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## Main Line lawmakers happy to see budget resolved

### Tax hike averted as both sides claim victory

By Jeff Cobb

Without raising taxes, this year's state budget promises aid for transportation, education and the environment, among other issues that will touch the lives of Main Liners and all Pennsylvanians.

Signed more than two weeks after the June 30 statutory deadline, legislators worked over six weeks on the \$27.2 billion plan, and saw much debate and compromise along the way.

"There's a little global warming going on here," said Sen. Connie Williams last week, joking about contested issues. "We're helping the global warming."

One priority was paying for Pennsylvania's many deteriorating roadways and bridges, and

its under-funded public transportation systems. Funding for SEPTA in particular was seen as vital because it daily transports over 800,000 people.

Rep. Carole Rubley (R, 157th) said this year 66.4 percent of the transportation budget will go to SEPTA.

This money is in part expected to come from bonds raised in anticipation of tolls on Interstate 80.

These tolls yet depend on federal approval, but the move to solve the "public transportation crisis" is already being called a victory by some.

According to Insubran Rep. Bryan R. Lentz (D, 161st), the funding "would not be in place if

**WHAT THEY'RE SAYING**

*"There's a little global warming going on here. We're helping the global warming."*  
 State Sen. Connie Williams on the budget impulse

*"Seventy-five million dollars is a big chunk to take for one line item. I do support pre-K, I really do, but I also support our school districts operating efficiently."*  
 State Rep. Carole Rubley on funding education

*"The Republicans were content to go home without addressing transportation and roads and bridges."*  
 State Rep. Brian Lentz on funding transportation

*"So far I've been very disappointed."*  
 State Rep. Greg Vitale on environment funding

*"We don't care what it pays for, if the wares tax is on it, we're voting 'no.'"*  
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## MALVERN MAGIC

The Malvern Fair opened Tuesday night at the Paoli Butterfield Park in Malvern and will run through Saturday night. Friday evening there will be fireworks and all money raised will go to the Malvern Fire Company. Enjoying the night were 13-year-olds Danielle Kruppel of West Chester and Liv Miller of Goshen as they let out a scream on the Himalaya ride.

## Paoli plan gets derailed again in Tredyffrin

By Daniel Kristle

It will be at least another three months before the new Paoli zoning goes into effect.

At the request of residents, the Tredyffrin Supervisors will hold another public hearing on Sept. 10 to consider whether to adopt the zoning.

If they approve it, it will go into effect 31 days later.

The Willistown Board of Supervisors, which is working on similar zoning for the portion of Paoli within its township lines, also seems unlikely to vote before the fall.

The zoning is aimed at encouraging dense, mixed-use development in downtown Paoli. It will also encourage streetscape improvements (brick sidewalks, antique-style streetlights, plantings, grass medians, etc.). The idea is to make Paoli into a walkable, aesthetically pleasing village.

The Tredyffrin Supervisors were expected to take a final vote on the zoning on Monday night, but because of a packed agenda, the public hearing to consider the zoning did not begin until almost 11 p.m.

Also on the agenda that night was a

discussion of whether to resign the intersection of North Valley and Swedesford roads. That discussion lasted three hours.

When the Paoli hearing began, the supervisors seemed ready for a quick vote. They, with the exception of Mark DiFelice (D, at-large), had decided in May that they'd heard enough public commentary and would vote in July.

After the supervisors found some typos in the zoning ordinance, Board Chair Judy DiFippo (R, at-large), said, "I am willing

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## Cannan steps down from Radnor Board of Commissioners

By Sam Strick

Radnor Township Commissioner Dave Cannan, who has represented residents in the Garrett Hill and Rosemont areas for nearly eight years, resigned this week from the township's Board of Commissioners.

Cannan, who recently got married, said he is moving to Easttown Township, and therefore by law cannot remain a commissioner.

"It's the best job I've ever had, but the

hardest job I've ever had," Cannan said at Monday night's Commissioners meeting.

Cannan's resignation and friend Sara Pilling pointed out acts that the professional painter performed outside his responsibilities as a commissioner, like shoveling snow for residents and once removing a dead deer from someone's back yard.

But more, she said, Cannan's tenure "burned anxious" the sense of community on her street, Garrett Avenue.

Until eight years ago, there was "a sense of hopelessness" there, said Pilling, who has lived in Garrett Hill for 25 years.

Cannan's performance on the board would never be considered uninteresting and has not been devoid of controversy.

Cannan and Pilling last year filed a complaint of three counts against his own board and the Radnor School District's

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## Church lot is saved in Lower Merion

■ Commissioners to authorize purchase of land at the former First Church of Christ, Scientist.

By Cheryl Allison

Lower Merion Commissioner Jane DeHelm could soon have a pleasant task to tend to.

If things went as planned this week, she was preparing to write to all township residents who made pledges toward a new park in Ardmore to tell them it's time to open their checkbooks.

The board of commissioners was expected to take action Wednesday night to authorize purchase of about one acre of land at 50 Larnwood Ave. to develop it into a new pocket park.

That acre happens to be the parking lot of the former First Church of Christ, Scientist, which was sold last year. The township plans to take the expense of asphalt and make it green again as community open space.

Less than a month after the board voted to open negotiations with owner Frank Scantinos, DeHelm and Open Space Committee Chairman Phil Rosenzweig said in interviews Monday that a deal had been struck.

Under the proposed terms, the township would pay \$1.1 million for the parcel, using open space funds it will receive from Montgomery County. Scantinos had listed the property for \$1.4 million. He would be able to receive a tax benefit for the \$300,000 difference, by counting it as a charitable donation, Rosenzweig said.

A campaign to raise private funds for the purchase, led by DeHelm, the ward commissioner, has brought in pledges and donations of about \$27,000, she said.

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## Haverford tagged as historic district

By Cheryl Allison

There were cheers last week in Lower Merion Township's board room.

After a year when it seemed their neighborhood was pushed from almost all sides by redevelopment, supporters of a new historic district in Haverford had reason to be happy. Township commissioners voted to adopt an ordinance creating the Haverford Station Historic District.

If approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission this fall - the agency has already given a nod to the proposal "in concept" - it will be Lower Merion's sixth and largest protected area, the first to be designated in a decade.

The district covers an area on both sides of the railroad line roughly between Lancaster and Montgomery avenues, stretching from Haverford Station Road to Barnett Avenue.

The decision didn't come easy. Although more than

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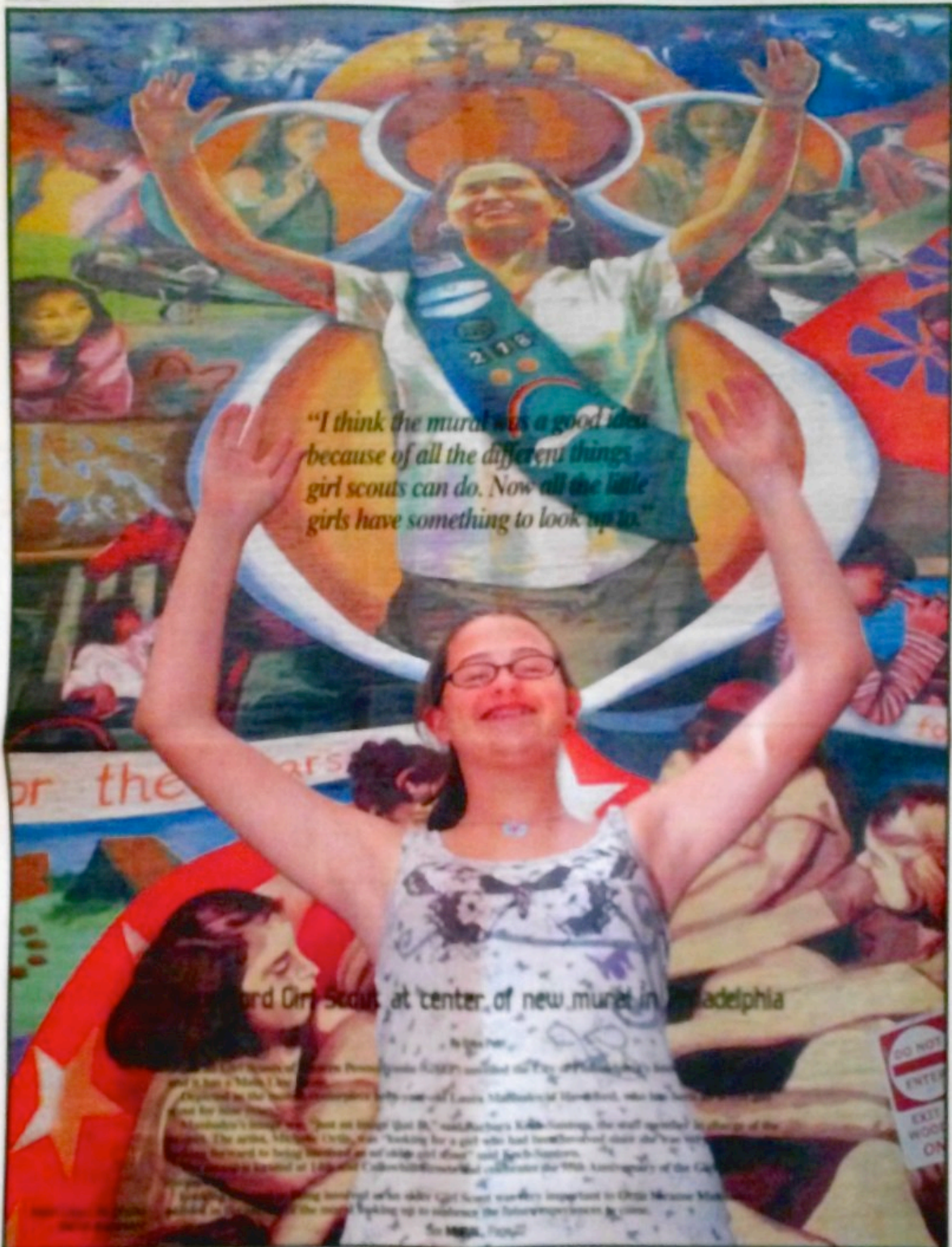
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### Girl Scouts at center of new mural in Philadelphia



**Life sounds**  
By Sally Friedman  
Columnist

## A vacation highlight? Returning home safely

The last minutes on the plane, they say, are the best. You're not allowed any bag checks and you can relax because it's always there on the way home from a vacation.

I agree in the passenger seat, ready to get my feet back in the air, and wondering how it will feel to get home. I know it will start with a few more things to do before I can get home.

Finally, we will take our airplane. I'm

out of the car almost before it comes to a complete stop. I bend to the door, ready to get back.

Call me crazy, but the coming home is one of the best moments of a vacation. No matter how wonderful the trip, no matter how glorious the destination — staying home is the place where everything begins to settle in a happy moment.

And when the airplane is in the air, it's the "home" line.

Obviously, a long drive to a home like anywhere, I'm a person who will never tire of home and health because I get two bits of both in a life that's so crowded.

That there's the remarkable part of the holiday. For a moment of health and peace, we have a time to think of our own.

The coming home is always wonderful. And there's a reason for it.

First, there's the home check. It's every thing to me, but it's the most fun to me, too. I don't want to be away from home, but I don't want to be away from home.

I think it's the most important to me to be the village. I'm not the best of the best, but I'm not the best of the best. I'm not the best of the best, but I'm not the best of the best.

And while sitting at wonderful moments is really one of the joys of a great vacation, the purpose of being the captain of my own destiny has become more and more apparent. The longer we've been away from home.

I love flying over the ocean, feeling the steady winds from against wanting to be, and enjoying my own quiet moments with it. Not even the greatest Navigator or one of the best can reach that first speed.

My husband and I have another child, the one perhaps best, but the best of the best.

Before we reach a single station, or even carry these things, we collect the best of the best. A neighbor has kindly invited us to, and we read them. Every day we read the day's news. We need to know what we're reading, what's happening, who's making headlines.

Remember, that each news item is always just always makes us feel that we're really back, ready to return.

But the best moment of all is when we see our loved ones. And in our own way, I understand my own. Our own way.

No matter how beautiful the hotel or the view, there is no hotel that welcomes us like our own. And even the best hotel of the best of the best.

The family street scene — the sounds of the neighbor's dog — all seems so familiar. No, going home is wonderful. There's always one moment in our life that we can't live without.

But there's a little phrase we all just love to hear. It's the one that says it all.

"Good to come — better to come home."

Amos!





# Haverford Girl Scout at center of new mural in Philadelphia

By Erica Petri

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania (GSEP) unveiled the City of Philadelphia's latest mural, and it has a Main Line flavor.

Depicted as the mural's centerpiece is 16-year-old Laura Maniscalco of Haverford, who has been an active girl scout for nine years.

Maniscalco's image was "just an image that fit," said Barbara Koch-Santoro, the staff member in charge of the project. The artist, Michelle Ortiz, was "looking for a girl who had been involved since she was very young and looking forward to being involved as an older girl scout" said Koch-Santoro.

The mural is located at 14th and Callowhill Streets and celebrates the 95th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts nationwide.

Looking forward to being involved as an older Girl Scout was very important to Ortiz because Maniscalco is painted in the middle of the mural looking up to embrace the future experiences to come.

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By Friedman columnist



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Call me crazy: for me, coming home safely is one of the best moments of a vacation. No matter how wonderful the trip — no matter how obvious the destination — stepping

So coming home is always triumphant. And there's a pattern to it.

First, there's the house check. Is everything as we left it? We wander from room to room, just to be sure all is well. Things look oddly unfamiliar, even after just a long weekend. I don't know why.

I love flinging open the freezer, finding the cherry vanilla frozen yogurt waiting for me, and enjoying my own sweet reunion with it. Not even the grandest Napoleon or dose of Tira Misu can match that first spoonful.

My husband and I have another ritual,

But the best moment of a vacation is when we get home. We rest our travel-weary bodies on our bed. Under our own comfortable pillows.

No matter how luxurious the inn, there is no bed that welcomes us better than our own. And even the too-long pillows don't compare to the ones





Main Line Life photo — PETE BANNAN

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"I think the mural was a good idea because of all the different things girl scouts can do. Now all the little girls have something to look up to," said Maniscalco. Maniscalco enjoys being a girl scout because "I get to meet new people and get to learn new things. I get to experience all kinds of different things."

In partnership with the Mural Arts Program, over 300 girl scouts assisted in the design and creation of the commemorative mural.

"Our troops entered to help paint the mural because we wanted to help and most of our troops like art. We thought it would be a great opportunity to learn something new. We each wrote a letter and drew a picture of what we thought the mural should look like. Our troops among a few others, were chosen to help paint the mural," said Maniscalco.

"It was a team effort," added Koch-Santoro.

Ortiz tried to portray all the things the girl scouts stand for in the mural, such as leadership, adventure, and courage. The mural also reflects the contributions of the Girl Scouts in the region. Every image portrayed in the mural is of someone who was at one time or still is a member of the girl scouts, including the adults.

While the mural commemorates 95 years of tradition, it also celebrates the girl scouts modernization. GSEP, a newly formed organization, is the result of a merger of three Girl Scout Councils: Freedom Valley, Great Valley, and Southeastern Pa.

"Our new council is going to be serving a nine county area and giving girls an opportunity to have three times as many programs that they had in their previous councils for discovery and community service," said Ann Meredith, Girl Scouts CEO.

"The mural is our best effort to celebrate girl scouting for not only 95 years, but for hundreds of years more. It's our history, it's our legacy, and it's our plans for the future," said Koch-Santoro.

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