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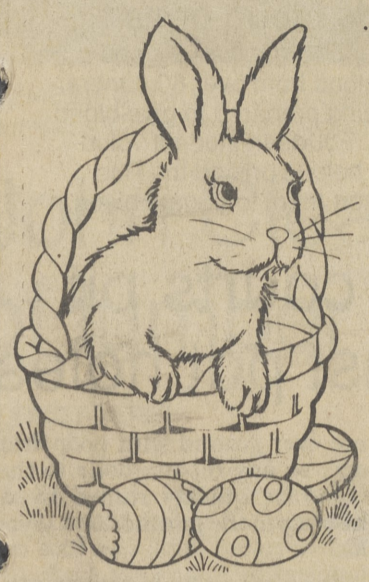


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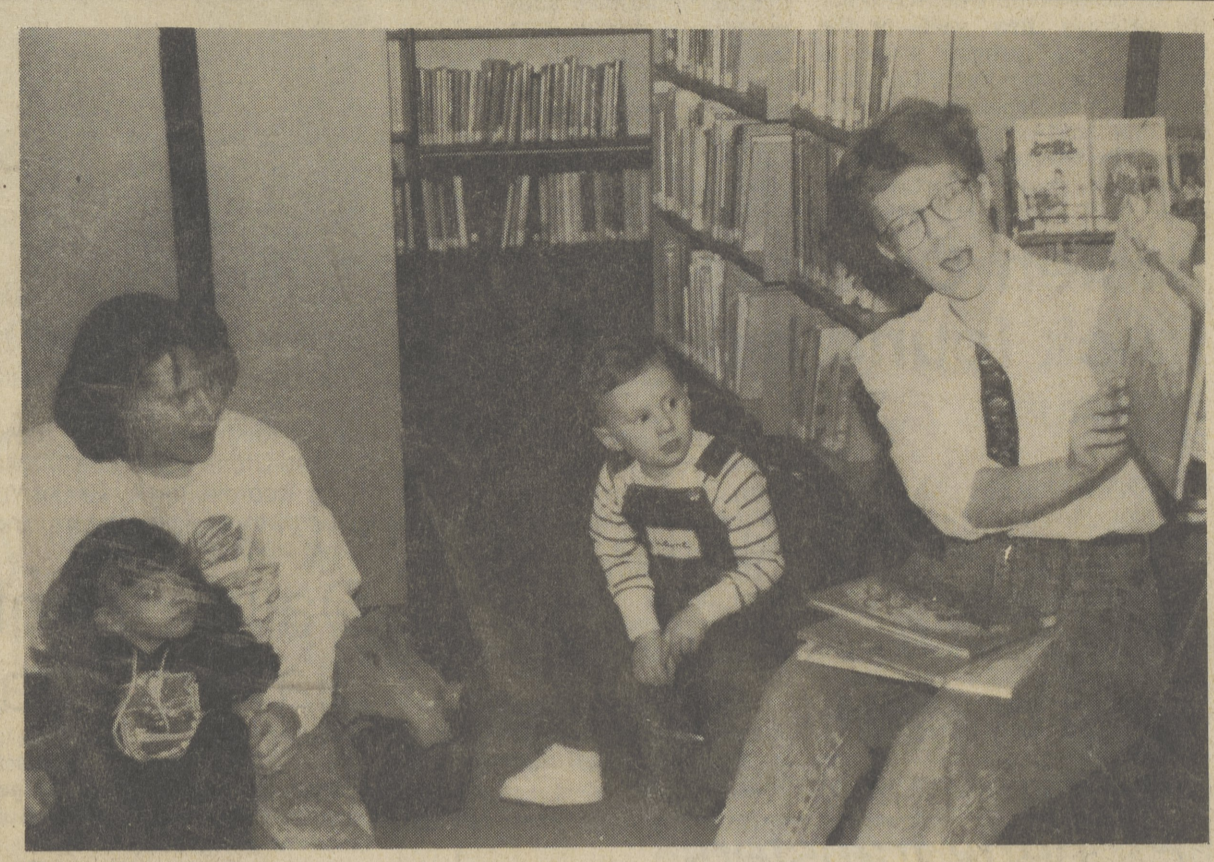


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### Reading is fun

Gayle DeCesaris, a volunteer reader at the Back Mountain Memorial Library's toddler story hour, entertained her son, Wayne and Sue Balkin and daughter Trisha recently. Volunteers help provide needed services while keeping costs down for the local library. This is National Library Week. See page 5 for other activities. (Post photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

## Amphitheater could net Harveys Lake tax windfall

By ERIC FOSTER  
Post Staff

Most people don't like paying taxes and will avoid it if at all possible.

But concert promoter Thom Greco has welcomed the tax man — provided he's not too hungry.

At a press conference April 1 to announce the construction of a 4,000 seat amphitheater at the former Hanson's Amusement Park in Harveys Lake, Greco offered to pay the borough a 2% amusement

tax to help cover the costs the borough might incur, both in liability and increased police needed for the traffic and crowds.

Based on selling 4,000 tickets at \$20 each, the borough would make \$1,600 per concert.

Greco said that at least ten concerts are planned for 1992, which would mean the borough stands to gain \$16,000 for the season.

Harveys Lake's amusement tax now only applies to arcade games.

Pleased with the prospect of gaining some revenue, the borough's council will have to decide if 2% is enough.

"I like the idea, we're not greedy people, but we need to offset the cost once 4,000 people pull out of the parking lot," said borough council president Richard Boice. "We're going to need extra police."

"All we're trying to do is make it safe for the community," said councilman Edward Kelly. "If 2% makes it safe then 2% will be fine.

We don't want to go overboard like other townships have done in the past."

"If you're going to have 2%, why not 3, or 4%?" said councilman William Wilson. "I think that it's nice that the guy offered."

Councilman David Abod said that 2% appears to be enough to cover the borough's expenses. What the borough has to do now, said Abod, is decide whether or not the tax should be used to generate extra revenues that would go into

the general fund.

The council will be discussing Greco's proposal, with the next regular meeting on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the borough building.

At the press conference, Greco warned that a 10% amusement tax like Moosic enacted in an attempt to generate revenue from concerts at the Multi Purpose Stadium is a real show stopper.

Harveys Lake Borough council

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## Water Co. is changing its meters

By ERIC FOSTER  
Post Staff

If you're a customer of the Dallas/Shavertown Water Company and your water meter is more than 20 years old, you may be getting a phone call soon from D/B Water Specialties.

D/B Water Specialties of Bloomsburg has been contracted to change 790 older water meters to new meters, according to Paula Walp, of the Dallas/Shavertown Water Company.

Company representatives will be calling homes with older meters to make an appointment to have them changed. The new meters will

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HOW IT FEELS - Mike Casey, assisted by Ronald Ernst of NASA, tries on a space suit at an assembly on the space program at Lake-Noxen School Thursday, April 2. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

## NASA rep brings space to classrooms

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Students at Lake-Noxen School blasted off into space April 2 to explore strange, new worlds and to boldly go where no student has gone before.

As part of a month-long schoolwide study of the solar system and outer space, the students took an imaginary guided tour of different planets in morning assemblies conducted by NASA representative Ronald P. Ernst.

"When you land on Venus, the atmospheric pressure will be so heavy that you'll end up as flat as a pancake," Ernst explained, accompanied by a chorus of giggles. "It will be so hot that your body will start to cook down into a liquid. But you won't feel anything because you'll be laughing so hard — the atmosphere is mostly nitrous oxide."

Students were fascinated by Ernst's description of life in zero gravity, where liquids turn into Jello-like balls and solid objects float around if they're not tied down.

He also detailed the space shuttle program and NASA's future plans, which include construction of a space station ("Space Station Freedom") in 1995 to be manned by an international team of astronauts and scientists, setting up bases on the moon within ten years, and a manned Mars landing slated for July 20, 2019, the 50th anniversary of the giant leap for mankind, Neil Armstrong moon landing.

Students asked Ernst questions ranging from when ordinary people will be able to live in outer space to how astronauts use the bathroom in zero gravity.

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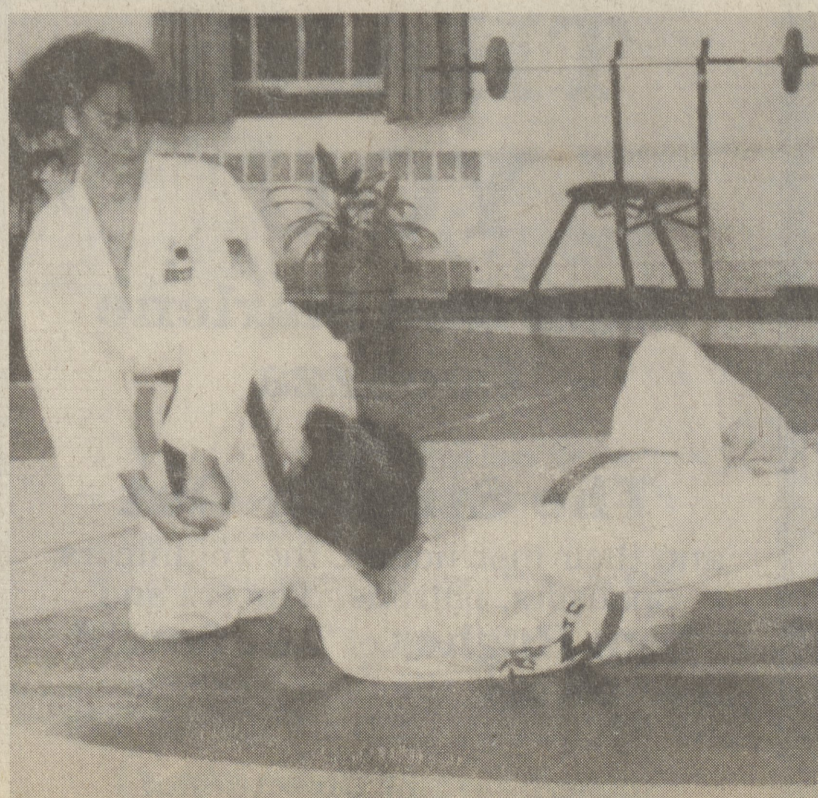
## Legislators join fight on prison water

By ERIC FOSTER  
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Area state legislators have joined the Citizens Advisory Committee for the state Correctional Institution at Dallas in calling for the prison to use a pipeline from the Ceasetown Reservoir as the prison's primary water source instead of wells.

"Why would they put the water line in if they aren't going to use it full time. Why just a backup?" asked Pat Rusiloski, president of the Citizens Advisory Committee, at the committee's meeting with prison officials on April 3.

State representatives George Hasay, Phyllis Mundy, and Stanley Jarolin attended the meeting and agreed. State Sen. Charles



TAKING HIM DOWN - Tina Sidonio of Shavertown is shown in action. The 15-year-old won first place in the Pennsylvania State Junior Women's Free Fighting martial arts competitions.

## Shavertown teen wins state martial arts title

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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Her petite size has not prevented Tina Sidonio of Shavertown from excelling at a very physical sport.

After only two years of study, the fifteen-year-old Lake-Lehman ninth grader recently earned a first place trophy in her first competition, the Junior Women's free-fighting division of the Pennsylvania State Karate Championship competition.

A student of Grand Master Sang E. Ko, a native of Korea who holds an eighth-degree black belt and is vice president of the American Tae Kwan Do Federation, Tina has already earned her red belt with one black stripe and is proficient in all styles of karate: Tae Kwon Do, Hap Ki Do, Ju Do, self-defense and three different types of martial arts weapons.

"Master Ko has me working out

in class with 20-year-old guys," Tina said. "I work out 1-1/2 hours a day, five days a week, and some Saturdays. My teacher expects a lot from his students, but only allows us to compete when he feels that we are ready."

Tina is the daughter of Margaret and Gabriel Sidonio of Shavertown and has a younger brother, Gabriel.

"It takes courage for Tina to compete," commented her mother. "If she isn't quick enough or doesn't block the opponent's move properly, she might get hurt. Karate is a rough sport, requiring particular pants to wear a mouth guard and protection for the body, arms, head and legs. But we're very proud of Tina, knowing how much she loves it."

The study of martial arts has also helped Tina in her personal life.

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