

NEW BOOKS

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road in Dallas, recently added the following books to its collection. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

EXPRESS (1 week)

"The Saboteurs" by W.E.B. Griffi
"Terrorist" by John Updike
"The Husband" by Dean Koontz

FICTION

"The Saboteurs" by W.E.B. Griffin
"Definitely Dead" by Charlaine Harris
"Rite of Passage" by Richard D'Agostino
"Good Omens" by Terry and Neil Pratchett
"Terrorist" by John Updike
"The Husband" by Dean Koontz
"I Say a Little Prayer" by E. Lynn Harris
"Full of Grace" by Dorothea Benton Frank
"The Book of the Dead" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
"Cage of Stars" by Jacquelyn Mitchard
"Speak of the Devil" by Richard Hawke
"The Big Bamboo" by Tom Dorsey
"The Blight Way" by Patrick F. McManus
"Dead Center" by David Rosenfelt

NONFICTION

"Wisdom of Our Fathers" by Tim Russert
"Mother: a cradle to hold me" by Maya Angelou

"Sea of faith" by Stephen O'Shea
"Poet's Choice" by Edward Hirsch

BIOGRAPHY

"A Sense of the World" by Jason Roberts
"Beyond Band of Brothers" by Richard D. Winters
"Lord of the dance: my story" by Michael Flatley

STORY COLLECTION

"Thriller: stories to keep you up all night" edited by James Patterson

LARGE PRINTNONFICTION

"Mayflower: a story of courage, community, and war" by Nathaniel Philbrick

BOOKS ON CD

"Birding by Ear" a Peterson Field Guide
"True Crime Stories"
"Wild Card" by Tom Clancy
"Skeleton Man" by Tony Hillerman

YOUNG ADULT

"Sweet Sixteen Princess" by Meg Cabot
"Black Duck" by Janet Taylor Lisle
"Defining Dulcie" by Paul Acampora
"Bone: eyes of the storm" by Jeff Smith
"Children of the Lamp: the Blue Djinn of Babylon" by P.B. Kerr

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On June 29, 1613, the Globe Theater, where most of Shakespeare's plays debuted, burned down. The Globe was a round wooden structure with a stage at one end, and covered balconies for the gentry. The galleries could seat about 1,000 people, with room for another 2,000 "groundlings," who could stand on the ground around the stage.
- On June 27, 1829, English scientist James Smithson dies, leaving behind a will that decrees that his estate, a fortune worth well over \$500,000, would go to the United States to found an institution for "the increase and diffusion of knowledge." Smithson, benefactor of the Smithsonian Institute, had never been to the United States.
- On June 30, 1900, four German boats burn at the docks in Hoboken, N.J., killing more than 300 people and catching fire to 27 boats. So many people were missing that crews set off dynamite in hopes that the explosions might help bodies float to the surface.
- On June 28, 1928, Louis Armstrong records "West End Blues," one of the most famous recordings in early jazz. The song, showcasing Armstrong's trumpet improvisations, influenced many later jazz musicians, including clarinetist Artie Shaw.
- On July 2, 1934, Fox Film Corp. strikes a new contract with child star Shirley Temple, age 6. Her new contract raised her salary from \$150 a week to \$1,000 a week, plus a \$35,000 bonus for each film she made.
- On July 1, 1941, NBC broadcasts the first TV commercial to be sanctioned by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Advertiser Bulova paid \$9 to advertise its watches on the air during a Dodgers-Phillies game.
- On June 26, 1993, in retaliation for an Iraqi plot to assassinate former U.S. President George Bush during his April visit to Kuwait, President Bill Clinton orders U.S. warships to fire Tomahawk cruise missiles at Iraqi intelligence headquarters in downtown Baghdad. (c) 2006 King Features Synd., Inc.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- After he visited Greece, star basketball player Shaquille O'Neal was asked if he had gone to see the Parthenon while he was there. He reportedly answered, "I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."
- If you've ever seen a picture of Jupiter, you're familiar with the giant red spot. Astronomers who have measured the spot say that it's 25,000 miles across.
- Around the world, about 8,000 products made by the Coca-Cola company are consumed every second.
- Dusty Springfield, famed singer of such hits as "Son of a Preacher Man" and "Wishin' and Hopin'," doted on her cat so much that she fed it only imported baby food. She even specified in her will that the cat remain on this diet for the rest of its life.
- Remo Jollosjos, a congressman in the Philippines, was convicted of multiple rapes and sentenced to 173 years in prison. Despite this, he was re-elected to office to serve a three-year term from his jail cell.
- Statistics show that married men, on average, live 10 years longer than unmarried men.
- Been to the movies lately? It seems that those ubiquitous tubs of popcorn are getting bigger and bigger all the time. So you might want to consider this the next time you're catching a flick: If you're like the average American, you'll consume about 60 quarts of popcorn this year.
- Check your wallet and see what bills you have stashed in there. Whether you've got just a few singles or a thousand dollars, each bill cost the U.S. government only four cents to make.



A farmer has an old adage for a reason, usually grounded in good reason. So when it's sunny and dry in Noxen, it's that time for David May. Not time to plow, not time to stack rocks. It's time to make hay.

KT taxpayer says he was treated unfairly

Editor,
As a voting taxpayer of Kingston Township I must protest the recent rude, discourteous treatment I received at the last Board of Supervisors meeting. I tried to open a discussion with the supervisors about their budget priorities. Instead I was subjected to an unfair, unwarranted personal attack on my knowledge, character and reputation. And I was never afforded the opportunity to respond to this personal attack. I was not attacking the public works department or its employees. I do not begrudge them their new equipment or trucks. As everyone who lives in Kingston Township knows, our road depart-

ment is the best in the Back Mountain and the surrounding area. They are hard workers and constantly prove it each and every day. The supervisors have an \$834,000 cash surplus and I was asking them to justify their spending goals and the rationale for their spending. I believe that the taxpayers of the township should see some of that money coming back to them in the form of property tax relief. After all, they were the ones who created that surplus. I suggested that the police department should also see more money spent on that department in the form of either more training or equipment or the addition of more officers to

meet the needs of increased traffic enforcement and increasing crime rate in the township. I was told by the chairman of the board of supervisors that I was "attacking" them and the road department employees. This could not be further from the truth. I was told that I did not understand the budget process, even though I had participated in drawing up four previous budgets while serving the township residents during my term on the board of supervisors. To set the record straight I voted against adding a public works department employee because I believed that it was imprudent and unnecessary and I

also voted against the 2006 budget because it did not contain a tax cut in property taxes for the taxpayers. When the property tax was reinstated, I said I would only support it if it was a temporary measure and not long term. The township now has a cash surplus and therefore the taxpayers deserve their return in the form of a property tax relief, particularly since the Dallas School District will increase their taxes this year. I am hoping that in the future I will be afforded more courteous treatment at future board of supervisors' meetings.

Carl Goodwin
Truckville

Dallas needs to plan ahead for next year's graduation

Editor,
I do not have a child that graduated from Dallas High School this year, but I do next year and the following year and one eight years from now. I heard that parents were mad, but I also heard that the maintenance crew at Dallas tried and worked very hard drying off chairs and getting ready for the Class of 2006 to graduate outside. They should be commended. Around 2 p.m., after making several phone calls to local weather stations, Dallas decided to move the outdoor graduation into the Middle School auditorium. The District made the right decision because thunderstorms did occur the night of graduation. They tried, but did not make some parents happy. Let's try to resolve this problem for next year and the

following years and have a plan. My first thought was why not postpone the graduation and have it the next day, but then someone said, what about lock-in and families that come in from out of state? They suggested that they should move graduation to College Misericordia in the event of rain. I thought even Penn State, somewhere large enough to hold the amount of students that graduate from Dallas. This made sense, but let's take it further. The School Board should get the parents involved by allowing them to vote for a solution for the Class of 2007, and allowing other classes to vote, when their child is to graduate. This can possibly happen by allowing us to vote onto their Web site and if we agree, have it there. Also, maybe we could contribute \$10.00 a family to

thank the college for the use of the auditorium. Let's decide now, before it's too late. Get a plan. Let the parents vote on this; the majority rules. Parents, we have to get involved. We have a right to have opinions, ask questions, a choice in issues that concern our children. I have attended some school board meetings, mainly for events that my children were involved in, and the problem with this district is that the majority of parents do not get involved nor care about what goes on with the district. I have attended school board meetings and township meetings and only a handful of people were in attendance. This is where your voice counts. And we as citizens should attend these meetings. The majority of people live in their own little world and can't

make the time. And when it's too late, they complain. We all need to be leaders and help lead people down the right path. Don't complain after the fact. We as parents have the right to be heard for our children's sake. With Dallas being one of the only districts to graduate so late it will be very hot, and thunderstorms might occur. So, let's find out what we can do, and let's get a big enough building to handle the large amount of graduating kids that we have at Dallas because these kids and us parents deserve the right to see our kids graduate in a nice manner. Let's get a survey onto this great Web site that Dallas has, and let us as parents have a voice in this decision. And as the questions are raised, we must take a stand for our children.

Rosaria Shaver
Shavertown

Mother misses once-in-a-lifetime chance at graduation

Editor,
I was one of the unfortunate parents that were made to watch my oldest daughter graduate from Dallas High School on a classroom TV. I was given four tickets and after making arrangements for family to go into rooms, I attempted to enter the graduation, where Mr. Martinelli informed me as well as other parents that the place was full and would have to go to the classroom, I then informed him I had a ticket and he told he did not know what to say (and) I would have to go to a classroom. I asked him to go into the graduation and make an announcement that if you were an uncle, aunt, cousin could they please go to a classroom so that parents

may enter. I was told he could not do that. My question is why? It would start later, I don't think anyone who mattered would care. I am sure any mature adult would give up a seat for a parent. This was bad enough, but then I was stuck in a room with people who did not care about the graduation and held rather loud discussions, and little children jumping around and yelling, I could not even hear the ceremony. As the diplomas were given out the screen went blank. After a couple of minutes I left for the graduation. I squeezed my way through. Thank God my daughter was the third next child to receive her diploma. I at least had that. When I was in the (audi-

torium) I was surprised by the number of high school students sitting together in a group. I gave my spot to another mother trying to get in. I found out after that many people were not even asked for a ticket upon entering or they did not even have one but no one asked. In fact I have not talked to anyone that did say they gave their ticket to anyone. I am sure there are some but I have not heard from them. I took a beautiful picture of a TV screen which I am sure someday will be funny, not now. The emotion that was going on in (the auditorium) I did not get to share and had no idea what was funny or what they were doing. I can never get that back. I heard they take pictures of

students while getting their diplomas. I hope this is true since I was denied entry to get a picture. I believe the school should give every parent stuck in a classroom a free picture to try to make amends. It is the least they can do. Mr. Martinelli gave no sympathy to the parents and I feel he could of made an announcement. I feel the new principal or superintendent should of stepped in and did something. This will surely go down as the worst graduation in the history of Dallas. I hope they will learn from this and have some where bigger available or collect tickets they gave at least.


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<p>70 Years Ago June 26, 1936</p> <p>TEACHERS ACCUSED OF SMOKING AT SCHOOL</p> <p>In the absence of any proof that Kingston Township High School teachers had smoked on school premises, school directors were forced to drop their investigation on Wednesday night. Supervising principal James Martin said he knew of no teachers who had smoked on school grounds.</p>	 <p>ONLY YESTERDAY</p> <p>investigation with this comment: "If I were a priest tonight, I would select as my text: "He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone!"</p>	<p>60 Years Ago June 28, 1946</p> <p>CHURCH REMODELED ON MILL STREET</p> <p>Dallas Free Methodist Society will hold a service of rededication Sunday afternoon at 3 at the newly remodeled church on Mill Street. Interior of the church has been redecored, old windows replaced with Florentine glass and a beautiful new bell tower with vestibule and art glass windows have been added.</p>	<p>40 Years ago June 23, 1966</p> <p>9-YEAR-OLD DROWNS AT HARVEYS LAKE</p> <p>Nobody realized that the 9-year old Ashley boy was missing, as swimmers rollicked in the cool water at Sandy Beach. It was impossible to tell how long the boy had been under water. His body was taken from six-feet of water around 5:30 p.m. This was the first drowning in Harveys Lake for quite some time.</p>
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