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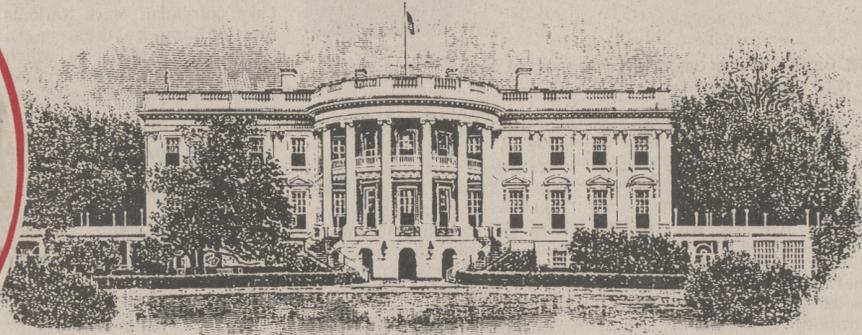
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The White House



Lisa Caputo's White House job hectic, fulfilling

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Last week was a bit busier than usual for Lisa Caputo, the press secretary to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Aside from her substantial regular duties, she spent much of the week preparing for Mrs. Clinton's trip to Bosnia, the first time a President's wife has visited troops abroad since Eleanor Roosevelt did so in the 1940's. Caputo, who grew up in the

Back Mountain before heading off to college, has one of those jobs most people can only dream about, and a title that's a mouthful. She's Deputy Assistant to the President, and Press Secretary for the First Lady. Working from her office in the White House, Caputo manages and directs all the First Lady's media operations, is chief spokesperson, and takes the lead in selecting interviews, events and schedules for her boss. "It's not always like this," she said apologetically during an in-

"It's been an incredible 4 years."
Lisa Caputo
Press Secretary to Hillary Clinton

terview at the White House last Friday. The decision to make the trip had come just a few days earlier, so a bundle of new tasks were added to Caputo's already full calendar. For someone who says she "just

fell into the job," Caputo must be performing well. After taking degrees in French and Political Science at Brown University, she headed off to Northwestern and the Medill School of Journalism for her graduate degree. Medill maintains an office in the nation's capital, and Caputo, 31, worked there in the mid-1980's. But she says she was "fascinated by the legislative process," and soon hired on with Rep. Bob

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Subdivision faces closer scrutiny

Solicitor says site plans differ in 2 towns

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - Before the planning commission gives approval to the plan for the Bella Mundana subdivision, it wants to make sure all its bases are covered.

The 25-lot development on Mill Road is owned by John Giambra and lies partially in Exeter Township, which will also be required to approve the final plans. A proposed sewage treatment plant and seven lots are along Sutton Creek in Exeter Township, while the other 18 lots are in Franklin Township.

Solicitor Charles McCormick told the planning commission that when he sat down with Exeter Township officials to discuss the development, "my site plan was different from theirs. Before we sign anything we must make sure we're all on the same page."

"These suggestions are based on a worst-case scenario - the plant breaking down and polluting the creek..."

Charles McCormick
Franklin Twp. solicitor

He recommended that officials from both townships hold a meeting to sign all the documents at once, rather than carrying copies back and forth to two meetings, when final approval is eventually granted.

McCormick presented a list of suggested modifications to the wording of the final plan to the commission, which unanimously supported it and voted to send it

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Silicon Wyoming Valley?

Kanjorski sees high-tech growth in region's future

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Critics derisively call U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski (D-Nanticoke) a dreamer, but he's proud of the label. And he hopes to see some of his dreams turned into reality as early as this fall.

One vision is of northeastern Pennsylvania as the next Silicon Valley, as new technology hatched here attracts employers who will

train — and pay — their workers in cutting-edge manufacturing. "Pennsylvania has always missed that curve," he said during an interview Mar. 21 at the Library of Congress.

In Kanjorski's plan, the region becomes a "seed area" for emerging technology, leading the world to a more efficient future. He foresees dozens of international companies clustering around a leading firm.

The key, Kanjorski says, is the

Harris Semiconductor plant in Mountaintop, where a brand-new high tech process is taking shape. Once that has been perfected, an explosion of growth unlike anything seen here before will take place.

"I think 20 to 30 years from now, we'll look more like Silicon Valley," Kanjorski said.

Kanjorski has little patience with those who say northeastern Pennsylvania either shouldn't, or can't, break out of its decades-long economic stagnation. "This

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REP. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

Residents, council say flooding is real problem

By GRACE R. DOVE
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HARVEYS LAKE - Outlet Drive has been under water several times and residents' back yards have been a sea of mud for nearly two years, but the Army Corps of Engineers isn't convinced there's a flooding problem along Harveys Creek.

The Corps has refused to approve a dredging project to remove beaver dams and lodges and accumulated silt and debris from the creek bed at the Outlet.

"Photographs submitted to this office by a local individual show flooding of the area which was caused by beaver dams. The beavers have since been removed. We were also informed that little or no flooding occurred on Outlet Road during the recent flooding...of January, 1996," wrote river basin permits section chief Paul Wetzlauffer in a letter to borough engineer Thomas Doughton March 8.

Although the state Department of Environmental Protection initially approved the permit, it can't override the Corps of Engineers (DEP), which has the ultimate authority over all wetlands in the country.

"Outlet Drive was under water," said councilman Ed Kelly after the announcement at the March 19 council meeting. "One

"All that's in my yard is water and insects. My children can't go outside and play."

Laurie Knauer
Outlet Rd. resident

resident couldn't get to her mailbox for more than a month."

"The road, a manhole and sewer pipes were covered with water," said Martin Noon after the meeting.

He has spoken with the state DEP and the Corps about appealing the decision, which the borough has 30 days to complete.

Part of the permit denial includes objections to it from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is concerned that the dredging will cause the loss of one of a wetland's most important functions - to store floodwater.

According to studies conducted on November 30 and January 31 by two Fish and Wildlife Service biologists, the wetlands along both sides of the creek house approximately 50 ducks, including mallards and wood ducks. Dredging the wetland could damage their habitat.

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Women's club collecting items for Bosnia soldiers

By GRACE R. DOVE
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HARVEYS LAKE - They're half a world away from home, living in cold, damp tents and eating MRE's.

The American service personnel serving in Bosnia are enduring additional hardships of no running water, little sleep and having to watch every step for land mines hidden in the mud.

The women of the GFWC Harveys Lake have begun a collection of items to make the soldiers' lives a bit easier and to let them know people at home are thinking of them.

"They need white socks, baby wipes for quick cleanups, small sizes of personal care items and

non-perishable snacks such as candy, peanut butter, packaged cookies, crackers, instant pudding and powdered drink mix," said coordinator Jennie Valick.

Lehman resident Tom Duffy, 25, is stationed in Hungary as part of the 127th Aviation Support Battalion, where he works in logistics and orders parts by computer for the battalion's helicopters.

His unit's normal food is either "T-rats" (hot food served in large containers) or the bland, chewy MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat, often dubbed "Meals Rejected by Ethiopians" by the soldiers) which debuted during the Persian Gulf War.

They live in 10-person tents set up along an airstrip, where choppers land right outside their front

doors. With movies, a Super Bowl party, modern latrines and showers, laundry service, a post chapel and "The Work Horse Country Store," the men and women of the 127th are a bit luckier than staff sergeant George Pepper, Jr. a member of the 501st military police company.

Pepper recently wrote home that he gets little sleep and his unit is living under "the worst conditions I've seen since I've been here."

The soldiers have no place to shower, unreliable heat and poor meals. The only thing they have energy to do between missions is to catch a little sleep, he added.

Until they "liberated" some scrap wood, metal trash barrels and an immersion heater, they

didn't have a place to shower, a decent latrine or floors in their tents.

"Now our tents are off the frozen ground...and personal hygiene has greatly improved," he wrote. "The tents are even warm."

More information on the drive is available from any GFWC Harveys Lake member. The organization has set up a dropoff point at the Harveys Lake municipal building to accept donations during regular office hours.

Anyone wishing to write to Duffy or member of his unit should use this address:

PFC Thomas M. Duffy
COA 127th AFB
Operation Joint Endeavour
APO-AE 09793

Future scientests vie in 'Science Olympiad'

By ANN POEPPERLING
Post Correspondent

LEHMAN - A tower breaking under extreme pressure... a bottle rocket spiraling up in the sky... an egg being dropped from the stairway.

All this and more was going on March 22 at Penn State's Lehman campus during the Northeast Regional Science Olympiad. And several Lake-Lehman High School students were right in the midst of it.

"There was more thinking involved than we thought," said Lake-Lehman sophomore Dusty Rhodes, who with his partner Michael P. Casey, designed an

entry for the "Mission Possible" experiment.

Dusty explained, "The object was to get a golf ball into a can within two minutes using a series of steps involving different forms of energy, including electromagnetic, chemical, mechanical and electrical."

"Ours emphasizes electrical and mechanical energy," Michael, also a sophomore, said. "I wanted to do this experiment because it seemed like fun." However, the partners laughingly admitted, the principle of "Murphy's Law" prevailed more often than not.

The entry was made of KNEX building blocks and Capsela parts, courtesy of Dusty's younger



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Juniors Missy Mitchell, Nikki Cornell and Geana Powell combined forces to concoct an entry for "Experimental Design" at the Science Olympiad.

brother, Jamie. "I warned him ahead of time," Dusty said with a smile.

The obstacles involved in designing the experiment didn't keep

the duo from entering two other events, the "scrambler car" and "rocks, minerals and fossils."

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