

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On March 15, 44 B.C., Julius Caesar is murdered by his own senators at a meeting in a hall next to Pompey's Theatre. In a dagger attack, Marcus Brutus wounded Caesar, and Caesar is said to have remarked in Greek, "You, too, my child."
- On March 17, 1762, in New York City, the first parade honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is held by Irish soldiers serving in the British army.
- On March 12, 1776, in Baltimore, a public notice appears in local papers recognizing the sacrifice of women to the cause of the revolution. The boycotts that united the colonies against British taxation were generally of products used mostly by women. The colonists only resorted to an attempted boycott of rum after Britain closed the port of Boston.
- On March 13, 1865, the Confederate States of America reluctantly approves the use of black troops. Several thousand blacks were enlisted in the Rebel cause, but they could not begin to balance out the nearly 200,000 blacks that fought for the Union.
- On March 16, 1909, a federal court ruled in *Harper and Bros. v. Kalem Co.* that the movie studio's 1907 production of "Ben-Hur," filmed without the author's permission, was a copyright violation. Kalem paid the author's estate \$25,000 in damages.
- On March 18, 1925, the worst tornado in U.S. history passes through eastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southern Indiana, killing 695 people, injuring some 13,000 people and causing \$17 million in property damage. The "Tri-State Tornado," which traveled 219 miles, had a diameter of more than a mile, spent more than three hours on the ground and traveled at speeds in excess of 70 mph.
- On March 14, 1967, the body of President John F. Kennedy is moved to its permanent spot at Arlington National Cemetery. JFK's original gravesite attracted 16 million visitors in the first three years after his death.

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- This may come as a surprise to you - then again, perhaps it won't - but if you're like the average person, you forget 80 percent of everything you learn on any given day.
- Americans eat, on average, 350 slices of pizza every second. That's all Americans put together, of course, not on an individual basis.
- It was journalist and satirist H.L. Mencken who made the following sage observation on the state of the relationship between the sexes: "Men have a much better time of it than women; for one thing, they marry later; for another thing, they die earlier."
- Most people are afraid of snakes (and unjustifiably so, I would say), so it might come as a surprise to you that it doesn't even make the list of top 10 phobias. The No. 1 phobia is the fear of spiders, followed by the fear of social situations and the fear of flying.
- Leonardo da Vinci was a multitalented man - painter, sculptor, musician, writer, architect, mathematician and, of course, inventor. Despite his many successes, however, it's been reported that his last words were, "I have offended God and mankind because my work did not achieve the quality it should have."
- On the benefits of nature: Researchers studying people who recently had surgery found that patients who had a view of trees had to stay in the hospital for shorter periods of time and used fewer painkillers while they were there.
- Next time you're having a nightmare in which you can't move, in the dream you should try to blink your eyes or wiggle your tongue. Those who claim to be knowledgeable about such things say that will end the paralysis.

Thought for the Day: "Good breeding consists of concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person." - Mark Twain

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DISPLAY CASE FEATURES LEGOS, 'LORD OF RINGS' FIGURES



The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library features a collection of Lego models and 'Lord of the Rings' figures from Caleb and Arianyth Carminati of Harveys Lake. The Lego display includes a Viking Ship and castle, both of which are 20 inches long. There are also Star Wars vehicles and dinosaurs. The 'Lord of the Rings' figures include eight of the trilogy's characters, which appear as if they have just stepped out of the books, armed with their swords. The items will be on display through March. Caleb, 10, and Arianyth, 12, have received most of the collection as gifts. Caleb's favorites are the 'Lord of the Rings' figures and Arianyth's favorite is the Viking ship. The brothers live with their parents John and Eira Carminati and are home-schooled.

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Someday soon, the sun will play warm on our face. Snowdrops then crocus will peek from the mud. Trees will shimmer with fresh canopies, yellowy-green. Robins will tug lunch from the between blades of grass. And we will stroll walkways, revealed once again, and sit and drink in Spring once again. Someday. Soon.

CHILDREN ENCOURAGED TO DESIGN LIBRARY CARD

The Luzerne County Library System is sponsoring a Children's Library Card Design Competition. All children 12 years of age and younger are encouraged to create a design that will be reproduced on library cards for children.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road in Dallas and other libraries in the system. Patrons of the Hoyt Library in Kingston may also pick up a form at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Forms may also be downloaded from the system Web site at www.luzerneco.lib.pa.us.

The entry form consists of a facsimile of a library card and youngsters are asked to provide artistic designs in the space provided. They are encouraged to use bold colors in the design and may use markers, crayons, pencils, paints or pens. The design may not include any copyright-protected material. All entries must be returned by 5 p.m. Friday, March 23.

Two designs will be selected from the entries and the winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 15-21. The two winners will be awarded a trophy by a meeting of the Luzerne County Commissioners on April 18 at the West Pittston Borough Building.

At right, Jamie Wise, an 11-year-old student at the Dallas Middle School and a resident of Kingston Township, recently



visited the library and picked up form for the contest. She has a design in mind and encourages all her classmates to enter the contest.

70 Years Ago
March 5, 1937

POLICE CHIEF

OPENING RESTAURANT

Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane, whose courtesy as a police officer has made hundreds of friends for him, will now have an opportunity to try out that courtesy as a host in his own restaurant.

This week the chief became proprietor of the Suburban Inn on Main Street, Dallas, which has been operated for the past several years by Mrs. Emma Shaver.

The new enterprise will not interfere with

Mr. O'Kane's duties as the Chief of Police. Mrs. O'Kane will assist him in the management of the restaurant. Mrs. Shaver, well known for her good food, will still be associated with the Suburban.

Flames which destroyed the roof and interior of the Silas J. Jackimowitz home on Demunds Road, East Dallas, did \$1,000 damage on Tuesday afternoon.

A defective chimney is believed to have been the cause of the blaze. Henry M. Laing Fire Co., responded to a telephoned alarm and the roof and interior were a mass of flames when the firemen arrived. Members of the family had removed nearly all furniture. Firemen obtained water from a well and two streams to check the flames finally.

Their meteoric career as bandits abruptly ended, five youths who, police say, took part in more than thirty hold-ups and thefts within the last few months, including three gasoline station robberies near Dallas, were rounded up by state police this week.

The men are still being questioned about a long list of robberies which they are charged with

having perpetrated during their lucky careers. Using stolen automobiles, they escaped injury a number of times when their cars were wrecked.

60 Years Ago
March 7, 1947

ILLNESS CAUSES

MASS ABSENTEEISM

Seventy-three students were absent from Dallas Borough Schools yesterday because of illnesses causing school officials to curtail classes and dismiss all students at 2 p.m.

Most of the illness, according to Supervising Principal Charles James, himself a victim, is due to colds, flu and virus infections. Two other teachers, Bertha Arnold and Mrs. Ernest Gay, were among those who were ill yesterday.

Mr. James said the schools will open again this morning, but if illnesses continue they will probably be dismissed early.

Funeral services for F.S. Biery, 78, Dallas, held Monday in a driving snow storm, were largely attended, not only by local people but also by relatives who came from New Jersey and New York.

Mr. Biery, called "Fate" as long as anyone in Dallas can remember, had been employed by R.L. Brickel for more than 40 years. He was a regular attendant of Dallas Methodist Church and had been a member of the Junior Mechanics for many years. He died at his home this week after an illness of three months.

50 Years Ago
March 8, 1957STUDENT INJURED
IN SHOP CLASS

Wardan Wesley, ninth grade student at Lehman-Jackson-Ross, sustained a deep head laceration Monday morning when a high-speed drill in the shop top-

pled and threw him against a table. Dr. H. A. Brown used six sutures in closing the wound at the back of the head. Wardan and another ninth grade vocational agriculture student, Josiah Harrison, attempted to move the drill in the course of a volunteer cleaning campaign. The drill, rocked from side to side, fell on its apron. Wardan escaped being pinned to the floor by the half ton mechanism.

George M. Jacobs, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, was elected Monday night to fill the vacancy on the Kingston Township School board caused by the resignation of Mrs. Charles Eberle. Mr. Jacobs will be officially installed at a special meeting of the board in advance of the Dallas Area School Board meeting Tuesday night at Dallas-Franklin-Monroe Township School.

40 Years Ago
March 9, 1967BEN FRANKLIN STORE
CLOSING ITS DOORS

The Ben Franklin Variety Store on Church Street will soon be a memory removing from the community a popular shopping spot for youngsters and adults.

Mrs. Frances Williams expects to close her doors by the end of the month, perhaps sooner, terminating the lease she holds with Harveys Lake Light Company, owner.

The present business site has an interesting history. Dan Waters, historian, says that an old map shows a blacksmith shop started by John Bulford on the lot. He later added a store including general merchandise and hardware. While it was being run by Harry Hatfield it burned. Bulford started his blacksmith shop according to old Ryman history in 1847-48.

30 Years Ago
March 10, 1977WATER PROBLEMS
BROUGHT TO LIGHT

A serious water condition in

the area was brought to light at the regular monthly Dallas Township Supervisors meeting Monday night in the township building. Larry Johnston, president of the College Manor Homeowners Association, told the supervisors that residents of that development had been without water for 11 consecutive days. He said that service had just been restored.

Chairman Phillip Walter said that he had no idea there was any problem with water in the area. Johnston said there is a very low water table right now due to the winter drought. Before the ground had time to become saturated with water it froze and the lack of rain and snow during the winter months is the cause of the drought condition.

Leonard Krispin, Krispin Road, was elected president of the Fraternity of Christian Doctrine at its meeting in St. Frances Cabrini Church, Carverton. Fraternity is composed of members of St. Frances Cabrini Church and Blessed Sacrament Church, Center Moreland. The Rev. Thomas Croghan, pastor of both churches, is moderator. Krispin succeeds Joseph Buzunis, who did not seek reelection.

Krispin announced that the fundraising completed last week was a success and expressed thanks and appreciation to all those who contributed.

20 Years Ago
March 11, 1987STUDENTS VOLUNTEER
IN KENTUCKY

Sixteen students and Rev. John Petrasko from College Misericordia recently spent a week of doing volunteer work in Appalachia, Ky. Coordinated by students Jennifer Flora and Ann Shandra, the sophomores, juniors and seniors left in town vans to spend their semester break working with the Christian Appalachian Project. This year marks the fourth year students have volunteered.