

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On March 10, 1902, in the case of Edison v. American Mutoscope Company, the U.S. Court of Appeals rules that despite his claims, Thomas Edison did not invent the movie camera. The court did, however, admit that Edison invented the sprocket system that moved perforated film through the camera.

• On March 9, 1926, "Lolly Willowes; or, The Loving Huntsman" by English novelist Sylvia Townsend Warner, the first Book-of-the-Month Club selection, is published by Viking Press. The Book-of-the-Month Club's 4,000-plus members were not pleased with the novel, a fantasy about a widow who scandalizes her relations by moving to a town involved in witchcraft.

• On March 12, 1933, eight days after his inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first "fireside chat," or national radio address. The subject of the broadcast was the reopening of the banks, closed by presidential order the week before to stop a recent surge in mass withdrawal of U.S. savings.

• On March 7, 1955, the first Broadway play to be televised in color, featuring the original cast, airs. The play was "Peter Pan," starring Mary Martin.

• On March 8, 1969, the Pontiac Firebird Trans Am is introduced. The Trans Am, originally a limited-model Firebird, would become a symbol in the muscle-car niche of automobile manufacturing.

• On March 11, 1970, author Erle Stanley Gardner, creator of Perry Mason, dies. The crime-solving attorney Perry Mason appeared in numerous novels and became the star of a top-rated TV show starting in 1957. The show starred Raymond Burr as the titular hero and ran for nine years.

• On March 6, 1986, Georgia O'Keefe, the artist who gained world-wide fame for her austere minimalist paintings of the American Southwest, dies in Santa Fe, N.M., at the age of 98. O'Keefe was considered one of the preeminent artists of the American West and inspired legions of imitators.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

• With April 17, this year's deadline for filing your income-tax return, approaching, it seems an appropriate time to remind you that it was Mark Twain who made the following observation: "The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin."

• Perhaps unsurprisingly, the word soufflé comes to us from the French; its original meaning was "to blow or puff up."

• Valentine's Day is over, and the flowers are wilted or dead by now. But what about the chocolates? It seems there must be some still left in their boxes, uneaten - especially considering the fact that retailers estimate that 36 million boxes of chocolates were given as gifts for this year's holiday.

• More than 18,000 species of butterflies have been documented by researchers.

• It's still not known who said, "An X-ray reveals a lot about a man, but an ex-wife can reveal much more." But I'm willing to bet it wasn't a single man.

• Another item from the Poetic Justice files: A Philippine man, Renato Salazar, broke into the building of his employer in Manila. He headed to the kitchen, where he opened two industrial-size gas tanks and then climbed into a large drum full of water. He then tossed a lit match at the gas tanks and ducked down inside the drum, presumably with the idea that the water would protect him from the effects of the fire. Unfortunately for him, though water may not burn, it certainly does get hot. In the process of destroying the two-story building, the fire also boiled the arsonist alive.

• A region can't be technically classified as a desert unless it receives less than 10 inches of rainfall every year.

Thought for the Day: "No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach." - William Cowper

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PLANTS, COLOR THE FOCUS OF LAND TRUST PROGRAM



North Branch Land Trust naturalist Rick Koval will present the program "Wildflowers and Plants, Twelve Months of Color" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at the Land Trust offices. The offices are located at 11 Carverton Road in Trucksville, across from Pizza Perfect. The presentation will include a wide array of great photos of local native flowers and plants. The photos were taken over many years by Koval. The cost of the program is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. There is no charge for members of the NBLT. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The North Branch Land Trust was formed in 1993 to help protect the quality of life in the region. For more information about the event or the NBLT in general, call Linda Thoma at 696-5545 or e-mail thoma@nblt.org.

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Given the chance, unhindered by board and pen, they'd surely wander, to where browse beckoned and gut feeling suggested. Without barrier, they'd go along and a-field and astray. Just like sheep to the fodder.

Fiction, nonfiction, mystery books added to shelves

The following new memorial and honor books have been donated to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas. For more information about donating a book, call the library at 675-1182.

EXPRESS(1 week)

"The 5th Horseman" by James Patterson
"The Hostage" by W.E.B. Griffin

FICTION

"The 5th Horseman" by James Patterson
"Carved in Bone" by Jefferson Bass
"Edge of Evil" by J.A. Jance
"Sleeper Cell" by Jeffrey Anderson, M.D.
"Lost" by Michael Robotham
"Irish Crystal" by Andrew M. Greeley
"The Archimedes Effect" by Tom Clancy

"Leaving Home" by Anita Brookner
"Leonardo's Swim" by Karen Essex
"Striver's Row" by Kevin Baker
"The Pale Horseman" by Bernard Cornwell
"Hitler's Peace" by Philip Kerr
"Night Tales: Night Shield, Night Moves" by Nora Roberts
"Cell" by Stephen King
"The Hostage" by W.E.B. Griffin

NONFICTION

"Break, Blow, Burn" by Camille Paglia
"You're Wearing That?" by Deborah Tannen
"If You Could See What I See" by Sylvia Browne
"At Canaan's Edge" by Taylor Branch
"Marley and Me" by John Grogan
"Take It Back" by James Car-

ville and Paul Begala
"Self-Made Man" by Norah Vincent

MYSTERY

"Death of a Dancer" by M.C. Beaton
"The Old Wine Shades" by Martha Grimes

BIOGRAPHY

"Parish Priest" by Douglas Brinkley

LARGE PRINTNONFICTION

"Worth More Dead" by Ann Rule

BOOKS ON CD

"Murder at the Washington Tribune" by Margaret Truman
"Finders Keepers" by Mark Bowden
"Between Two Worlds" by Zai-nab Salbi
"Wild Animus" by Rich Shapiro

YOUNG ADULT

"John Dewey: the founder of American liberalism" by Amy Sterling Casil
"Small Steps" by Louis Sachar
"Avalon High" by Meg Cabot
"Copper Sun" by Shawn Draper
"The King of Attolia" by Megan Whalen Turner
"Critical Perspectives on Stem Cell Research" edited by Brian Belval
"Critical Perspectives on Climate Disruption" edited by Robert Chehoski

SPECIAL DONATIONS

"Tea with Jane Austin" by Kim Wilson presented by The Ladies Tea Group
"Cinderella" DVD presented by Madeline, Colin, Liam and Olivia Kwiatkowski
"The Grim Grotto" by Lemony Snicket presented by Laura and Cindy Lohmann

70 YEARS AGO
March 6, 1936

DEMOCRATS GAIN IN DALLAS AREA

Democrats made their biggest gains during the last year in this rock-ribbed Republican sector, if registration figures for boroughs and townships being compiled at Luzerne

County Courthouse this week can be taken as a standard. The Sixth Legislative District, which includes Dallas and vicinity, had a gain of 419 Democrats, about 200 of from Dallas and Dallas townships.

Poultry experts will speak at the annual meeting of Luzerne County poultrymen in the new Wilkes-Barre YMCA on Tuesday. Speakers will be Kenneth Hood and D.C. Henderson of Pennsylvania State College Agricultural Extension Department, and Harry Blake, prominent poultryman of Wayne County.

The three-game series to decide the basketball championship of the rural scholastic circuit began on Monday night with Dallas Borough scoring a decisive victory over an aggressive Kingston Township five. The Dallas High school girls team played Lehman High girls and lost by a slim score of 27-25.

60 YEARS AGO
March 8, 1946

SHAVERTOWN UMC HOSTS GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Philips Elliott, minister of the First Presbyterian

Church, N. Y., will be the speaker at a special Lenten Service Monday evening at eight at Shavertown Methodist Church. Dr. Elliott is a national officer in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and a delegate to the World Council of Churches. He has just returned from a world tour in which he visited Christian churches in the war areas of both Europe and the Pacific. The brilliant author and radio minister is well known in this area from his previous visits to Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

Auditor General G. Harold Wagner has approved payments totaling \$907,974.39 to 1,254 second class townships in the Commonwealth. The payments are the first to be made from an appropriation of \$8,500,000 out of the Motor License Fund to the State Department of Highways for 1946-47.

Alden "Brick" LeGrand, veteran of more than three years in the Marine Corps, has purchased the restaurant owned by Joe Davis. "Brick," seriously wounded on the Guam in 1944 after taking part in operations on Bougainville and Saipan, was discharged January 19. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis LeGrand, Baldwin Street.

50 YEARS AGO
March 9, 1956

MAN IS NOT DOG'S BEST FRIEND

A Trucksville man was fined \$15 and \$2 in costs by justice-of-the-peace Beatrice Williams, Tuesday night on a hearing of having abandoned a hound dog on Bunker Hill Road. Four youthful witnesses appeared. They said they saw the man throw the dog out of his car shortly after noon on Saturday. When they shouted the man, he sped away.

The arrival of Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company's new American LaFrance fire truck sometime after the middle of April will be celebrated on Sunday, May 27 with a motorcade and dedication services at Harveys Lake.

Vern Groff, manager of Dallas Outdoor Theatre is confined to his home on Church Street after a 12-day hospitalization in Palmerton. He is recovering steadily from loss of blood incurred when he ruptured his spleen in a car crash on slippery roads near Slatington.

40 YEARS AGO
March 10, 1966

STUDENTS ASKED ABOUT 2-YR. COLLEGE

Students at both Back Mountain high schools (along with students all over Luzerne County), were given forms to be filled out this week to determine the degree of demand for a Community College in the county.

Included was an informational brochure called "Facing Facts About the Two-Year College," which distributed by the county commissioners.

Warden Place Improvement Association has filed a protest petition in Harrisburg in response to an announcement of increases of rates by Warden Place Water Service, the association president has told the Dallas Post. The rates, effective during the summer months, represent an approximately 150 percent increase.

With the many abatements in real estate taxes in the Lake-Lehman School District, plus mandated increases in salaries for next year, and approximate \$50,000, directors found themselves up against a tight budget scheduled Tuesday night. Ed-

ward Lashford told board members that something would have to give somewhere.

30 YEARS AGO
March 4, 1976

BONKO ROAD

SUBJECT OF MEETING
A heated discussion ensued at the Jackson Township supervisor meeting Monday night when residents of Bonko Road brought up the subject of the township taking over the road.

John B. Hibbard, Dallas, who has directed the affairs of Keystone Junior College since Aug. 1, was elected as the fourth president of the college last Friday. The trustees of the college chose Mr. Hibbard, former board chairman of the Commonwealth Telephone Co., over a list of more than 200 candidates for the position.

David Beamesderfer, 56 Maple Drive, Dallas, has been selected to enter a photo contest sponsored by Guide Magazine, depicting community service activities of the Pathfinder Club.

20 YEARS AGO
March 5, 1986

LIBRARY CAMPAIGN SHORT OF GOAL

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Capital Campaign Committee members, in its effort to raise money to help pay costs for renovation projects on the library building, say they have totaled \$334,286.80 in money and pledges to date.

The campaign, now in its 17th month, is hoping to amass \$450,000. But according to Homer Moyer, co-chairman of the committee, along with Nancy Eckert, that goal may be in jeopardy.