

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Aug. 23, 1784, four counties in western North Carolina declare their independence as the state of Franklin in what would eventually become Tennessee. In defiance of Congress, Franklin survived as an independent nation for four years with its own constitution, Indian treaties and legislated system of barter in lieu of currency.

• On Aug. 25, 1835, the first of a series of six satire articles announcing the discovery of life on the moon is published by the New York Sun. Life on the moon, according to the articles, consisted of unicorns, two-legged beavers and humanoid bats. Newspaper sales soared as readers were completed taken in by the story.

• On Aug. 20, 1911, the New York Times sends the first telegram around the world. It traveled more than 28,000 miles, being relayed through 16 different operators in places such as San Francisco, Hong Kong, Saigon, Bombay and Lisbon. The reply was received 16.5 minutes later.

• On Aug. 21, 1920, Christopher Robin Milne is born to writer A.A. Milne and his wife. The child's collection of stuffed animals inspired Milne to write a series of whimsical stories about the toys. "Winnie-the-Pooh" was published in 1926 and "The House at Pooh Corner" in 1928.

• On Aug. 22, 1935, author Annie Proulx is born in Norwich, Conn. Her second novel, "The Shipping News," about an out-of-luck journalist and father who rebuilds his life after moving to Newfoundland, won the Pulitzer Prize and other important awards.

• On Aug. 26, 1957, the Ford Motor Co. rolls out the first Edsel automobile. Although market research had pointed to the Edsel's success, Ford pulled the plug after just three years due to lack of sales and negative press.

• On Aug. 24, 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, dies of an overdose of sleeping pills at age 32. Epstein, who had managed the group since early 1962, had helped orchestrate its phenomenal rise to fame.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• In a study conducted by doctors in Oxford, Great Britain, two years ago - before the much-hyped recent release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," obviously - it was found that on weekends when Harry Potter books were released, children had lower rates of accidental injuries. I suppose eyestrain from reading 700-and-something pages in a single weekend doesn't count as an accident.

• It was Aldous Huxley, famed British author of such works as "Brave New World" and "The Doors of Perception," who made the following sage observation: "Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you."

• The United States Supreme Court was founded in 1789, but it didn't actually get a building of its own until 1935.

• You may - then again, depending on how often you go to the movies, perhaps you may not -- be surprised to learn that Hollywood employs more ghostwriters than the entire book and newspaper industries combined.

• It's been reported that in 1937, a new suit was introduced to the standard deck of playing cards, but it never caught on. I suppose the four-suit deck was already so widespread that nobody relished the idea of replacing all their packs of cards.

• You certainly know what a hologram is -- that three-dimensional image you see on "Star Trek" episodes. But unless you're a lawyer, you probably didn't know that "holographic" also means "written by oneself" or "written by the signer" and is used primarily when referring to wills.

Thought for the day: "I have found it advisable not to give too much heed to what people say when I am trying to accomplish something of consequence. Invariably they proclaim it can't be done. I deem that the very best time to make the effort." -- Calvin Coolidge
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COMPUTER PETS ON DISPLAY AT THE BACK MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY



On display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of August is a collection of toys called Webkinz. The Webkinz are lovable plush toy pets and each one comes with a unique secret code. Children who own a Webkinz can go online with their secret code and care for their virtual pet, answer trivia and play kids' games on the site. There is also a parents' area on the site to help parents manage their children's time on the computer and answer questions parents may have about the site's chat area and clubhouse. The Webkinz on display belong to Tori and Hunter Landon. Tori is in the third grade and Hunter is in first grade. They enjoy playing with their plush pets and said, "It is really fun playing with them on the computer." The two brought in 33 different Webkinz to display. Tori's favorite is the elephant and Hunter's is the chocolate Lab. Tori and Hunter live in Dallas with their parents, Tom and Kerry Landon.

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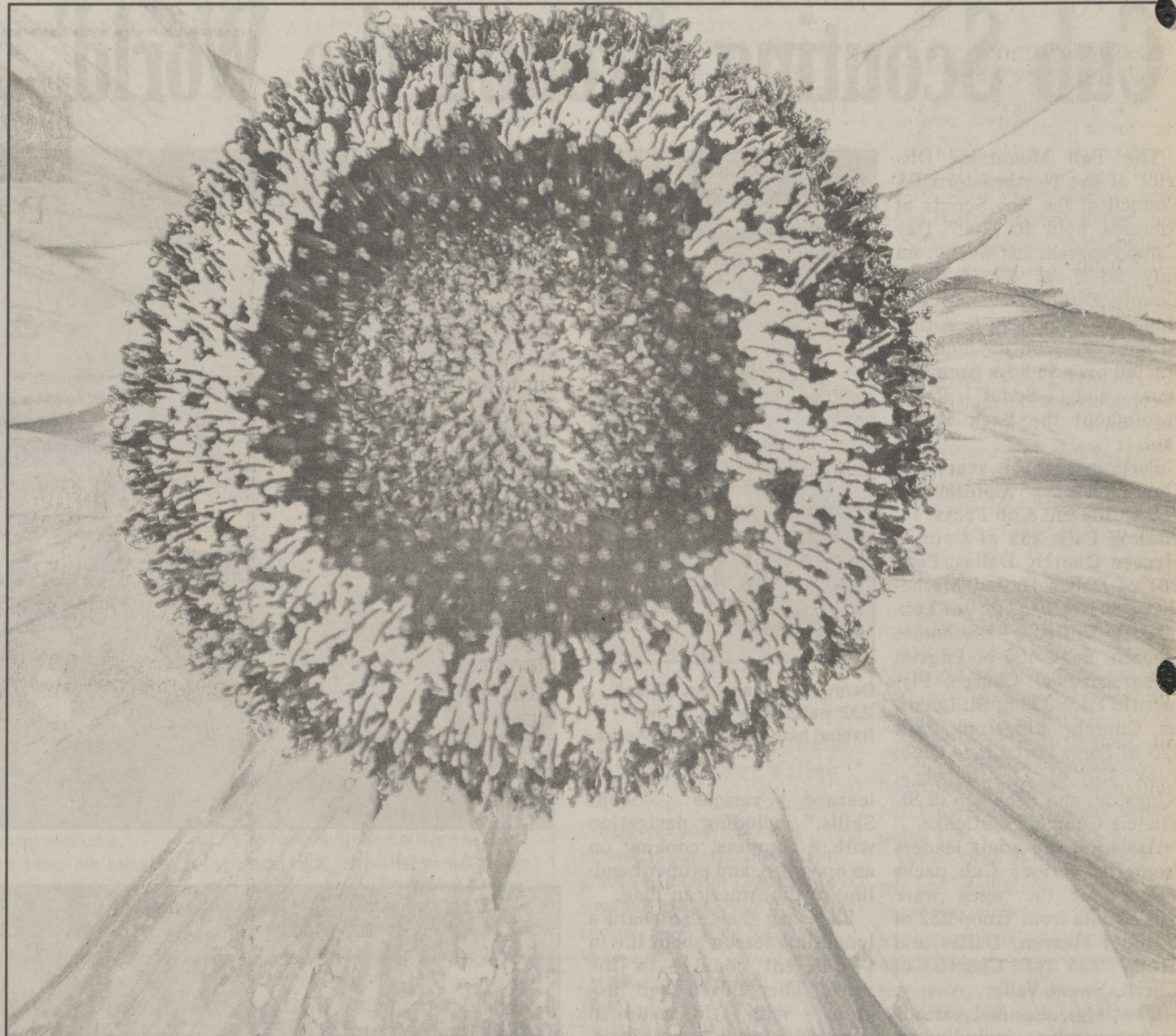
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Set your sights on a bird's eye - or a bee's eye - view of the world and you might see things a little differently.

Check out these new books on the library shelves

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to its collection:

EXPRESS
(1 week)

"Woman in Red" by Eileen Goudge, "The Maytrees" by Annie Dillard, "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini, "The Land of Mango Sunsets" by Dorothea Benton Frank, "Killer Weekend" by Ridley Pearson, "Critical" by Robin Cook, "Consumption" by Kevin Patterson

FICTION

"Woman in Red" by Eileen

Goudge, "The Maytrees" by Annie Dillard, "Safe Harbor" by Christine Feehan, "Lawman" by Diana Palmer, "Simply Magic" by Mary Balogh, "Gunpowder Plot" by Carola Dunn, "The Archivist's Story" by Travis Holland, "Requiem for an Assassin" by Barry Eisler, "Past Perfect" by Susan Isaacs, "Forgive Me" by Amanda Eyre Ward, "The Friday Night Knitting Club" by Kate Jacobs, "The Nature of Monsters" by Clare Clark, "Slummy Mummy" by Fiona Neill, "In Secret Service" by Mitch Silver, "Lethally Blond" by Kate White, "A Peculiar

Grace" by Jeffrey Lent, "The Intruders" by Michael Marshall, "The Sonnet Lover" by Carol Goodman, "Cataloochee" by Wayne Caldwell, "Killer Weekend" by Ridley Pearson, "Critical" by Robin Cook, "The Judas Strain" by James Rollins, "Thirteen" by Richard K. Morgan, "Consumption" by Kevin Patterson, "Dog Days" by Jon Katz

NONFICTION

"Nothing Down for Women" by Robert G. Allen, "After Diana" by Christopher Anderson, "The Seven Pillars of Health" by Don Colbert

MYSTERY

"Her Royal Spyness" by Rhys

Bowen

BIOGRAPHY

"Almost a Miracle" by John

Ferling

LARGE PRINT

FICTION

"Up Close and Dangerous" by

Linda Howard

BOOKS ON CD

"A Woman in Charge" by Carl

Bernstein, "Ghostwalk" by Rebecca Stott, "Up Close and Dangerous" by Linda Howard, "Lean, Mean and Thirteen" by Janet Evanovich, "Stalin's Ghost" by Martin Cruz Smith, "The Marriage Game" by Fern Michaels, "Blaze" by Richard Bachman

20 YEARS AGO

Officials from Echo Science Lab on Tuesday began treating high algae counts at Harvey's Lake which would make the water clear again by the weekend.

Harvey's Lake president Richard Boice said that copper sulfate was added at 10 a.m. yesterday and that the problem should be cleared up by the weekend. Boice recommended that swimmers stay out of the lake for a few days, but that the water does not pose a serious health threat, although it can cause skin irritation.

ONLY
YESTERDAY

The "rock cut" section of Route 309 in Kingston Township, long considered a dangerous stretch of road, will soon be made safer to travel.

Last week Kingston Township Manager Fred Potzer said that he and several other officials met with Luzerne County Commissioners concerning that area of roadway and was informed that UGI Corporation would soon be installing high-pressure sodium vapor lights to correct the danger. The area involved runs from the end of the Cross Valley Expressway near Wasserott's Medical Equipment to an area near Franklin's gas station in Kingston Township.

Dallas resident Richard Disque II, his wife Lois, and daughter Leigh Anne were among the few fortunate enough to spend time with Mother Teresa on her visit to Scranton last Sunday.

Disque, a pilot affiliated with Forty Fort Airport, was asked to fly the 76-year-old "living saint" to New York's La Guardia Airport.

30 YEARS AGO

Three children in Shavertown

contributed \$48 to the Muscular Dystrophy Fund which they earned from the carnival and garage sale which they held at Lawn Street. Chrissie Bulford, Sue Davenport and Patti Davenport hosted the carnival and sale.

Cory Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zimmerman, was named Grand Charity at the Grand Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Pennsylvania, held last week at Penn State Campus, University Park, State College.

Ferdinand Liva, Jr., 11-year old Dallas violinist, will appear in a string recital which will be presented by the Liva Violin Class at the Wyoming Seminary Day School, Forty Fort. The youthful violinist, son of Ferdinand and Algerta Liva, residing on Overbrook Avenue in Dallas, is well known in the Dallas Public Schools, having performed violin solos in school programs and shows. He is known by his schoolmates as Dino.

Chris Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Evans, Church Street, Dallas, has been chosen as judge in the upcoming Baby Photo Contest sponsored by the Back Mountain JayCettes. Ms. Evans is currently residing in Edison, NJ, where she is employed as a professional photographer.

40 YEARS AGO

Little League Championship Team for 1967 in the Back Mountain are the pleasant lads from Lehman-Jackson, who won at the game on Sunday afternoon, defeating Dallas Dairy by a score of 4 to 3. Team members are: Eddie Onzik, Don Rollman, Eddie Zielan, Bob Moyer, Ricky Bingham, Jimmie Cook, Charles Vans, Bill Frey, Randy Cornell, Walter Babetski, Gary Baker and Ricky McCarty.

Two Jackson Township girls took ribbons in recent horse shows and are deserving of ac-

knowledge for their achievements.

Diane Aston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Aston, took a fifth place ribbon in the 4-H Stock Fete Equitation and sixth place in the Western Pleasure event at the 4-H County Round-Up at Lehman Horse Show Grounds.

On the same day, Denise Winiecki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winiecki, took a sixth place ribbon in the Stock Fete Equitation event and a fifth in Western Pleasure.

Edward A Thompson, Dallas, recently won Campbell Soup Company's highest annual award for overall outstanding sales performance. The presentation was made at the company's annual marketing meeting for Campbell sales personnel at Atlantic City.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben C. Banks entertained the guests and personnel from the Old Ladies Home. During the afternoon the women enjoyed playing various games, and also toured the flower gardens surrounding the Banks estate.

50 YEARS AGO

Local ACME stores were featuring the following produce prices: a dozen California Oranges for 29 cents; two pounds of white seedless grapes for 35 cents; two green peppers for 29 cents; and two pounds of California Bartlett Pears for 23 cents.

Basil Frantz has been elected chaplain of Harvey's Lake Post No. 967, American Legion.

Bob Pickett, Dallas RD 3, who scorched his eyes with an unprotected oxyacetylene flame a month ago, came into the Dallas Post apparently completely restored. Bob said it wasn't his own condition that bothered him so much, but his inability to see what was going on when his little girl hurdled from her bicycle the day following his injury, and had to have six stitches in her leg. Bob's eyes look good, clear as ever.

Gerry Miller, of Orange, entertained at a wiener and corn roast at her home Saturday evening. Present were: Virginia Morgan, Audrey Race, Lois Ryman, Betty Harris, Anne Dorrance, Carolyn Race, Lynda Carey, Barbara Kennedy, Ruddy Cooper, Fred Newman, Clark Lewis, Jim Altemus, Barry Landmesser, Billy Steinhauer, Ross Steinhauer, Lloyd Ryman, Cliff Williams, Jim Mitchell, Barry Baird, Rich Matthe and the hostess.

60 YEARS AGO

June Kistler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kistler, Alderson, was elected teacher of commercial subjects at a special meeting of the Dallas Township School Board Monday to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jane Darrow.

First outing of the newly organized United Sportsman's Camp of Harvey's Lake will be held next Sunday at the North Mountain Lodge of Lewis Crisman.

Local Acme Super Markets were featuring a dozen ears of home grown sweet corn for 29 cents; four pounds of home grown tomatoes for 25 cents; two pounds of California grapes for 29 cents and three home grown cucumbers for 10 cents

70 YEARS AGO

The Girl Scouts of Idetown held a Tom Thumb Wedding on Thursday evening at the Idetown Church House. A large crowd witnessed the happy event and wished the midget couple happiness in their affair. Those taking part were: bride, Lorraine Keller; groom, Bobby Welch; bridesmaids, Evelyn Keller, Dorothy Meade, Katherine Smith, Roxie Hoover; ushers, Dick Ide, Harold Ide, Bobby Wimpa, Billy Sickler; maid-of-honor, Isabelle Wilkins; best man, Sonny Ide.

Standard Firestone automobile tires ranged in price from \$6.40 to \$13.95 per tire.