

## 'BUILD A BEAR' COLLECTION ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY



On display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of December is a "Build a Bear" collection. These are plush animal toys that children can buy and then choose accessories such as clothes, hats and shoes for them. The collection belongs to Alexis Lanza who is in first grade. Alexis has been collecting the "Build a Bear" stuffed toys for three years. Her family buys some of them and some she receives as gifts. In addition to bears, her collection includes a reindeer, a snowman, a bunny and a cat. Each one is dressed and ready for the holidays! Alexis is the daughter of Tom and Kim Lanza of Dallas.

### MOMENTS IN TIME

#### The History Channel

- On Dec. 14, 1799, George Washington, the American revolutionary leader and first president of the United States (unanimously elected in 1789), dies of acute laryngitis at his estate in Mount Vernon, Va.
- On Dec. 10, 1901, the first Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. The ceremony came on the fifth anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite and other high explosives.
- On Dec. 13, 1922, eight years after they began offering their removable top on KisselKar and Kissel automobiles, William Kissel and Friedrich Werner received a U.S. patent for their invention. Their "Convertible Automobile Body" had a removable hard top - one of the earliest convertibles.
- On Dec. 11, 1939, actress Marlene Dietrich records her hit song "Falling in Love Again." Dietrich also became a U.S. citizen in 1939 and allegedly refused several offers to return to Germany to star in Nazi films. She was awarded the Medal of Freedom and named Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor.
- On Dec. 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, retired Boston candy manufacturer Robert H.W. Welch Jr. establishes the John Birch Society, a right-wing organization dedicated to fighting what it perceived to be the extensive infiltration of communism into American society.
- On Dec. 12, 1980, American oil tycoon Armand Hammer pays \$5,126,000 at auction for a notebook containing writings by the artist Leonardo da Vinci. The manuscript, written around 1508, contained 72 loose pages featuring some 300 notes and detailed drawings.
- On Dec. 15, 2001, Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa reopens after a team of experts spent 11 years and \$27 million to fortify the tower without eliminating its famous lean. Engineers were able to reduce the lean by between 16 and 17 inches.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

#### By Samantha Weaver

- According to a poll conducted in 1999, nearly 6 percent of the population of the United States believes that the first manned moon landing was staged by the government.
- The kaleidoscope was invented in the 1800s, and the inventor had some difficulty in coming up with a name. Finally, he decided to take the name from Greek words meaning "look at beautiful forms."
- It was Elbert Hubbard, American writer, publisher, artist and philosopher, who made the following sage observation: "Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped."
- If you paid attention in grammar school, you know that Theodore Roosevelt was the 26th president of the United States. You may not know, however, that he was the youngest person ever to become president; he was 42 years old and the vice president when President William McKinley was assassinated in 1901. It's also likely you are unaware of the fact that Roosevelt was the first American to be awarded the Nobel Prize, in 1906. Also in 1906, he traveled to Panama to see firsthand how construction on the Panama Canal was going; that trip distinguished him as the first American president to leave the country while in office.

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Thought for the Day: "I am prepared to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." -- Sir Winston Churchill  
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## MAN & BEAST

Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll may have some competition in "Louie," a 6-year-old Labrador Retriever owned by John and Carol Oliver, of Huntsville Road, Dallas. Louie is a laid-back, friendly dog and, when he's walked around the neighborhood, greets everyone. He thinks he's the mayor!

### SHARE YOUR PET PICTURES WITH OUR READERS

Who's your best friend? If your very best friend in the whole wide world is your pet, we want to know about it.

Send us a picture of your pet - whether it be a lovable puppy, a slimy iguana or a parrot with an extensive vocabulary - and we'll share it with readers of The Dallas Post.

Tell us your name and address, your pet's name, his or her age, his or her breed and anything else you'd like everyone to know about your pet. Be sure to include your telephone number in the event we have questions.

Send everything to "Man and Beast," c/o The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 or e-mail the picture to us at news@mydallaspost.com.

If you send a picture and would like to have it returned, be sure to include a self-addressed/stamped envelope.

We'll publish the pictures in the order in which we receive them.



## New books make way to BMT library

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

### DECEMBER 2007 EXPRESS (1 WEEK)

"Double Cross" by James Patterson, "Loving Frank" by Nancy Hora, "T is for Trespass" by Sue Grafton, "The Darkest Evening" by Dean Koontz

### FICTION

"Double Cross" by James Patterson, "Loving Frank" by Nancy Hora, "T is for Trespass" by Sue Grafton, "The Secret Cardinal" by Tom Grace, "The Darkest Evening of the Year" by Dean R.

Koontz, "The Abstinence Teacher" by Tom Perrotta, "Dance with the Dragon" by David Hagberg, "Third Degree" by Greg Iles

### NON-FICTION

"Fair Game" by Valerie Plame Wilson, "Loving Natalee" by Beth Holloway, "Small Buildings, Small Gardens" by Gordon Hayward, "A Field Guide to Buying Organic" by Luddene Perry and Dan Schultz, "Boom! Voices of the Sixties" by Tom Brokaw, "American Poetry: The Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries"

### BIOGRAPHY

"Blonde Ambition" by Rita Cosby, "Celebrity Detox" by Ro-

se O'Donnell, "The Star Machine" by Jeanie Basinger

### REFERENCE

"The 50 States" edited by Charles F. Bahmueller

### LARGE PRINT FICTION

"Third Degree" by Greg Iles, "The Fifth Vial" by Michael Palmer, "Requiem for an Assassin" by Barry Eisler, "The Secret Hangman" by Peter Lovesey, "Thursday Next" by Jasper Fforde, "A Christmas Beginning" by Anne Perry, "Murder on K Street" by Margaret Truman, "Lethally Blond" by Kate White

### YOUNG ADULT

"Yellow Flag" by Robert Lipsyte, "Elephant Run" by Roland

Smith, "Cassandra's Sister" by Veronica Bennett

### DVDs

"We are Marshall," "Larksville Ghost and Other Tales of the Unknown," "Ray," "Shergar," "Jesus"

### SPECIAL DONATIONS

The following items are donated by Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 American Legion: "The Luftwaffe Over Germany" by Donald L. Caldwell, "The War: An Intimate History, 1941-1945" by Geoffrey C. Ward, "1776, The Illustrated Edition" by David G. McCullough, "The Forgotten 500" by Gregory A. Freeman, "The War" by Ken Burns (DVD)

### 20 YEARS AGO

The newest addition to the Back Mountain's growing list of fine, family restaurants will soon be completed.

Work continues to progress on the Pizza Hut restaurant, Route 309, Dallas, with construction to be finished the second week of January 1988.

Bob Kruger, spokesperson for Kosmart Enterprises, said the latest addition to Kosmart's family of ten other pizza Huts, located in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, will continue the chain's tradition for fine, family foods and atmosphere.

Dallas Elementary students did some of their Christmas shopping at Santa's Workshop recently where they found some great bargains.



### ONLY YESTERDAY

Kinsey Weyman, Debbie Hayes, Griffin Bicking and Daniel Podaahl.

Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company announced recently that landscaping has been completed at its Huntsville Reservoir Dam, Lehman Township. The reservoir supplies water to the company's Hillside Water Treatment plant near Dallas.

The project included the removal of a number of mature pine trees and their replacement with over 200 trees and shrubs including varieties of maple, hemlock, sycamore and pine. The work was done to help prevent erosion and provide a aesthetically-pleasing and natural appearance.

A quick score and a key defensive stand in the first half set the stage for a second-half rally Sat-

urday as the Dallas Mountaineers claimed their first Eastern Conference Class B title with a 20-16 win over Scranton Prep.

Mountaineer running back Mike Koprowski scored two key touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Senior football players at Lake-Lehman High School received jackets at the recent football banquet sponsored by the Football Mothers Club.

Players who received jackets were John Naylis, Randy Walsh, Bob Wesley, Jim Pilger, Bert Bahlert, Mark MacDougal, Jack Swire, Jim Spencer, Dana Sutliff, Bob Barcheski and Dave Gunton.

Scott Lee, a kindergarten student, won a television as top prize in the Lake-Lehman Parent-Teacher Association hoagie sale.

Tom Jesso, Bill Newton and Bob McNeil were installed as new members of the Harvey's Lake Lions Club.

### 40 YEARS AGO

At local Acme stores, a package of 48 Tetley tea bags sold for 49 cents; a 6 3/4 ounce tube of Gleem toothpaste sold for 65 cents; and a 100 count bottle of Bufferin was 99 cents.

Twelve Bobcats saluted the flag and took the oath which made them members of Cub Scout Pack 241 last Monday night at ceremonies staged at Lehman Methodist Church.

Receiving their pins were: William Stoerle, Larry Scott, Dana Mahle, Kevin Cragle, George Vicari, James Barrall, Dale Ide, Edward Oncay, Larry Morretti, Geoffrey Davis, Mark Hession and Dale Carson.

Miss Christine Demmy, a junior at Dallas High School, received a \$25 savings bond in recognition of her winning the V.F.W. Freedom's Challenge

Award (for debate) for the Back Mountain area.

### 50 YEARS AGO

A Christmas party for underprivileged children in the Back Mountain area will be given by the Dallas Kiwanis Woman's Club at the American Legion Home, Memorial Highway, Dallas on December 14.

In charge of the affair are: Mrs. Frederick Anderson, chairman, Mrs. Franklin Gager, Mrs. Robert Dolbear, Mrs. John Henninger, Mrs. John Churry, Mrs. Roscoe Smith, Mrs. William Wright and Mrs. Andrew Denmon.

Alexander Tough, manager of the Hayfield Farm for forty-six years, and first chairman of the Lehman Horse Show, died Monday night in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Mr. Tough was 75.

Girl Scout Troop 77 held a birthday party at Dallas-Franklin-Monroe Township School last Monday when girls entertained their mothers with a fashion show and held a court of awards.

Special badges were given to Judy Wright (camp craft and skating), Andrea Krimmel (camp craft and swimming), Rita Rice (seamstress), and Susan Cheney (dog and cat).

### 60 YEARS AGO

As the first step in an effort to further develop Dallas and the Back Mountain area as a shopping center, twenty-seven Dallas businessmen met last Monday night at First National Bank and discussed the organization of Dallas Borough Businessmen's Association.

Movies playing this week at the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, included "Fiesta" starring Akim Tamiroff and Ricardo Montalbon; "The Great John L." starring Linda Darnell and Greg McClure; and "Dishonored Lady" starring Hedy Lamarr, John Loder and Dennis O'Keefe.

### 70 YEARS AGO

The Citamard Club of Dallas High School will present "Mistakes at the Blakes," on December 10, a comedy about an eccentric old ranchman who dies, leaving \$50,000 to one nephew and his sheep dog, Charlie, to the other.

On arrival, Charlie turns out to be a charming young lady. The brothers leave no stone unturned in their efforts to outsmart each other on the terms of the will.

Members of the costumes committee are: Jane LeGrand, chairman; Florence Dempksi, Louise Krause and Rhoda Thomas.

The court trial "Death at the Wheel," a drama of modern highways, was presented in Maple Grove M.E. Church on Tuesday night under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Anti-Salo League, with 24 local persons in the cast.

The production made a daring denouement of drunken drivers.

"Jury" members of the cast were: Jim Jones, Mrs. H.E. Payne, Mrs. Warren Boston, George Weintz, Frank Moyer, Ollie Gordon, Alex Bellentine and Mrs. Wolfe.

The Ladies Aid Society of Dallas M.E. Church held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. A.R. Dungey.

Gifts were exchanged and there was a delightful program. Committee members were Mrs. Nelson Whipp, Mrs. John Frantz, Mrs. Albert Parrish, Mrs. Georgianna Welsh, Mrs. Sarah Schmerer and Mrs. Wesley Himmler.

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