting South American rodents."



RIGHT: During a brief romantic moment, contestant Halle Barrett (Olive Ostrovsky) confides to Jacob Crisafulli (contestant William Barfee) that she thinks he's a great speller.

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Rebellion & Witchcraft

King Saul was sent on a mission with clear instructions from God, but instead he did what was right in his own eyes and kept "all that was good" of the animals (1 Samuel 15:9) in violation of God's command. He tried to rationalize his actions explaining that "the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD." Samuel replied, "Hath the LORD as great delight in... sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice... For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft" (1 Samuel 15:22-23).

There is a close correlation between the sins of rebellion and witchcraft! Witchcraft is related to Satanic and demonic activity. The first instance of man rebelling against God was when Adam and Eve obeyed Satan and disobeyed God. Consequently, the wonderful fellowship they had previously enjoyed with God was severed, and they experienced the desolate results of rebellion as Psalm 68:6 states, "the rebellious dwell in a dry land."

King Saul's rebellion resulted in rejection. Samuel told him, "Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king." Then we read, "The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit... troubled him." His rebellion opened the door to a demon—a cruel messenger as Proverbs 17:11 says, "An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him." Demonic fits of jealousy and anger came over Saul along with murderous bouts such as when he killed 85 of the Lord's priests and tried numerous times to kill David. God would not answer his prayers because of his rebellion, so he turned to witchcraft—to the witch of Endor just before his tragic death!

God wants the best for you and He says to you, "Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you" (Jeremiah 7:23).



Brianna Peiffer

Freedom HS

Grade: 12

Family members: My family members include my mother Christine, my father David, and my little brother Nathan.

Favorite subject: My favorite subject is government and economics because I love politics.

Activities: For fun I hang out with friends and attend my brother's baseball games.

Next steps: After graduation I plan to attend Northampton Community College for my associate's degree in education. After that I plan to attend Moravian College for my bachelor's then master's in education.

Career goals: My career goal is to become an elementary school teacher.

Heroes: My hero is my grandmother because she has always been there for me and always will.

Hobbies: My hobbies are karate and painting.

Volunteer/community work: I have completed over 100 hours of community service at the Sun Inn in downtown Bethlehem.



Likes: I like cooking, baking and painting.

Dislikes: I dislike working, waking up early and exercising.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishment is attaining honor roll every report card so far in high school.

Advice for peers: My advice for my peers would be to always keep your head held high; life's too short to have it down.

Julia Swan coordinates students profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Tyler Fernandez as con man Harold Hill (in uniform) whips the River City townspeople into a frenzy by convincing them to create a boys band, for which he'll sell them instruments, in "Seventy-six Trombones."

Notre Dame HS presents

'The Music Man'

Notre Dame HS Theatre will present Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" for its spring musical production. It's the story of con man Harold Hill's scam of small town River City, Iowa, in which he convinces the community to buy instruments for a boys band and then plans to skip town with the payments. Instead, he falls in love with librarian and music teacher Marian Paroo. A cast of 45 under the direction of Rody Gilkerson, supported by a stage crew of nearly 30, will deliver four performances April 18 and April 19 at 7:30 p.m., and April 20 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. They may be purchased by visiting the school's web page at www.nderusaders.org or by calling 610-250-1978.



In order to divert them from researching his credentials, Harold Hill turns the River City school board into a barbershop quartet. Here school board and quartet members Jimmy Capella (Ewart Dunlop), Nikola Georgievski (Oliver Hix), Owen Roff (Olin Britt) and Patrick Davis (Jacey Squires) perform "Sincere."

LIBERTYNEWS

A memory-filled month

The mind is developed not only through academics, but also through creativity and arts. Liberty HS is fortunate enough to have an emphasis placed on the arts with opportunity for students to get involved in any way they desire.



Michelle Cardona
Liberty HS

March was filled with the beauty of art at Liberty HS. March 14 was the opening night of the 2013 Liberty production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." The week prior to the actual opening day brought about bonding between the cast and crew as it usually does, with late nights spent making the finishing touches in order to pull off the type of production Liberty has become known for. Students and faculty who attended the production enjoyed the humor and admired the acting that theater members have been working on for months. For seniors, this was a bittersweet experience, as March 16 was the last time they would ever perform under Liberty's auditorium lights, surrounded by a family they have been working with for four years. However the play went so well that the senior members will have amazing memories to cherish.

The heart and pride of Liberty, the Grenadier Band, also had an amazing performance in the month of March. The annual band concert is always

an extravagant experience filled with intricate musical pieces, majestic light shows and stunning firework displays, and this was exactly how March 22 went. The band members and two band directors produced an amazing performance, much like they have for years.

The guest this year was Scott Jenkins, president of the Rose Parade, and his wife Cindy. Jenkins came to officially announce the Grenadier participation in the Rose Bowl in the upcoming school year.

The Saturday performance, however, was altered in commemoration of a very honorable member of the Grenadiers. Gregory MacGill, head band director, will be retiring after this year, and during all of this year Mr. Long, assistant band director has been planning a special evening for MacGill on the second day of the band concert, and that was exactly what Saturday evening turned out to be. The performance followed that of the previous evening for the first half. However, the second half was a retrospective piece specially arranged for MacGill.

Friday evening after the band concert the stage had more than 100 chairs added to it for the alumni band members Long invited to perform on this memorable evening. One of the memorable pieces played was "On the Wings of Love," that holds special meaning for MacGill because it was played at his wedding. Other special guests were present, including captain of the Canadian Ceremonial

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Michael Guerriere as former con man Marcellus Washburn lands in old friend Tyler Fernandez's (Harold Hill's) arms at the end of "The Sadder-But-Wiser Girl."



Music teacher Madeline Prentice (Marion Paroo) and her student Laura Dainauski as Amaryllis perform the enchanting Act One duet "Good-night, My Someone."



Tyler Fernandez (Harold Hill) cons Alexis Cabone (Mayor Shinn's wife Eulalie Mackechnie Shinn) into forming a dance committee.

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Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 70°, humidity of 48%. The record high temperature for today is 85° set in 1922. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 50°. The record low for tonight is 23° set in 1950. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 70°, humidity of 55%. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 56°. Expect cloudy skies Friday with a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 73°. Skies will become mostly cloudy Saturday with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 59°.

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Public Meeting Announcement:

Philip J. Fahy Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation

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The public plans display will begin at 6:30 p.m. with project displays available for the public to view. Members of PennDOT's design team will be available to answer questions, take comments and address concerns relating to the project.

This meeting will include identification of historic properties and proposed affects in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Location and Time

DATE: April 23rd, 2013

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Bethlehem City Hall
10 E. Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

All facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons requiring special accommodations or Persons wanting additional information should contact PennDOT Project Manager Brandy Rotz at 717.540.6040.

SV

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tract at the April board meeting.

Also during the meeting, school board members concluded a school resource officer is not needed for the upcoming school year.

The idea for the resource officer initially originated with district Superintendent Sandra Fellin and a survey distributed and completed after the Newtown, Conn. shootings.

School board members expressed interest in devoting funds to upgrades to the security infrastructure.

School board member Sharon Stack stressed to the board it should vote for all security items at the same time.

Security measures, amounting to \$226,120, include a security camera at the high school, a system that would buzz in visitors and a 911 call button. Other items include upgrading cameras and installing a buzzer on doors left open.

LHS

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Guard Dave Rennie who, conducted a piece.

Senior class members have begun making college decisions and preparations to find their replacements for next year in their respective leadership positions. Interviews have been conducted and applications read, in order to leave the clubs and organizations we have come to love in hands that we trust.

Spring brings with it hope, happiness and the understanding that change is coming for the members of the senior class. As for the underclassmen, summer fills their thoughts, as well as how they'll spend the next few months before they become the upperclassmen.

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THE PRESS 8TH ANNUAL

Student Poetry Project

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
Focus Editor

To commemorate National Poetry Month in April, the Lehigh Valley Press presents the 8th annual Student Poetry Project on

this page and B3 in the Focus section.

Students whose poems appear on this page have been invited to read their poems on "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon," 6 - 6:30 p.m. April 29, Lehigh Valley Community Public radio Sta-

tion WDIY, 88.1, wdiy.org.

Students whose poems appear on this page each receive a \$50 gift card to the State Theatre for the Arts. Students whose poems appear on Page B3 each receive a \$25 gift card to the State Theatre for the Arts.

The Student Poetry Project committee thanks the more than 100 students who submitted poems, as well as school teachers, parents and guardians who encouraged them.

Photo of the Student Poetry Project judges and story: page B6.

HIGH SCHOOL

apollo

the summer our lips met, we were
two bright celestial bodies. sprawling constellations
pulsed tightly above our heads and

i knew them like the way i memorized
the galaxies that coursed through your upturned palms.
you still cannot fathom why, but

please know this:
our entangled fingers held
every nook and cranny of the milky way.
and i could have sworn
we were vaster than any cosmos, but

everyone knows the tide changes
with the gravity of moonshine. now

you are light years away,

and we orbit in paths of push and shove.
i never knew that stardust could taste so bitter.

Kelsey Ko
Age 16, Grade 10
Freedom High School
Bethlehem Area School District



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Kelsey Ko

MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Cecelia LeBus

Coffee Shop

Wavy hair, combat boots
dark eyes, old books
rosy cheeks, chapped lips
guitar strums, coffee sips
open minds, closed doors
free thoughts, tamed words
mothers, daughters
friends and lovers
cheeky grins, hair pins
raspy voices, bold choices
foot taps and finger snaps
long talks, have a sit
I am an accepted misfit

Cecelia LeBus
Age 13, Grade 8
Northampton Area Middle School
Northampton Area School District

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Puerto Rico's Christmas in Bethlehem

I hear my mom waking me up
Pork shoulder sizzling
Smelling the cookies,
quesitos,
pork shoulder
three leche cake

and dirt

Tasting the sweet sweet
air
coming from
pots and pans
in
the oven
in the kitchen

Touching presents
the glittery red bows
glitter getting
stuck
in my
fingers

The cozy warm
blanket
Me seeing my presents
seeing my big
sister sleep
and little sister

a box with a piece
of candy
\$20
and a box next to it
that was empty

Believing
Los Tres Reyes
Magos
The Three Kings
Wise

Settled down
In my little
house
down the street

Los Reyes
settled their
horses down

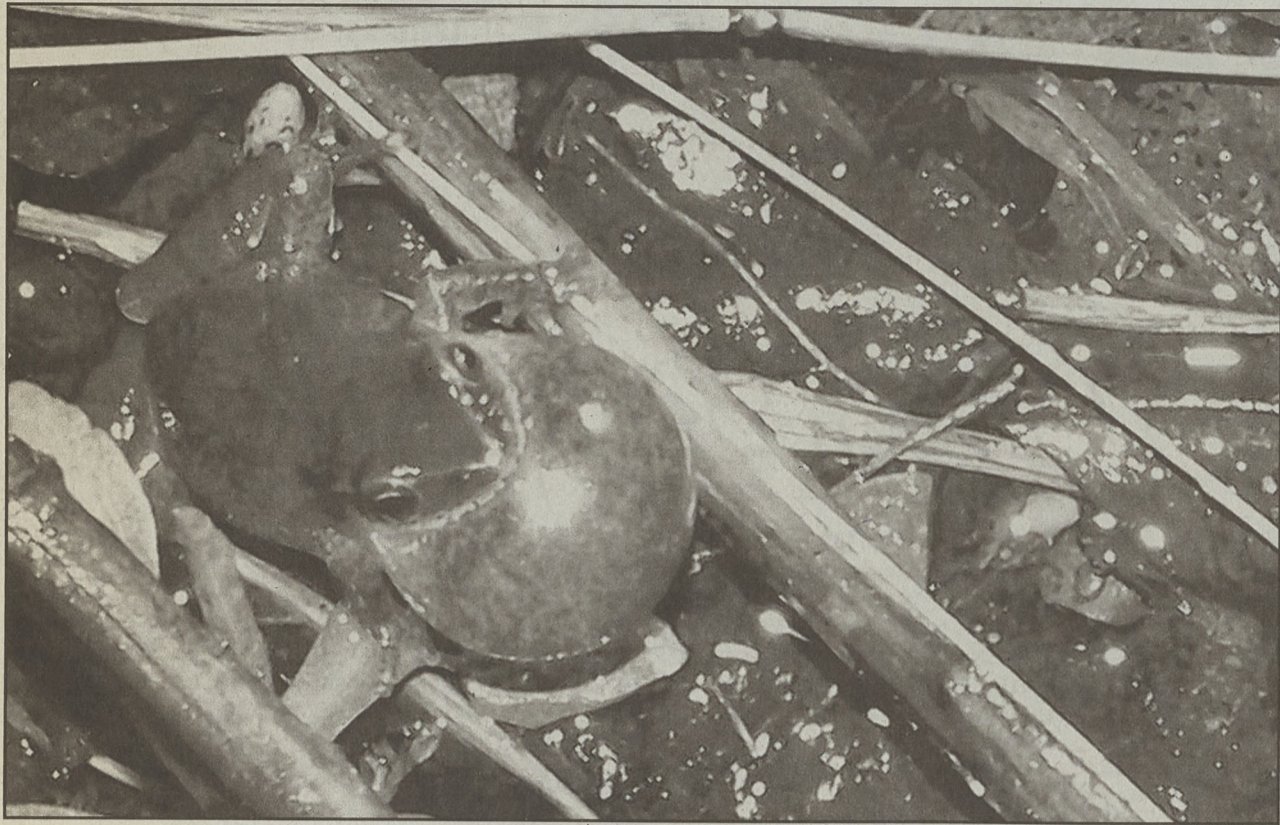
and said, "Mira,
ven y come!"
Come eat!

Tasting the hay
touching
the dirt
they came

Carla Victoria Lugo
Age 10, Grade: 4
Freemansburg Elementary
School
Bethlehem Area School
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Carla Victoria Lugo



PRESS PHOTO BY BUD COLE

Male "spring peeper" frog with its vocal sac filled with air sits camouflaged in a vernal pond.

Jeepers, creepers, it's 'spring peepers'

There are many signs and sounds that announce the natural awakening of the spring season. Clues articulating the sounds and signs drawing our attention to visions of regeneration are everywhere.

In some years, like this one however, Old Man Winter tries to stick around well past the official first day of spring.

There is one harbinger of spring that does not worry about cold weather hanging on or a late falling snow because this critter produces antifreeze that protects it from the cold. These internally-produced chemicals allow this little critter to rebound from a sudden spring dip in temperatures that fall below freezing.

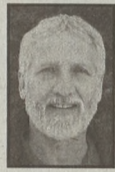
Perhaps you've heard what sounds like a chorus of crickets singing on spring afternoons and evenings. These songs, or should I say repeated notes, are sung by tiny elusive amphibians.

I've talked with individuals who thought they were hearing crickets, but these spring sounds are coming from small frogs that are so tiny and well camouflaged that they blend in with their habitat making them very difficult to find even when people search for them. It took me many years to finally snap a few photos of these sirens of spring. And with a swampy water background, the photos are often difficult to reproduce. In most cases they are known only by their sounds.

You might wonder what secretive musician

BUD'S VIEW

By Bud Cole



emits these melodious sounds. It is the "spring peeper" and its call is familiar to millions across the eastern and central United States.

The spring peeper is a small frog not much more than one-inch long, but it has a powerful call. Early in spring, these chorus frogs gather in large groups in or near vernal pools calling back and forth as the sun begins to set.

Vernal pools or ponds are temporary areas of water that usually form from snow melt and spring rains and dry up in summer or fall. With the dry weather so far this spring many of the vernal pools that I'm familiar with are already dry.

A frog produces its call by moving air across a series of vocal cords. First, it fills its lungs with air. Then it closes the opening to its mouth and nostrils and pushes the air forward, inflating a vocal sac, or pouch.

The vocal sac, a balloon-like structure, is located at the lower bottom of the mouth. The air is moved back and forth between the lungs and the pouch. As the frog moves the air continuously over the vocal cords, the distinctive call is produced. Frog species' sounds may vary from croaks and grunts to trills and whistles.

The male spring peepers' call is a series of

sharp, shrill bird-like peeps of a single clear note usually lasting about three seconds. This breeding call is repeated at intervals of about one second. Experts tend to agree that the calls are primarily used to attract females and that these breeding calls become infrequent to nonexistent after the spring reproduction season.

Specific calls are unique to members within the same frog species. This eliminates the possibility of females breeding with males from different species. The spring peepers continue to be active, but because of the silent period after mating it seems as if they have disappeared altogether.

Physical activity tapers off as fall temperatures begin to drop and the spring peepers' activity eventually slows to the point where it stops eating. Just before its heart and respiration functions drop to hibernation levels, the spring peeper digs down below the frost line to await warmer conditions. When conditions become favorable again in late winter and early spring, it returns to the surface.

The spring peeper and its cousins, the wood frog and the gray tree frog, leave their cozy hibernation areas months before other frog species. They have the unique ability to manufacture extra amounts of glycerol, a chemical that serves as natural antifreeze, thus preventing the frog's cells from freezing during very cold conditions. They sur-

vive subfreezing nights and extended cold periods that might occur after they emerge from hibernation.

The spring peepers, like all other amphibians, are cold-blooded, or ectothermic. Body temperature is derived from the temperature around them. Birds and mammals produce their own body heat and are not dependent upon external environmental temperatures.

The ectotherms regulate their body temperature by moving from place to place. When the area becomes too warm they move to a cooler spot. They move back and forth between shaded and sunny areas or into and out of water. This allows them to continually adjust their body temperature.

The spring peepers, like other tree frogs, have small toe pads that aid in movement for climbing and grasping. Tree frogs eat the same kinds of insects as do their terrestrial cousins. Frogs are carnivorous during their adult stage. Most species are stimulated to feed by the movement of their prey.

Be sure to listen for the spring peepers in your neck of the woods before they become silent for another year.

That's the way I see and hear it!

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Three little words that grate

We all know the power of three little words when those words are "I love you." As the songwriter wrote: "Love changes everything." Three little words can change lives.

Sometimes, though, three little words have a negative impact on me and, I believe, on the entire country.

Those three grating words are: Made in China. At first, I refused to buy anything that was labeled made in China. But so many times I'm not aware of it until it's too late.

A few months ago while I was shopping with a friend in a favorite clothing store, I wasn't going to buy anything for me. I have enough clothes.

But as I was walking by a clothing rack, one blouse seemed to have my name on it. I stopped in my tracks and fingered the soft gauze.

It was the only blouse like it and it was my size. It was also appealing because it had all my favorite colors in it.

"Buy it," urged my girlfriend. "It was made for you."

I agreed it would be perfect for dancing. But then I looked at the price tag and walked away. I would never pay \$60 for a blouse.

A few weeks later while I was in the same store, I saw the blouse was still there – and it was on sale for half price. Again, I walked away and forgot all about the blouse.

I'm a bargain shopper and always root through the clearance racks, looking for items marked 70 percent off.

I couldn't believe it when the coveted blouse was on that rack. With a coupon I had, in addition to the sales price, I got the blouse for under \$3.

Thrilled with my purchase, I brought it out to show my friends when they visited. It was only then that I read the inside tag: Made in China. I was no longer thrilled with my purchase.

When I was growing up, my Aunt Rose bought the dress factory where she worked. The owner was going under and couldn't keep it open anymore. When Rose told him she wanted to buy it, he did everything in his power to make it happen because he didn't want to see his workers unemployed.

I'll tell you this about my Aunt Rose and that dress factory – it wasn't your typical workplace. She would do anything for "her girls" and they felt the same way about her.

Many of the workers were single mothers. Others were the sole support of their family after a husband lost his job.

I know how important those paychecks were to the women and town. I know because my own mother worked there. As a divorced mother with two kids and absolutely no support, that factory was our lifeline.

One day when my Aunt Rose had a headache, a worker gave her two aspirin. Only, the white pills weren't aspirin. Unknown to anyone until it was too late, they were penicillin pills.

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik
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Rose was severely allergic to penicillin. Before the ambulance got there, she was dead.

It was a time of mourning for our family and for all her workers. There was even more mourning a little more than a year later when the factory again closed – this time for good.

One by one, dress factories all over Pennsylvania were closing. Manufacturers could buy their products cheaper overseas.

The result: Towns that once had several dress factories no longer had any.

"Made in America" became a harder label to find. According to recent research, more than 90 percent of clothes and shoes sold in America are made elsewhere.

Appliances, parts, tools, sports equipment, televisions, toys – the list of products no longer made in America is endless.

I'm sure most of you read the newspaper story that said even most American flags are not made in America.

I'm not the only one bothered by this and I'm not the only one willing to pay a little more for a product made in America.

According to a survey by the Consumer Reports National research Center, 78 percent of Americans would rather buy an American product. Sixty percent said they would be willing to pay more for it.

Often, we are not given a choice.

Here's a little fish tale that blew my mind.

A few weeks ago I went to Cedar Key, one of Florida's few remaining fishing towns. It's a delightful place because everywhere you look, there's water-and fishing boats.

So we couldn't wait to sample what was billed as authentic, freshly caught fish. The restaurant meals were fabulous. Crabs, oysters and grouper were all freshly caught, as advertised. But a local sea captain warned us the other fish was frozen and imported from China.

Now, that's bizarre. Why in the world would a fishing capital have to import fish? Everywhere I looked I saw fish jumping in the water.

According to the local fishermen, government regulations forced them to shut down, abandoning the only way they have of making a living.

"Now, our local restaurants have to import frozen fish from China while we can't earn a living," said one captain.

Fish from China? Here, in what we call the fishing capital of the world? That's the last straw.

One attorney told me I have a simplistic view of our trade regulations. He's right.

My view is simple. It's buy American, whenever you can.

10 tips for safe exercise program

Q. How important is exercise when you are a senior? Is it worth the risks of hurting yourself?

Scientific evidence shows that seniors should exercise, even though many older persons think it could harm them. Study after study demonstrates that seniors hurt their health a lot more by being sedentary.

If you're inactive, you deteriorate. Physical activity can help restore your capacity. Most older adults, regardless of age or condition, will benefit from increasing physical activity to a moderate level.

Warning: If you want to begin a new exercise program, you should consult your physician and request a list of exercises that are best for your age and physical condition.

Four types of exercise are important for your health. These are exercises for strength, balance, stretching and endurance.

Strength exercises build muscle and raise

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By Fred Cicetti
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your metabolism. Doing these exercises will help to keep your weight down.

Balance exercises help prevent falls and, therefore, will keep you from breaking yourself and losing your independence. Each year, United States hospitals have 300,000 admissions for broken hips, many of them are the result of falls.

Stretching exercises give you more freedom of movement. And endurance exercises raise your pulse and breathing.

Here are 10 tips to make any exercise program safe:

1. Don't hold your breath during strength exercises. This could affect your blood pressure.

2. When lifting weights, use smooth, steady movements. Breathe out as you lift or push a weight, and breathe in as you relax.

3. Avoid jerking or thrusting movements.

4. Avoid locking the joints of your arms and legs into a strained position.

5. Some soreness and slight fatigue are normal after muscle-building exercises. Exhaustion, sore joints, and painful muscle pulls are not normal.

6. Always warm up before stretching exercises.

7. Stretching should never cause pain, especially joint pain.

8. Never bounce into a stretch; make slow steady movements instead.

9. To prevent injuries, use safety equipment such as helmets for biking.

10. You should be able to talk during endurance exercises.

Measuring your progress can motivate you. Test yourself before starting to exercise to get a baseline score. Test and record your scores each month. The following are some tests you can use, if your doctor approves.

For endurance, see how

far you can walk in exactly six minutes.

For lower-body strength, time yourself as you walk up a flight of stairs as fast as you can safely.

For upper-body strength, record how much weight you lift and how many times you lift that weight.

For balance, time yourself as you stand on one foot, without support, for as long as possible. Have someone stand near you in case you lose your balance. Repeat the test while standing on the other foot.

Remember, above all, exercise should make you feel better.

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EMBASSY BANK Submit photos for 'Heroes'

Embassy Bank is inviting the submission of photographs of family members, neighbors and friends who have served or are serving in the armed forces for the third-annual Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28. "Our Hometown Heroes" display, SteelStacks, Bethlehem.

The Memorial Day Celebration presented by Embassy Bank includes three days of music, family activities and programming.

"The response to 'Our Hometown Heroes' has been amazing with more than 200 images submitted over the past two years," says Embassy Bank CEO, President and Chairman Dave Lobach Jr.

Photos should be high-resolution images in jpeg, tiff, bitmap or PDF file format. Submissions are being accepted through April 30 at: artsquest.org/memorialday.

Color and black and white photographs may be dropped off at Lehigh Valley Embassy Bank branches. Print photos may be picked up May 1-14, Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St., Bethlehem.

Student Poetry Project

HIGH SCHOOL

Old Men

That clockwise beast called the hour
Weighed heavy on the backs of the old men
Who went to cemeteries to visit their history in stone
And fought to hold onto fleeting recollections
Of dances in the Summer evening
Painting a house some 'eggshell' shade of white
A game of chess on a stone patio whose perimeter was a balustrade
in vibrant bloom
In time, on practiced schedules, they would leave
And come to learn that though the fire had died
There still existed warmth.

Dylan Berger
Age 17, Grade: 12
Saucon Valley High School
District: Saucon Valley School District

Waiting

As I settled in the grass
and watched the trees, the sky,
I noticed a calmness, with a soft breeze.
As if the world had just sat down
and taken a deep breath
to retreat from the rushing time.
Then suddenly, the branches I viewed
were not relaxing, but rustling,
and the clouds swirled about eagerly with passion.
The tranquil scene became restless before my eyes
without actually changing pace or tone,
and it brought me to realize a way of nature.
Our planet does not rest or calm,
and it never is truly unprepared,
but really, it is always waiting for what's yet to come.

Sam Morykan
Age 16, Grade 10
Saucon Valley High School

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Unaware

Does anyone ever wonder
why she never wears short sleeves
Does anyone wonder
why she never eats
She says it's too cold
It's been sunny all day
She says she isn't hungry
but her stomach is fading away
Her face is getting pale

It hurts when you touch her arm
She is always in the bathroom
She is always alarmed
She starts missing school
You have a bad thought in your head
Then you get a phone call
And you were right
She's dead

Did anyone notice
any one at all
That there were scars on her wrist
and she never ate at all

Hailey Omollo
Age 12, 7th Grade
Salisbury Middle School
Salisbury Township School District

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

My Dad

It was summer
in Puerto Rico
we would eat
ice cream
and ride
motorcycles
around
the park
In the yard
we had chickens
gallinas
and roosters
we told jokes
on the court
we played
basketball
And the best part
me and my dad
we went to the beach
la playa
to talk and
play games
he was so
funny
my Dad

By **Jahmael Sanchez**
Age 10, Grade 4
Freemansburg Elementary School
Bethlehem Area School District


Penelope Waits

when you were called
I knew you wouldn't come back
I wait for you

weave as I wait
will you ever come back
I miss you

crying and crying
I can't wait any longer
where are you

Kayla Jefferson
Age 9, Grade: 4
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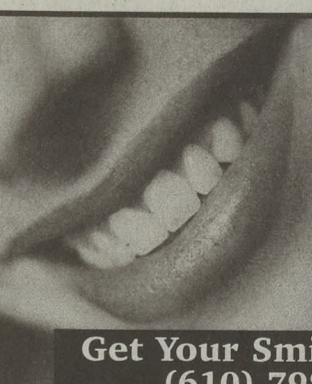
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'JP3D': New life in old dinos

Why would anyone want to see "Jurassic Park" in 3D when director Steven Spielberg's blockbuster 1993 movie has been available in multiple formats for two decades?

Two words: Steven Spielberg.

And you thought I was going to say: T-Rex.

Oh, T-Rex is big and frightening — especially in 3D.

However, T-Rex wouldn't exist in "Jurassic Park" if not for Spielberg, perhaps the United States' best contemporary director who can and does direct all genres (for contrast, see "Lincoln").

"Jurassic Park" is "Jaws" of the jungle.

With "Jurassic Park," Spielberg crafted one of the scariest creature-features ever.

With "Jurassic Park 3D," the creatures are bigger and scarier than ever.

The spine-tingling movie is based on the novel by Michael Crichton, who wrote the screenplay with David Koepp ("Mission: Impossible," 1996; "Spider-Man," 2002). Crichton died in 2008.

Crichton wrote a cautionary tale about man playing god and tampering with nature. With DNA cloning back in the news, including the possibility of creating living, breathing dinosaurs, Crichton's "Jurassic Park" is more relevant than ever.

The story takes place on a Caribbean island in a park where live dinosaurs have been recreated. During a preview to drum up investor interest, a power outage sets the creatures loose.

The panic is set in motion by a greedy park computer geek who wants to steal dinosaur embryos and sell them for his own gain. Visiting paleontologists, the park staff and two children are imperiled.

Sam Neill (Dr. Alan Grant) Jeff Goldblum (Dr. Ian Malcolm) and Laura Dern (Dr. Ellie Sattler) play a trio of scientists.

Director Richard Attenborough ("A Chorus Line," 1985; "Gandhi," 1982) is in full-elfin form as John Hammond, a kindly, but misguided idealist whose only previous experience operating a park that is a combination theme park and zoo was running a flea circus in England.

Wayne Knight plays the computer nerd, Dennis Nedry, whose avarice sabotages the park.

Samuel L. Jackson has a supporting role as Ray Arnold, a park technician.

The children, Tim and Lex, who are Hammond's grandchildren, are played by Joseph Mazzello and Ariana Richards.

"Jurassic Park" is a cin-

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



ematic time capsule. As with the symbolic mosquito in amber shown in the film, "JP" is a kind of fly in amber. When released, the film was cinematic state-of-the-art, receiving three Oscars: Sound effects editing, visual effects, sound.

The film was one of the first to use night-vision views on the big screen.

Moreover, it combined animatronic dinosaurs (for many of the closeups of, for example, velociraptors and T-Rex) with computer-generated imagery (CGI) of dinosaurs (for the majority of the distance shots of, for example, the trotting gallimimus dinosaurs).

Director George Lucas's Industrial Light and Magic (ILM) pushed the boundaries of CGI and ushered in the era of contemporary cinema. Unfortunately, many directors let CGI overwhelm and dominate their movies at the expense of story and plot.

"Jurassic Park" is a primer in action-adventure screenplay writing, with traditional set-up, tension, conflict, parallel action, motivation moving the story forward and with character development at every plot turn.

The movie is not above interjecting quips to break the tension. Goldblum has most of the wisecracks. When Hammond compares the Jurassic Park preview problems with those of the opening of Disneyland, Goldblum, as Dr. Malcolm, cracks, "If 'The Pirates of the Caribbean' breaks down, the pirates don't eat the tourists."

The 3D is not necessary for every scene in "JP." There's a Jabba the Hutt size pile of dinosaur you-know-what. "That was worth the price of admission," said Michael "Movie Maven" Gontkosky, who was with me at the film.

Goldblum, as Dr. Malcolm, also delivers some of the film's best-known dialogue that speaks to Crichton's, Spielberg's and the film's apparent core values and take on dinosaur (and animal and human) cloning: "Life will not be contained. Life finds a way." Kind of ambiguous, wouldn't you say?

And perhaps foreshadowing Universal Studios, which has two Orlando, Fla., theme parks, one of which, "Islands of Adventure," has a "Jurassic Park" ride, Attenborough, as Hammond, says, "Why didn't I build in Orlando?"

My quibble with "Jurassic Park 3D" is that many

of the scenes seem blurry.

Also, the movie screen aspect ratio seems to be off. The film, at least at the screening I attended, didn't seem to be in the horizontal or letterbox format, but rather was more square-ish. From a technical standpoint, the re-release of "Titanic 3D" is much more effective and impressive.

Nonetheless, get ready: "Jurassic Park 4" is in pre-production for a 2014 release date.

"Jurassic Park," MPAA Rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned). Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13 for intense science fiction terror; Genre: Adventure, Science Fiction; Run time: 2 hrs., 7 mins.; Distributed by Universal Pictures.

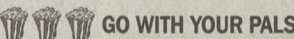
Credit Readers Anonymous: "Jurassic Park" was filmed on location in Hawaii, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica; Red Rock Canyon State Park, Mojave Desert, Griffith Park Observatory; and in several sound stages at Universal Studios and Warner Brothers Burbank Studios, Calif.

Box Office, April 12: The Jackie Robinson biopic, "42," hit it out of the park with the best first weekend gross of any baseball film ever, opening at No. 1, with \$27.2 million, keeping "Scary Movie 5," opening at No. 2, with only \$15.2 million.

3. "The Croods," \$13.2 million, \$126 million, four weeks; 4. "G.I. Joe: Retaliation," \$10.8 million, \$102 million, three weeks; 5. "Evil Dead," \$9.5 million, \$41.5 million, two weeks; 6. "Jurassic Park 3D," \$8.2 million, \$383 million, two weeks; 7. "Olympus Has Fallen," \$7.2 million, \$81.9 million, four weeks; 8. "Oz the Great and Powerful," \$4.9 million, \$219 million, six weeks; 9. "Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor," \$4.5 million, \$45.4 million, three weeks; 10. "The Place Beyond the Pines," \$4 million, \$5.4 million, three weeks

Unreel, April 19: "Oblivion," PG-13. Tom Cruise stars in the sci-fi thriller as a man on a mission concerning Earth's dwindling resources. Morgan Freeman and Olga Kurylenko also star. "The Lords of Salem," R: Rob Zombie is back to direct a horror film about a gift box that triggers flashbacks to the New England town's terrible past.

Read Paul Willistein's movie reviews at the Lehigh Valley Press web site, lehighvalleypress.com; the Times-News web site, tnonline.com; and hear them on "Lehigh Valley Art Salon," 6 - 6:30 p.m. Mondays, WDIY 88.1 FM, wdiy.org. Email Paul Willistein pwillistein@ttonline.com.



PSO favorite in all-Beethoven

Pianist Michael Gurt and the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra, under the direction of Music Director Allan Birney, perform an all-Beethoven concert, 7:30 p.m. April 20, First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Crest and Tilghman streets, Allentown.

As Lehigh Valley audiences have gotten to know Gurt during his long association with the Sinfonia, they have come to love not only his insightful playing and whirlwind encores, but also his larger-than-life personality, Louisiana accent and the time he takes to meet and chat with any listeners, especially students.

"Michael is a dream soloist for a conductor," said Birney. "He not only has a tremendous presence and command of the repertoire when he's in the spotlight, but he's also a wonderful chamber music player — perfect for collaborating seamlessly with our chamber orchestra."

Birney heard pianist Michael Gurt play in recital during a festival at Amherst College in Massachusetts a couple of decades ago. Birney invited Gurt to perform as soloist with the Sinfonia, and what developed is a relationship of mutual respect and genuine friendship among Gurt and the musicians.



Michael Gurt

The Piano Concerto No. 4 in G, Op. 58 on the program is probably the most unusual of Beethoven's five piano concertos, according to Birney, and is many people's favorite.

The piano begins alone, very delicate and exposed, high and seraphic, with Beethoven treating the piano like a violin. As the piece continues, the piano and orchestra play back and forth, almost as if in different realms, but gradually the piano overwhelms the orchestra and the two merge musically. The final Rondo is fast and furious, "in an elegant sort of way."

The concert opens with

a work for orchestra, Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 in B Flat, Op. 60, which was written at approximately the same time as the Piano Concerto No. 4 (1806). Both are middle-period works of the composer and reflect his position as a standard-bearer for Romanticism.

This piece is not played nearly as often as most of the nine symphonies. There are hummable tunes and numerous instances in which the various instruments take turns with solo passages.

Gurt is Paula Garvey Manship Distinguished Professor of Piano at Louisiana State University. In 1982, he won First Prize in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition. He has performed as soloist with major symphony orchestras across the United States and internationally, and has made solo appearances in Alice Tully Hall, New York City; Ambassador Auditorium, Los Angeles; and Capetown, South Africa, among others.

Gurt has recorded on the Naxos, Centaur and Redwood labels.

Tickets: PASinfonia.org, 610-434-7811, and at the door.

Earth Day at Fox Illick's Mill

The second annual "Lorax Earth Day" is 1 - 6 p.m. April 21, Fox Environmental Center at Illick's Mill, 100 Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem.

The indoor and outdoor family event is filled with games, music, films and food.

Events include: "Yertle the Turtle" animal displays, Faulkner Chevrolet Cadillac "Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?" visit from a Chevy Volt hybrid car; "Red

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"There's a Wocket in my Pocket" scavenger hunt; "Oh the Places You'll Go" Dr. Seuss Film Festival, "Green Eggs and Ham" Tastings, "I Wish That I had Duck Feet" water adventures, Weiss Market "Ten Apples on Top Healthy Kids Snack Attack, The Morning Call "I Can Read With my Eyes Shut" Seuss Local Celebrity Readathon, and Moravian

Book Shop "My Many Colored Days" Kids' Reading Store By the Creek.

An exhibition, "The Building Loved, The Building Lost," architectural studies in watercolor by Karen Garson Dyche, is on display at The Fox at the Mill Gallery and Event Center on the second floor.

Food will be available for purchase.

Ticket information: 610-419-0218

LVHM Book signing

A slideshow about and a signing of the book, "The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History," is 1 p.m. April 20, Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown.

The book's editors have published extensively in

the area of Civil War history.

Michael G. Kraus is Curator of Collections at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, Pittsburgh.

David M. Neville is publisher of Military Images magazine.

He and Kraus co-wrote the DVD documentary series, "Civil War Min-

utes."

Kenneth C. Turner is a writer and researcher for the Time-Life "Civil War" series.

The program is being held in conjunction with the museum's exhibit, "Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Greatness," continuing through summer.

Information: 610-435-1074

L. MACUNGIE Canal talk

Richard Pawling, in the character of Cappy Hummel, a canal boat captain, presents "Canawl-

ing on America's Canals," a history of the United States' canal system, 6:30 p.m. April 23, Lower Macungie Township Community Center, Lower Macungie Library, 3450 Brookside Road, Lower

Macungie Township.

The program is funded by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

To register: 610-966-6864

CIVIC THEATRE Tribeca Fest

Following up on a successful excursion to the Philadelphia International Film Festival in October

2012, Civic Theatre of Allentown is host for a one-day excursion April 21 to the 21st Annual Tribeca International Film Festival, New York City.

At the festival, participants will see two highly-anticipated releases, "Whitewash," starting Thomas Hayden Church, and "Hide Your Smiling Faces."

"Everyone is invited

to join us on this trip," said Michael Traupman, Managing Director of Civic Theatre of Allentown.

The cost of the excursion includes transportation to Tribeca venues in New York City and tickets to the two films.

Ticket information: civictheatre.com, 610-432-8943.

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Touchstone Theatre's "Ulysses Dreams," continuing noon, 4 p.m. April 20, 21, Bethlehem Greenway Amphitheater, includes, left to right, Susan Chase, Felix Mayes, Kathryn Krull, Gary Warren, Emma Chong, Kayla Prestel and Jack Armstrong.

THEATER REVIEW

Touchstone's 'Ulysses Dreams' realized

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
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Vouchsafe it to say that nothing like Touchstone Theatre's "Ulysses Dreams" was going on when the outdoor theater work was being presented for only its fourth performance April 14 at the Bethlehem Greenway Amphitheater — no, not in any park, in any city, anywhere in the United States, or in any nation in the whole wide world.

"Ulysses Dreams," subtitled "an exploration of origin and destiny," will be presented again, noon, 4 p.m. April 20, 21 at the amphitheater. The impressionistic work is created by Jp Jordan, Touchstone artistic director; Christopher Shorr, Moravian College Theatre Company artistic director; Bill George, Touchstone co-founder; Augustine Ripa, Lehigh University professor of theater; and the Touchstone Ensemble.

The premiere is the inaugural theater piece for the Bethlehem Greenway Amphitheater. The outdoor area is utilized particularly well. How perfect that the amphitheater is more or less on the doorstep of Touchstone, staging work for 30-plus years.

In poetic words narrated by Bill George, as Old Ulysses, the story unfolds — literally with yards of blue and aqua material undulating like waves in the hands of nine cast members (augmented by a breezy afternoon) — through seven vignettes, underscored by a six-piece, amplified ensemble of cymbal, bells, glockenspiel, toy piano, electric guitar and bass, trumpet and French horn, drum set and tympani, as the audience hears of Ulysses' travels, travails and resignation.

"Ulysses Dreams" is aptly named. Ulysses is a self-professed "teller of tales, dreamer of dreams." The lilt and cadence of the

words is meditative. "Trust the water. Trust the wind." The effect is mesmerizing.

Off your mind sails on uncharted seas to shores unknown. "Oh, you Spartan fools, what havoc have you wrought?" At times, the words can be uncannily accurate. "There's a hint of shiver in the air."

How appropriate that "Ulysses Dreams" is being presented during National Poetry Month. The narration is Shakespearean. "A cunning man cannot refuse a challenge. Such is the curse of waxen wings." Neither can a cunning theater like Touchstone resist challenging work.

The story is a kind of "Our Town" of Greek mythology. With "Ulysses Dreams," the narrator is all-important and with Bill George, the work is well-served by his noble bearing, emphatic yet sensitive voice and command of the outdoor space. He has been a central character in most of Touchstone's greatest hits ("Steelbound," which pioneered what would become the SteelStacks project). The rhythms and resonance of his words echo off the walls of buildings along Mechanic Street, between Third and Fourth streets on Bethlehem's south side.

As the piece unfolds, sounds of a city hang in the air: chirping birds, bicycles whizzing by, commercial airliners vectoring toward Lehigh Valley International Airport, a police siren and the train horn of a Norfolk Southern freight.

"Ulysses Dreams" is at once movement-based, ceremonial, processional, ritualistic, presentational, highly-symbolic and mysterious. It is not necessary to completely understand it. Perhaps it is unknowable. There aren't a lot of laughs. This is, after all, Greek tragedy. Let the experience flow over you.

The actors echo the spoken words, as if a Greek

chorus of movement, fully utilizing the three-tiered concrete space, with seven curved bases, cascading staircase and two street lamps, from which fisherman's netting is draped. Six stations are set up, like totems, arrayed along a concrete balustrade, each representing props (Ulysses' ship in miniature, nautical ropes, masks), or draped with cloth of gold.

The ensemble includes Jack Armstrong, Susan Chase, Emma Chong, Teague Fernandez, Kathryn Krull, Felix Mayes, Kayla Prestel and Gary Warren.

In Mary Wright's costume design, the actors, including Bill George, are attired in nearly identical cream tunics (festooned with sparkles on the females) butterscotch-colored pants, with sashes and scarves of crimson. The actors, especially Kyle Lewis as Young Ulysses, bring life to Ulysses' words, amplifying, exploring and revealing.

The band includes Kevin O'Boyle, music director, and Erick Black, Jason Hedington, Dan Leather-sich, Chris O'Donnell and Daniel Sottile.

"Ulysses Dreams" is the kind of piece you'd see performed in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. It takes theater back to its Greek roots, outdoors, as it should be. "Ulysses Dreams" is not only a tour de force; it is a force of nature.

Let's hope, as with Touchstone's "A Resting Place," which premiered in mid-April last year, an outdoor performance piece will become an annual Bethlehem event. Looking head, Touchstone's "Journey from the East" is in the works for April 2014.

Meanwhile, there's "Ulysses Dreams." Don't miss it. Invest in a ticket and relax on a chair, up close and personal, for a fully immersive theater experience.

Bach Choir commissions student poems for new CD
Hazelton, VanDoren to lead workshops

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
Focus Editor

With each year of the Student Poetry Project, there are surprises.

Poetry is like that. And so is April, National Poetry Month. Can you say serendipity?

For the 8th annual Student Poetry Project, one poem in particular has quite a pedigree.

"Puerto Rico's Christmas in Bethlehem" by Carla Victoria Lugo was chosen by The Bach Choir of Bethlehem as one of four poems requested from 4th grade students at Freemansburg Elementary School to be featured on The Choir's new CD, "A Child's Christmas in Bethlehem," planned for recording in June. Jenny Gilrain is the Freemansburg 4th grade teacher.

This year, poems for the 8th annual Student Poetry Project, in addition to being published in the April 17 and 18 Focus section in the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspaper print editions, will for the first time be online on the Focus pages at the Press web site: lehighvalleypress.com.

Another surprise is that the Student Poetry Project again won a statewide journalism contest award.

The Student Poetry Project adjudication committee, chaired by George VanDoren, of the Penn State Lehigh Valley Writing Project and a Moravian College adjunct pro-

fessor, met April 3 at the WDIY Lehigh Valley Community Public Radio Station to select poems to be published.

The three students whose poems are on the front page of the April 17 ad 18 features section have been invited to read their poems, 6 - 6:30 p.m. April 29, "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon," WDIY, 88.1 FM, wdiy.org.

Hosts for the WDIY show include VanDoren; Marilyn Hazelton, The Swain School Poet-In-Residence, and a Student Poetry Project adjudicator; and Paul Willistein, Lehigh Valley Press Focus Editor and a Student Poetry Project adjudicator.

This year's Student Poetry Project adjudicators included: Ann E. Michael, DeSales University Writing Coordinator whose book of poems, "Water-Rites," was published last year; Bonnie Bleiler, teacher; Stacey Siran-Alexander, WDIY Youth Media Program; Shirley Daluisio, retired Bethlehem Area School District English teacher; Hazelton, VanDoren and Willistein.

Several of the Student Poetry Project adjudication committee members are offering poetry workshops.

Hazelton offers the fifth and final, "Sustaining The Soul Through Creative Discovery: A Workshop Series of Words & Photographs," 9 a.m. - noon April 20, Floreant Projects Gallery-Studio, 215

Main St., Emmaus. Information: floreantprojects.com

VanDoren teaches in the Penn State Lehigh Valley Writing Project two-week summer writing camp, July 8 - 19, taught by National Writing Project Fellows at Penn State Lehigh Valley, Center Valley.

Offerings include Literacy Lab (Grade 1), Drama Dabblers and Camping Trip Chronicles (Grades 2, 3), Kidventions and Detective Diaries (Grades 4 - 6), Tales of Treasure Hunting (Grades 7 - 9) and High School Writers Workshop (Grades 9 - 12). Information: sycoar.org

The 7th annual Student Poetry Project received an Honorable Mention in the Keystone Press Awards of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association. The award is to be presented at the 2013 Pennsylvania Press Conference, May 18, Harrisburg.

Previously, the Student Poetry Project received Third Place in the 2010 Reader Initiative Award of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association Foundation.

This year, the publication date for the 2013 Student Poetry Project is one week earlier than the previously announced April 24 and 25 Focus section dates. The Student Poetry Project usually is published on the last Wednesday and Thursday in April.



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

The 2013 Student Poetry Project adjudication committee in the studios of WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Public Radio, 88.1, wdiy.org: left to right, seated, Marilyn Hazelton, Ann E. Michaels, Bonnie Bleiler and, standing, George VanDoren and Shirley Daluisio. Not in the photo: Stacey Siran-Alexander and Paul Willistein.

LEHIGH VALLEY STAGE

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," 10 a.m. April 18, 25; 12:30 p.m. April 18, May 2; Act 3 Children's Theatre Company of DeSales University, Schubert Theatre, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley. desales.edu/act1, 610-282-3192

"Chicago," 8 p.m. April 24, 25, 26, 27; 30, May 1, 2, 3, 4; 2 p.m. April 28, May 4, 5; 9:45 a.m. April 29; talk back with director, cast follows 2 p.m. April 28 performance, Act 1, DeSales University Performing and Fine Arts, Main Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, Cen-

ter Valley. desales.edu, 610-282-3192
"Company," 8 p.m. April 19, 20, 26, 27, 28; 3 p.m. 21, 25, Pennsylvania Playhouse, Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem. paplayhouse.org, 610-865-6665
"I Love A Piano," through June 2, 12:30 p.m., dinner; 2 p.m., show Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays; 6:30 p.m., dinner; 8 p.m. show, Fridays, Saturdays, The Pines Dinner Theatre, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown. pinesdinnertheatre.com, 610-433-2333
"Jay Pharaoh," 8 p.m., April 19, Johnston Hall, Moravian College, moravian.music-today.com, 610 625-7051
"Late Night Standup Showcase: Coleman Green, 11:15 p.m. April 19, Blue Cinema, Frank Banko Alehouse Cinema, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. artsquest.org, 610-332-3378
"Marc Maron," 8 p.m. April 19, Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. artsquest.org, 610-332-3378
"The Associated Mess Improv Comedy Troupe," 8 p.m. April 18, Blue Cinema, Frank Banko Alehouse Cinema, ArtsQuest Center, Steel-

Stacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. artsquest.org, 610-332-3378

"The Marriage of Figaro," 8 p.m. April 25, 26, 27; 2 p.m. April 28, Department of Theatre & Dance, Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance, Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. Box Office, noon - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday; muhlenberg.edu/tickets, 484-664-3333

"Nobodies of Comedy": Pete Lee, Ross Bennett, Tony Deyo, Gina Brillon, Mark Normand, 8 p.m. April 27, State Theatre for the Arts, 453 Northampton St., Easton. statetheatre.org, 610-252-3132
"Ulysses Dreams: an exploration of origin and destiny," noon, 4 p.m. April 20, 21, world premiere, South Bethlehem Greenway, Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. touchstone.org, 484-767-2456

Submission deadline for Lehigh Valley Stage is noon Monday, 10 days prior to the Wednesday-Thursday Focus section publication date. Email: Paul Willistein, pwillistein@tnonline.com

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Tanya Tucker, 8 p.m. May 4
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Eddie Money, 8 p.m. May 10
King Henry and the Showmen, 1 p.m. May 14, 15, 16, Oct. 15, 16, 17
Dark Star Orchestra, 8 p.m. May 17
Lee Brice, 8 p.m. May 30
Skid Row, 8 p.m. May 31
Rockapella, 8 p.m. June 7
Everclear, Live, Filter, Sponge, 8 p.m. June 16
The Zombies, 8 p.m. June 20
The Fab Four, 8 p.m. June 14
Happy Together Tour, 8 p.m. June 27: The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron of Three Dog Night, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap
Doobie Brothers, 8 p.m. July 7
7 Bridges: Eagles tribute, 8 p.m. July 12
Raymond the Amish Comic, 8 p.m. July 13
Arrival: ABBA tribute, 8 p.m. July 14:
George Jones, 8 p.m. Aug. 22
The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, 1 p.m. Sept. 17, 18, 19
Josh Turner, 8 p.m. Sept. 26
The Swing Dolls: Andrews Sisters and the McGuire Sisters tribute, 1 p.m. Oct. 1, 2, 3
King Henry and the Showmen, 1 p.m. Oct. 15, 16, 17, 22
Real Diamond: Neil Diamond tribute, 1 p.m. Oct. 24
Gordon Lightfoot, 8 p.m. Oct. 26
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Musikfest Cafe, ArtsQuest Center, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.
Preservation Hall Jazz Band, 6 p.m. May 9
The Girls: A Tribute to Mom: Sarah Ayers, Bev Conklin, Lori Donovan, 7 p.m. May 12
The Fabulous Thunderbirds, 8 p.m. May 17
Chick Corea, 6 p.m. May 22
The Music of Grover Washington Jr., 8:30 p.m. May 24: Music Director Jason Miles
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Wayne Newton, 8 p.m. April 20
Goo Goo Dolls, 8 p.m. April 21
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Doo Wop Extravaganza, 7 p.m. May 4
Alice In Chains, 7 p.m. May 7
Boz Scaggs, 8 p.m. May 10
Chris Tucker, 8 p.m. May 11
Brian Regan, 7 p.m. May 12
Sara Evans, 8 p.m. May 16
Paul Anka, 8 p.m. May 18
Motley Crue, 8 p.m. May 20, 21
Chicago, 8 p.m. May 22
Korn, 8 p.m. May 23
Buckcherry, 8 p.m. May 29
Weird Al Yankovic, 8 p.m. June 4
Billy Idol, 7 p.m. June 9
"Rock Of Ages," 7 p.m. June 10
Willie Nelson, 8 p.m. June 16
America, 7 p.m. June 29
Michael McDonald, 8 p.m. July 7
Los Lobos, 7 p.m. July 10
Tony Bennett, 8 p.m. July 26
Sarah Brightman, 8 p.m. Sept. 22. Rescheduled from Feb. 13
SELLERSVILLE THEATRE 1894
24 W. Temple Avenue, Sellersville. 215-257-5808
Jonathan Edwards, John Flynn, 8 p.m. April 19
Kenny Vance and The Planotones, 7:30 p.m. April 21
Junior Brown, 8 p.m. April 24
Hotel California: The Eagles tribute, 8 p.m. April 25
Desert Rose Band, 8 p.m. April 26
Roy Clark, 3, 7 p.m. April 28
Steep Canyon Rangers, 8 p.m. May 2. Rescheduled from Oct. 18
David Knopfer, 8 p.m. May 3
The Smithereens, 6, 9 p.m. May 4
STATE THEATRE FOR THE ARTS
453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-252-3132
Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, 8 p.m. April 17
Lucie Arnaz: "Latin Roots," 8 p.m. April 20
Nobodies of Comedy, 8 p.m. April 27
Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, 7 p.m. April 28. Rescheduled from Nov. 3
Dana Carvey, 8 p.m. May 2
Under the Streetlamp, 8 p.m. May 4
The Amazing Kreskin, 8 p.m. June 28
Dave Koz, 7:30 p.m. July 13
Jack Hanna Into The Wild, 2 p.m. Oct. 6
The Broadway Tenors, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11
50s Dance Party, 8 p.m. Oct. 26: A tribute to Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper, Richie Valens
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
37 S. Fifth St., Allentown. 610-435-1641
David Gross, Mark Suter, Erik Meyer, George Bayley, Michael Baal, organists, 12:10 p.m. April 23, 30
"Simple Gifts," 4 p.m. April 28
Aaron Copeland's "Four Motets," 4 p.m. May 5

DANCE

- ANTONIO SALEMME FOUNDATION
Empire Ballroom, 542 Hamilton St., Allentown 610-433-4150
Lehigh Valley Tango Society, 7 - 10 p.m. Wednesdays: "Tango Practicas"
CEDAR CREST COLLEGE
Samuels Theatre, Tompkins College Center, Allentown. 610-606-4608
"Spring Dances," 8 p.m. April 18, 19, 20. Cedar Crest College Performing Arts. Artistic direction: Cedar Crest College Associate Professor of Dance Robin Gerchman; Faculty choreographers Pattie Bostick-Winn, Margo Clifford Ging, Nicole Hockenberry; Student choreographers Marlana Hurd, Natalie Shute

- FEARLESS FIRE COMPANY
Starlight Ballroom, 1221 S. Front St., Allentown. Allentown Area Swing Dance Society, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays: Beginner and Advanced lessons; 7 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Main lesson; 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Open dancing
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ALLENTOWN
702 N. 22nd St., Allentown. 610-435-3571
Israeli Dancing, 7:30 p.m. Mondays: Beginners; 8:30 p.m. Mondays: Experienced dancers
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE Studio Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. 484-664-3333
"Dance Emerge," 8 p.m. April 18, 19; 2, 8 p.m. April 20; 8 p.m. April 21: Muhlenberg Theatre & Dance Department; Jeffrey Peterson, Teresa VanDenend Sorge, co-artistic directors; 14 choreographers; 60 dancers;
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
424 Center St., Bethlehem. 610-923-0997
Folk Dance, 6 p.m. Sundays

EVENTS

- AMERICA ON WHEELS MUSEUM
5 N. Front St., Allentown. 610-432-4200
5th Birthday Community Celebration, April 20
Annual Bulldog Beauty Contest, noon April 21
Pet Blessing, 2 p.m. April 21
Dog and Owner Look-A-Like Contest, 2:10 p.m. April 21
"Safety Square: A Major Force in Safety Education," noon - 4 p.m. April 28
MUSEUM OF INDIAN CULTURE
2825 Fish Hatchery Road, Allentown. 610-797-2121
Native American Heritage Day, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. May 18. Pre-registration required
MUSSELMAN ARTS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
601 W. Hamilton St., Allentown.
Hand Drumming: Lunchtime Stress Relief, noon - 1 p.m. Mondays

LITERARY EVENTS

- ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
1210 Hamilton St., Allentown. 610-820-2400
Poetry-Open Mic Night, 7 - 8:30 p.m. April 24
Film Series, 2 p.m. April 27
Lap-sit Storytime, 10 a.m. Thursdays: Up to 2-year-olds
Time for Twos, 6 p.m. Wednesdays; 10:15 a.m. Fridays: 2-year-olds
Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays: 2 p.m. Thursdays: 3- to 5-year-olds
ARTSQEST CENTER, STEELSTACKS
101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. 484-707-3282
Writers' Salon, 7 p.m. Second, Fourth Tuesday. Free
BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
11 W. Church St., Bethlehem. 610-867-3761
Homework Help, Reading Practice, 4 - 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday
EMMAUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
11 E. Main St., Emmaus. 610-965-9284
Stars and Rainbows Storytime, 10:30 a.m.: Ages 3, 4
Suns Storytime, 10:30 a.m.: 2-year-olds
LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
1633 Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700
Current Events Discussion Group, 2 p.m. Thursdays
LUTHER CREST
800 Hausman Road, South Whitehall Township. 610-398-8011
Shared Wisdom Discussion Group, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays
LOWER MACUNGIE LIBRARY
3450 Brookside Road, Macungie. 610-966-6864
Baby Lapsit, 9:30 a.m. Friday
Ones Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Friday
2s Storytime, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Thursday
3s Storytime, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Wednesday
4s Storytime, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Tuesday
Mango Language Kick-off, 1 - 3 p.m. March 15
MORAVIAN BOOK SHOP
428 Main St., Bethlehem. 610-866-5481
Mystery Book Discussion Group, 10 a.m. April 19: "Bent Road" by Lori Roy; host Mary Pat Beebe
D. Marietta Williams, "Andrew's Gift and the Untold Miracles in Bethlehem," 1 - 3 p.m. April 21: Local-Author Sundays
Kid's Story Time and Cookie Club, 10:30 a.m. April 24
Clarity, Wisdom, Harmony - Simple and Concise Tools for Living with Cheyenne Mease, 6 - 8 p.m. April 25
NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Lipkin Theatre, Kopecek Hall, Green Pond Road, Bethlehem
Story Fusion Festival, through April 21
PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY
4422 Walbert Avenue, Allentown. 610-398-1361
Family Storytimes, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, through April 26. Registration required
Preschool Storytimes, 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, through April 26. Registration required
Drop-In Storytimes, 10:30 a.m. Fridays, through April 26
Time for Baby Storytimes, 10:30 a.m. May 8, 15. Registration required
Sing, Sign, and Play Class, 11 a.m. May 11. Ages 6 months to 3 years. Registration required
Picnic at Parkland, 11:30 a.m. May 22. Registration required
PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY
Room 135, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. 610-285-5000
Tom Repasch, 11 a.m. May 3: "Experiences of a Reluctant Diplomat." Senior Adults Gaining Enrichment series
David Logenbach, 11 a.m. June 7: "D-Day the 69th Anniversary of the Crusade in Europe." Senior Adults Gaining Enrichment series
ZOELLNER ART CENTER
420 E Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-2787
Garrison Keillor, 7:30 p.m. May 19
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Burkett resigns from WLVT, takes post at Charlotte PBS

WLVT-PBS39 has announced that Amy Burkett, Executive Vice President and Television Station Manager, has been named the General Manager of the Charlotte, N.C. PBS station WTVI. Burkett will also be the Director of Digital Media Studies at Central Piedmont Community College, which holds the station's license. Burkett joined PBS39 in 1999 to create and host its weekly news magazine show, "Tempo." During her tenure, Burkett and her team received four national public television awards, eight Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Awards, 28 regional Emmy nominations, six Emmys, and one regional Edward R. Murrow Award. "I'm so honored for this opportunity to lead Charlotte PBS, but it isn't easy to leave the incredible people of eastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey," said Burkett. "I have so enjoyed working with everyone here for more than 14 years. I'm grateful to viewers and donors who invit-

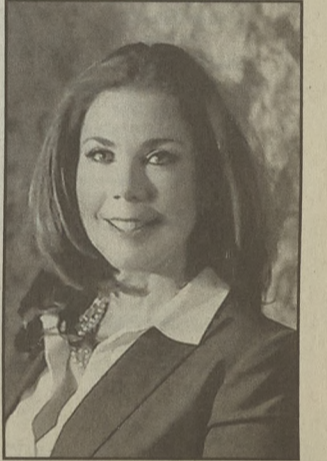
ed me into their living rooms, and I will truly miss hearing from them. The business community here, as everyone knows, is stellar and I've loved having the chance to work with so many incredible people. A little piece of my heart will stay here in Pennsylvania." "Amy is truly the consummate professional and will be an incredible asset to the Charlotte community, just as she has been here in the Lehigh Valley," said Tim Fallon, PBS39 CEO. "We couldn't be happier, or more proud of her, and wish her continued success as she takes the reins as GM at WTVI." "I applaud Amy for her steadfast commitment to excellence," said Jamie Musselman, PBS39 Board Chair. "Her dedication to the station and to the community is greatly appreciated." Prior to being named PBS39's Executive Vice President in 2013 and Television Station Manager in 2011, Burkett was named Senior Vice President of Production in

2003 and Vice President of Production in 2002. Burkett spent nine years in commercial television working at CBS and NBC affiliates in Ohio and North Carolina. She came to Pennsylvania in 1995 to work at Medstar Television, a national syndicator of medical news. She and her husband have lived in the Lehigh Valley for the last 18 years and have a 12-year-old son. Burkett works with youth at her church and volunteers for non-profit organizations in the community. From 2009 - '11, Burkett was President of the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the organization that produces the regional Emmy Awards which represents more than 600 television professionals across four states. She is a national trustee of the organization. Burkett received a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

NAI Summit names vice president

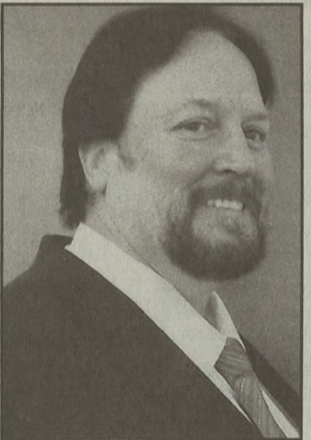
NAI Summit has named Shannon Coltrane Nicoletti as Associate Vice President. She has seven years of commercial real estate experience as a marketing and leasing representative for one of the nation's largest Real Estate Investment Trusts, Liberty Property Trust, at its Greensboro, N.C.,

and Bethlehem offices. Before joining NAI Summit, she worked for several large pharmaceutical companies including Schering-Plough (Merck), Covidien and Mylan. She is a nationally-certified fitness instructor and enjoys teaching group fitness classes and spending time with her family.



Shannon Coltrane Nicoletti

Project manager for PPL project



Tom Lewis

Burns & McDonnell has hired Tom Lewis of Allentown as Project Manager, working out of its Allentown and Dunmore, Lackawanna County, offices. Burns & McDonnell is providing program management services for the PPL Electric Utilities' portion of the Susquehanna-Roseland Transmission Project, an electric infrastructure improvements project.

Lewis' duties as Project Manager of Overhead Transmission Construction include contributing to manage day-to-day functions on the project, managing contract compliance and budget and assisting with permitting, procurement and community relations efforts. Lewis, originally from Indianapolis, Ind., is a combat veteran and father of seven.

NCC Student exhibit
The Northampton Community College annual fine art students exhibit is April 25 - May 7 in the gallery, Communications Hall, Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. An artists' reception is 3:30 - 5 p.m. April 25. Information: 610-861-5300.

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Before heading out to the car, Amber, Donald and AJ (on lap) Taylor, along with mom Lorna Talbot, show off the tons of toys they purchased at the indoor yard sale at St. Johns U.C.C.

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Friday, April 19: Dilled baked fish, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, multigrain bread, banana.

Monday, April 22: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, April 23: Breaded chicken breast, roasted potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, apple sauce.

Wednesday, April 24: Veal parmesan with tomato sauce, rotini with sauce, zucchini, wheat bread, diced pears.

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Thursday, April 18: New England clam chowder, sausage sandwich in sauce with green peppers and onions, macaroni salad, fresh seedless grapes.

Friday, April 19: Chicken rice soup, baked meatloaf with gravy, scalloped potatoes, red beets, wheat bread with margarine, chocolate pudding.

Monday, April 22: Minestrone soup, roast beef with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, mixed vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, fresh melon.

Tuesday, April 23: Oven fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, chopped broccoli, wheat bread with margarine, birthday cake, vanilla ice cream.

Wednesday, April 24: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, fame roasted corn, wheat bread with margarine, lemon meringue pie.

Thursday, April 25: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, romaine salad with ranch dressing, wheat bread with margarine, chilled apricots.

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

Grid with numbers 1-9 for the previous puzzle's answer.

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Conceptis Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

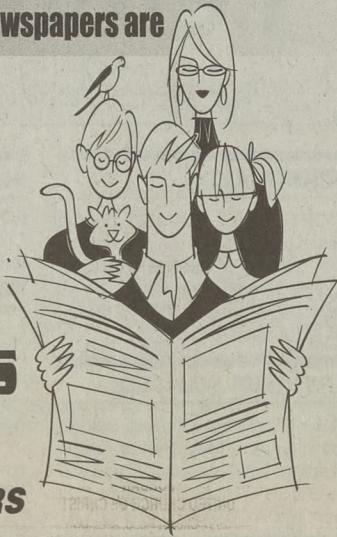
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See cryptogram answer on page B10

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals U

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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

FISHY FOLKS

ACROSS

- 1 Tanning lotion bottle abbr.
4 Herringlike fish
8 More savory
15 1998 Apple debut
19 Confucian "way"
20 Undiluted
21 Qualified to join a payroll
22 One-billionth: Prefix
23 "Oklahoma!" lyricist
26 1982 Disney film
27 Ranch in the film "Giant"
28 Pear variety
29 Of a certain earth science
31 "Pretty in Pink" star
36 Silly
37 "Wait just —"
38 Thumbs-downs
40 Don's code of silence
41 Push-button bankers
44 19th-century chief justice
49 Snaky fish
50 Just so
52 Above, poetically
53 Cigar residue
54 From Jan. 1 until now
55 LAX landing
56 Explorer for whom a Colorado peak is named
61 "... — a pudgy tat!"
62 Fall back
64 Irish coin
65 Really longs
68 "Three Sisters" sister
69 Member of 'N Sync
74 Hearty hot dog topping
75 Hymns, e.g.
76 Appliance plug-in
77 Terrier type, informally
79 Hi- (some stereos)
80 Classical guitarist and lutenist
84 B&B, e.g.
85 Move quickly
86 104, to Ovid
87 "— hoo!"
88 Cro- man
90 Unit for whom a
91 1980-81 secretary of state
96 Setting of the Taj Mahal
97 Miata and Millenias
99 Ireland, to its natives
100 Bus, get-togethers
102 In combat
103 "Tootsie" director
110 Item-trading place
114 Dip — in (try tentatively)
115 Vital artery
116 "What — God wrought!"
117 "More Than Human" sci-fi novelist
122 In a tie
123 Ill-fated ship

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers indicating starting points for clues.

- 124 Philosopher David or newsman Brit
125 Stockholm loc.
126 Dried up
127 Doorways
128 "Stupid — stupid does"
129 Walk- (tiny roles)

DOWN

- 1 Charge at
2 Old Toyota coupe
3 — point (center)
4 Hoses down
5 "How's that?"
6 Coffee bean variety
7 Evil one
8 "90210" network
9 With 93-Down, put on a clothesline
10 Imminent alumni: Abbr.
11 Bit of body art, briefly
12 "— your pardon"
13 Wiesel with a Nobel
14 Western city on I-80
15 Perform plainsong
16 She sang "A Tree in the Meadow"
17 Divinely chosen
18 Hide
24 "Finally!"
25 Chinese soup additive

- 30 Tart fruit
32 Views anew
33 Wilson of Heart
34 Hack (off)
35 Nov. follower
39 Military hats
40 —Kosh B'Gosh
41 1980s video game systems
42 Bullfighter
43 Press secretary under Bush and Reagan
45 Costello of comedy
46 Gibson of film
47 Jorge's gold
48 Suffix for an enzyme
51 Northeast toll road convenience
54 Luxury craft
57 "The Fresh Prince of — -Air"
58 "I — hand"
59 Brit's bar
60 Gershwin or Glass
61 Washington port city
63 Actress Everhart
66 Novelist Glyn
67 "Raw" color
70 Contact lens brand
71 Dictator Lon —
72 Dernier —
73 NNW's opposite

- 78 Revived
80 Singer Croce
81 Sch. in Manhattan
82 Red Sox, on scoreboards
83 Seoul soldier
85 Sweltering weather spell
86 IRA choices
89 Fake fireplace item
90 Huge hits
91 Aural pair
92 "— for Noose"
93 See 9-Down
94 Rx order
95 Moving force
98 "Frasier" role
101 Mean stares
104 Drug cops
105 Summer, to Michel
106 Dinosaur sidekick in Nintendo games
107 "You — Beautiful"
108 Home of baseball's Indians, informally
109 Welles' "Citizen" and others
111 URL start
112 Toledo locale
113 Korda of tennis
118 Grain staple
119 Cell material
120 "Black gold"
121 Hollywood's Thurman

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See crossword answer on page B12

