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lenpaupack. "Wallenpaupack has just as many boats, but they do not fly around the lake like up here (Harveys Lake). People up there pretty much pay attention to safety," said Andy Mattern, New York City, who stays in Hunlock Creek during the summer.

Mattern was at the lake Friday night to take his friend's boat out of the marina. "It is bad when I have to take a boat out of one lake to go to another lake so I can have some safe, clean fun," he said.

"Put blame where it belongs," said Tim Rhodes, 33, Dallas. "You cannot blame the police for the dangers on the lake." Rhodes was at the lake fishing Saturday, but said he left his boat home. "If a boat is moving too fast, the police are not driving it. The boat's operator is the one who is at fault."

Not everyone agrees not to blame authorities. Megan Summers, 41, Hughestown, said she feels lenient regulations on speed, alcohol, and the number of boats on the lake create the dangerous situation.

"If the drivers were told they could not drive 100 mph, they would not," she said while her boyfriend pulled his boat out of the water at the marina. "Since it is not against the law to drive 100 mph, they will."

Summers, and her boyfriend Will Allen, said they are taking their boat out of the water "just in case." Allen said, "I do not want someone plowing through the marina and hitting my boat. It is not so much my being afraid of going into the lake. I just do not trust the boaters at night, when I am not around."

Not everyone is leaving the lake this year, however, and many say this year's fear is not new. "Things are not any worse this year than any other year," said Jack Benson, 46, Mechanicsburg. "The fear has always been there. This year just seems to be getting more attention."

Benson said that many people are leaving the lake because of a boat accident that occurred over the Fourth of July weekend. "They hear about an accident that could have been a lot worse, and decide the lake is unsafe." He said he wonders where boaters would go if Lake Wallenpaupack suffers an accident. "When they leave there, where will they go?" he asked.



Car plunges over bank into Harveys Lake

This Corvette Sting Ray crossed the roadway by The Marina Cafe in Harveys Lake around midnight Sunday. The car then plunged down an approximately twenty foot bank into the lake. The operator of the car fled the scene before authorities arrived. Witnesses said they saw a man climb out of the car, take items from the car, and get into a limousine. Police reports were unavailable. The fish Commission and Police from Harveys Lake and Dallas Township responded to the scene. No injuries were reported. (Photo by Scott A. Davis)

Copter helps to enforce boating laws

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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The Pennsylvania Fish Commission took to the air Saturday in an effort to enforce boating regulations, using police helicopters to watch Harveys Lake from above.

Sgt. Kerry Messerle, fish commission law enforcement regional supervisor, said State Police helicopters were used to spot violations on the lake. According to him the helicopters are used statewide, but this is the first time they were used at Harveys Lake.

"We have an agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police for use of the helicopters for boat control," Messerle said Monday. The helicopters were supplied by the State Police-Hazleton Barracks.

The helicopters patrolled the lake Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 3 p.m. "We had seven violations spotted from the helicopters," Messerle said.

Messerle explained that Harveys Lake is a convenient spot for helicopter patrols because of the

ability to co-ordinate air patrols with water and vehicle patrols.

Because Harveys Lake is surrounded along its waterfront by a road, police and the commission may drive close to the shore.

"The helicopter carries a commission officer who can radio to

water and vehicle patrols when he sees a violation occurring," Messerle said.

"This is an awareness procedure," Messerle explained. He said the purpose of the helicopters is so that people are aware they are being watched.

Vacation stalls lake accident investigation

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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The investigation into a hit-and-run boat accident during the Fourth of July weekend has come to a temporary standstill, while the Pennsylvania Fish Commission's only full-time area enforcement officer goes on vacation.

"Right now we are at a standstill," said Sgt. Kerry Messerle, fish commission law enforcement regional supervisor Monday. Messerle said the commission has only one more subject

to interview, but Waterways Enforcement Officer Claude Neifert has gone on vacation until August 7. "We will not have anything until at least August 8," Messerle explained.

In the past several weeks, the commission has been citing lack of manpower as a major problem in waterway enforcement. Neifert is the only full-time Waterways Enforcement Officer available for the entire West Side. The West Side includes all of Luzerne County on the Dallas side of the Susquehanna River.

Mobile phone users can now call the '911' system

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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Mobile phones have been useful for business, family, and social situations for years; now, they can be used in emergency situations through the use of '911'.

The '911' emergency system is now available to Cellular One customers. The emergency system has been integrated with other improvements made by the Vanguard Cellular systems.

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From an automobile, the customer can dial '911' to request help. The call is received by one of Cellular One's switching stations. These stations then send the call to the nearest '911' center. For the Back Mountain, the nearest center is in Wyoming County.

That center then would notify the appropriate emergency services. For example, suppose a driver had an accident on Route 309 in Kingston Township and dialed the '911' emergency number. The call would be received by Cellular One and directed to the Wyoming County Communication Center in Tunkhannock. The caller would

speak with the communication center's dispatcher. The caller would tell the dispatcher what the emergency is and where it is located. After gaining this information, the dispatcher would contact the Back Mountain Communication Center. From there, the Kingston Township ambulance and any other needed emergency units would be sent to the scene of the accident.

In addition to using the '911' system for personal emergencies, the service is also useful for witnesses, according to Vanguard. If a motorist sees an accident, he or she could call '911' to gain assistance for the people involved in the accident.

At this time, the '911' system is not offered to most homeowners in Luzerne County. However, the mobile phones of Luzerne County residents can still use the '911' system.

There is legislation in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives pending a vote which, if passed, would establish a state-wide '911' emergency service. This bill would offer funds to the counties to help set up the expensive system. The service costs between \$6,000 and \$9,000 each month to operate.

Jeanne Clark wins bowling meet

Mrs. Niles Clark of Beaumont, known in bowling circles as Jeanne, was notified recently that she was the All-Events champion in the Pennsylvania Woman's Bowling Association Tournament for 1989.

Jeanne, who entered Class C Division in the state competition

rolled a 1,582 total pins for nine games. She was awarded a first place plaque and \$250 for her achievement. Jeanne also placed sixth in the singles event in Class C winning \$202.35.

Jeanne is the first bowler from the Back Mountain to take the state All-Events.

Fines

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catastrophic loss fund (CAT) set up by the state.

"The rate established was too low to begin with and the deficit continued to build up. When the state mentioned raising it to \$28, the people complained. When they wanted the insurance companies to take it over, it would cost even more, so rather than charge everyone, it's probably better to let those who violate the law pay for it," Slocum said. "How long this latest will be in effect is difficult to say. The state will probably come up with something else."

Charles Gordon of Gordon Insurance Company, Shavertown,

said in his opinion the government created a monster and now officials had to find a way to resolve it and were able to come up with no better solution than the surcharge.

"I believe they are possibly being too selective singling out some individuals. Why not assess everyone instead of penalizing offenders who may never have need for the CAT fund?" Gordon said.

"Why not something more general such as \$27 for a license fee instead of \$24, or adding more to a sales tax, then everyone is included. Of course, that's too political, so it will never happen," Gordon concluded.

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Steven P. Roth

Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald maintains offices at 15 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, and the Dime Bank Building, Pittston. Founded in 1954, the firm maintains a staff of 40 lawyers and 14 paralegals. It is a full service law firm, providing legal services in the following principle areas: litigation, labor relations, residential and commercial real estate, trusts and estates, taxation, bankruptcy, corporate and commercial transactions, and employee benefits.

Mr. Schwager is a graduate of Lafayette College and The Dickson School of Law. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Luzerne County Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Mr. Schwager is admitted to practice before all Courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

He is a member of the Board of the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge of B'nai B'rith and is a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Jaycees. Mr. Schwager served as a legislative aide for United States Senator John Heinz. He is a member of the law firm's real estate department. He resides in Dallas with his wife, Laurie, and is a member of Ohav Zedek Synagogue, Wilkes-Barre.



David E. Schwager

Miss Connolly is a Cum Laude graduate of the University of Scranton and the Temple University School of Law. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Luzerne County Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. She is admitted to practice before all Courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the law firm's litigation department. Miss Connolly resides in Forty Fort.

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