

## MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Feb. 15, 1903, toy-store owner and inventor Morris Michtom places two stuffed bears in his shop window, advertising them as "Teddy" bears. Michtom had earlier petitioned President Theodore Roosevelt for permission to use his nickname, "Teddy."
- On Feb. 12, 1924, American composer George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" is performed for the first time. Gershwin later collaborated with his brother, Ira, on hit songs including "I Got Rhythm" and on musical comedies and revues that included "Lady Be Good" (1924) and "Of Thee I Sing" (1931), the first musical comedy to win a Pulitzer Prize.
- On Feb. 14, 1938, Hedda Hopper's first gossip column appears in the Los Angeles Times. The following year, Hopper launched a radio version of her column. Her radio show ran until 1951.
- On Feb. 13, 1949, actor-director Jack Webb, creator of the hit radio and TV series "Dragnet," gets his start in realistic crime drama with the radio show "Pat Novak for Hire," which makes its national network debut on ABC. The television debut of "Dragnet," four years later, marked the beginning of realistic TV police dramas.
- On Feb. 16, 1950, the TV game show "What's My Line" debuts. The show, produced by game-show magnates Mark Goodson and Bill Todman, became the longest-running prime-time game show in television history, running for 18 years.
- On Feb. 18, 1964, the United States cuts off military assistance to Britain, France and Yugoslavia in retaliation for their continuing trade with the communist nation of Cuba. The action was chiefly symbolic, as the amount of aid denied was approximately \$100,000 in assistance to each nation.
- On Feb. 17, 1972, the 15,007,034th Volkswagen Beetle rolls out of the Volkswagen factory in Wolfsburg, Germany, surpassing the Ford Model T's previous production record to become the most heavily produced car in history.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

A lawyer in Kansas was once awarded \$35,000 in workers' compensation benefits. Most people don't think of the practice of law as a particularly dangerous occupation, so I wouldn't blame you for wondering why this attorney required workers' comp. Here's the scoop: He claimed that he injured his shoulder while reaching into the backseat of his car to get his briefcase.

- Add to the list of ill-conceived newspaper headlines: "Panda mating fails; veterinarian takes over."
- It was, of course, Ambrose Bierce, in his "Devil's Dictionary," who defined "compromise" as "such an adjustment of conflicting interests as gives each adversary the satisfaction of thinking he has got what he ought not to have, and is deprived of nothing except what was justly his due."
- What's in a name? Consider this odd coincidence: Every queen named Jane has either been locked up, gone mad, been murdered, been dethroned or died young.
- Do you like cashews? If so, you might be surprised that they are in the same plant family as poison ivy. That's why the nuts aren't typically sold in the shell - the oil contained therein can cause blisters, and when they're roasted, the shells give off noxious fumes.
- The only official Hindu holy place outside India is in a surprising location: the Appalachian Mountains. Prabhupada's Palace of Gold, near Wheeling, W.Va., was called by The New York Times "America's Taj Mahal." The Palace of Gold is a destination for tourists as well as spiritual pilgrims. Visitors can tour the palace and the gardens, getting a good look at the crystal ceiling of the 30-ton main dome, stained-glass windows, inlaid marble floors and walls, hand-carved teakwood furniture imported from India and, of course, the 22-karat gold that seems to virtually cover the buildings.

Thought for the Day: "In order to preserve your self-respect, it is sometimes necessary to lie and cheat." - Robert Byrne  
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## DALLAS ARTIST DISPLAYS WORK AT LIBRARY



The display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of February is a collection of original acrylic and watercolor paintings by Dallas resident Kelly Gibbons, who has been painting since grade school. Gibbons has always loved to paint and, with the encouragement of her mother and lessons from Sue Hand, she has been growing and developing as an artist since her youth. At this point in her life, she is mostly self-taught. A group of the paintings on display were done as illustrations for the book "Generation Xhausted," which is available at the library. In January 2004, Gibbons posted a picture on her Web site - www.Kellygibbons.com - and on the same day was contacted by author Shelley Diunich Haggert, who was looking for an illustrator for her book. Gibbons agreed to draw 30 illustrations for "Generation Xhausted: 30 Stories for 30-Somethings."

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Go ahead, break it down to the basic ingredients. Some flour, water, salt and yeast. Perhaps a swipe of oil or a crown of sesame seeds. But that doesn't explain the aroma that escapes the bakery to warm a frigid winter morning. That can't explain the enchantment of a golden crust or the satisfaction of soft, warm billowing pockets inside. That's because it's not just bread; it's magic.

## Cold weather can't keep readers away from library

Despite the recent below-zero temperatures, activity at the Back Mountain Memorial Library has been busier than usual, as patrons brave the cold to check out books for those long winter nights. Other library functions have also continued as usual, proving it takes more than a little cold and ice to stop readers in their tracks.

While stopping at the library to warm up and checkout one of the latest novels, be sure to visit

## LIBRARY NEWS

our Valentine's Day/St. Patrick's Day sale, which is displayed in our foyer. A beautiful array of collectibles and gifts are available for purchase at nominal costs.

Move over, Groundhog Phil. A sure sign that spring is only another six weeks away is the American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil sale. Daffodils may

be pre-ordered at the library with a payment of \$8 for a bunch of 10 daffodils. All orders must be re-paid and placed no later than Feb. 14. The delivery date will be March 21.

Applications are being accepted for a part-time high school page position. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age and be able to work two days a week after school and every other Saturday. For more information, stop by the library or call 675-1182.

Toddlers, pre-schoolers (and their parents) will be happy to know that the Storyhours will begin the week of Feb. 12. A volunteer is still needed to conduct the Storyhour for 3-5 year olds from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday mornings. For more information, call the children's librarian at 675-1182.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library news column is written by the library staff. The column appears every other week.

70 YEARS AGO  
Feb. 5, 1937FORMER CALVARYMAN  
PASSES AWAY AT 83

Enoch L. Hoover, who served as a cavalryman in the Indian Wars in the Southwest, died at the age of 83 at the home of his son, A.L. Hoover, Shickshiny last Friday night.

ONLY  
YESTERDAY

He was 18 years old when he enlisted in Company A, 4th U.S. Cavalry at Wilkes-Barre, in 1872. He fought in several important Indian battles, including those in Ramalo, Mexico-Bearns, Canyon State Plains, and Paldora Plains in Texas.

Mr. Hoover was captured by Indians once and held for two months before he escaped. He held the rank of corporal and sergeant and was honorably discharged on August 2, 1878, at Fort Clark, Texas.

The hundreds of friends and former parishioners of Rev. Joshua Brundle bade him a reluctant farewell this week as he left Trucksville to make his home in Endicott, NY.

Rev. Mr. Brundle, who is a native of Suffolk, England, and came to this country in 1892, had served the Lehman charge in 1903 and 1904 and the Dallas charge in 1916 and had made his home in Trucksville since his retirement from the Methodist ministry in 1932.

Although he is 73 years old, he is in splendid health and, with his strong face and broad shoulders, presents a fine-looking figure of a man.

60 YEARS AGO  
Feb. 7, 1947SWEET VALLEY PLANS  
TO INSTALL LIGHTS

Residents of Sweet Valley have petitioned the supervisors of Ross Township to have street lights installed along the main thoroughfare in that community from Torrance Naugle's Corners to the Junior Mechanics Hall.

Seventeen lights will be installed over a distance of one and two-tenths miles. All property owners living along the pro-

posed line have signed the petition.

Nine interested Shavertown citizens were present at the Kingston Township Supervisors' meeting Saturday afternoon at the high school to see two members of a committee appointed by Kingston Township Citizens Group present a petition for traffic lights in Shavertown and Trucksville.

Ted Hinkle and Dan Shaver presented petitions bearing the names of 350 Kingston Township residents asking that traffic lights be erected along Harveys Lake Highway at Center St., Shavertown and at the "Y" and at Carverton Road, Trucksville. Petitioners stated the Center Street light was the most important and should be given priority if it is impossible to erect all lights at this time.

Some citizens who have to cross the busy highway daily, or who have children, are suggesting that the lights be installed whether the state gets around to approving them or not.

50 YEARS AGO  
Feb. 8, 1957FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE  
AT STATE PROJECT  
SITE

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the machine shop and several pieces of heavy equipment belonging to John McShain Construction Company at the site of the new State Institution in Jackson Township early Saturday morning with a loss estimated at \$60,000.

Completely destroyed was the 24 X 40, 16 foot high machine shop, a D-7 Dozer and blade valued at \$22,000; a Ford pickup truck, an International truck, two compressors mounted on trucks and a large supply of parts for Euclids and Lima shovels. Many machine tools were also lost.

Determined to meet the \$115,000 goal for expansion of Dallas Methodist Church, 65 members of the current crusade met in the church social rooms Wednesday night to enjoy a chicken dinner and receive instruction for the whirlwind campaign which will start with a meeting of the teams Sunday af-

ternoon at 2.

Dr. Walter Hoover, delegate from the Board of Missions, in his charge to the workers, said that money entails responsibility, and that the Bible stresses proper stewardship far more than it does salvation.

What a person can give, he said, is governed by what he wants to give. Faith without works is dead.

40 YEARS AGO  
Feb. 9, 1967BRIGHT LIGHTS  
ATTRACT MOTORISTS

Mrs. Clare Winters and her son Jack, Noxen, were heading for Dallas on Wednesday morning at 8.

When they passed through Beaumont into Kunkle corners they were amazed to see a broad beam of brilliant colors reaching up into the mist.

Mrs. Winters said it was one of the prettiest sights she had ever seen resembling the colors of the rainbow in bright reds, orange, yellow and green.

The viewers located the phenomena as over the Warren Johnson home and rather suspected the reflection of the sun on ice crystals as causing the unusual glow.

Motorists passed the closed Linear Plant Tuesday night, while the thermometer plummeted after a heavy snowfall, and pickets warmed their frosty hands at a bonfire. The plant has been close since July 31.

Negotiations broke down time after time, management and union not seeing eye to eye.

A meeting, postponed from Tuesday because of the storm, is scheduled for this morning at Hotel Sterling.

Bitter winter weather, long delayed, but guaranteed to last six weeks, is adding to the misery of the 350 employees who are out of work.

30 YEARS AGO  
Feb. 10, 1977NOXEN INSTALLS  
EMERGENCY LINE

Noxen Township Fire and Ambulance Associations are now sharing the cost of a combined Noxen emergency telephone system.

Ten families within the community have accepted the responsibility of having this emergency telephone system installed in their homes.

The emergency line has a distinction ring which is continuous. It signals a fire or health emergency and is to be used for those purposes only.

Thomas Evan Pugh, 34, of Hunlock's Creek was named one of three Outstanding Young Pennsylvanians by the state Jaycees at their state board meeting Saturday night in Valley Forge. Pugh is the director or public relations for College Misericordia in Dallas.

Pugh was honored at a Saturday night banquet which was attended by 600 Jaycees and their wives. He was presented a plaque by the honorable Nancy Mawby, Secretary of Commerce, who was asked to present the plaque on behalf of Governor Shapp. The main speaker at the event was Frank Ziebell, National Jaycee President.

20 YEARS AGO  
Feb. 11, 1987BALLOON TRAVELS  
FROM MICHIGAN TO PA

Last Tuesday Jim Spencer, of RD 2, Follies Road, Dallas, was in his backyard when he noticed a red balloon lying on the ground with a string and card attached. On one side, the card read: St. Augustine School, Howard Street, Richmond, Michigan; and the reverse side read Melissa Gibson, first grade.

As it turned out, the balloon really did blow in from Michigan and there really is a first grade student named Melissa Gibson at the St. Augustine School.

The balloon was launched on February 2 and was found in the Spencer's yard on February 10.

Recently completed studies concerning the strengths and weaknesses of the Dallas School District will now be available to the public upon request.

Ronald Moran, head of the Citizens Advisory Committee, said residents had been inquiring about the schools ongoings and will now have an opportunity to obtain a copy of that study to get a better understanding of the districts strengths and shortcomings.