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House, Senate

teacher strikes

All local legislators in favor

vote to limit

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

to go on strike.

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Both the state House and Sen-

ate have overwhelmingly voted to

change state law to make it more

difficult for public school teachers

On Monday, June 29, the meas-

ure, Bill 727, was passed 47 to 1 by the Senate, with state Senator Charles Lemmond voting in favor

of it. In the House it passed 195 to

3 with both state Representatives

Phyllis Mundy and George Hasay

gives teachers and many other

public employees the right to strike.

Taxpayers Forum aren't rejoicing

at the prospect of 727 becoming

said Joseph Kunec, president of

the Dallas Taxpayers Forum. "Act

195 tied one hand, 727 ties the

The main problem Kunec finds

with the bill is that during most of

other. I wouldn't have voted for

Bill 727 modifies Act 195, which

But members of the Dallas

"We're certainly not going to have any victory celebrations for that,"

Dallas, PA Wednesday, July 1, 1992

ALLASY

35 Cents

Lehman tax hike at 9 mills

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

With only one day to go before the June 30 deadline, the Lake-Lehman school board passed a "bare bones" budget of \$14,228,780 at a special meeting Monday, June 29, with Ed Kern, Dr. John Presper and Ken Williams voting against it.

This budget represents a ninemill property tax increase, whittled down from the estimated 22 mills first proposed in early April. The 1992-93 budget increased \$1,213,856, or 8.5%, over the 1991-92 school year.

Under the plan, Luzerne County residents will pay 185 mills. Wyoming County residents will pay 78 mills, two mills higher than this

Board members Jeff Fritzen, Mildred Dobash, Joseph "Red" Jones, Thomas Williams, Martin McMahon and Liz Sichler voted for, the budget.

Presper, Kern and Williams agreed that they were disappointed that the teaching staff had refused to consider concessions in salaries and benefits, which are anticipated to increase an average of 11% next year.

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year.

Riding high Jocelyn Kozick, 9, took her first competition ride on Dutchess June

28 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction Horse Show. Amy Lloyd offered some encouragement. The annual event raises funds to support the library. (Post photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

office June 29 asking for an audit of the borough's finances.

Harveys Lake Council president prospect of an audit.

"I welcome an audit," said Boice, who is also director of the bor-ough's sewer authority. "We don't against a Wilkes-Barre man. "Inordia of the bir drunken driving charge without permission from the District Attor-

gory's office in Shavertown on June definition of drunk, .10%, and no drunken driving charges were filed. Spock is charged with accept- In other cases, drunken driving ing a 20 inch color television for charges were filed by Spock, but the borough's police station last later dropped, said Olszewski, even December in exchange for not fil- though an officer cannot drop a

the contract negotiation process it would limit a school district's ability to replace striking teachers by stipulating that the replacement teachers have to have been active in the district within the past year.

Kunec is not alone in his objection to the stipulation limiting replacement teachers.

When the state House added the amendment restricting a district's ability to hire replacement teachers, the Senate voted against the new version of he bill that it had earlier passed.

A committee of three Senators and three Representatives was formed to work on a compromise bill. The new bill splits the difference between the two old versions.

For most of the negotiation period, if a strike occurs in a district, it has to hire replacement teachers who have worked in the district in the past year.

If however, students are in jeopardy of not completing 180 days of instruction for the year by June 15 or the last day of the district's regularly scheduled year, which-

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The arrest of Assistant Harveys Lake Police Chief Ronald Spock on Richard Boice is unfazed by the the charge of bribery has prompted Luzerne County District Attorney Peter Paul Olszewski to request



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that the state's auditor general audit the borough's books.

"A result of interviews we conducted in regards to assistant chief tors," said District Attorney Peter if undertaken. Paul Olszewski.

Dallas Exxon

will shut down

David Spurlin would like to buy

the Exxon service station on Route

309 in Dallas where he's operated

his business for many years. Instead, July 10 will be his last

day open, and by July 13 he'll have

to have his tools cleared out of the

business for the past five years,

but not the property itself, has

found himself caught between the

interests of Exxon Corporation, the banking industry, and the Depart-

ment of Environmental Resources.

cided to sell most of its retail out-

lets, and offered Spurlin the sta-

Spurlin said banks had no prob-

years the station has been in exis-

In August of 1990, Exxon de-

From a business standpoint,

Spurlin, who's owned the Exxon

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building.

have anything to hide from anybody.'

The auditor general's office could Spock gave rise to some other ar- not comment Monday on what an eas of interest for the prosecu- audit of the borough would involve

Spock, 43, of Lake View Ter-Olszewski planned to send a race, surrendered himself to state with a blood alcohol level that meas-

Olszewski said that about 15

other drunken-driving cases handled by Spock also are being investigated.

Olszewski said those cases involve two types of discrepancies. In some cases a driver was stopped

ney's Office.

State police and the District Attorney's Office learned of the alleged bribery when two Harveys Lake Patrolmen, Jeffrey Butler and Mark Karlonis, told police chief

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RONALD SPOCK

The catch is that over the 45 MOVING SHOP — David Spurlin stands in front of one of the service bays of his business, Dallas Exxon. Spurlin will relocate to tence, there have been small spills another garage in the area because of difficulty in buying the Exxon See EXXON, pg 3 property. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

Jeff Bridi is the new man patrolling Harveys Lake

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

There's a new man cruising the waters of Harveys Lake.

While Water Conservation Offi-Fish Commission has been working in Luzerne County for only three months, he's no newcomer to patrolling lakes and rivers.

For four and half years before position left open by the retirement of officer Claude Neifert, Bridi watched the lakes and rivers of Montgomery County where he grew

up. "In this county, so many people seem to be involved in fishing and there is great variety of opportuthe Susquehanna River," said Bridi.

probably dealing with the public, factor if not the main cause." not in the sense of handing them a ticket," said Bridi, "but talking with fishermen and boaters.'

"Because of the weather, we haven't had any real busy days vet." said Bridi. "It's been cool and damp on weekends. If Harveys Lake is busy, obviously we'll spend more time there. The use here depends cer Jeff Bridi of the Pennsylvania so much on the weather. You kind of have to wait and see what happens.

Because of the intense development around the perimeter of Harveys Lake, the possibilities for coming to Luzerne County to fill a accidents at the lake are increased, says Bridi.

"With this lake, because of the tightness of it, one of the things we'll be looking for is wake violations. Because of the damage it can cause and the safety," said Bridi. "Because people live here at Harveys Lake, there's probably nity available, from small ponds to more of a problem with drinking and boating. I think when you look back at the accidents in the past, "My favorite part of the job is alcohol has been a contributory

In contrast, says Bridi, when

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Pauline Kutz: helping the library for 23 years

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

tion at a fair price.

lem providing financing.

But there's a catch.

Kutz was attracted to the Back Mountain Memorial Library's auction — by the noise.

She and her husband Dr. Anthony Kutz were living on Norton Kutz. "I think this whole thing is a Avenue, and their home was back unique volunteer effort. to back with the auction, which Avenue at the time, Kutz explains.

"It would go to 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning then," said Kutz. "I'm not saying it was an annoyance, with the antiques committee, tiques, said Kutz, more of them

it.

A couple years later, Kutz be-Twenty-five years ago Pauline came involved with the library auction as a volunteer through a friend, and she's been volunteering ever since.

"It was just that I loved it," said

Kutz has been on the library's was held in a barn on Lehman board for many years, serving as its secretary, and also as chair of the auction advisory board.

During the auction, Kutz works

She still has the first thing she went to 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning, a slop pot. The pot doesn't have an attractive name or purpose; people used to empty their chamber pots into one before indoor plumbing.

She's turned the pot into something beautiful though, arranging dried flowers in it.

Though people still donate an-

in the past because there is less fine furniture in people's attics and basements waiting to be donated

than there once was. 'He'll purchase things that need work," says Kutz of Ernest Ashbridge, who spends his weekends purchasing most of the items that go on the auction block. "That's another wonderful thing, people will do the work."

Kutz remembers an old dental cabinet from the basement of the

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46TH ANNUAL BACK MOUNTAIN LIBRARY AUCTION

Thurs.-Sun., July 9-12 at the library, Huntsville Rd., Dallas Thurs., 6-11 p.m. Fri., 5:30-12 Midnight Sat., Children's Auction 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Regular auction 6-12 Midnight Sun., 5 p.m. until all items

sold

but it was how we became aware of adding up how much money is have to be purchased today than made each day on the auction block.

purchased at the auction, when it