

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On April 14, 1818, Noah Webster, a Yale-educated lawyer with an avid interest in language and education, publishes his American Dictionary of the English Language. The dictionary, which took him more than two decades to complete, introduced more than 10,000 "Americanisms."
- On April 11, 1913, Ettore Bugatti first proposes designing the super car that would eventually emerge as the Bugatti Type 41 Royale. Called the "car of kings," Bugattis were huge, hand-crafted luxury cars that were affordable only for Europe's elite.
- On April 12, 1922, director Fatty Arbuckle is found not guilty in his third trial for the death of Virginia Rappe. Arbuckle had been accused of causing Rappe's death by crushing her during an alleged sexual assault at a raucous San Francisco party. His earlier trials ended in hung juries.
- On April 16, 1947, multimillionaire and financier Bernard Baruch coins the term "Cold War" to describe relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. The phrase stuck, and for more than 40 years it was a mainstay in the language of American diplomacy.
- On April 10, 1953, the "House of Wax," starring Vincent Price, opens at New York's Paramount Theater. The first color three-dimensional picture, the 3-D movie had to be viewed through special glasses.
- On April 15, 1967, massive parades to protest Vietnam policy are held in New York. Police estimated that 100,000 to 125,000 people listened to speeches by Martin Luther King Jr., Stokely Carmichael and Dr. Benjamin Spock. Prior to the march, nearly 200 draft cards were burned by young men in Central Park.
- On April 13, 1990, the Soviet government officially accepts blame for the Katyn Massacre of World War II, when nearly 5,000 Polish military officers were murdered and buried in mass graves in the Katyn Forest. The admission was part of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's promise to be more candid concerning Soviet history.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

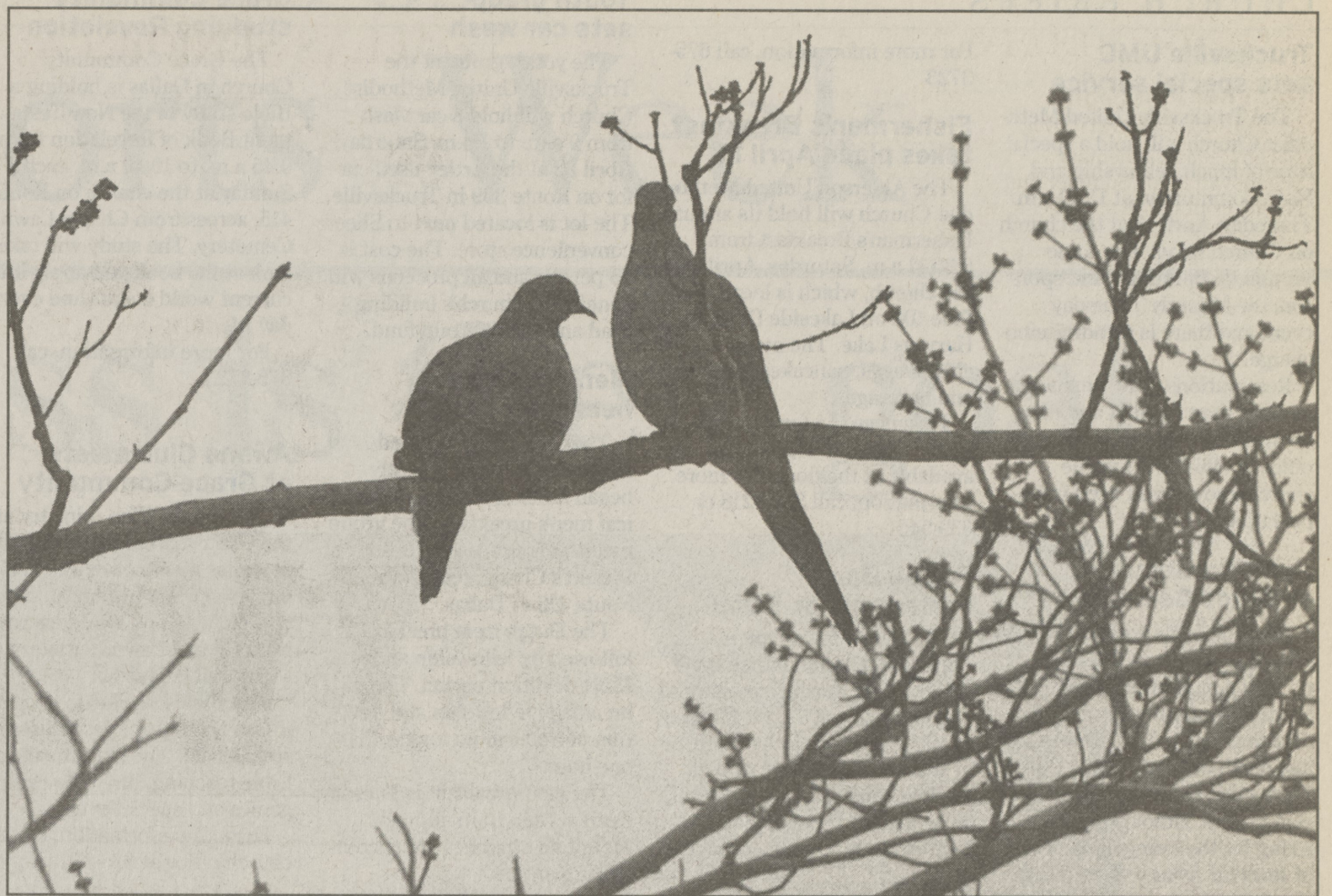
- In a recent survey of the dating scene, respondents were asked about how long they usually take on a first date to decide whether or not they're interested in a second date. The majority of women - 64 percent of them - say they take an hour to figure out if they're interested enough to go out again. The men, though, seem to be more decisive: 79 percent of them say that 15 minutes is long enough.
- In 1800, there were an estimated 7,100 different varieties of fruit known to be in existence. Today, however, there are only 1,000 varieties.
- The next time you're filling up your gas tank, take a look at the tally of gallons and dollars. That digital readout has a name: It's a totalizer."
- Those in academia, take note: In his Devil's Dictionary, Ambrose Bierce offered the following definition for "education": "That which discloses to the wise and disguises from the foolish their lack of understanding." He also said that "learning" is "the kind of ignorance distinguishing the studious," and described a "lecturer" as "one with his hand in your pocket, his tongue in your ear and his faith in your patience."

Thought for the Day: "I can take any amount of criticism, so long as it is unqualified praise." - Noel Coward
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COLLINS DISPLAYING BOOKMARKS AT LIBRARY



Dallas resident Edith Collins is displaying her collection of bookmarks at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Collins, who is a circulation clerk for the library, began her collection as a 5-year-old when her grandmother gave her a plastic bear bookmark. Her collection is quite varied and includes bookmarks made with Cameo Stone on silver, hand-carved and painted ivory, hand-carved bamboo from Nepal, hand-painted Teague from China, hand-pressed tin from Thailand, brass from Korea, leather varieties from England and Bermuda, brass with painted enamel from China. There is a Sterling Silver Victorian replica and one with the 10 Commandments. Collins' favorite is the antique wood bookmark that has stone and silver inlay. Harry Potter fans won't want to miss her collection of Harry Potter metal and pressed and waxed paper standard bookmark sets, both limited editions. She also has a holographic Harry Potter bookmark set, which was limited to Scholastic book fairs in limited production. In addition to her display at the library, Collins has about 300 standard pressed and waxed paper bookmarks most of which are limited edition artist renderings or movie tie-ins. Her display will be in the library until April 15.



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

In a season marked by dramatic shifts in weather and a time when the urge to mate swells, the behavior of mourning doves belies their name. There seems no grief to these love birds

Refurbished library bookstore reopens for business

LIBRARY NEWS

The Slightly Read Bookshop at the Back Mountain Memorial Library has reopened. Manager Fred Krohle wants to thank all those whose interests and efforts helped to refurbish the bookshop and whose support ensures its continuation. Special thanks goes to state Senator Charles Lemmond for his part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony as well as being instrumental in providing the funding that supported the renovations.

Please stop in and see all the improvements. The bookshop hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Mondays; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Now is the time to clean out your bookcases and donate those unwanted titles to the bookshop. If necessary, pick-up can be arranged for the house-bound and disabled. Call the library at 675-1182 for more information.

The Luzerne County Library System will present "Author Fest" at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at the Best Western Genetti Hotel in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Authors that will present and sign books include Stephanie Cowell, Carl Lennertz, Rachel Pastan, Pam Satran, Mameve Medwed, Mary Jane Clark, Laura Lippman, Debra Galant, Gre-

gory Galloway and Lisa Tucker. Viennese desserts and refreshments will be served. Venue and raffle tickets may be purchased at the main desk of the library.

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library invite you to the 18th annual "Luncheon with a Special Author" at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 27 at Appletree Terrace at the Newberry Estate in Dallas. The featured guest will be Suzanne Fisher Staples, noted author and journalist. Tickets will be available at the main desk of the library until April 17.

An American Red Cross Babysitting course will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at the library. Youth between the ages of 11 to 15 are welcome to register.

Interested participants must register in advance at the main desk of the library by presenting the \$40 program fee in cash or check made payable to the American Red Cross. Registrations will not be accepted

the day of the class. Participants will learn to perform first aid and how to get professional medical help fast, identify common safety hazards and prevent injuries, perform basic care routines like diapering, feeding, and dressing and handle bedtime issues and more.

A babysitter's handbook will be included and distributed at the program. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

Just a reminder that an evening book discussion group meeting will be held at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the library. Anyone interested in taking part is such a group is welcome to attend.

Registration for Donuts & Discussion, the Young Adult Book Discussion Group and Relax and Read will be held after 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 3 by calling the library at 675-1182. Patrons should be 10, 11 or 12 years of age for Donuts and Discussion; 13 through 18 years of age for the Young Adult group; and 12 through 18 for Relax and Read.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library news column appears every other week.

70 YEARS AGO
April 17, 1936

RETIRED DALLAS ME CHURCH PASTOR HARTSOCK DIES

The Rev. Frank D. Hartsock, who retired from the ministry in 1933 after serving a final pastorate of two years at the Dallas M.E. church died last Thursday night in the Columbia Hospital, Columbia, S.C., where he had been stricken while returning to his Scranton home from Florida. Bishop Ernest G. Richardson of Philadelphia, in Scranton to preside at sessions of the annual Wyoming Conference, attended funeral services which were held on Monday afternoon in Elm Park Church, Scranton. Interment was in Dunmore Cemetery.



ONLY YESTERDAY

60 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1946

REV. STOVER OF CANADA TO SPEAK IN SHAVERTOWN

Shavertown Bible Church plans special services for tonight and next week. This evening, the Rev. Gerald Stover of Benton Street Baptist Church in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, will preach at 7:45. The Rev Stover is well-known throughout this country as a Bible teacher and is very popular at summer Bible conferences. He is also in great demand as a youth for Christ speaker. Not only will he be at the Shavertown Bible Church tonight, but on Saturday he will preach at the Wilkes-Barre Youth for Christ Rally.

50 YEARS AGO
April 13, 1956

GUNSTON, BALSHAW MAKE DISTRICT CHORUS

Delegates to the Northeast District Chorus at Susquehanna from Dallas-Franklin-

Monroe Township High School were Margaret Gunston and Paul Balshaw, both of the senior class. Louise Ohlman, instructor of the vocal music, accompanied the delegates. Balshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Balshaw of New Goss Manor, sings bass.

Enrolled in the academic course, he expects to attend either Haverford College or Penn State University.

The first day of trout season furnished the theme for Caddie LaBar's grand opening this week.

Everything for the angler was on display Wednesday night at the invitation preview, ranging in size from the smallest fly and lure to the largest outboard motor boat.

Boat anchors, oars and row-locks, folding back rests for the fisherman, floats, and landing nets, hobnobbed with charcoal burning grilles for frying the catch, and trick devices for keeping a bottle cold during a long day of fishing.

The responsibility of the older generation to help youth find the answers to its questions was discussed by J.B. McCool, director of the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. McCool addressed the 15th parent and son dinner of Blue Ridge Chapter, Future Farmers of America on Wednesday night in Lehman High School auditorium.

The dinner was one of the first at which mothers were the guests of their sons. Chapter president George Yurko paid special tribute to them.

40 YEARS AGO
April 14, 1966

PATRICIA SICKLER IS GIRL OF THE YEAR

Miss Patricia Sickler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Sickler of Orange, and a senior at Dallas High School, was selected "Girl of the Year" by Dallas Senior Woman's Club at a meeting of the organization last evening. Mrs. Henry Moyer, home life chairman, presented Miss Sickler with a silver charm bracelet.

An attempted armed robbery at a local tavern early yesterday morning has been revealed to the Dallas Post by reliable sources.

According to the report, Mitchell Wojtowicz, owner of the Farmer's Inn, Hillside Road, surprised the thief at 2:30 a.m. as the latter tried to pry open a cast drawer with Wojtowicz's butcher knife.

Apprehensive of burglaries, the owner was sleeping in back of the tavern at the time.

30 YEARS AGO
April 15, 1976

BESTEDER RECEIVES AIR FORCE MEDAL

Chaplain Capt. Richard C. Besteder, Dallas man, was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious services at ceremonies held recently at Anchorage, Alaska. The presentation was made by Chaplain Lt. Col. Benjamin Walters, as recommended by Chaplain Col. Peter C. Scheroder.

20 YEARS AGO
April 16, 1986

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLDING FUND-RAISER

A campaign to raise funds for people with mental retardation is being organized by the Father John O'Leary Council of Dallas Knights of Columbus. Entitled "Measure Up," the campaign will raise money through accepting donations for handy six-inch rulers at the Dallas and Shavertown shopping centers. The Knights of Columbus Council locally raised \$500 in 1985, which was contributed to the Association for Retarded Citizens. The funds from the 1986 campaign will again be donated to the Association for Retarded Citizens of Luzerne County.

The Dallas Soccer Club Craft Show will include the custom and personalized wood work of Jack Dunnigan, a noted area woodworker. Glori Miller, chairperson of the craft show cited Dunnigan's work with cradles, high chairs, wooden toys and many other items. According to Miller, more than 90 vendors ill appear at the show scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 at the Dallas Senior High School.

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