

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On March 13, 1781, German-born English astronomer William Herschel discovers Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun. Herschel's discovery, the first to be made by use of a telescope, allowed him to distinguish Uranus as a planet, not a star.
- On March 19, 1831, the City Bank in downtown New York is robbed, the first recorded bank robbery in American history. The bank, located on New York's newly booming Wall Street, lost \$245,000 in the robbery, a tremendous amount of money at the time.
- On March 17, 1901, paintings by the late Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh are shown in Paris, causing a sensation across the art world. Eleven years before, van Gogh had committed suicide without any notion that his work was destined to win acclaim. In his lifetime, he had sold only one painting.
- On March 15, 1911, Gustave Otto, the son of internal combustion engine pioneer Nikolaus Otto, organizes Gustav Otto Flugmaschinenfabrik Muenchen. Otto's Munich-based aero-engineering firm would later merge with Karl Rapp's firm to form the Bayerische Motoren-Werke, or BMW.
- On March 16, 1926, American Robert Goddard successfully launches the world's first liquid-fueled rocket at Auburn, Mass. The 10-foot rocket, fueled by liquid oxygen and gasoline, traveled for 2.5 seconds at a speed of about 60 mph, reaching an altitude of 41 feet and landing 184 feet away.
- On March 14, 1950, the Federal Bureau of Investigation institutes the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list in an effort to publicize particularly dangerous fugitives. Only seven women have appeared on the list since its inception.
- On March 18, 1968, actor and director Mel Brooks, born Melvin Kaminsky, wins the Oscar for Best Screenplay with his first feature film, "The Producers." The film starred Gene Wilder and Zero Mostel as schemers planning to produce a Broadway flop and abscond with their backers' cash.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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- According to a recent estimate, 90 percent of all Americans live within 15 miles of a Wal-Mart store.
 - Talk about an ignominious way to die: A 61-year-old British man named George Pearce was fatally crushed by pork. It seems that a truck hauling 20 tons of the meat overturned, dumping its cargo on Pearce's Volkswagen. By the time the emergency responders dug to the bottom of the huge pile of pork, the poor man was long since dead.
 - Next time you're traveling by air, consider this: Seven percent of single women and 15 percent of single men say they've ended up dating someone they met on an airplane.
 - It's still not known who made the following (rather bitter, but certainly heartfelt) observation: "An auditor is the guy who comes in after the battle to bayonet the wounded."
 - On average, there are 50 volcanic eruptions around the globe every year.
 - Given society's prurient interest in all things sexual, you may not be surprised to learn that a certain aphrodisiac once cost twice as much as gold. However, you probably will be surprised to learn that the substance in question is whale vomit. There's no explanation of how the vomit was collected. Incidentally, whale vomit has been proved to increase amorous urges. Before you run out to find some, though, you might keep in mind that the study was performed using male rats; its efficacy in causing human arousal is questionable.
 - According to records left by the ancients, plastic surgery on noses was being conducted as early as 750 B.C.
 - In the early days of the American Colonies, it was commonplace for the Puritans to have baked beans for breakfast on Sundays.
- Thought for the Day: "I wish I could tell you my age, but it's impossible. It keeps changing all the time." - Greer Garson

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FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

In certain seasons of the year, sunlight appears more magical, more fascinating. It sharpens form. It makes shadows of receding posts and rails dance on iron-cold ground. It captures the eye of a passing photographer. Yet it means nothing to some of God's creatures, who sense the sun's rays as something more tangible and warm.

Local residents donate memorial books to library

The following new memorial books have been donated to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas.

For more information about donating books in someone's honor or memory, call the library at 675-1182.

In memory of Thelma Gildea: "Decorating for the First Time" by Eileen Cannon Pauline, presented by John and Elizabeth (Eckman) Lloyd

In memory of Hazel Wink: "Token Chick" by Cheryl Ladd, presented by Lehman Ladies Golf League

In memory of Hazel Wink: "Embedded Balls" by Peter Jacobsen, presented by Lehman Ladies Golf League

In memory of Jeffrey Todd Jones: "A Family of Poems: favor-

ite poetry for children selected by Caroline Kennedy", presented by Mrs. Rita Rusnak and Mrs. Janet Bauman

The following books are in memory of Nancy Kozemchak and are presented by The Clifford Kozemchak family:

"Tony's Bread: an Italian folktale" by Tomie dePaola

"Worth" by A. LaFaye "Josefina" by Jeanette Winter

"A Fly Went By" by Mike McClintock

"Carmine: a little more red" by Melissa Sweet

"A Was Once an Apple Pie" by Edward Lear

"Leonardo the Terrible Monster" by Mo Willems

"If You Decide to Go to the Moon" by Faith McNulty

"Kamishibai Man" by Allen Say

The following books have also been donated to the library:

BIOGRAPHY

"Tab Hunter Confidential" by Tab Hunter

MYSTERY

"The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell" by Lilian Jackson Braun

SCIENCE FICTION

"A Feast of Crows" by George R.R. Martin

BOOKS ON CD

"Nail Biter" by Sarah Graves

"Shoppgirl" by Steve Martin

"The Regime" by Tim LaHaye

"Armageddon" by Tim LaHaye

YOUNG ADULT

"Crackback" by John Coy
"Artemis Fowl: the opal deception" by Eoin Colfer

BOOKS ON CD

"The Life All Around Me" by Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons

"Gaudy Night" by Dorothy L. Sayers

"The Hostage" by W.E.B. Griffin

"Long Time Coming" by Sandra Brown

"On the Run" by Iris Johansen

"The Winds of Change" by Martha Grimes

DVDs

"The Presidents"

"Victory at Sea"

"Mash: season one"

"Woodstock"

"Einstein's Big Idea"

ANDRUSISIAN, FINARELLI
NOMINATED FOR AWARD

Dallas Middle School teachers Kathleen Andrusisian and Cindy Finarelli have been nominated for a state Teacher of the Year award. Andrusisian is a special education teacher, while Finarelli is a social studies teacher. Both teachers were nominated for the award by Dallas Middle School principal Anthony Martinelli. Andrusisian and Finarelli were recently given a plaque to recognize their accomplishments at the school's awards program. Attending the program, from left, are assistant principal Thomas Duffy, Finarelli, Andrusisian and Martinelli.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
March 13, 1936STORE DESTROYED BY
EQUIPMENT FAILURE

A paper plate stuffed into the suction pipe of a Trucksville fire engine caused firemen to stand by while Arch Woolbert's general

store was destroyed. Firemen decided to keep their firehouse locked in the future until a definite policy with regard to public functions in the building can be adopted.

Fred Eck and Willard Garey of Shavertown returned on Tuesday from a 4,500 mile automobile trip which took them as far as New Orleans where they witnessed the colorful Mardi Gras. During the 18 days they visited many states and visited with numerous local residents spending the winter in Florida.

Two prominent local Democrats, John Sullivan and Bernard MacNelis, filed petitions in Harrisburg this week to be candidates for representative to the legislature from the Sixth District.

F.A. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lewis Shavertown has been named associate editor of Electrical Engineering, a trade publication.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
March 15, 1946DIRT PLUS RAIN
EQUALS MUDDY CRASH

An Interlaken N.Y. truck driver narrowly escaped injury Sunday night when his eight ton 1946 Ford coal truck overturned on the highway at Mt. Greenwood on loose mud which flowed on top of the highway following last week's heavy rains.

Three weeks of canvassing has netted the Kingston Township Veterans Association more than \$1,800 for the purchase of its building, the former Kelly funeral home, Main Road, which has been unoccupied since it was vacated last year by the Teen Abe Center.

A three gaited show horse, Beau Sterling, recently purchased by Mountain Evergreen Stable, arrive here from Kentucky last week.

Charles H. Lon, one of the outstanding young farm equipment dealers in the area is building a new equipment building at Sweet Valley.

Lt. Burton Bunnell of Fernbrook was killed in action in his China-based fighter plane.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
March 16, 1956UNDEFEATED SEASON
FOR LAKE-NOXEN

The girls basketball team of Lake-Noxen High School has an undefeated season for the fourth consecutive year under the fine supervision of coach Mrs. Florence Worth.

The Lehman-Jackson-Ross School directors voted down the large 10-way jointure seeing nothing to be gained by erasing the line drawn by the Luzerne County school office, which separates the Back Mountain into two sections.

Reithoffer Shows prepare for their 58th season tour. The resplendent orange show trucks on the Reithoffer property along the highway on Route 115 have been overhauled and are ready to take to the road as soon as the grass is green.

FORTY YEARS AGO
1966

SUPERVISORS

REGULATE SHANTY
USE

At the March meeting Friday night, Lake Township supervisors passed an ordinance strictly regulating ice fishing shanties and litter. The ordinance demands registration by any party wishing to build or use a fishing shanty.

Students at both Back Mountain high schools, along with students from 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.

Speaking yesterday to all Dallas high school students, guidance counselor George McCutchen termed the prospect of a two year community college here as a tremendous opportunity.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
March 11, 1976STRIKE ENDS LONG
NEGOTIATIONS

Marathon negotiation sessions which began at 10 a.m. Monday and lasted until 6 a.m. Tuesday have apparently broken the deadlock between striking communications Workers of America and the Commonwealth Telephone Company.

Lehman Township Supervisors received official notification of the approval of a \$27,500 block grant to the township during their regular meeting Monday night. Kevin Nelson, Luzerne County coordinator of federal funds explained details of the grant during the meeting. The funds will be used for road improvements, primarily resurfacing.

The Back Mountain Jaycees have declared March 5th to 14th as Apple Butter Week. Hundreds of jars of apple butter and apple sauce will be distributed throughout the Back Mountain. A donation of \$1 or more will be

asked. This year the Back Mountain Jaycees will be giving the proceeds from their drive to the Luzerne County Association for Retarded Children.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
March 12, 1986THIRD SCHOOL SHOULD
BE LAST CLOSING

Despite the elimination of yet another Dallas area school, Board superintendent Gerald Wycallis says the immediate future of the district is stable and that he does not foresee any more shutdowns.

The closing to the Dallas Township Elementary school building on Monday marked the third time in the last three years a school has fallen by the wayside. In 1983 both the Trucksville and Dallas elementary schools were closed. And despite the overall enrollment decline which began in 1976 and is expected to continue through 1991, no more crisis in the way of school eliminations are predicted.

Dr. Bruce J. Wilson, formed president of Beaver College in suburban Philadelphia has been appointed Dean of institutional advancement at College Misericordia. The announcement was made by Dr. Joseph R. Fink, college president.

After being stifled by a number of legal problems over the past few years that have now been settled, development at Newberry Estates in Dallas is once again underway.

Construction of a four-unit row of town homes in the Meadows One section of the condominiums has been in progress since December. The two- or three-bedroom designs, which are expected to be completed in May will cost from \$120,000 to \$155,000. One unit has already been sold with another three under speculation.

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