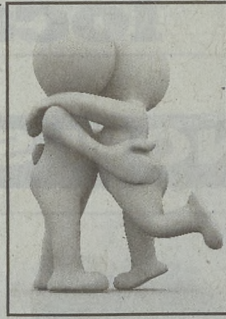




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District energy plan stalls

Board requests more bids on cost-saving system

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In spite of apparent enthusiasm by the school board for an energy-saving plan being proposed by Bethlehem Area School District's retained engineer, Arif Fazil of D'Huy Engineering Inc., the plan got sidelined when school board member Judith Dexter urged the board to send the project out for bid. She said she considered it a conflict of interest to have BASD's engineer make the only proposal on the project.

Board member Aurea Ortiz supported Dexter's objections.

It seemed for a few weeks that D'Huy Engineering's proposal had an inside track, as it was supported by Director of Facilities and Operations Scott T. Gilliland and by School Board President Loretta Leeson.

At the Feb. 1 meeting of the Facilities Committee, the plan was taken off the school board's agenda for the upcoming regular meeting and the board directed Gilliland to seek two other proposals with which to compare the contract submitted by Fazil on behalf of D'Huy. Gilliland had offered comparisons of D'Huy's plan with results of other agen-

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PRESS PHOTO BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Josh Schlier and Ryan Derea, both of Bethlehem, see the snow as a good opportunity to make extra money shoveling sidewalks like this one on Main Street.

Lehigh University sophomore Katherine Pierce, a member of the university's cross country and track team, decided to take a run across the Fahy Bridge. Pierce hails from Alfred, Maine, and seems right at home in the snow and cold windy weather, although she commented that for each two steps forward it seemed she was taking one step backward.



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SNOW SHOW

Even though Bethlehem was spared the brunt of the storm that hit the East Coast Friday and Saturday, there was still plenty of snow to be shoveled.



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ANTHONY

Sitting on a wooden gate in Bethlehem, this crow examines his snow-covered foot with disdain as if to wonder where to pick up a pair of boots. More snow photos on page A2.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Council, district question city plans

"I believe if the plans are outside the scope of the TIF there is a requirement that we sit down and revise the plan."

LORETTA LEESON
BASD BOARD
PRESIDENT

By CAROL SMITH
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The legitimacy of development plans for Bethlehem's Tax Increment Financing District (the former BethWorks) raises questions in the minds of county council and school district officials.

Solicitors for Northampton County Council and the Bethlehem Area School District will review the TIF agreement to determine if the City of Bethlehem's plans for a parking deck, visitor's center and SteelStacks' performance plazas are fundable under

the 2000 TIF agreement. For the moment, neither county council nor the school board wish to pursue litigation.

Bethlehem Area School Board President Loretta Leeson told county council at its Feb. 4 meeting that the school board was interested in exploring the original tax agreement and hoped to work with county council members to determine if the development plans for the former Bethlehem Steel site had changed substantially.

"I believe if the plans are outside

the scope of the TIF there is a requirement that we sit down and revise the plan. I don't think we need to go to litigation. It's not all or nothing," said Leeson. The district's current solicitor has a conflict of interest so the district is in the process of hiring a special counsel to review the tax agreement.

Council President Ron Angle, who advised Leeson to have the school district hire its own solicitor to protect the district's interests rather than use county council's solicitor,

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Sunny Hersh

Local author shares Valentine do's and don'ts

Q & A

BY DEBRA GALBRAITH



Q What are some gifts guys should not buy for their sweethearts?

A Say nay to the lingerie. Unless your beloved is Lady GaGa, she won't be thrilled by black stretch lace and red garters. What you're saying is 'Here's your gift. But it's actually for me.' Now if you want to wear it for her, as a joke, that might work. Ladies love to laugh! Except for a chocolate fountain, kitchen appliances are another no-no.

Q When should the Valentine cards be purchased?

A Don't be last minute Larry. The adorable, sensitive cards (the kind that guarantee that late night cuddle session) will be gone by Feb. 14. You won't get the same response from the one with Homer Simpson - doh! Look for the ones that say what you should say but don't - things like 'The first time I saw you, I...' or 'When I think of you, I remember all the good times.' Of course, almost any card will do if it contains a huge gift card for her favorite store.

Q What do you think about giving candy?

A Avoid the waxy sampler. Valentine's Day was started by candy companies in the 1920s, but cheap candy from the drugstore is kind of a letdown, even if it's in a heart-shaped box. Support small businesses and stop by the mom-and-pop candy shop - you know, the one where you walk in, take a deep breath and gain two pounds? Don't shop on Feb. 14 or you'll wait in line, both there and at my second choice, the Godiva store at the mall.

Q What type of flowers do you suggest?

A Carnations don't cut it. It doesn't have to be roses, especially since most of the red roses froze in Colombia this year, but it should be something fresh and colorful. Now if you make a trail of pink post-it notes with mushy messages leading through the house to a bouquet of carnations, that's okay. As long as you make dinner, too.

Q What about dinner on Valentine's Day?

A Make a reservation. Now. What's worse than getting a

babysitter, waiting over an hour at a crowded restaurant, and filling up on peanuts at the bar? Oh, maybe giving up and eating greasy Chinese food at the food court! You could celebrate the weekend before and beat the crowds or make a heart-shaped pizza or some pink mashed potatoes at home - it's all good, as long as you shop and plan ahead.

Q What suggestions do you have for warming her heart?

A Even the cheap boxes of cards that kindergartners exchange can be romantic if she finds one under her pillow, one taped to her steering wheel, one inside her sock drawer, one tucked in her planner...you get the picture. A four-carat eternity band would most certainly be welcome, but something sexy in silver can put your message across if you really think about her style preferences.

Q How can you show someone you really care?

A Borrow a telescope to look at the stars, stock up on massage oil and rose petals for a spa evening, or plan a romantic movie marathon in your home theater. A room at the Ritz would be awesome, but all these home-based adventures show that you really care. Go public - put a big sign on the front lawn that says 'I love you more every day!' You'll ruin the curve for the neighbor guys or make her friends jealous when your big bouquet of flowers or balloons shows up at work.

Q What do all of your ideas have in common?

A They require you to stop being a robot and doing what everyone else does and start taking a fresh look at delighting your loved one. Valentine's Day can be a celebration instead of an obligation, it just takes a little planning.

Sunny Hersh is a local author. Find out more about her by visiting her Web site at www.Sunny-Hersh.com.

SNOW SHOW



PRESS PHOTO BY KATHY BYRNES

Main Street in Bethlehem remains snow covered at 11 Saturday morning. Bethlehem received approximately six inches of snow Friday night into Saturday morning making for messy morning roads and neighbors coming together to dig out.



PRESS PHOTO BY KATHY BYRNES

Nino Basile, owner of Mama Nina Foccheria, one of the few business owners to brave the storm and open for business as usual.



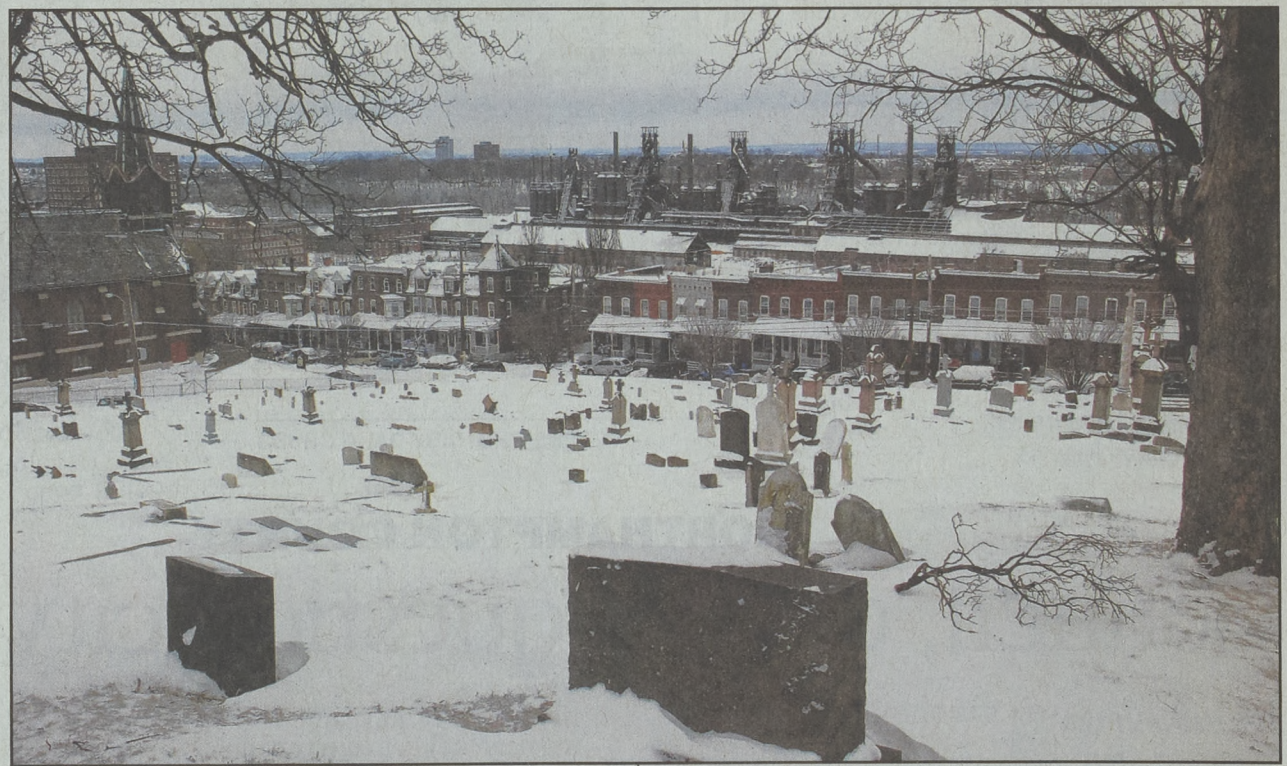
An unidentified Bethlehem resident pedals his bike on a snow-covered Second Street.

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Ninth Avenue resident Deirdre Sumpter walks along Main Street carrying her snowshoes and ski poles. Sumpter was heading to the warmth of her home after taking a snowshoe hike along the Lehigh Canal tow-path.

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A snow-covered Christmas City unfolds below the slope of St. Michael's Cemetery after the storm.

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God's "Be Mine" Valentine

You have probably seen valentines with the words "Be Mine!" God expressed His love to His people using those same words in Leviticus 20:26, "And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine." God loved His people and wanted them for Himself. It was out of His love for them that He severed them from others to bring them to Himself—that they should, in His words, "Be Mine!" The matter of sanctification—being severed or set apart from the world is directly connected to God's love for us. He wants us only for Himself. "For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God" (Exodus 34:14). True love is rightfully jealous! Can you imagine the pain it brings to the heart of God when He sees His people developing an attraction to the world rather than to Him? The love of the world is evidence of a waning love toward God: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). Those who truly love God will happily separate themselves from the unholiness of this world in order to fellowship with the holy God Who calls to them, "Be Mine!" Their pursuit is to know Him! They want only to be His "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people" (Titus 2:14). "Peculiar" means "special" or "one's own." Are you His own? In Malachi 3:16-17 we read of "a book of remembrance...for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." "Jewels" mean "special treasure." Are you His special treasure?

Have you heard God's call to, "Be Mine" and have you responded?

Wednesday, February 10

BASD public budget workshop, 6 p.m. at Education Center dining room, 1516 Sycamore St.
 Fountain Hill work session, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.
 Lower Saucon Township Historical Society talk by Herman Hackman on the history of the Pflueger family, 7 p.m. at Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike. Hackman is the grandson of Clarence Pflueger. The history of the Pflueger family intertwines with the history of the European settlement of Pennsylvania. Information, call 610-625-8771.

Thursday, February 11

City of Bethlehem Water Authority meeting, 3 p.m. at City Hall, 10 E. Church St.
 City of Bethlehem Authority meeting, 3:30 p.m. at City Hall, 10 E. Church St.
 City of Bethlehem Planning Commission meeting, 4 p.m. at City Hall, 10 E. Church St.
 Hanover Township Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. at 3630 Jacksonville Road

Saturday, February 13

Applebee's flagjack fundraiser for Bethlehem Boys & Girls Club, 8 to 10 a.m. with Chinese auction and character photos, Applebee's, 3730 Nazareth Pike, fee. For information, call 610-865-4241.
 Mock Turtle Marionettes Saturday's Child family series Valentine's Day party, 10 a.m. followed by a performing arts workshop at the Ice House, Sand Island. Fee. Call 610-867-8208.
 Lower Saucon Historical Society one room schoolhouse alumni get-together, noon to 3 p.m. at 4216 Countryside Lane, Hellertown. Call 610-838-2256 or 610-867-8474.
 Sun Inn public tours, noon to 4 p.m., 564 Main St. Call 610-866-1758.

Sunday, February 14

The Bethlehem Area Public Library's second annual Family Fun Day, 1 to 4 p.m. at 11 W. Church St. There is a fee. Call 610-867-3761 ext. 259 or visit www.bapl.org.

Monday, February 15

First Presbyterian Church Hi Neighbors, 10 a.m., Meaning of the Treaty of 1758 in Easton with Linda Heindel; 11:15 a.m., Memories of the Gaza Strip with Joyce Ravitz, author; at the church, 2344 Center St.
 Holy Ghost R.C. Church homemade pierogie sale deadline, 4 p.m., 417 Carlton Ave. Call 610-867-9382.
 South Bethlehem Historic Conservation District meeting, 7 p.m. in room 25 at Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St.
 Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners meeting, 7 p.m. at Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.
 Fountain Hill Zoning Hearing Board meeting, 7 p.m. at 941 Long St.
 Freemansburg Borough Council meeting, 7 p.m. at 600 Monroe St.
 Hellertown Council meeting, 7 p.m. at 685 Main St.

Tuesday, February 16

Bethlehem City Council meeting, 7 p.m., at 10 E. Church St.

Wednesday, February 17

Shrove Tuesday pancakes and sausage, 5 to 7 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1900 Pennsylvania Ave. There is a cost. Phone 610-865-3603 or e-mail saec@ptd.net or visit www.standrewsbethlehem.org.
 BASD public budget workshop, 6 p.m. at Education Center dining room, 1516 Sycamore St.
 Hellertown Borough Zoning meeting, 6:30 p.m. at 685 Main St.
 Hellertown Borough Authority meeting, 7 p.m. at 685 Main St.
 Freemansburg Borough Parks and Recreation meeting, 7 p.m. at 600 Monroe St.
 Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority meeting, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.
 BAPL book talk and signing, "Becoming a Writer" with Josh Berk, 7 to 8:30 p.m., 11 W. Church St., free. Call 610-867-3761, ext. 259 to register.
 To have an event listed, contact George Taylor at 610-625-2121, ext. 3112, gtaylor@tnonline.com or fax 610-625-2126.

COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College

Cuisine charity event Feb. 11
 Classic Italian food and music will be highlighted Feb. 11 at the Gates Center, Alumni Hall, Main Campus. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.
 Food will be prepared by culinary arts students under the direction of NCC's chef/instructors. The menu will include hors d'oeuvres, salad and dessert.
 Strolling musicians Frank DiBussolo, guitarist and Danny Farole, accordionist, will provide entertainment.
 The event is open to the public. There is a fee. Proceeds benefit NCC's National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant.
 To make reservations, call 610-861-5519.

Arts and crafts classes start in February

Various arts and crafts classes started Feb. 8 at either the Main Campus (MC) in Bethlehem Township or at the Fowler Family Southside Center (FFSC) at 511 E. Third St. in Bethlehem. There is a fee. Courses include drawing with charcoals, jewelry arts, metalworking basics, basketry and beadwork.

RAMP training begins Feb. 10

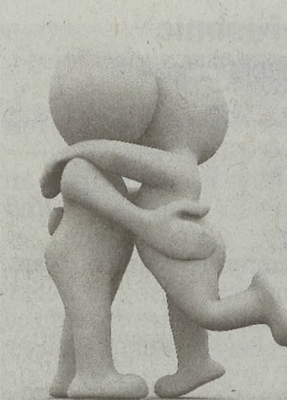
The Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP) alcohol server/seller training, conducted by an approved PLCB trainer, will be offered Feb. 10, March 2, April 12 and May 2. There is a fee.
 The registration deadline is one week prior to course start date.

Certified pharmacy technician training offered

The Center for Healthcare Education is offering two pharmacy technician programs beginning Feb. 15 or March 6. There is a fee.
 Registration deadline is one week before class starts.

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

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BY CANDICE WILLIAMS
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

They might not have met at all if performance artist Lisa Obery, of Baltimore, Md., hadn't agreed to perform at an upstate New York country fair two years ago.

Call it Kismet, call it fate, when Obery accidentally dropped her baton and Bethlehem resident Dave Olsher accidentally picked it up, eyes met and the rest, as they say, is history.

"It was definitely love at first sight," Obery said as she and her fella Olsher strolled the Moravian Book Shop on Main Street in Historic Bethlehem on a stormy Jan. 25 afternoon.

"When Dave reached to the stage to hand the baton back to me, I just knew," Lisa said. "I just knew."

Love at first sight is possible, according to Obery, but keeping love vibrant takes time and thought, said Bethlehem-based therapist Alexandra P. Vandak.

"I would say it is possible to keep romance alive,

Love at first sight

Stuff of romance movies, reality

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"I would say it is possible to keep romance alive, but first, we need to know who we are, what we're about, what love means to us, before we can really give the best of ourselves to another."

ALEXANDRA VANDAK



ing we're sorry again and again when appropriate, author Garry Gamber says on his Web site.

"It's the little ways we tell someone we love them every day that nourishes love," Gamber writes. And, according to Gamber's very own Top 10 list, love notes may include simple gestures, simple tokens, changing the computer screen to a romantic poem or placing a note on the steering wheel, reading "I love you" or on a cold winter night writing a poem or baking fortune cookies with special messages of love inside. Gamber suggests giving a rose for every year of togetherness or learning to say "I love you" in various languages or taking midnight walks.

However someone chooses to showcase his or her love for another, for love to last, we all need to care about our sweethearts every day and to listen to their needs and, if possible, be a step ahead of their sorrow and embrace the joy and wonderment love may instill in each of us.

but first, we need to know who we are, what we're about, what love means to us, before we can really give the best of ourselves to another," Vandak said.

Vandak said symbols of love mean different things to people and it is important for each of us to realize and respect such a difference. Love can be making lunch or rubbing tired feet or bringing home a small gift or going to a concert. There's no set pattern, there's no set practice. Love is independent and individualized, Vandak said.

That's why it is so critically important to com-

municate with each other and to recognize what love means to one another. Once we understand what love symbolizes to our partner, harmony and happiness may follow.

"It's learning what pleases your partner and enjoying those special touches," Vandak added.

In honor of Valentine's Day, here are some love hints.

Ryan O'Neil may have proclaimed the iconic love statement of a generation ... "Love means never having to say we're sorry," in the 1970's tear-jerker "Love Story," but, in reality, love does mean say-

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DOUGLAS GRAVES PHOTO

School directors told Scott Gilliland, director of facilities and operations for BASD, to seek competitive bids to compare against an energy savings plan proposed by BASD's contract engineer, Arif Fazil, for his company, D'Huy Engineering.

quick to assure Fazil that their decision was not a case of distrust but instead prudent due diligence on the board's part.

Operations Manager Ann Behers, speaking for Gilliland, who was not available, told the Press that her office is now aware of information available from the Pa. Dept. of General Services that gives guidance on selecting companies offering energy services.
 Dexter told the Press that she was unaware of the state's guidelines until after the meeting in which she initiated a request to seek competing proposals but said that she now understands that the guidelines specifically require the school board to get competitive proposals.
 The guidelines require the state's executive agencies to get three bids from qualified energy service companies but it is not clear if that requirement also applies to public school districts.
 Fazil said that this idea

Board members were

has been brought to the board before but that when the district's budget couldn't support the plan, he came back with the idea of being paid only from savings that D'Huy could achieve for the district.

Fazil said he doesn't see a conflict of interest as does Dexter. He said that as the board's retained engineering firm, the situation is analogous to the solicitor representing the board if the district were to file a lawsuit; that there is nothing that constitutes a conflict if he recommends a repair or upgrade and the board then hires his firm to do the work.

Dexter told the Press that she believes that when it is D'Huy's job to advise the board on which firm would do the best energy management job that she thinks the conflict is apparent if they are in the position of evaluating their own proposals against competing proposals.

With only 10 years left in the original TIF agreement, if the city's Redevelopment Authority decides to raise money through a 2010 bond to finance the building of a parking deck in the undeveloped part of the Brownfield property, it would mean higher loan payments due to a shorter financing period and no excess tax revenue to distribute to TIF participants.
 John Rohal, executive director of the city's Redevelopment Authority has notified the county and the school district in writ-

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said, "I believe what they [city's redevelopment authority] want to do is outside the document."

Under a TIF agreement, bonds are issued for the purpose of redeveloping Brownfield sites. TIF districts offer credit incentives to developers that allow for lower capital costs to improve the property. Under a typical TIF agreement, the county, the city and the school district agree to pay for

infrastructure development through a bond (a loan). As the loan is repaid, the taxes on the now improved property increase and are distributed to the city, county and school district. In the case of the BethWorks property, the Sands Casino paid for the infrastructure so the city had no need to float a bond.

Angle went on to tell Leeson and council members that in his mind the tax agreement had changed because the Sands paid for the infrastructure improvements and in the original docu-

ment there was no visitor center planned.

ing that they will have 60 days notice of any intention to issue a bond, according to county Executive John Stoffa.

Stoffa said the county has no intention of pursuing an injunction against the TIF agreement but does believe Phase II of the TIF needs clarification since the hotel and parking garage are still not completed.
 County council's next meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 17 at Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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Assault

Police arrested a young man for allegedly striking his mother in the 700 block of Maple Street around 3 p.m. Jan. 24.

According to police, Lee Roy Poole-Smith, 20, slapped his mother across the face in the midst of an argument. When officers arrived they were told he was in his room and owned knives. Poole-Smith refused to come downstairs to speak with police, and when they ascended to investigate discovered he had chained his ankle to a chair.

Poole-Smith and the chair were forcibly removed from the residence and the Bethlehem Fire Department was asked to cut the chain. He is charged with simple assault.

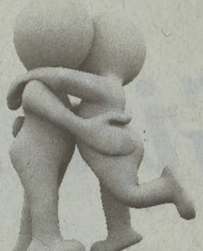
Sex offenses

Police arrested a man suspected of numerous instances of public grossness around 4:45 p.m. Jan. 21. Benjamin Walter Reiss, 20, of 1225 Butztown Road, was found and charged with indecent exposure after he was identified as having exposed himself to a woman walking her dog.

Investigators further linked Reiss with at least seven other incidents since the fall of 2008 in which a man of his description with a white Chevrolet Malibu was observed without pants or actually masturbating. Residue of bodily fluids was discovered in his car, as was an erotic CD with the sounds of women moaning — heard when the car was started.

Reiss allegedly admitted to police he requires psychiatric help, and he is additionally charged with stalking, disorderly conduct and open lewdness.

Police believe there may be other victims, and ask anyone with additional information to call investigator Brad Jones at 610-865-7146 or the Police Communications Center at 610-865-7187.



By JOAN CAMPION
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Not much good can be said of war, yet it is, in its way, a great promoter of romantic love. Take the Second World War, for example. Countless romances came into being amid the flames and shadows of that great conflict. Many ended in tragedy, but some prospered. In the latter category was the romance between an Army doctor, Capt. Francis McAndrew, and an Army nurse, Lt. Helen Borneman.

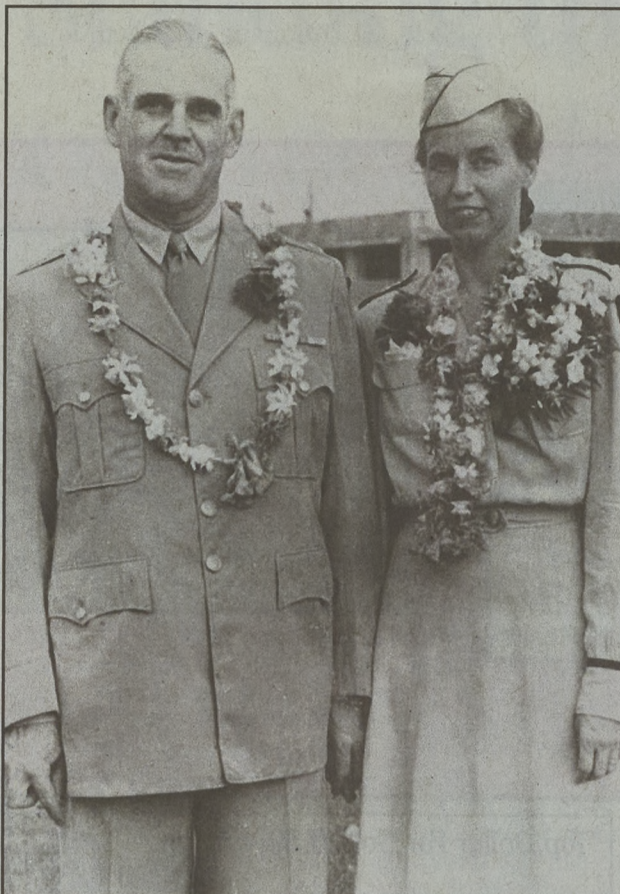
If the names sound familiar to old-line Bethlehem residents, they should. Following the war, Dr. McAndrew and his wife settled in South Bethlehem, where the doctor practiced medicine for many decades. They had one child, Patricia McAndrew, who has achieved distinction as a writer, editor and publisher.

The McAndrew-Borneman courtship has a distinction most other wartime romances lack: It is incredibly well-documented. That is because there is in existence a treasure trove of some 500 letters written by the lovers to each other in the course of their premarital trials. Their daughter discovered them in a nondescript box in the back of a closet when she was conducting a major housecleaning. She almost discarded the box, but curiosity made her unseal it instead. She thinks the letters were preserved and packed away by Helen McAndrew. And she adds, "I believe my mother meant me to have them."

The love story to which the letters bear testimony was unusual in several respects. First, the age of the lovers: Helen Borneman was in her late 30s and her husband at least 45 when the two first met. (Patricia McAndrew notes there is some uncertainty about her father's date of birth.)

While these ages may not seem especially advanced

WWII love across oceans and continents
An international romance



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Captain Francis and Lt. Helen McAndrew on their "official" wedding day, Aug. 24, 1954, in New Delhi, India.

today, this — as they say — is now. That was then. The future married couple was convinced their time on earth was short. So was the Army. And certainly the man-and-wife to be were much older than those quintessential teenagers, Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. But many of their letters reveal an ardor which Romeo and Juliet would recognize and approve.

Then, too, this romance played itself out on an international scale. That may not have been so unusual, considering that a three-theater war was on at the time; but it still cannot have been the norm. His daughter recalled that her father used to brag that he had pursued his true love across oceans and continents.

There were some old-fashioned Shakespearean aspects to the story, including the ire of family and friends. They were from very differ-

ent social backgrounds, these two lovers — he an Irish Catholic from the anthracite region of Pennsylvania; she from a staid Dutch Reformed family of considerable middle class attainment.

Everybody on both sides — family and friends, and Helen Borneman's superiors — said it wouldn't work. Fortunately, nobody was willing to take their feelings to Shakespearean extremes with swordplay all around.

So the doctor and the nurse continued to see each other. They were drawn to each other, that was clear. But Nurse Borneman still had her reservations — and when McAndrew was off accompanying a group of prisoners of war across the country, she applied for —



The McAndrews' "unofficial" wedding ceremony took place by flashlight May 23, 1945.

and got — a transfer to the CBI (China-Burma-India) Theater.

When he returned to the East Coast, she was already gone. Their paths may well have crossed in San Francisco, where, unknown to each other, he was delivering his POWs and she was boarding a troop ship. When he returned to the East Coast and found her gone, he, too, immediately applied for transfer to CBI, giving as his reason that he and Lt. Borneman had been planning to be married. His transfer was approved, and he arrived in India in April 1945.

"I think he wanted to marry her, get her pregnant, and get her sent home and out of harm's way," reflects Patricia McAndrew. "They both wanted children."

For Helen's part, the separation she had engineered from her future husband had made her aware that she really did want to marry him. By the time he caught up with her in a field hos-

pital in Calcutta, she was very glad to see him.

But the quick marriage they may have been envisaging did not happen. Sympathetic as some individual Army bureaucrats may have been to their plight and to their fast-diminishing fertility, the Army had its rules. In frustration, the two arranged an "unofficial" marriage presided over by a very young chaplain; the setting was the back of a truck, the ceremony proceeded by flashlight, and the chaplain gave them a certificate to prove it had happened.

As this was written, this once-young clergyman was still alive. Google revealed him to still be an active missionary of his denomination — in his 90s — and still with a memory of that long-ago clandestine wedding ceremony at which he had officiated. He was delighted to receive an update from the couple's daughter.

Knowing they might get him into trouble, though, they pressed on to try to get an official ceremony, and this they finally achieved in August 1945. But it was not until 1946 that Captain and Lieutenant McAndrew, now husband and wife, sailed home together on the same troop ship.

On the way home, they discovered that at least one other passenger knew of, and was highly impressed by, their long and ardent correspondence.

All mail to and from U.S. military officers was read and checked by third parties to prevent any security breaches, deliberate or accidental. And so it was that one day, while strolling the deck, Lt. Helen Borneman McAndrew encountered an officer who looked at her curiously, then came over to speak to her.

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Shoplifting

Police arrested Brandy L. Scott, 29, of Jackson Street, for stealing from the Montclair Avenue Ahart's Market around 11 a.m. Jan. 19.

According to police, Scott parked directly in front of the store and entered quickly, pocketing about \$10 worth of unspecified items and then trying to leave. Store security saw her and stopped her while calling police.

When officers arrived, Scott was heard to say, "Oh, great. Pigs."

Scott is charged with retail theft. As her car was parked in the fire lane in front of the store, she was also given a parking ticket.

Threats

Jose Raul Velez, 19, of Livingston Street, was arrested for threatening his girlfriend and small children around noon Jan. 22.

According to police, a domestic dispute led to Velez saying he would kill the 20-year-old woman and the children. He allegedly also said, "I can kill you and get away with it and I won't go to jail."

Police said the claim was incorrect and Velez is charged with harassment and terroristic threats. He was remanded to Northampton County Prison on \$5,000 bail.

Trespassing

A man and woman were arrested when they arrived at the 2141 Stefko Blvd. Burger King and started a loud argument with employees around 1 p.m. Jan. 15.

Jesus Alfredo Santiago, 22, of Evans Street, is a former employee who was not permitted to return. Santiago did so and began an altercation by complaining about the situation. His girlfriend, 18-year-old Michelle Guzman, of South Court, then began shouting at employees.

Santiago is charged with trespassing, while Guzman is charged with disorderly conduct.

Theft

Police arrested Penelope Anne Predmore, 36, of Carlisle Street, for stealing from the Stefko Boulevard Valley Farmer's Market around 3:30 p.m. Jan. 28.

According to police, Predmore was observed by store employees removing items from the packaging and placing them into her purse. When employees questioned her, Predmore became upset and eventually upended the purse, spilling the items out. She then tried to leave.

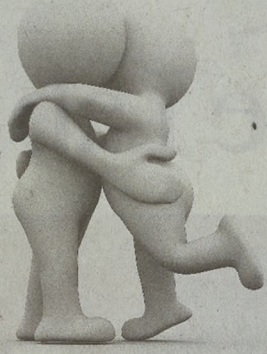
She was stopped and was on-hand for officers when they arrived and charged her with retail theft. Seventeen bottles of vanilla were recovered by the store.

Drug possession

Jose Ivan Sabastro, 22, of Madison Street in Allentown, was arrested following a routine traffic stop in the first block of East Broad Street.

According to police, Sabastro was pulled over around 11:25 a.m. Jan. 18, and officers observed suspicious baggies with a jacket in the car's back seat. Police searched him and found more baggies on his person.

Police allegedly found a total of 27 bags of sus-



By JASON HOUSER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

As an officer in the U.S. Air Force, I have had the privilege of meeting and listening to many great leaders of our country. People such as former presidents George H.W. Bush and William Clinton, retired General Colin Powell and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, to name a few. Each person deserved and received my respect because of the position they held and the amazing responsibility they executed.

Of all these heroes I met, there was one who held no public office. He did not lead armies or air forces. He did not gain my admiration because of the office he held. He gained my respect because of the man he is and the outstanding life he and his wife have led together.

The people I am referring to are a couple who live in our own Lehigh

Valley. Their names are Barry and Clair Grubb of Hellertown.

I met Barry while home on leave from the service. Barry and I formed an instant bond when he discovered I was going to be a pilot in the Air Force. As I came to know Barry, I learned he had a valiant past.

As a young man, he worked at Bethlehem Steel, but when the call for war came in the early 1940s, Barry answered the call willingly. Barry became a radio operator in the mighty B-17 flying fortress. He was assigned to the European Theater and based in England.

On his 13th mission deep into the heart of Germany, Barry and his aircraft, the Reluctant Dragon were hit by German AAA batteries. The aircraft survived the initial onslaught but was forced to descend away from the protection of the bomber group.

As they began their retreat to Allied ground,

they were hit again. This time the damage was severe and the Dragon was going down. The captain sounded the bailout bell and Barry immediately headed for the bomb bay doors. There he met the captain and they both bailed out together.

As Barry fell to the ground, he saw his mighty flying fortress disintegrate under heavy fire. When Barry hit the ground, he was immediately captured by German civilians and turned over to the Nazis.

Barry spent the next two years in a German POW camp and was listed by U.S. forces as a missing crew member. All the while, his beautiful bride Clair waited at home. For nearly two years, she did not know if Barry was alive or dead. She received no letters and no confirmation on his official status.

After two years of waiting and hoping, her prayers were answered when Allied forces liber-

ated Barry's prisoner of war camp. The two were united and haven't left each other's side since.

On Nov. 23, 2009, Barry and Claire Grubb celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Together, Barry and Claire should have earned the respect and admiration of every American.

They have stood the test of time and adversity. They have seen and contributed to our nation's greatest moments. They have raised an outstanding family and they have remained faithful to one another through the best and worst of times.

I am proud to say that I know Barry Grubb and I would like him and his wife to know they are deeply respected for the outstanding people they are and the example they have set.

I can only hope to have as wonderful a romance as they have had.

Hellertown love story

Standing the test of time, adversity

pected heroin and charged Sabastro with driving under suspension, possession of a controlled substance and possession with intent to deliver.

Criminal mischief

Three people were arrested outside the Wyandotte Street Firehouse bar around 1:45 a.m. Jan. 14. Police said the two men and one woman were involved in an altercation and were intoxicated.

For undisclosed reasons during an argument, James Patrick Frain, 25, of Tobias Drive in Hellertown, pulled sideways on a truck window and broke it. The truck belonged to 21-year-old John Henning, of Sellersville, whom Frain then photographed with his cellular phone. Henning allegedly grabbed the phone and threw it in a toilet.

Witnesses said there was also a woman involved. Police found Henning's girlfriend, 20-year-old Alexis Folkman, of Telford, had used a fake ID to get into the bar.

Frain is charged with criminal mischief and public drunkenness. Henning is charged with criminal mischief. Folkman is charged with purchase of alcohol and carrying a false ID.

Theft

A resident in the 2100 block of Worthington Avenue reported a theft around 3:40 p.m. Jan. 26.

According to police, the caller said he hired Al Wolsky Heating and AC to perform work on his home for \$3,500, and the work was never completed. Police said Wolsky came to the residence just once and worked for approximately an hour.

The alleged victim had paid all the money up front and was told by other sources Wolsky had done this before. Police said in these cases there is often a certain amount of work completed and tools or materials are left behind, but this did not apply here. Thus the intent to defraud the resident will be considered as they investigate.

Stoffa requests more legal aid

By CAROL SMITH
csmith@tronline.com

Northampton County Council's Finance Committee will review the county executive's request to hire a law firm to deal with the county's labor issues.

County Executive John Stoffa told county council at its Feb. 4 meeting that the county's current lawyers do not have the human resources expertise needed to handle the county's many labor con-

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tract negotiations.

Councilman Lamont McClure Jr. described the relationship between the county's Human Resources Department and collective bargaining units as toxic.

Council President Ron Angle and other council members said they understood the need for more qualified legal counsel but are also concerned about the high costs.

"Why not train the in-house people to keep costs down?" asked Angle, who also said there were too many nuisance calls being placed to lawyers.

Stoffa said that he has found a new firm willing to work on the county's labor-related matters for \$60,000.

In the past, Stoffa said the county's legal costs have amounted to about \$100,000 a year due to con-

tract negotiations with 11 different unions.

"We need to spend less money on legal counsel," said Stoffa.

Stoffa told council members that hiring a new law firm and training in-house legal staff to take care of smaller human resources issues will keep down some legal costs. Stoffa said it was time to start a new page in establishing better relations with the county's union workers.

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Representatives from local companies and organizations will learn how they can make a difference by supporting the March of Dimes March for Babies. This year, the Lehigh Valley March for Babies will be held in May at Dorney Park. Families and businesses throughout the Lehigh Valley community will join together in March for Babies to support the March of Dimes work of helping moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives.

Funds raised by March for Babies help support prenatal wellness programs, research grants, neonatal intensive care unit family support programs and advocacy efforts for stronger, healthier babies.

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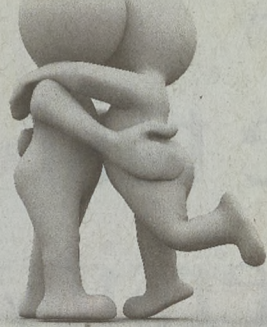
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The Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley will host a low-cost vaccination clinic with services provided by the Center for Animal Health & Welfare from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 13 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 E. Market St. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be brought in carriers. Bring any previous vaccination records. For more information, call 484-851-8000 or visit www.animalfoodbanklehighvalley.com. For questions regarding the vaccination clinic, call 570-994-5846.

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Arlene Brockel, chocolatier, as told to Jennifer Lader

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But I said, "I'm gonna do this. I've made it through other holidays, I'll make it through my first Christmas here."

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Other people say that I have employees in the shop. I say, "No, they're my helpers." They tell me they love to work here. We worked every single day until Christmas, seven days a week, dipping pretzels, potato chips, Oreos, and nut clusters. I make chocolate shells and fill them with cherries.

Come on By... The Chocolate Lab



PRESS PHOTO BY JENNIFER LADER

"We're across from the Hotel Bethlehem. The guests see the shop from their rooms and come over," said Arlene Brockel, who owns The Chocolate Lab, now located at 446 Main St. in Bethlehem. The Chocolate Lab offers handmade chocolates.

Me and my helpers ... One of them is Meredith Dougherty. She sells her jewelry here. My customers say, "You have chocolate and jewelry?" Meredith calms me down. I've had to stay focused and positive.

The key is the greatest, most loyal customers. My regulars have followed me. They come in and enjoy the new shop. Some of them ship the chocolates all over the world.

My family is Italian-Hungarian. We were always allowed to help in the kitchen. I almost pursued being a baker, but

instead worked in a factory for 19 years. Then my job got shipped to the Dominican Republic. I lost my salary, health insurance and benefits. It was hard, but it was probably the best thing that ever happened to me.

I took a one-week class at the community college and started making chocolates in my kitchen. My friends wanted more. I had to sell my house and get an apartment because I couldn't rent a store on top of paying a mortgage. When you come into my shop, you're standing in my 401k.

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Planners OK Newly Weds addition

By MALLORY VOUGH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Representatives from Newly Weds Foods Inc. went before the Hanover Township Planning Commission Feb. 1 to receive conditional approval for a proposed addition to their plant at 23 South Commerce Way.

The plant, which is located at the Lehigh Valley Industrial Park IV, is one of 23 Newly Weds plants and has dry refrigeration, according to Stu Trestrail, a plant manager who represented the company at the Dec. 7 Planning Commission meeting.

The original plan was approved in 1988 with a proposed addition, but it was never pursued until now. The goal of the new addition is to eliminate storage across the street and move everything under one roof, according to Trestrail.

Jim Milot, who represented Hanover Engineering at the meeting, said the big-ticket item was the downstream conveyance system.

"There are no known issues and Hanover Engineering doesn't foresee any problems now or in

the future," Milot told commission members. "The conveyance system was studied and everything will be fine, even during the worst-case scenario, which is the 100-year storm."

Milot also said there would be no need for a traffic impact study for this company.

"We only need to worry about a traffic impact study when someone else moves in there," he said. "Hanover Engineering is comfortable with a waiver instead of a deferral."

Only a few grading and

drafting details need to be addressed, Milot added.

Commissioner James Sterner asked Paul Szwczak from Liberty Engineering Inc., representing Newly Weds Foods at the meeting, whether all the loose ends would be tied up before the Board of Supervisors meeting.

"Yes, that should not be a problem," Szwczak assured him.

Commissioners again brought up the issue of possible fire hazards and whether another connection in the new addition should be made available for the fire department.

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LV CHAMBER
Job openings to be posted

Tony Iannelli, president and CEO of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Chamber will begin to post job openings for its member companies on its various social media outlets, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and its blog. This will help Chamber members find top-quality talent. It will also assist interested applicants in finding employment.

"The goal of this benefit is to do what we do best: provide value for our members," Iannelli said. "This opportunity is available to any Chamber member at no charge."

"We recently filled a position at the Chamber. We posted the job opening on our social media sites and got better quality responses than we have seen before. This is related to an increased reliance on social media. And the best part: it didn't cost us a thing," Iannelli said.

Job openings will be published once a week on the Chamber's blog and as they come in on the Chamber's LinkedIn site. Blog posts are automatically posted to Facebook as well.

Chamber members interested in taking advantage of this opportunity should e-mail Mike Schlossberg at mikes@lehighvalleychamber.org.

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Szewczak said he sent the fire marshal several sets of plans but hadn't received a response.

Commissioners unanimously recommended approval of the applicant's revised preliminary plan under the condition the applicant follows the letter from Hanover Engineering and the company follows the Shade Tree Commission review.

The next planning commission meeting is set for March 1 at 7:30 p.m.

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Special Olympians (front row, left to right) Jimmy Godshall, Kyle Miller, Michael Gaul and Joey Raub, and (back row) Nathan Buble, Matthew Hutnik, program manager Louise Tusak, Greg Werner and K of C Grand Knight John Spirk celebrate at the K of C annual Christmas party, Dec. 17.

K of C hosts Special Olympics party

Knights of Columbus (K of C) Trinity Council #313 annual Christmas party Dec. 17, held at the St. Francis Retreat Center, recognized Bethlehem Special Olympians. Refreshments were served and Christmas carols were sung.

Authority selects officers, solicitor

By **JOSH POPICHAK**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

At its first official meeting, the Northampton County Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority (NCGRERA) selected officers and a solicitor.

John J. Finnigan Jr. was selected chair; Deborah L. Hunter, vice chair; Priscilla deLeon, secretary; and Thomas J. Nolan, treasurer.

Created by Northampton County in 2009 for the purpose of administering competitive municipal grants, the Gaming Revenue Authority will base these grants upon the impacts associated with the Sands Resort Casino in South Bethlehem.

At the meeting, held in Easton Jan. 25, the nine members of the authority unanimously approved a resolution to appoint the Allentown law firm of Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino P.C., to officially represent their newly formed body.

Prior to voting on the resolution, authority members questioned lawyers from Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino, as well as attorneys from two other local law firms, about their qualifications to represent the NCGRERA.

The two other law practices making presentations to the authority were Gross, McGinley L.L.P., of Allentown, and King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul L.L.C., of Bethlehem.

According to the authority's chairman, John Finnigan, the three firms were pre-selected by an authority subcommittee, which reviewed proposals from a total of six law firms seeking the appointment.

The tasks which await the

authority's solicitor include a review of its proposed bylaws and grants procedures.

Authority treasurer Thomas Nolan noted that the solicitor's review should be completed before the authority considers adoption of the bylaws which will govern its function in the future.

"Once the solicitor is appointed, he will immediately get a copy (of the bylaws)," Nolan announced prior to the presentations by the three candidate firms.

The solicitor will also represent the authority if it enters into litigation, which is possible because Pennsylvania's gaming laws are new and have already been the subject of a legal challenge in Erie County.

During the questioning of representatives from each law firm, several authority members, including attorney Joseph Kelly, asked for interpretation of the Erie County ruling and the judicial dissent which accompanied it, both of which could have ramifications for future decisions.

Attorney Michael Gaul, of King, Spry, admitted that his firm had not "looked at the law" prior to appearing before the authority. But he touted King, Spry's "capability to service whatever needs the authority has" as well as the fact that it is a Northampton County-based

law firm.

"We will see you in the community, and we'll have to look you in the eye," Gaul said, adding that King, Spry represents both the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA) and the Easton Housing Authority.

"My biggest concern ... is whose jersey you guys are going to be wearing."

STEPHANIE HOPPES-KOVACS

Raymond D. Raymond, a partner at Gross, McGinley, told authority members that his firm's attorneys have "familiarized (themselves) with some of the gaming laws."

In response to a question from Nolan about what his first priority would be, Partner Jack Gross told the authority that his first goal in representing it would be to start at the beginning.

"My biggest concern...is whose jersey you guys are going to be wearing," authority member Stephanie Hoppes-Kovacs said to Raymond.

Raymond responded by saying that he would be present to give legal advice, but advised her that "if the board decides to go its own way, they have the final say."

Finally, representing Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino, attorney Scott Allinson told authority members that his firm is very familiar with Pennsylvania gaming law and litigation and comfortable considering that "there's

not much of a play book."

The Erie County opinion is "interesting ... on the part of the dissent," he told Kelly.

Other strengths Allinson identified include his firm's experience in dealing with Freedom of Information Act requests and right-to-know requests.

"We've battled 1,000 on any challenges along those lines," he said.

Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino was requesting a quarterly \$2,500 retainer from the authority for its services, but Allinson did not make available at the meeting hourly rates for partners.

"It's normally part of a resolution that we establish the rates at that time," Nolan told him.

Nevertheless, after meeting in executive session for approximately 30 minutes, when the authority reconvened it voted to appoint Tallman, Hudders and Sorrentino as its solicitor.

Nolan, who acknowledged that the resolution was the authority's "first official resolution," said that the authority's by-laws and other documents would be forwarded to the new solicitors for their immediate review.

"Time is of the essence," Finnigan added.

The next scheduled public meeting of the NCGRERA will be held in council chambers at the Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Regular public meetings are expected to be held the fourth Monday of each month.

More information about the authority may be made available on the county's Web site in the future.

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Fountain Hill Council: (back row) Carolee Gifford, Fred Capuano, Douglas Trotter Jr., Mark Ferencin and Helen Halleman; (front) Norman Blatt, council president Larry Rapp and Mayor Ned Fink.

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Work session questions unanswered

By ELIZABETH HADLEY RICH

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fountain Hill City Council's Jan. 20 work session addressed an ambitious agenda. Topics ranged from upcoming council appointments to local land usage. But after an hour, many of the questions raised remained unanswered.

At the top of the agenda, the upcoming tax collector vacancy for the borough. After announcing the retirement of current tax collector Diane Allen at the December meeting, council opened the position to a borough-wide search. The search period, which ended Jan. 15 led to four potential candidates for the position. A recommendation by the council, based on an interview period, will be given at

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an upcoming meeting.

The majority of the workshop was spent addressing issues originally discussed at the monthly Fountain Hill planning session, including the rezoning of a parcel of land near the St Luke's campus off Logan Street. The land "may have been overlooked during recent rezoning," said Douglas Trotter, council liaison to the Planning Commission.

Currently, the property is zoned Medium-Density Residential (MDR). Recommendations from the planning commission include rezoning as either an institutional or open space. But council members could not reach an agreement about which type of zoning would be

appropriate for the space.

"There's a plan for this, I feel it," said councilwoman Helen Halleman, who advocated further study. Halleman also requested to be appointed to the open council liaison seat on the planning commission. Currently the planning commission allocates seats for two council members.

Others tried to push for an open space designation.

"If the attorney (advising the planning commission) recommended the space as open space, why wouldn't we go with what he said?" asked councilman Fred Capuano.

"I will strongly object to rezoning the space (for) institutional purposes," said councilwoman Car-

olee Gifford, who also requested consideration for the open planning liaison seat.

If the land is rezoned as open space, it removes the opportunity for development, while an institutional reclassification allows certain types of development. Council tabled the issue until the next session, when further information can be presented.

Another topic sent to the council by the planning commission included Fountain Hill sewer allotments. Council decided not to move forward with any action at this time. A request by the DeAngelis family to donate land to Fountain Hill was also tabled until more information could be presented.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Liberty's Kelhart hopes to break up Trojan pack

By KATIE MCDONALD
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It's no secret that the Parkland Trojans tend to dominate the top-ten in boys diving, but Liberty diver Jake Kelhart intends to break up the Trojan line-up this Saturday at the LVC Diving Meet at Parkland High School.

"I'm looking forward to trying to beat the Parkland kids.

They're my biggest competition, and there are so many of them," Kelhart said. "I'm hoping to place fifth."

The Hurricane junior took seventh place at an 11-dive meet at Emmaus last month. This weekend, Kelhart plans to raise his degree of difficulty and stay calm under pressure.

"I won't get upset when I do a bad dive. I'll just let that one go and move on to the

next one. I'm going to stay positive," he said.

Diving coach Jeff Zettlemoyer is proving to be a huge, positive influence on Kelhart this season.

Kelhart said, "If you do something wrong in a dive, he'll tell you the positives, and with each dive, he'll remind you what you have to do."

Kelhart believes that his

form and technique have improved since last season.

"At practice, if you don't understand something, he'll (Coach Zettlemoyer) show you how, or he'll get on the board and do it himself. There's a lot of one-on-one time, and he tells you what to work on," said Kelhart.

On Saturday, Kelhart will perform 11 dives, including the front dive straight, front 1

1/2 somersault, and his best dive, the inward 1 1/2.

"I think I'm more confident with the inward dives. It can be scary, but I know I push out enough," Kelhart said.

Other Bethlehem divers competing on Saturday will be Maggie Olock (Liberty), Carol Byrnes (Freedom), and Andrew Spruck (Freedom).

DISTRICT 11 TEAM DUALS

Easton slips by Liberty

By PETER CAR
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It was as close as Liberty could have come to knocking off Easton, but the mighty wrestling tradition of the Rovers prevailed Sunday afternoon in the District 11 3A team wrestling quarterfinals.

The Rovers secured a 29-25 victory by garnering some important bonus points and holding some off as well.

Getting a forfeit at 145 helped Easton secure their way into Monday's semifinals against Nazareth, en route to winning the team title over Parkland. But, Mike Brown's 8-2 decision over Joe Otger was the final nail in the coffin for Liberty.

With Liberty trailing 29-19 with two bouts left, Brown (171) had the difficult task of getting bonus points against Otger. He was well on his way toward leaving the stage to Chris Pintado (189) needing a fall to end the match for Liberty, but Otger scored a crucial takedown late in the third period to nullify a major decision, thus, putting Liberty seven points behind Easton heading into the final bout.

"Who knows what would have happened if Mike gets a major," said head coach Jody Karam. "We'd like to think that Chris could have gotten us a pin, because he can

be a scary wrestler when you need him to do something, but it just didn't work out that way for us.

"It's not for lack of effort by our kids. We closed the gap down by six points from the last time we wrestled them, but Easton just had a little more experience than us and were better technically."

Pintado, who was fighting off coldlike symptoms, beat Tyler Greene 5-3 to end the match, but with Liberty jumping out to a 16-7 lead six bouts into the match, the 'Canes looked like they could hold off the Rovers.

Justin Williams (HWT), Anthony Cabrera (103), Devon Lotito (119) and Anthony Marino (125) registered wins in the first six bouts to help build Liberty's lead. Williams pinned Tom Cevoli in 1:51 and Marino earned a 8-0 major decision over Calvin Daly to give the 'Canes bonus points.

Karam bumped Lotito up to 119 and brought Brett Marino down to 112 to try and score a win over Mike Fleck.

Unfortunately, the stronger Marino couldn't outsmart Fleck, as he built a 6-1 lead en route to holding onto a 6-4 win.

"We thought that if we could make a switch there, something could happen," Karam said. "It didn't work out, but we wanted

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At 119, Jaydon Rice of Bethlehem Catholic scored a major decision over Brandon Tran of Tri-Valley, 17-4. Becahi went on to win the quarterfinal bout 39-25.

Panthers run away

By PETER CAR
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The look of dejection was pasted across the faces of Bethlehem Catholic's wrestling Monday night.

The Hawks kept close with Saucon Valley through the first 10 bouts of the District 11 2A team wrestling semifinals at Freedom, but the wheels rolled off the train quickly and the once ambitious body gestures slumped to portraits of dismay before things were even over.

Third-seeded Saucon Valley, the eventual runner-up to top-seeded champion Pen Argyl, grabbed a 19-18 lead after Chris Rahs earned a pivotal fall in the 171-pound class, pinning Larry Giamarco in 1:36 to build a mental road block that Bethlehem Catholic never recovered from.

Saucon went on to win the next four bouts, three by fall and one by major decision, to cruise to a 41-24 win.

The Panthers decided not to send out anyone to wrestle Randy Cruz at 112, giving the Hawks a forfeit to end the bout.

"I wasn't really happy about that," said Becahi head coach Jeff Karam. "I know they had the match won, but I'm not too big on forfeits when you have a kid that can wrestle. We won't forget that."

Becahi certainly won't forget the feeling of bowing out of districts for a second straight year as the higher seed.

The Hawks were the second-seed coming into this tournament, but the loss of Darian Cruz at 103 had a trickle-down effect to other weights.



At 103, Becahi's Brayden Knipe pinned Tanner Reed in 1:01.

Cruz who broke his leg two weeks ago was the area's top 103-pounder and would have been a near lock to win and score bonus points. Instead, the Hawks got pinned at 103.

His presence also could have enabled Martin Laluz (215) to move up to heavyweight, after Laluz lost an unfavorable matchup at 215. None of that happened and neither did the Hawks winning any of the three bouts that Karam considered to be tossups.

"I didn't feel we matched up well with them [Saucon]," he said. "We either needed to win 140, 145 or 171, and when that didn't happen, I knew it was going to be tough to win."

Cody and Corey Gonzalez were two of the toss ups Karam thought he could steal, but the family tandem lost their 140 and 145-pound bouts to

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Liberty's Anthony Cabrera, at 103, had a 1-0 decision win over Evan Disora, but the Hurricanes lost to eventual champ Easton, 29-25.

LHS girls get by Hawks

By KATIE MCDONALD
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The Liberty Hurricanes knew that Becahi would come at them with everything they had last Friday night.

"It didn't really surprise us," said Liberty senior, Maggie Serratelli. "They're one of our biggest rivals. They only needed one game to make districts. We knew they were going to come after us, and I think we could have been more ready."

Despite a 17-13 Becahi lead at the end of the first quarter, the Hurricanes

regrouped for a 54-45 victory.

"Our coach told us we should have expected it, so let's turn it around. We already have one loss, and we can't let up now," Serratelli said.

By halftime, the Hurricanes were ahead 27-24.

"They were fast-breaking against us a lot, so we were ready for that," said Serratelli.

Marissa Repasch was Liberty's top scorer with 19 points. Cat Noack had 12, and Serratelli had ten. April Andrews added eight points, Erika Shumock scored three points,

and Jasmine Robinson had two.

Liberty will take on Easton and Freedom for their final two games of the regular season.

"Easton is a really physical athletic team. We're expecting the best from Easton and Freedom," Serratelli said.

Last year, the Patriots upset the Hurricanes in their final game of the season.

Serratelli said, "Coach Kelly Mikulsky told us, 'We can't think we're going to win, we have to know we're going to win.'"



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Maggie Serratelli and the Hurricanes were able to get by a tough Becahi team last week.

HOOPS

Down to the wire

FHS hopes to get in LVC, BC hopes to just get in

By PETER CAR
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The final week of the regular season has approached us in boys basketball and after some bumps in the road by Liberty the Hurricanes hoped to have gotten back on track last week after losing two straight.

Liberty beat Pleasant Valley 64-52 last Wednesday and then made Bethlehem Catholic's playoff hopes even slimmer last Friday, by walloping the Hawks 76-53.

All this coming after a bad, 55-42 loss at Northampton last Tuesday, where the Hurricanes looked sluggish and confused in the midst of a former two-game skid.

Liberty took on Easton Tuesday night before this Friday's regular season closer against Freedom, where games this week still have Lehigh Valley Conference playoff implications.

Liberty (16-4, 10-2) still has a two-game lead in the division and barring two losses this week, the 'Canes would be the top seed in next week's LVC playoffs by getting at least one win this week.

Freedom (13-7, 8-4) lost to Easton Monday 55-53 to close the gap between themselves and Nazareth for the wild card spot. The Pates hosted Becahi Tuesday night where they needed a win to stay in the LVC playoff hunt.

Nazareth (13-5, 7-4) played division leader Whitehall (14-6, 9-3) Tuesday and take on Northampton (13-7, 6-6) Friday.

Freedom needs a win this week to solidify the wild card berth, since nine wins in the league would give them a tie-breaker advantage over the Blue Eagles, even if Nazareth won both of their games this week to get to nine league wins.

Freedom beat Nazareth 79-71 this year to hold the edge if both teams finished with the same conference mark.

The Pates just don't want Whitehall to get cold at this point and lose their final two games of the season and have Nazareth win both.

That would bump the Eagles ahead of Whitehall in the division standings, potentially giving Whitehall the wild card in a race that they would lead over Freedom, since the Zephyrs beat them this year.

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Bartek, FHS want in Playoff berth possible

By JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

It might be easy to assume that Kyle Bartek likes to fully engage himself in a task that interests him. In fact, perseverance can be considered to be one of his strengths.

A senior center/winger on the Freedom hockey team, Bartek is the team's second leading scorer (8 goals and 15 assists for 23 points) and also is third on the team in penalty minutes (18) through last week's action.

Over the past year, it has been a positive transformation for Bartek on the ice.

"He (Bartek) has been one of our better faceoff men over the past year," said Freedom head coach Mike Mould. "He has really worked on his overall game, and he has shown improvement."

"Kyle is the type of player who isn't afraid to get involved and get everybody going. He can also be a physical presence for us as well as a scorer. He has really become a complete player."

Heading into the final weeks of the regular season, Bartek realizes the significance of his team's final games against Whitehall, Becca/Central, Phillipsburg, Parkland and Easton beginning this past Monday.

"It's a big push for us right now," said Bartek.

"We know we still have a shot at the playoffs, but we have to take care of our own business. We hit some bumps earlier on, but now we have to straighten them out."

"There are a group of seniors here who don't want to have their season end early."

For Bartek, maintaining a sense of determination and order doesn't appear to be a difficult task. When he isn't playing the sport he adores, Bartek can be found either deer hunting or ice fishing during the winter months, two other undertakings in which he spends much time.

Over the past four hunting seasons, Bartek has amassed a buck, an 11-point deer and a 5-point deer. It has been a ritual for quite some time.

"Even before I was allowed to shoot, I went hunting with my dad," Bartek recalled. "It (hunting) is a good escape for me. I really enjoy the challenge. I was glad that I got something this year after I didn't last year."

Along with hunting, Bartek normally spends every Sunday during the winter ice fishing with his cousin, Brett, at Lake Towhee in Quakertown.

"We usually skate and shoot around a bit before we start fishing," Bartek said. "It has become a ritual for us and we really

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ICE HOCKEY



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Ryan McMahon, right, is the leading scorer for the Hurricanes this season as they look to end their year with a few more wins.

'Canes look to end season on good note

By JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

Throughout Liberty's hockey season this year, timing hasn't been everything. Yet, in the past few weeks, it has been the only thing.

During the first 12 weeks of the season, the Hurricanes found themselves on the losing end of each contest for one reason or another. According to head coach Pete Darlington, the effort was there for his club, but some of the pieces of the puzzle were missing from each game.

"The kids have never stopped working," said Darlington. "It was a difficult stretch for them. It just seemed to be one thing after another. We would reach a point in the game where we had a chance to take it over, but we couldn't do it."

"It became frustrating for the kids. They just couldn't put it together."

Over the past month, however, Liberty has managed to begin to finally place the pieces in the right spots like the incomplete puzzle from Christmas as they have played well enough to gain their first two wins and nearly

a few others. Last week, Liberty knocked off winless Southern Lehigh, 10-5, in a game Darlington believed was closer than the final score.

"In that game, there as an empty-net goal and one scored with a second left," reflected Darlington. "To our credit, we have managed to keep the games close recently even in our wins. But it was good to pick up another win."

Darlington cited the play of goalie Joe Yarka, who continues to lower his goals against average despite an overall losing record. Against Southern Lehigh, Yarka let two goals past him early in the game that were questioned by the coach and his teammates. After that, he rebounded with another stellar effort and also had plenty of support.

"After the first period, we talked about it (goals) in the locker room," said Darlington. "Joe has come up big for us in the past few weeks, and I didn't want to see his confidence drop. He responded and so did his teammates."

"They came out and scored five straight goals and basically took over. Those are some things we have been always very

capable of doing as a team. We just have been playing with more confidence lately."

With Liberty seemingly on the threshold in its past four games with a 2-2 record, Darlington is optimistic his team will avoid a letdown with play-off-bound Parkland and Emmaus on their schedule to finish the season in the next few weeks. Instead, he wouldn't capping their recent bout of success.

"I think it would be a disappointment if we can out against them and didn't play hard," Darlington stressed. "We're at the point now where it would be nice to bottle what we have going. We should have a good season next year with a bunch of seniors coming back."

"But Parkland is a very good team capable of just exploding at any time. If we play hard, battle them and lose, it will be a valiant effort. But a hot goalie can step up and shut any team down. Maybe Joe (Yarka) will have a big night or maybe their goalie will be off."

At this point of the season, Liberty can hope the timing is right.



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Kyle Bartek and the Pates are hoping to make a long run in this year's playoffs.

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SWIMMING

Freedom boys top K-Kids

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's boys swim team took first place in nine events against Northampton last week for a 106-61 victory over the K-Kids.

Scott DelFranco, Cole Clark, Seth Watlington and Danny Csakai won the 200 medley relay in 1:53.17, and Rob DelFranco, Csakai, Scott DelFranco and Clark won the 400 free relay in 3:38.21.

Individual event winners for the Patriots were Rob DelFranco in the 200 free (1:55.19), Scott DelFranco in the 200 IM (2:15.89) and the 100 backstroke (58.82), Clark in the 50 free (22.92) and the 100 free (50.47), Andrew Spruck in diving (178.95 points), and Csakai in the 500 free (5:25.64).

Csakai said, "Leading up to the 500 free, I had been talking to my coach about improving my time. My goal is 5:20. We're all looking to just better our times. As of right now, I think [the team] is perfect where we are, but there is room for improvement. A couple of kids are close to districts. Others can better our seeds."

This week, the Patriots will welcome former swimming coach and current Emmaus assistant coach, Kevin Remaly, when Freedom takes on the Hornets.

"We're excited to see him, and we're excited for Emmaus," said Csakai. "We've always gotten really good times against Emmaus."

NHS girls edge FHS

By KATIE MCDONALD
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At this point in the high school swimming season, the Freedom girls are feeling like they are in a good place.

Patriot captain, Amanda Stammherr, said, "I think we are right where we should be. We are going in the right direction, that's for sure. There are a lot of girls who just started swimming this year and improved, and there are a lot of girls who stepped up."

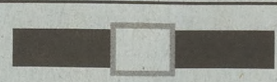
Last week, the Freedom girls were outnumbered by Northampton and lost to the K-Kids 102-80.

"They just had more depth overall," said Stammherr.

First place finishers for Freedom were Brooke Munion in the 200 free (2:03.31) and the 100 free (57.23), and Stammherr in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.63). Stammherr also placed second in the 200 IM.

"It was a good race overall. It wasn't my best time, but it was pretty close. I wanted to get it in the 1:12 range to boost my confidence," Stammherr said, regarding the 100 breaststroke. "The 200 IM was my best time, so I was pretty happy."

Aubree Guidon and Carol Byrnes took second place in the 100 fly and diving, respectively, and Guidon placed third in the 50 free. Nicole Giles placed third in the 200 free.



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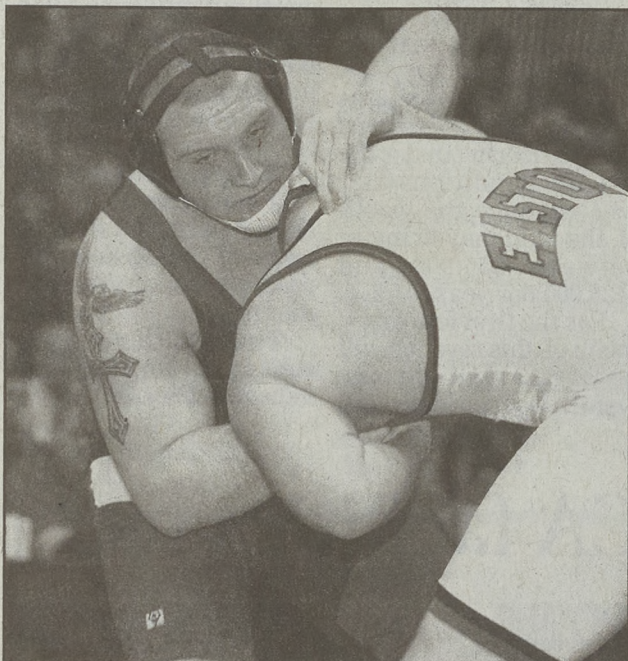
Continued from page A11 to try something different.

Easton then earned three straight wins from 130-140, before Liberty had to forfeit at 145 for not having anyone at that weight.

That's when Garrett Henning (152) scored a 5-2 victory over Anthony Minotti to make it a 25-19 team score with three

bouts to go. Unfortunately, Zack Bambar's 13-3 major decision over Zach Price put Easton up 10 points with Brown and Pintado on deck.

"You want to win and it's frustrating when you don't, but we're at the point where the kids really have that mental attitude to win," Karam said. "I think this effort is a great spring board for us going into the individual postseason."



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB FORD

At 285, Justin Williams of Liberty won by fall over Tom Cevoli of Easton in 1:51.

Hockey

Continued from page A12 enjoy it."

Still, his real love is hockey. Over the years, Bartek stopped playing both football and baseball to concentrate on hockey. He was a middle linebacker and offensive lineman in football and a third baseman in baseball.

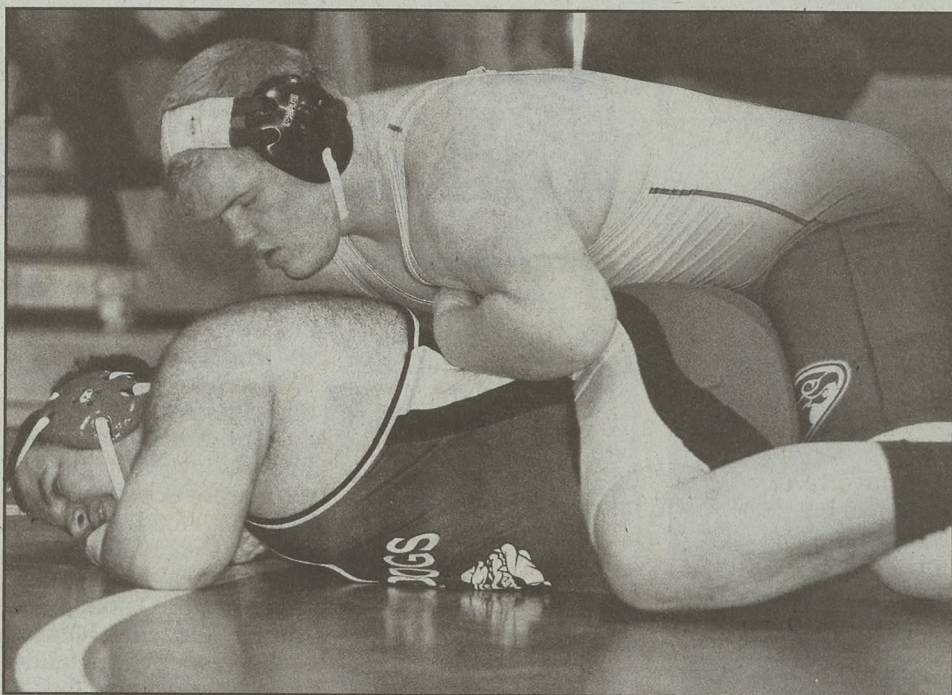
"I just love to get out there and play," stressed Bartek. "It has been a lot of fun playing with most of my friends on this team (Freedom). I'd like to keep

playing as long as I can, and I think I have a shot at playing in college."

In the fall, Bartek has set his sights on pursuing a degree in music education at Temple University, where he also hopes to continue his hockey career.

"I know I have a good shot as a walk-on at Temple," Bartek said. "That would be great. I know we can also make the playoffs this year as long as we keep on working."

In Bartek's case, it shouldn't be a problem.



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB FORD

Becahi 285-pounder Ben Bunce (top) pinned Mitch Hubler in 1:22.

Hawks

Continued from page A11 put a bump in the road for the Hawks.

Cody lost to Travis Buddock 13-5 and Corey fell to Rich York 7-3. That put Saucon up 13-6. However, Elliot Riddick got a forfeit at 152 and Kyle Dehaut's (160)

fall over Ray O'Donnell in 2:34 put the Hawks ahead 18-13, but the third toss up bout was at 171, where Giamarco's loss was doubled up by Nick Edmonson (189), who packed away Keith Ross in: 25 seconds to put the Panthers ahead 25-18 and pop Becahi's balloon.

"We're a good team," said Karam of his group,

which features all underclassmen. "You got to crawl before you can walk and I see what's on the horizon with this team."

"We're all coming back next year, but I'm also an impatient person. I want to be at the horizon now, but I understand that we're young. It'll take time, but we'll get there."



LINDA ROTHROCK

Darrun Hilliard and the 'Canes fell to the Kids last week but seem to be back on track.

Hoops

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The likely scenario has the Pates getting in, if they grabbed a win against Becahi Tuesday night.

The Hawks (9-11, 3-9) were playing for their play-

off lives as well Tuesday night, just as they been for the last two weeks. The Hawks have lost six out of their last seven games, salvaging a 64-54 win over Dieruff last week.

Becahi needed two wins this week to make districts. They also take on Easton Friday.

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F — Kurtis Koehler 4-9, Keith Campbell 4-12, Jonathan Campbell HR.

Nazareth UCC (3-0) at St. Stephens (2-1, 8-4)
S — Travis Beahm 5-11, Ed Wychock 5-12, Gary Buczynski HR.
N — Larry Fehnel 5-11, Jeff Hoffer HR, Maybell Smith HR.

Emmanuel (8-5) at St. Pauls (4-3, 5-4)
SP — Rich Kern 6-12, Jason Gross 6-13, Kevin Gross 5-12, Zach Kern HR, Paul Slimmon HR.
E — Jim Hill 6-14, Mike Grillo 5-12, Jorge Rivera 5-12 HR, Joe Craig 5-13.

Ebenezer (6-1) at Bath Lutheran (5-0, 4-0)
B — Wendy Yacone 5-12, Angelo Cavello 5-12.
E — Todd Siegfried 4-10 HR, Carroll Voortman 4-10, Carl Fraley HR.

Salem UCC (6-3) at Dryland (3-2, 3-2)
D — Al Gilbert 5-8 cycle, Shawn Sigley 4-11, Lou Dervarics 4-11, Bernie Yurko 4-12.
S — Phil Roth 5-11, Bill Rinker 5-13, Al Thomas 4-13, Rodney Remaley HR.

Messiah (4-3 12in) at Christ UCC (2-1, 7-4)
C — Mark Fujita 5-13, Ron Wagner 4-12, Bill Yocum 4-12, George Gasper 4-12 HR.
M — Rick Hasonich 4-13, Rich Hasonich 4-13, Norm Schoenberger 4-14.

Standings

St. Pauls	34	23	.596
Salem Luth	33	24	.579
Bath Luth	33	24	.579
Dryland	32	25	.561
St. Stephens	31	26	.544
Ebenezer	30	27	.526
Messiah	30	27	.526
Emmanuel	27	30	.474
Farmersville	25	32	.439
Christ UCC	23	34	.404
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Rotary Club supports domestic violence victims



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At a recent meeting of the Lehigh Valley East Rotary Club, a donation was presented to Heidi Markow, founder of the Beginning Over Foundation, which aids domestic violence victims. Club President Kerry McGill noted that these funds were made available from the club's first fundraising event, "Savor the Flavor" held at the Hotel Bethlehem in October. He thanked club members as well as those who attended the food and wine tasting evening for their generous support in making the event a success. A special guest at the meeting was Vivian Rivera, a survivor of domestic violence. Rivera will be the recipient of the club's donation that will assist her in becoming self-sufficient as a hair stylist. When her schooling is complete, Rivera will gain employment at the Purple Salon in Wilson that was opened by Markow's foundation to aid those who have suffered in violent relationships. Lehigh Valley East Rotary is committed to community and world service and encourages any professional person with similar interests to become a member by joining members at Green Pond Country Club Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.Rotarydistrict7430.org.

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Water Authority considers Working Woodlands program

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Water Authority began its regular meeting Jan. 14 with the annual reorganization meeting, but decided to officially forgo changes in the roster. President Mark Jobs asked at once, upon consideration of previous discussion, if the board would like to simply enact making member terms of office two years rather than one. All agreed to reappoint the current slate and they moved on. Solicitor Jim Broughal was retained as were Consulting Engineer Barry Isett, Public Resources Advisory Group as finan-

cial advisors and Authority employees. Much of the subsequent discussion revolved around the all-around interest in participating in the Nature Conservancy's Working Woodlands Program. In a nonbinding letter of intent, the two organizations, along with a third called Blue Source, an agreement was made to begin work on a forest management plan that will maintain the authority's properties growing and healthy while maximizing income years down the line. Currently, the agreement is in its earliest stages, however,

and may not be finalized until June. If it does proceed, Nature Conservancy and Blue Source will likely front the money and resources for a proper study that will project profitability and even perform a tree inventory — a process which may take as long as a year. The returns from lumbering under the specific conditions that will enhance the worth of the land may bring in between \$55,000 and \$125,000 per year. For the first few years, much of this revenue will be earmarked for the Nature Conservancy and

Blue Source for fronting the expenses, but the agreement, once finalized, lasts 10 years with a stipulated 50-year restriction on land use to guarantee the protection of the land. Broughal said that makes sense, as making such agreements with long-term goals have to have the resources. Without it, "It won't work," he said. "The trees have got to be there." Jobs reminded everyone nothing has been agreed upon and that the letter of intent is only a road map to future agreements. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at City Hall.

Council OK's YMCA facilities use

By JOSH POPICHAK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem YMCA will once again host its summer recreation and swimming/water aerobics programs for children and adults in Hellertown in 2010, thanks to an agreement between the borough's Public Works Department and the directors of the programs, which was finalized at Hellertown Borough Council's Feb. 1 meeting. In response to a request that compensation be provided to the borough in exchange for the use of its parks and pool, YMCA Recreation Program Director Andrea Goff announced that any child enrolled in a YMCA program taking place at the pool will be required to pay a \$10 fee, which will help cover the cost of using the facilities. Children enrolled in a YMCA program who already have a Hellertown pool pass will have to show proof of that pool pass to have the fee

waived, Goff explained. This arrangement was characterized by Public Works Director Tom Henshaw as being "very agreeable," and with the exception of one member, most of borough council appeared to agree. Council ultimately voted unanimously in support of the new fee-based arrangement, but member Stephanie Kovacs said she is concerned about the borough being taken advantage of by organizations such as the YMCA. Kovacs explained that she'd heard that YMCA campers were taken to the Hellertown Area Public Library during inclement weather and said that she was disappointed that the directors of the youth programs hadn't offered the library a donation in exchange for its hospitality on those occasions. Kovacs said that it was her understanding that YMCA program participants would return to

Bethlehem if they were unable to use the facilities in Hellertown due to bad weather. "Sometimes it feels like everyone comes in and uses our facilities and there's nothing for us," Kovacs said. "Everyone comes in here with their hands out and says, 'We need, we need, we need.'" "We're a very generous town," she added, but "I think if you guys could contribute something that would really be helpful to us." Council member Gail Nolf disagreed with Kovacs on this issue, and said that she does not feel comfortable adopting a "nickel-and-dime" approach toward the YMCA and other groups who would like to use Hellertown's facilities, including the library. Referring specifically to the YMCA participants, Nolf said, "They should be allowed to go (to the library) whenever they want."

She also said that, in her opinion, Kovacs' reluctance to support the use of the facilities by outside groups may have something to do with their use by Lower Saucon Township residents. "If you have a special concern with Lower Saucon, you should address it with them and not drag the YMCA into this," she added. Henshaw also entered into the discussion by telling Kovacs that the funding the YMCA will provide the borough, in exchange for the use of the pool, will indirectly help support the library because the borough helps fund the library. Goff explained that normally if there is bad weather students are returned to the YMCA in Bethlehem. But, she added, a handful of times the children were taken to the library when a sudden thunderstorm interrupted their activities for part of the day.

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Wireless, CVS projects granted variances

By ANN MARIE SLAVICK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Township's Zoning Hearing Board hosted two groups of guests at its Jan. 27 meeting requesting variances for two new structures planned for the township. The outcome was positive for the presenters.

Attorney Kate Durso presented the case for Verizon Wireless and AT&T looking to increase efficiency for wireless services in the township. The wireless plan includes removal, relocation and extension of existing PPL electric utility poles. New equipment would also be installed under the names Allentown S.M.S.A and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC. An agreement between PPL and the wireless service providers already exists. The site location to be utilized for this project is a property on Oakland Road which contains an older PPL power structure. Improvements to the

property include a new tower and new equipment shelters, all surrounded by a new three-foot barbed wire fence with a dirt road leading to the facility.

The new structure must be aligned properly with the existing power lines. Since it will be plotted on a slightly different ground location, wireless carriers need approval for variances. The tower will stand at 130 feet, double the current height, and will lie within 169.5 feet of the nearest residence, 130.5 feet closer than the code allows.

According to Al Topp, of Henkels & McCoy, plan consultants for the utility, the reason for the transmission pole replacement is that the existing pole is too old to handle the wireless transmitters. Other structural candidates in the area were considered for the antennas, such as water tanks, but wouldn't suffice since they would be well below the tree line and not meet the goal for the service.

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Paul Dugan from Millenium Engineering P.C. represented Verizon Wireless, and argued that the area has a coverage gap about one to two miles in radius.

"If the height of equipment was set lower, it would reduce the footprint, and create less visibility for the frequency," Dugan explained.

Gary Brienza, township zoning official, said he does not find delayed Blackberry service in his area, but Dugan said the system under which Verizon Wireless operates is almost exhausted. With a growing subscriber base, wireless providers are required by FCC licensing agreements to be able to provide these services, and filling the gaps that exist is necessary.

Durso argued that without service, the FCC could easily revoke the wireless company's license in the area.

Gerald Tate, an AT&T frequency engineer, explained how a central switching station passes off cell-phone transmission from one tower to another causing interference which results in lost calls. This is happening frequently throughout the township since only one station exists in the southwest corner and the terrain of the mountains can also affect service.

"The structure looks ugly but it is a give and take," said board member Jennifer Sletvold. If township residents want to continue to increase utilization of an advanced wireless service, they may have to sacrifice a view.

The variances for Verizon Wireless and AT&T were all approved unanimously out of concern for the responsibility of the township to make sure adequate services are provided to

their residents and 911 calls would never be interrupted.

The second appeal was a quicker presentation and came from attorney Elizabeth Graves, representing PDW Properties LLP, concerning a new CVS facility being built in the township. The property, which is zoned conditional use is in a residential area at the corner of Wagner Drive and Fremansburg Avenue near the Wagner Farms developments.

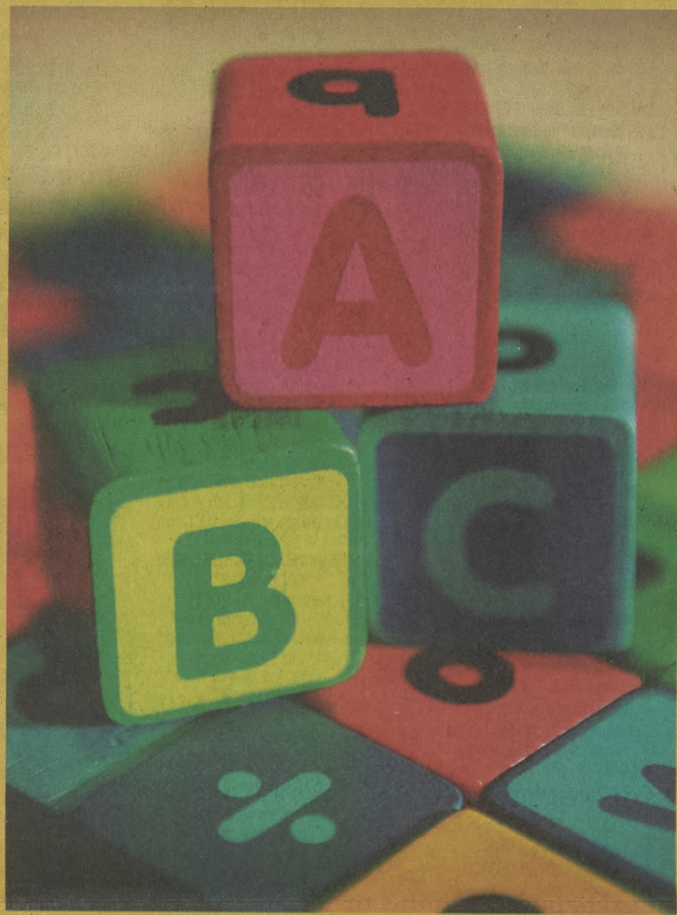
The final plan, which was approved conditionally by the township's Board of Commissioners, had to be constructed with a residential feel to mesh with the surrounding terrain. Equipped with a "false entrance" and a streetscape lined with shrubbery, wall with pillars and wrought iron fence, the developer argued that an additional sign is needed. The signs have been scaled down already, according to Bob Oelenschlager, from National Sign Services in New

Jersey, who handles all of CVS's marketing signs in the tri-state area.

Julie Wagner Burkart of Easton, a partner to the developer, testified that the store would not be easily recognized from the street. Traffic patterns, traffic congestion and the landscape along Fremansburg Avenue would hinder financial success for the drugstore chain. A third sign is needed if the store is to attract customers. Hours of operation were slashed by the commissioners as well, changing the usual 24-hour retailer to 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. hours of operation.

The requested variance was for an extra sign, bringing the total to three, and for extended hours to a 10 p.m. closing.

Both were approved with some resistance from board members Dave Chismar and Chairman Stephen Szy, who did not believe the developer proved hardship.



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THIS WEEK IN
BETHLEHEM HISTORY

Feb. 10 to 16

Predicting the weather

By KAREN M. SAMUELS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Many of us depend on weather forecasts but do not consider the history of this valuable service. It took an act of Congress, signed into law Feb. 9, 1870, to create The Weather Bureau. The first forecast of the new agency was issued by I. A. Lapham Nov. 8, 1870. He warned of an impending Great Lake storm, stating, "barometer falling with high winds at Chicago and Milwaukee today ... high winds probable along the Lakes."

His forecast was correct. In colonial times, it was popular to refer to an almanac for weather forecasts. Benjamin Franklin wrote one of the best known almanacs, Poor Richard's Almanack, from 1732 to 1758. His weather forecast for Feb. 10 to 16, 1757, was "windy, cold and raw." A sure forecast for the month of February.

Robert B. Thomas relied on observing sun spots to predict weather for his, The Old Farmer's Almanac, begun in 1792. His almanac is still published today from the same town where it started, Dublin, N.H., and claims an 80 percent accuracy in correctly predicting the weather.

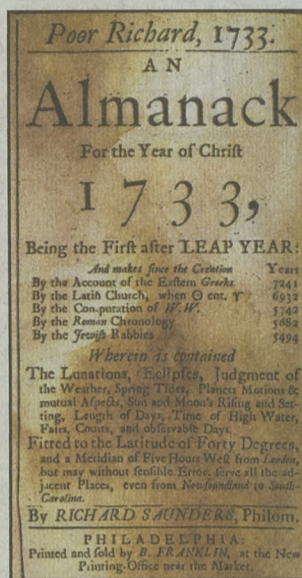
Bethlehem had its own almanacs with a substantial amount of local information, but weather forecasts were not included. Henry T. Clauder of 88 Main St. published the Clauder's Year-Book and Home Almanac in Bethlehem in the 1870s. The Bethlehem Globe-Times Almanac was just as useful but also without weather forecasts. Old issues (1940s to 1960s) of this almanac can be found in local used bookstores.

Groundhog Day was a tradition brought to Pennsylvania by German settlers. They observed Candlemas Day in Germany, which fell between the Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox. If the weather was fair on that day, the groundhog would cast a shadow. This event predicted six more weeks of winter. This year, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, however, this method has only been right 28 percent of the time over a 60-year period.

In the 1800s, Pennsylvania farmers looked to folklore to predict upcoming weather. "Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky at morning, sailors take warning." Cows lie



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CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
Benjamin Franklin wrote Poor Richard's Almanack from 1732 to 1758.

down, close together, before a thunderstorm. Cats clean behind their ears before a rain-storm. "A ring around the moon, rain or snow soon." "When the dew is on the grass, rain will never come to pass. When grass is dry at morning light, look for rain before the night." "When clouds look like black smoke, a wise man will put on his cloak." "Fish bite least, with wind in the east." "If the rooster crows on going to bed, you may rise with a watery head." "A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay." All these observations of nature can be explained by science as the effects of variations in air pressure and humidity.

In 1849, Joseph Henry, executive director of the Smithsonian Institute, recruited 150 volunteers throughout the country to report weather observations monthly. The same year, the Smithsonian supplied weather instruments to telegraph companies from New Orleans to New York. Storms generally move from west to east. For the first time, the eastern section of the country had warning of coming storms.

The extensive network of weather observers continued to grow. To interpret all the data, Henry relied upon James H. Coffin, a professor of mathematics and natural philosophy at Lafayette College in Easton. Coffin had to analyze as many as 500,000 separate observations in a year.

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Nathan Rubery observes a model train passing over the Delaware River via the Central Railroad Bridge near Phillipsburg, N.J., and Easton.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Back to the days of the rails

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

For many, model railroading and the holiday season go hand in hand. Many fathers and sons, and probably a few mothers and daughters, have included Lionel and HO scale train layouts as part of their holiday preparations for more than 50 years.

The Lehigh and Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum at 705 Linden St. has taken it a huge step further for enthusiasts yearround by having achieved museum status earlier this year. They are now one of only two model railroad museums in Pennsylvania.

According to Robert Gombosi Sr., a founder, for 13 years they have been building, expanding and modifying their display so that it accurately represents railroading, specifically that of the Reading and Lehigh Valley Railroad lines throughout the eastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey region during the 1950s and 1960s. It's taken thousands of hours, says Gombosi, who used to huckster newspapers at Southside's Union Station as a kid growing up in the 1950s.

There are about 30 to 40 members in the club that owns the building housing



A scale model of Bethlehem's Union Station has been incorporated into the museum's display. Model railroad enthusiasts have painstakingly recreated a number of features, buildings and bridges that depict the railroad environment of the 1950s and 1960s.



No longer a functioning part of rail transportation in the Lehigh Valley, the Bethlehem terminal roundhouse has been constructed to represent activity in its heyday.

the museum. They construct railroad and community landmarks such as the one-time Bethlehem engine terminal

roundhouse from photographs and to scale.

The models are built from scratch using computer-assisted drafting

(CAD) design drawings. Their layout has more than 7,000 feet of track, uses about 100 engines and contains more than 1,000 pieces of rolling stock, according to Gombosi. Club members have also installed a realistic digital command control operation with sound.

Since achieving museum status, the museum has been receiving some funding assistance from the state to pay rent for use of the building and utilities. The project has also received small grants from Northampton County's hotel tax fund. Gombosi says that as a 501(C)(3) nonprofit, they are held accountable for the public funding that is received.

Many area companies have been supportive as well. Gombosi cited recent financial support from the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem, CSX and Adams Outdoor Advertising's donation of billboard space.

"Dave and Wayne's Auto Center has been sponsoring our military train every year," he added.

The museum's hours can be obtained by calling 610-248-8745. Additional information about memberships and hours of operation is available at www.lkvmrr.com.

BRIEFLY

BETHANY UCC
Valentine dinner dance set Feb. 13

Bethany United Church of Christ, 600 W. Market St., will hold a Valentine dinner-dance Feb. 13. The Fifth Avenue side doors open at 4:30 p.m. There is a fee. The event is open to the public. Call 610-868-4441 for information.

BOYS&GIRLS
Feb 13 breakfast supports clubs

Applebee's at 3730 Nazareth Pike will hold a flapjack fundraiser for Bethlehem Boys & Girls Club, 8 to 10 a.m. Feb. 13. There will be a Chinese auction and cupid and teddy bear character photos. It is open to the public. There is a fee. For information, call 610-865-4241.

BAPL
Family fun day planned Feb. 13

The Bethlehem Area Public Library's second annual family fun day will be held 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 13. The open house at 11 W. Church St. features fun, games, giveaways and a book signing. Refreshments will be provided by Billy's Downtown Diner.

All proceeds benefit "Room To Grow," the library's capital campaign

to refurbish the children and youth services area of the library. Advance tickets are encouraged and may be purchased at the main library, the South Side branch and the bookmobile. For information, call 610-867-3761 ext. 259 or visit www.bapl.org.

DOP
Basket bingo set for Feb. 19

Bethlehem Daughters of Penelope is sponsoring a Longaberger basket bingo Feb. 19. Doors open 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. at the Nancy Run Fire Company social hall, 3564 Easton Ave. There is a cost. Call 610-866-3022 for tickets and information.

BAPL
Berk book talk set for Feb. 17

Bethlehem Area Public Library presents a free book talk on "Becoming A Writer" with author Josh Berk on Feb. 17. The program is 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the main library, 11 W. Church St.

Berk is a journalist and a district consultant for the Allentown Public Library. His first novel, "The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin," was released by publisher Knopf on Feb. 8. The work, which already earned starred reviews from School Library Journal (SLJ) and Kirkus Reviews, will be available

for purchase and signing.

Call 610-867-3761 ext. 259 to register or visit www.bapl.org/wordpress.

ST. ANDREWS
Shrove Tuesday meal set Feb 16

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1900 Pennsylvania Ave., is serving pancakes and sausage from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 16. This traditional Shrove Tuesday meal will also include applesauce and a beverage. There is a cost. The event is open to the public. All proceeds benefit the church's mission and ministry. To make reservations, phone 610-865-3603 or e-mail saec@ptd.net or visit www.standrewsbethlehem.org.

YOUNG & RESTLESS
Split Rock trip set for March 25

Young & Restless travel group is sponsoring a March 25 trip to Split Rock Lodge in Lake Harmony. Bus departs 10:30 a.m. from the Tobias Drive parking lot in Hellertown or 10 a.m. from Transbridge terminal in Bethlehem and returns around 5 p.m.

The trip includes the show "O'Malleys," which features favorite melodies and Broadway show tunes, buffet lunch, transportation and gratuities. For more information, contact 610-838-9472.

JUNIOR LEAGUE
American Girl shows March 6, 7

The Junior League of the Lehigh Valley (JLLV) invites girls and their friends and families to the American Girl fashion shows this spring.

The shows take place at Lehigh University's Iacocca Hall in Bethlehem Saturday, March 6 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 7 at 1 p.m.

The fashion show is a fun and engaging program that showcases historical and contemporary fashions for girls and their dolls. Local models will present the fashions while lively commentary, music and decorations will create a memorable experience for girls and their families.

Tickets are available now and can be ordered online at www.jllvpa.org.

Included are refreshments, party favors, a raffle and door prizes. Proceeds benefit JLLV and its children's programs.

HELLER
Art exhibit to run through March 28

Heller Homestead Art Gallery will host an art exhibit through March 28 near the Heller Homestead, 1890-92 Friedensville Road (Water Street) Hellertown. The exhibit, featuring works of Stephanie Faleski, benefits Saucon Valley Conservancy Inc. For information, call 610-216-0566 or visit www.sauconvalleyconservancy.com.

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ANOTHER VIEW: A BROKEN SYSTEM?

A word from the independents

The Republican and Democratic Parties have finally found something to agree on. Americans are angry. And what do the parties propose to do about it? The Republicans say they know the answer. Just put them in power. The Democrats say they know the answer. Just keep them in power. But wait! Isn't it partisan vanity that made Americans so angry in the first place?

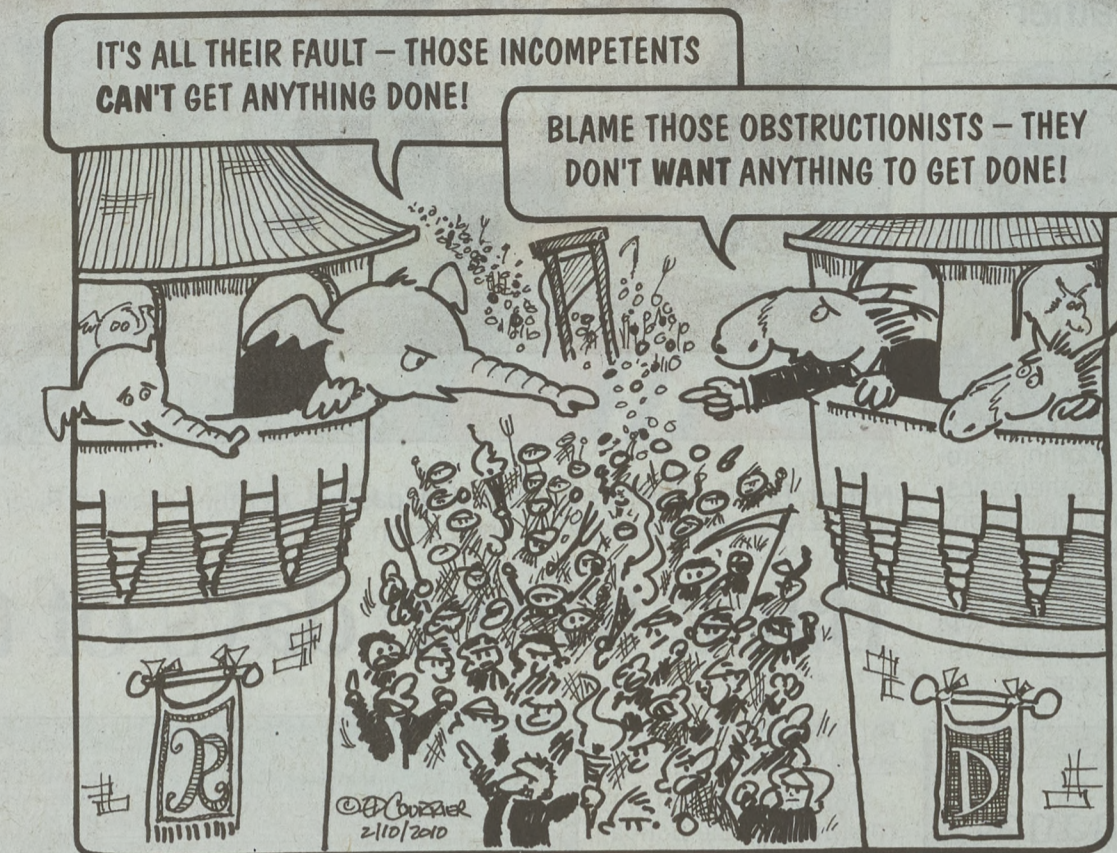


Jackie Salit
Guest
columnist

Anger is a consuming emotion, as anyone who has been betrayed, insulted or manipulated can tell you. But what's dangerous, psychologically speaking, is if you're angry but you have no productive way to express it. And when the object of your anger — the political establishment that is densely woven around the two parties — is also the only available solution to your anger, the problem is compounded. That is the psychological and political bind that most Americans find themselves in. And, it is also the catalyst for so many millions of Americans — 40 percent in some polls — becoming political independents. They are looking for a way out of the maze that only leads back to itself.

This "breakout" phenomenon has been gathering steam for nearly 20 years. And during that time, an organized independent movement took shape that has operated largely — though not entirely — out of public view. We know from every emerging force in American history — the movement for independence that eventually tore us away from Britain to become a new nation; the anti-slavery movement; the populists; the labor movement and the pro-life lobby — that movements come of age as leaders with diverse, sometimes divergent, visions challenge their movement to follow a particular path.

In retrospect, these formative battles are easy to see. In the 1770s, many in the Continental Congress sought accommodation, not revolution. In the 1840s and



1850s, compromise, not confrontation, over the issue of slavery was hotly contested. And leaders of change movements throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries competed over whether and to what degree these social upheavals could and should be channeled into an alliance with a political party.

The contemporary independent political movement is as, or more, volatile than any of its predecessors, in no small part because it grows from a situation where the current organization of America's political process is proving inadequate to the current crisis. But in its short life, the movement has acquired a history, it does have identifiable leaders, and it does have a set of controversies which define it. These have, for the most part, been ignored or trivialized by the pundits, surely, but also by the political group which benefited the most substantially from it: President Barack Obama and his political team.

Here is a four-point crash course for both political parties on

what they need to know about the independent movement.

Myth: Independents are only white center-right males

When the Perot movement exploded onto the political scene in 1992, its political profile was the angry, white, right-leaning male. But the progressive wing of the independent movement, which built a small but active base for independent politics in the black, Latino, gay and liberal communities, coalesced with the Perot movement to define its new direction — one that included all Americans, especially Black America. There were many voices in the independent movement which opposed that idea, believing that independent politics not only was, but should be all white, arguing that African-Americans would be more powerful if they "stayed behind" in the Democratic Party. (And besides, these political segregationists thought black people didn't look good in tri-corner hats!) This battle has taken many twists and turns. The Obama team, which benefited from the Black and Inde-

pendent Alliance in 2008, must support those independents who successfully shaped that alliance.

It's the process, stupid

Over time, the mainstream of the independent movement resolved to bridge the partisan and ideological divide to bring independents together as a cohesive force. Turning against the notion that independents were best represented by a third party — an experience brought to a head by the implosion of the Reform Party in 1999 and 2000 — a process agenda which could unify independents across the spectrum came to take the place of traditional issues. Recognizing that parties and partisanship have driven the country to the brink of dysfunctionality, independents in the "process wing" of the movement believe that the political decision-making structure must be substantially reformed as a means of engaging our social crisis. Open primaries, putting independents on the Federal Election Commission, nonpartisan governance and reducing the hegemony of the parties over the people

are the first priorities.

The independent movement is vulnerable to swing

In 2008, Obama won the primaries and the general election with the support of independents. The progressive/process wing of the independent movement made that hook-up happen from the bottom up. Nineteen million Americans voted for Perot in 1992. Nineteen million independents voted for Obama in 2008. But don't assume those are the same 19 million people. Or that the endorsement is permanent. The right wing lost control of the independent movement after the Ross Perot/Pat Buchanan tryst, when the center-left alliance in the national Reform Party buried the Pat Buchanan presidential candidacy, even though Buchanan was given \$18 million (by the FEC) to spend on his campaign. But now the right wants it back. Massachusetts was just the beginning, from their vantage point.

Independents elected Obama to be independent

Since the 2008 election, Obama handed over his independent campaign organization to the DNC and to Rahm Emanuel and gave healthcare to Nancy Pelosi, re-entering the partisan grid. Obama needs to extricate himself and connect to the progressive/process networks in the independent movement. That means supporting them; it means supporting the process agenda and it means standing up to his own party and to the party system. Like George Washington, independents don't like parties. That's why we're not building one.

Independents are the swing voters in today's angry America and they have a history and a vision that is uniquely their own. What's the state of the union? It's in distress and its people are in a strait-jacket. Independents are, first and foremost, looking for a way out.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Change – it is a-comin'

I am not someone who always welcomes change, and it seems the older I get, the harder it is for me to deal with changes that occur in my life.

According to inventor King Whitney Jr., "Change has a considerable impact on the human mind. To the fearful, it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful, it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident, it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better."

Depending on my frame of mind, I would say I have experienced all three reactions to change. For me, I believe it is a control issue.

When I first started driving, gas stations in Pennsylvania were all full-serve stations. When the talk started that they would shift to self-serve, I remember telling my mom

that there was no way I would pump my own gas — probably out of a fear that I would somehow spill the gas on the ground, my clothes or all over my car.

When they rationed the gas and you could only get gas on odd or even days according to your license plate, I said there was no way I would wait in the lines that wrapped around the corner. I quickly learned that I needed to wait in those lines if I wanted to drive.

You learn to adapt, take risks and sometimes agree with the changes that are made and the rationale behind the changes.

I do not enjoy the changes that come with age — medicine, tests, probing and prodding. However, I realize this is a part of life and we must accept these changes.

For me, getting a new job is always exciting, but with it comes some anxiety associated with that new position.

Our economy is changing every day, with decisions being made by our lawmakers that we may or may not agree with.

I have many friends who are unemployed. They lost their jobs due to a declin-

ing economy. Then there are others who do not have health care. These changes threaten our family structure and create a fear of the unknown.

In the State of the Union last week, almost everything the mentioned involved change, some we may agree with and some we may not.

I believe we could all agree that some changes need to be made in order to turn this economy around. I pray that our lawmakers will make the right decisions that will help the people in the United States find jobs and take care of their families. I worry about what the future holds for my children.

Change sometimes require risks and not everyone is comfortable with that.

As the late author William Arthur Ward wisely said:

"To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.
"To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

"To reach out for another is to risk involvement.
"To expose feelings is to risk revealing your true self.

"To place your ideas, your dreams, before a crowd is to risk rejection.

"To love is to risk not being loved in return.

"To live is to risk dying.

"To hope is to risk disappointment.

"To try is to risk failure.

"But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

"Those who risk nothing, do nothing, have nothing and become nothing.

"They may avoid present suffering and sorrow, but they will not learn, feel, change, grow, love or live.

"Chained by their fear, they are slaves who have forfeited their freedom.

"Only a person who risks is free.

"The pessimist complains about the wind;

"The optimist expects it to change;

"And the realist adjusts the sails."

So perhaps Ward has it right. We should take control, accept change, take risks and open ourselves to new opportunities. Only then, will we be able to learn new things and experience everything that life has to offer.



Deb Galbraith
East Penn
editor

PEOPLE SAY ... BY DANA GRUBB

What is your favorite way to celebrate Valentine's Day with your sweetheart?



"I like surprises, so I guess going out somewhere and doing something different, or spending time with that person and deciding as you go and as you feel."

Eduardo Olid
Bethlehem



"Well, I'm performing in 'The Vagina Monologues' at Lehigh University, and then going out to dinner with my boyfriend afterwards."

Mollie Garvey
Stroudsburg



"A romantic weekend at the ski house spent skiing, cooking dinner, and spending time together as a family."

Art Hunsberger
Bethlehem



"Share a box of chocolates."

Jim Talbot
Bethlehem



"We're going to go to Scranton to the Banshee Irish Pub for Valentine's Day."

Jan and Jim Creedon
Lower Saucon Township

Benjamin Esterly Freedom HS

Grade: 12

Family members: My mother, my father, my grandmother, my grandfather and my sister

Favorite subject: My favorite subject is public speaking because I can help others who are shy as I once was to overcome their shyness.

Activities: I play and coach basketball. I am a tutor and I am a member of the National Honor Society.

Next steps: I plan to go to Northampton Community College.

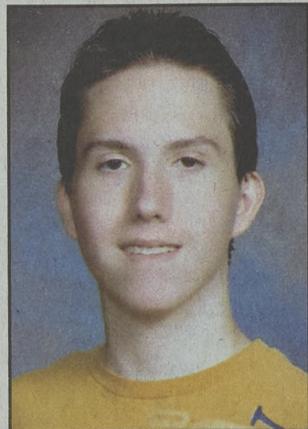
Career goals: I wish to become a teacher, I am not sure for what subject or grade, but I feel it is in my destiny to be a teacher.

Heroes: My mom is my hero because she is a hard worker and because she has shaped who I am today.

Hobbies: I play basketball, video games and write stories.

Volunteer/community work: I coach basketball at the HTTC, tutor in all subjects, help run parties and spend time with the elderly.

Likes: I like working with others



and guiding those around me to be the best they can be.

Dislikes: I dislike being indecisive at times and hypocritical attitudes.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): I had a literary work published.

Advice for peers: Never take anything for granted.

Julie Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

The First Company and Pipes and Drums of Liberty HS open the performance.

'Hands Across the Sea' features LHS Grenadiers

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Nearly 1,500 spectators enjoyed a presentation of traditional British military music, its traditions and precision, at Lehigh University's Stabler Arena Jan. 14 as the First Company and Pipes and Drums of the Liberty HS Grenadier Band opened for the Band of the Irish Guards and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

For the Grenadiers it marked their fourth opening performance for one of the Foot Guard Bands of the Household Division. Some serving in the 5th Battalion had recently returned from active duty in Afghanistan.

The show, entitled "Hands Across

the Sea," featured music from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Of particular interest was a tribute to the six branches of U.S. Armed Services in which each branch's hymn was performed. Veterans of each branch stood to be recognized, and the show segment ended with the playing of "America the Beautiful."

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is Colonel-in-Chief of both the Irish Guards and the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

The Band, Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers are currently performing throughout the United States and Canada. Their local appearance was sponsored by the Celtic Cultural Alliance and Donegal Square.



Sgt. John Hooper performed several solos during the concert.

FREEDOM NOTES

Teams play-off bound

Despite snow and cold temperatures still causing delays and disruptions, the winter sports season is still going strong.



Lindsey Anderson
Press writer

Boys' basketball is ready to go to districts with an overall 13-6 record and trying for a spot in the LVC among Freedom, Easton and Nazareth with an 8-3 record. A LVC 5-7 record and an 11-9 overall record for girls' basketball has kept them with a strong, better-than-500 record. Come watch both teams play Friday at Liberty, starting at 6 p.m. for the girls' team and 7:30 p.m. for the boys' team.

On Saturday morning at 10 a.m., swimming and diving will compete at Parkland, which is sure to be a good match for Freedom. Also, the swimming and diving team is selling drawstring backpacks for \$5 and retractable badge/ID hold-

ers for \$3, so be sure to contact Vickie Clark at wclark3236@aol.com to purchase either.

Freedom field hockey will be hosting a dinner dance party Feb. 20 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Easton Eagles at 3201 Sullivan Trail in Easton. For \$20 per person, or \$25 per person after Feb. 12, you can enjoy a buffet dinner, dessert, beverages, dancing to the tunes of The Riffers, a basket raffle and a cash bar. Tickets are available from Pete Young at 610-866-3711 and Brian Musselman at 610-217-9009.

Freedom varsity cheerleaders competed Sunday at the Battle of York, but this is hardly the last competition for the girls. The competition squad has five competitions remaining, culminating at the Atlantic City Convention Center March 26. To raise money for their competitions, the cheerleaders are selling discount cards that offer discounts to various local eateries for one year at the low cost of \$10; see any cheerleader for these cards.

Congratulations to Ed Mil- See NOTES on Page A20



The Grenadier Colour Guard leaves the arena floor after presenting America's colors during the performance.



The Band of the Irish Guards marches onto the Stabler Arena floor at the start of the program.



The Band of the Irish Guards and Pipes and Drums of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders perform in full regimental attire.



Liberty HS Grenadier Band director Greg McGill, assistant director Kevin Long, WO1 Kevin Coates, CG (ret), and Major Philip Shannon, director of music for the Band of the Irish Guards, gather after the performances. Prior to his retirement, Coates was Band Sergeant Major of the Coldstream Guards, upon whom the Grenadiers have been modeled. He is currently Senior Band Sergeant Major of the Liberty HS Grenadier Band.



Dancers with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders perform during several numbers.

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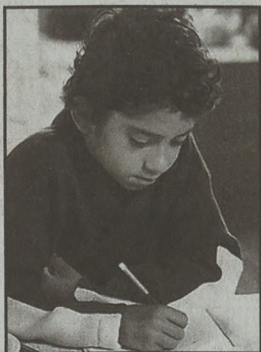
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AAUW Scholarship deadline March 10

The Bethlehem branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is accepting applications for its scholarship program. Mature female applicants in the Bethlehem AAUW area who are returning to

undergraduate studies at a four-year college or university after having their education interrupted are eligible.

AAUW is also accepting applications from female seniors at Freedom, Liberty and Saucon Valley high schools and the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts.

Applicants must be in the top 10 percent of their

class and have a combined SAT critical reading, math and writing segment score of at least 1650. Applications, which are due March 10 are available in the school guidance offices.

For applications and information, call 610-866-7462 or e-mail fbentkowski@verizon.net.

For AAUW information, visit www.aauwbethlehem.org.

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The Civil War interrupted the progress of documenting our national weather. When the war was over, however, scientists and mathematicians such as Henry, James Espy and Lapham called for the government to establish a national weather service. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the bill in February 1870 that accomplished this. The secretary of war was responsible for collecting the

national weather data until the Weather Bureau was transferred to the Department of Agriculture Oct. 1, 1870. The bureau then was incorporated into the newly formed agency, the Environmental Science Services Administration in 1965. It became known as the National Weather Service in 1970.

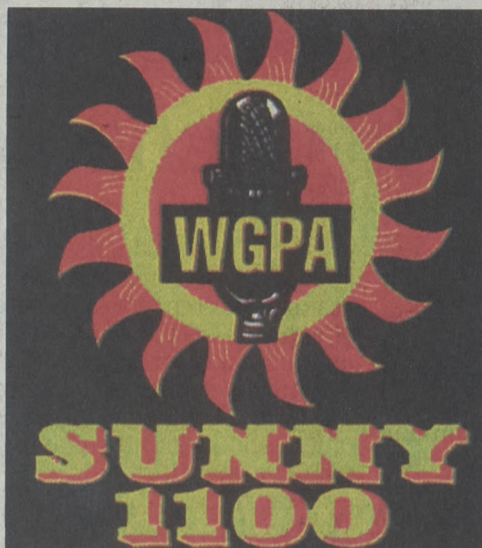
In 1944, the weather bureau set up a manned station at Lehigh Valley International Airport, but it was closed in November 1996 due to budget constraints. In its

place, NWS set up automated machines to measure temperature, humidity, visibility, cloud height, wind speed and direction and precipitation. Airport Authority Executive Director George Doughty expressed, at the time, that the machines were not an adequate substitute for trained meteorologists. The closest manned weather station to the Lehigh Valley is in Mount Holly, N.J., 80 miles away. Fortunately there have been no weather-related accidents at the airport since the switch.

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visits, Selena Bennett, Terese Nelson and Erica Bechtold, who made the PMEA District 10 Orchestra, which will perform at Liberty HS Feb. 25 through 27. Erica Bechtold, Diana Jolly and Kristin Lambert have made the PMEA District Band, which will perform at Fleetwood HS tomorrow through Saturday. Please check out the Freedom band Web site for the ongoing fundraisers helping band students to meet their fundraising needs for their upcoming Florida trip from March 10 through 14.

It's that time of year again! The Freedom HS Theatre Company will be performing its spring musical, "The Sound of Music." Tickets are on sale for \$10 for adults and \$7 for students/seniors for April 8 through 10 at 7:30 p.m. and April 11 at 2 p.m.

The Freedom French classes will welcome the eighth-graders from East Hills MS to celebrate Mardi Gras Feb. 16 in addition to the end of year presentation on French fairy tales and fables in April. Come and join us; parents, teachers and students are invited.

Several juniors will be testing March 13 for the SATs and April 10 for the ACTs. If students are interested in registering for the May 1 SAT test day, they should do so on collegeboard.com by March 25. Those who want to test for the ACT on April 10 should register by March 5 on actstudent.org.

Scholarships being offered by numerous organizations include the Hospital Central Services Student Volunteer Scholarship, KFC Colonel Scholars Program and many others. Seniors are encouraged to visit the Freedom Web site for more available scholarships.

Community service opportunities are available through an elementary school mentor program, the Center for Animal Health & Welfare, Bethlehem Special Olympics, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Camelot for Children; all information can be found on the Freedom Web site.

All seniors who would like to be recognized as a National Honor Society member at graduation must have all of the following: service projects for junior and senior year and \$10 dues for each year. Dues for senior year are due March 19. Also, all new members, including new senior members must attend the Easter egg hunt March 27 at 9 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact me at lindseyandersson2010@gmail.com or Mrs. Roman at droman@beth.k12.pa.us.

The PTO will be providing treats for the faculty at their March 8 teacher in-service meeting and are looking for people to provide baked goods, fruit and veggie trays and cheese and crackers. Please contact Regina Bryson at regbryson@rcn.com or Kathy Emrick at theemrick-zoo@msn.com.

Last week, report cards for the first semester were mailed home to students and parents.

For the fifth marking period, the closing date will be Feb. 24, followed by report card distribution March 5. In addition to Monday's half day, more half days coming up include March 4 for parent-teacher conferences and March 8 for teacher in-service. This upcoming Friday and Monday students will have off for President's Day Weekend.

A quick reminder that 2010 yearbooks can be ordered online at <http://jostensyearbooks.com> for \$94 until May 2. Also, the new edition of The Freedom Forum will be available online by next week.

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12x10.9	Mariner Loop	\$79.00	12x8.2	Beige Plush	\$80.00
12x11.6	Wheat Plush	\$89.00	12x9	Blue Graphic	\$84.00
12x11.5	Emerald Graphic	\$95.00	12x9	Sand Frieze	\$85.00
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12x15	Claret Plush	\$119.00	12x9	Plum Frieze	\$95.00
12x15	Wine Plush	\$120.00	12x9	Teal Pindot	\$99.00
12x15	Sport Print	\$129.00	12x9	Sand Frieze	\$100.00
12x15	Green Sculpture	\$129.00	12x9	Grey Pindot	\$105.00
12x15	Seafoam Plush	\$139.00	12x9	Gold Corduroy	\$105.00
12x15	Blue Plush	\$159.00	12x9	Garnet Plush	\$109.00
12x19	Twill Plush	\$169.00	12x9.6	Garnet Plush	\$119.00
12x21.6	Grain Plush	\$186.00	15x9	Beige Plush	\$149.00
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