

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On March 20, 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is published. The novel, written in reaction to tightened fugitive slave laws, sold 300,000 copies within three months.
- On March 25, 1911, at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York's Lower East Side, a fire quickly engulfs the factory and claims 146 lives in less than an hour. Trapped inside the flaming building, many of the workers either expired from asphyxiation or leapt from windows - a fatal, 10-story fall. The company's owners were eventually found guilty on charges of manslaughter.
- On March 22, 1929, Will Rogers signs with Fox to write and star in four films for \$600,000. With the dawn of talking pictures in the late 1920s, Rogers became a top box-office draw. His films included "Happy Days" (1929) and "A Connecticut Yankee" (1931).
- On March 26, 1937, America's first monument to a comic strip hero is unveiled in Crystal City, Texas. The 6-foot-tall, brightly colored concrete statue of Popeye was unveiled in Popeye Park during the city's second annual Spinach Festival.
- On March 23, 1940, long-running radio game show "Truth or Consequences" debuts. Unlike giveaway game shows where the draw was huge cash prizes, "Truth or Consequences" paid only \$15 for right answers. For wrong answers, guests were required to perform outrageous stunts - pushing walnuts across the stage with their noses, howling like a dog, or collecting hundreds of thousands of pennies.
- On March 24, 1955, Tennessee Williams' play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opens in New York, two days before his 44th birthday. The play would win Williams his second Pulitzer Prize.
- On March 21, 1971, "The Andromeda Strain," the first movie to use computer animation, opens. The sci-fi thriller, featuring scientists racing against time and an alien virus, was also the first movie to be made from Michael Crichton book.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

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- If you're like the average American, you generate four pounds of trash every day. If you're surprised by that high number, consider this: When the daily waste of each person in the United States is added together, it amounts to a total of 210 million tons of garbage every year.
- It was Nobel Prize-winning chemist Linus Pauling who made the following sage observation: "The best way to have a good idea is to have a lot of ideas."
- Has a colporteur ever knocked on your door? It's possible, though not very likely to happen these days. A colporteur is a person who sells Bibles and religious artifacts.
- In the Deep South, cornbread is sometimes called "Arkansas wedding cake."
- Someone -- who had plenty of time to waste, evidently -- has figured out that if you add up the number of letters in the names of the playing cards, the total comes to 52, the exact number of cards in a deck. Try it yourself: ace = 3, two = 3, three = 5, four = 4, five = 4, six = 3, seven = 5, eight = 5, nine = 4, ten = 3, jack = 4, queen = 5, king = 4.
- According to historians, France's King Louis XIV owned 413 beds - that's enough to provide him with a different place of repose every night for a year and six weeks.
- Pollen is one of the only naturally secreted substances that lasts indefinitely - it never deteriorates.

Thought for the Day: "Try as much as possible to be wholly alive with all your might, and when you laugh, laugh like hell. And when you get angry, get good and angry. Try to be alive. You will be dead soon enough." - William Saroyan

READING PROGRAM BEGINS APRIL 5



The Back Mountain Memorial Library will kick off its participation in the program "Pennsylvania one Book, Every Young Child" during National Library Week. Storyteller and musician Mary Baker will present a reading of "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse" complete with puppets and a song at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 in the Children's Room. Baker will also give a musical storytelling program for children ages preschool through grade school. A "Traveling Trunk" filled with mouse-related puppets and games for young children will be available for hands-on creative play. Children's librarian Janet Bauman will distribute a paperback copy of the book and early literacy information to each family in attendance.

Pennsylvania libraries, museums and public television stations are joining forces to increase awareness among parents and the childhood care and education community of the need for literacy development. Using a "one book, one state" model, the yearlong program hopes to communicate how to develop early literacy skills through interactive experiences with books and stories.

Several copies of "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse" will be available for patrons to borrow from the library throughout the year. Two copies will remain in the Children's Room reference section for in-house reading. Bauman will visit the children who attend the Dallas and Lake-Lehman Head Start and Early Intervention programs later in the month to read the book, present a story time and speak with the teachers about early literacy. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 675-1182.

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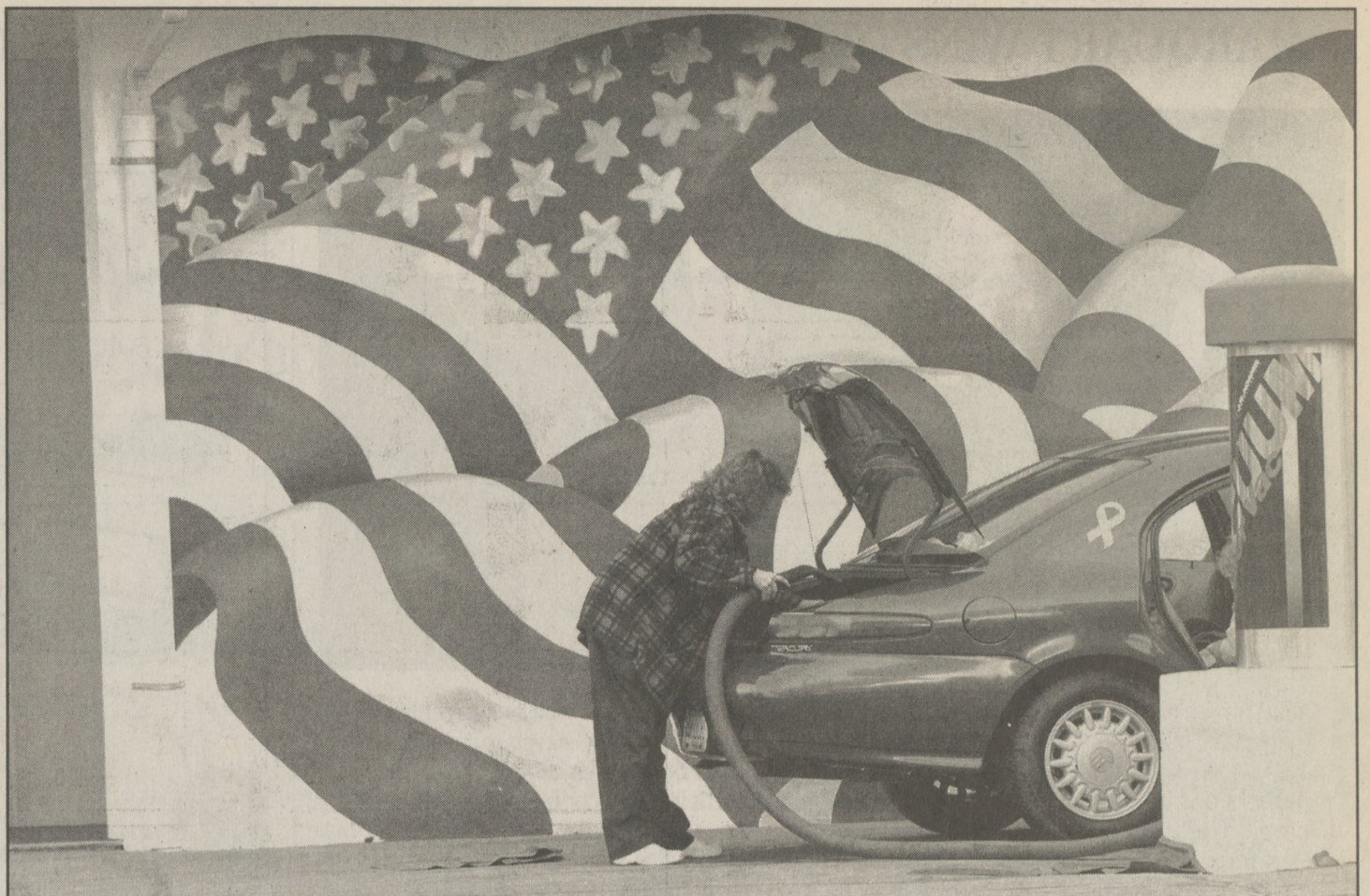
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As certainly as winter retreats, we will discover the detritus left in the wake - the crumbs and crud and rubbish of a full season. We will express shock and dismay. And we will shoulder the sacred duty to suck it up, brush it out and make the ride right again. Ah Spring, we salute you.

NEW BOOKS

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

EXPRESS(1 week)

- "Second Honeymoon" by Joanna Trollope
- "False Impression" by Jeffrey Archer
- "The Templar Legacy" by Steve Berry
- "The Old Wine Shades" by Martha Grimes
- "Sour Puss" by Rita Mae Brown

FICTION

- "The Templar Legacy" by Steve Berry
- "False Impressions" by Jeffrey Archer
- "Second Honeymoon" by Joanna Trollope

- "The Rebels of Ireland" by Edward Rutherford
- "Kill Me" by Stephen White
- "The Two Minute Rule" by Robert Crais
- "Halfway House" by Katharine Noel
- "Deadly Kisses" by Brenda Joyce
- "Son of a Witch" by Gregory Maguire

NONFICTION

- "Breaking the Spell" by Daniel Clement Dennett
- "The Wal-Mart Effect" by Charles Fishman
- "The Laurel Line" by James N.J. Henwood

MYSTERY

- "Sour Puss" by Rita Mae Brown

BIOGRAPHY

- "The Other Side of Me" by Sidney Sheldon

LARGE PRINTFICTION

- "Sour Puss" by Rita Mae Brown
- "The Myth of You and Me" by Leah Stewart
- "Saving Fish from Drowning" by Amy Tan
- "On Beauty" by Zadie Smith
- "Walk" by Heather Graham
- "Lovers and Players" by Jackie Collins
- "Reckless" by Shannon Drake
- "The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell" by Lilian Jackson Braun
- "Irish Gilt" by Ralph M. McInerney

REFERENCE

- "Summer Opportunities for Kids & Teenagers 2006"
- "Current Biography Yearbook 2005"

YOUNG ADULT

- "Ptolemy's Gate" by Jonathan Stroud
- "John Lennon: All I want is the

- truth" by Elizabeth Partridge
- "Ready or Not: An all-American girl novel" by Meg Cabot
- "Mimus" by Lilli Thal
- "Zap" by Paul Fleischman
- "The Minister's Daughter" by Julie Hearn

BOOKS ON CD

- "Watch Your Back" by Donald E. Westlake
- "Murder She Wrote: The Maine Mutiny" by Jessica Fletcher
- "Nightcrawlers" by Bill Pronzini
- "Class Action" by Clara Bingham and Laura Leedy Gansler
- "Swing" by Rupert Holmes
- "Love'em or Lose'em" by Beverly Kaye and Sharon Jordan-Evans
- "Cards on the Table" by Agatha Christie
- "The Adventures of Nero Wolfe" by Rex Stout
- "The Martin and Lewis Show"
- "Trail Mix" by Louis L'Amour
- "The Mayor of Casterbridge" by Thomas Hardy

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
March 20, 1936

FLOODING IN VALLEY, BACK MOUNTAIN

The worst floods in 70 years cut communications with Wyoming Valley. Hundreds of residents were unable to go to work as Susquehanna does on second rampage in a week. Flood water inundated the West Side and washouts of track in the vicinity of Bakers above Noxen on the Bowman's Creek prevented deliveries of milk from Dushore creameries. Appeals for funds for the Red Cross were made through the Dallas Post.

With river crossings at White's Ferry out and with the water up to the doorstep on its Harding exchange, Commonwealth Telephone Company probably had a more intimate contact with flood conditions than any other organization in Dallas. Emergency calls were routed through Scranton to the Valley

Bids for completion of the annex to Dallas Township High school will be opened by directors at a special meeting next Tuesday. The annex will include four classrooms and an auditorium to seat about 400 people.

The Post is offering a series of eight articles illustrating smart and practical household items which a woman can make herself.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
March 22, 1946

LEHMAN STUDENTS PERFORM AT STATE

Lehman High School is the only local school planning to enter the Pennsylvania Forensic and Music League competition this year, following Kingston Township's decision not to compete. Mary Lamoreux will compete in the oratorical contest and the band will compete with solo numbers by Sylvia Brown, piano; John Milauskas, cornet; Harold

Cornell, trombone; Ethel Ide, clarinet. Bernard Gerrity is director.

King Smith, veteran of service in Europe, has returned to the home of his master, Col. Norman Smith, Huntsville, following his discharge from Fort Robinson, Nebraska. King is a thoroughbred German police dog who entered the K-9 Corps in May and served for more than two years in the ETO.

Harveys Lake will have air service during the summer months. Smith Flying Service of Forty Fort will transport persons and packages by aircraft between Harveys Lake and other points in Pennsylvania.

Burgess George Williams has instructed police officers to round up all stray dogs and dispatch them in accordance with the State Department of Agriculture 180 day rabies quarantine in Luzerne County.

The American Legion buys lots on Lake Highway and discusses plans to erect a building.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
March 23, 1956

ANIMALS RESCUED FROM HOME FIRE

Fire guts the home of Mike Kozich in East Dallas but neighbors rescue chinchilla stock worth \$20,000.

Back Mountain people had an opportunity to see Kingston Township's new firemen in action Wednesday at the Kozich fire on Demunds Road. The firemen did an excellent job of directing traffic and kept motorists where they belong.

The second annual Industrial Conference of Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of Industrial Management Clubs, affiliated with YMCAs will be held at Irem Temple Country Club, Saturday, April 27.

Lemuel Troster buys Dallas Insurance agency from Robert C.

Hale, with offices in the Himmeler Building, Lake Street, Dallas.

FORTY YEARS AGO
March 24, 1966

HAYFIELD HOUSE AT PSU HOSTS TOURS

Penn State Representatives of women's organizations in the Back Mountain met at Hayfield House Wednesday at noon as guests of Pennsylvania State University to enjoy lunch, tour the newly acquired building, view slides of the mansion and gather information about proposals for the future.

Mike Wilkes, Dallas cager, is named to the first of the 1966 Pennsylvania All Scholastic teams. Wilkes is the first Dallas cager to receive the honor.

Medicare will be explained on Friday at a meeting at the Back Mountain YMCA.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cathrall, Dallas teachers, are named to the Sigma Gamma Epsilon Honor Society of the University of Oklahoma. They are pursuing advanced study at the university. Mrs. Cathrall is the former Judy Richards of Trucksville. On sabbatical leave, the couple expects to be home in time for fall classes.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
March 25, 1976

DALLAS FAN FINED, OTHERS DISMISSED

Disorderly conduct charges against two West Side Tech fans and a PIAA off duty official were dismissed while Dallas High School fan was fined for disorderly conduct and harassment at a hearing last Thursday night before District magistrate Earl Gregory

Charges against the four men came at the Dallas West Side Vo-Tech game Feb. 10 at Dallas Senior High School.

America's craziest and most unpredictable sport - donkey

basketball - will be featured at Dallas High School Gym at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29. Teams will be made up of senior and junior high faculty members.

Jackson Township organized a new fire company auxiliary. Officers elected were president, Mrs. John Fielding; vice president Mrs. Ralph Esser; secretary, Mrs. Elmer Laskowski and treasurer, Mrs. Sidney Fielding. Helene Haley and Helen Franklin were auxiliary organizers.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
March 19, 1986

OFFICIALS EXAMINE ROCK CUT ON 309

State and local officials from the Back Mountain met last Sunday afternoon at the rock cut section of Route 309 to examine hazardous conditions existing there including the lack of lighting

The stretch of road in question, a half mile strip starting from Wasserott's in Courtdale to just below Franklin's gas station in Kingston township has seen the scene of over 100 accidents dating back to 1982.

Just one day after being criticized by state senatorial candidate Charles Kirkwood for his part in the flood aid bill, Sen. Charles D. Lemmond Jr. R. Dallas announced last week the senate has approved an amended version of that bill which will provide aid for flood and tornado victims in those affected areas of the state including Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Dallas High School girls basketball team was eliminated in Saturday night's Class AAA Eastern quarterfinal girls basketball in a game with North Schuylkill. The Spartans posted their 28th win of the season with a 74-64 win over Dallas. The North Schuylkill used a full court press, forcing turnovers and hampering Dallas shooting. In the final quarter, Dallas cut the lead to seven before the final buzzer.