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Historian offers program

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His range of experience is wide from participating in several cases at the Supreme Court to breaking ground in the Afri-

can-American community with his presentations, "American History in Black and White."

Barton's exhaustive research (from original writings) on the Founding Era has rendered him an expert in the history field and, consequently, he serves as consultant to state and federal legislators.

The event at the Dallas Middle School will include a color guard from a local VFW post and recognition of local, state and national leaders in attendance.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

On Feb. 17, 1801, after one tie vote in the Electoral College and 35 indecisive ballot votes in the House of Representatives, Vice President Thomas Jefferson is elected the third president of the United States. The confusing election exposed major problems in the presidential electoral process.

On Feb. 14, 1842, fans of Charles Dickens organize the Boz Ball, an elite party for the celebrated writer. (Dickens' earliest works had been published under the pseudonym Boz.) Only members of New York's aristocracy were invited, and tickets were priced at the then-outrageous sum of \$10.

On Feb. 11, 1858, in southern France, Marie-Bernarde Soubirous, a 14-year-old French peasant girl, claims to have seen the Virgin Mary. The apparitions, which totaled 18 before the end of the year, occurred in a grotto of a rock promontory near Lourdes.

On Feb. 12, 1924, the first network radio program to be sponsored by advertising debuts. The show, "The Eveready Hour," was sponsored by the National Carbon Company and broadcast in New York, Washington, D.C., and Providence, R.I.

On Feb. 16, 1959, Fidel Castro is sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after leading a guerrilla campaign that forced right-wing dictator Fulgencio Batista into exile. Castro replaced Miro Cardona as head of the country's new provisional government.

On Feb. 15, 1965, jazz singer and pianist Nat King Cole dies of lung cancer at age 46. In 1991, his daughter, singer Natalie Cole, released the album "Unforgettable With Love." Electronic recording and mixing technology allowed her to record duets with her father, using his old tracks.

On Feb. 13, 1989, Leona Helmsley, nicknamed the "Queen of Mean" by the press, receives a four-year prison sentence and a \$71 million tax fraud fine in New York. For many, Helmsley became the object of loathing and disgust when she quipped that "only the little people pay taxes."

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

You might not be surprised to learn that, according to market research, the woman's opinion almost always prevails when a husband and wife disagree on clothing for the man.

The first gasoline superstation opened way back in 1912, in Memphis, Tenn. It had 13 pumps and one ladies restroom, but there was no restroom for men. Incidentally, at that time, the cost of a gallon of gas was 29 cents.

It was Nobel Prize-winning poet, dramatist and literary critic T.S. Eliot who made the following sage observation: "The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down."

The name of Alcatraz Island -- famed location of a high-security prison that's now a tourist attraction -- comes from the Spanish "Isla de los Alcatrazes," or "Island of Pelicans."

The tongue of the alligator is fastened to the jaw all the way around. That's why you'll never see a gator stick out its tongue.

Noted 18th-century Venetian adventurer, author and (more famously) lover, Casanova, reportedly ate 50 oysters every day. For breakfast. Incidentally, his full name was Giovanni Giacomo Casanova de Seingault -- no wonder he shortened it.

Other than being actors, what do Clark Gable, Jimmy Stewart and James Doohan have in common? During World War II, they were all Allied officers and pilots.

You might be surprised to learn that the Ohio River carries twice as much tonnage as the celebrated Panama Canal.

Thought for the Day: "The third-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking with the majority. The second-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking with the minority. The first-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking." -- A.A. Milne

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Man & Beast

This is Cardel's Christmas Holy, known as "Katie," posing this past fall for her third birthday picture. Katie is the constant companion of Mary G. Hosey, of Market Street in Dallas.



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 18711 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.

When television writers strike, books can still entertain you

Due to the recent television writers' strike, we are all missing new episodes of our favorite shows. Keep in mind, however, that the writers, authors, poets and publishers who provide books to the Back Mountain Memorial Library are still busy at work. As always, we invite you to stop in and browse the exciting new stories and plots they have created to keep us reading!

Start spring cleaning now

While your television may be getting a much-needed rest, what better time to get a head

start on your spring cleaning? While sorting through your closets, remember that we are now accepting donations for the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Annual New Goods and Antique Auction which will be held on July 10, 11, 12 and 13.

We are currently seeking antiques, collectibles, old jewelry, slightly read books and household items. Items may be dropped off at the library during normal hours or you may call us at 675-1182 for more information.

Donations are also graciously accepted from any new busi-

nesses in the area. If your business or place of employment would like to donate a new goods item or gift certificate, please contact the library to make arrangements for us to pick it up.

Winter sale at bookshop

When you are tired of watching the re-runs of those favorite programs, head on over to the Slightly Read Bookshop's Winter Sale which continues through February 14. During this sale, all hardcover adult fiction and non-fiction books will

be half price.

Hours of operation of the bookshop are from 1 to 7 p.m. Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Still time to order daffodils

Just a reminder...there are still a few more days to order daffodils to benefit the American Cancer Society. All orders must be placed by Wednesday, Feb. 13. The price of \$8 is due at the time you place your order. Daffodils will be available for pick up during the week of March 25.

20 YEARS AGO

A request by Dallas High School student wrestlers to allow jello wrestling as a fundraiser again this year will be taken into consideration by the school directors after they meet with the wrestling coach to discuss the feasibility of the fundraising meet or if the boys should hold a different method of fundraising.

ONLY YESTERDAY

The sudden death of Dallas Borough Police Chief Edward Lyons has left the Back Mountain communities stunned. Those who knew him could not believe that "Big Ed" as he was known to many would no longer be among them.

Chief of Police for 11 years he was a familiar figure in the local area as he patrolled the streets of the Back Mountain community, or in his off hours, was among the fans at a high school football game or basketball game.

His death will leave a big void in the community for in a humble way, Chief Lyons gave much of himself to community and civic organizations.

Three members of the local Rollaway Skating Club of Dallas placed first in competition at JR's Skateaway in Reading recently. Local winners were: Daniel Rogers, first place in boys' freestyle; George Manzoni, first place in sub-sophomore men artistic skating; and Nicole Hall, first in J.O. artistic skating for girls 12 years and under.

30 YEARS AGO

There was no mail for most Dallas residents on Tuesday as the heavy snowstorm interfered with the carriers' deliveries.

The Luzerne Electric Division, UGI Corporation has notified large industrial customers

to implement voluntary energy reductions to reduce their use of electric power because of the present coal miner's strike. UGI is also asking all customers to curtail nonessential use of electricity to extend the supply of available coal. If customers fail to respond by voluntarily reducing their use of electricity through the balance of the coal shortage, prolonged mandatory curtailments may be necessary which will impose customer inconveniences and in some cases hardships.

Thirteen members of Dallas Brownie Troop 717 received their pins at an investiture ceremony held at Trinity United Presbyterian Church. Members are Heather Lawley, Kim Morgan, Meg Bevevino, Sandy Johnson, Lori Fuller, Deana Johnson, Erin Culleney, Chrysteline Bell, Terri Ferrara, Heather Landau, Lisa Sharkness, Jennifer Banks and Christine Harvey.

40 YEARS AGO

At local Acme stores, a head of California iceberg lettuce sold for 19 cents, porterhouse steaks were 95 cents a pound and fresh broccoli was 29 cents a bunch.

Cub Pack 241 of Lehman Methodist Church held its first annual Pinewood Derby race in January. Trophies and ribbons were awarded to Eddie Oncay, first place winner and Howard Kocher, second place winner. Third place ribbons were awarded to Billy Stoerle and Ricky Angelico.

Mrs. Florence H. Sherwood, director, and students Beverly Whiting, Thomas Vernon, Howard Wiggins, Paul Turner and Susan Wiener will represent Dallas High School at the Northeast District Chorus Festival to be held in the Forest City Regional School District.

50 YEARS AGO

Camping in mid-winter, as

done by Boy Scouts of St. There's Troop 232, will attract startled attention from folks driving along Route 309 in Shavertown this afternoon and tomorrow. John Butler, Boy Scout leader for the past twelve years, expects most of his troop to take part in the demonstration.

Come blizzard, hail, rain or fiery vapor, Boy Scouts will pitch their tents opposite the Acme Store and Shel Evans' Drug Store tomorrow at 5 p.m., build camp fire, cook their supper and spend the night warm as toast in sleeping bags which have carried them through many a winter night in the open in complete comfort.

Cecilia Mazonkey is a candidate for Betty Crocker Home-Maker of Tomorrow from Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School. Miss Mazonkey passed the December 3 examination with flying colors. Her paper will be entered in competition with other winning papers from Pennsylvania and she will receive an award pin designed by Trifari of New York.

Joe Rugelette was elected president at the meeting of Northeastern Pennsylvania Coon Hound Club at Mason's Villa on Friday night.

60 YEARS AGO

Moves playing at the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, included "Variety Girl" with an all-star cast starring Olga San Juan, Bing Crosby and Bob Hope; "Renegade Girl" starring Ann Savage and Alan Curtis; "West of Dodge City" starring Charles Starrett and Smiley Burnette; and "Two Mrs. Carrolls" starring Humphrey Bogart, Barbara Stanwyck and Alexis Smith.

Sub zero temperatures have caused considerable difficulty for Dallas-Shavertown Water Company, especially in the Shavertown area where fifteen customers have been out of water

because of frozen pipes underlying highways that have been cleared of snow. In other areas the heavy blanket of snow has prevented deep penetration of frost so that the company has received only two other complaints of frozen pipes, those being in Dallas Borough.

Bernard Shukwit of Luzerne, a graduate of Moler Barber School New York City, has reopened the Trucksville Barbershop located over Gregory's Store.

70 YEARS AGO

Flames which started from a short circuit scorched the interior of Hillside Tire Service Station, owned by Michael Pieger, on Wednesday afternoon at about 2. The fire destroyed several tires, cracked glass in the doors, and burned the interior but was confined to the garage side of the building. Trucksville and Shavertown companies responded. The building is insured.

John Frantz was elected president of the Dallas Democratic Club at a meeting on Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallo. Other officers are: Charles Randall, vice president; Eleanor Machell, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Wallo, treasurer; John Frantz, Scott Van Horn and Mrs. Wallo, executive committee.

For many years one of the best known figures in automotive circles in Northeastern Pennsylvania, James R. Oliver of Dallas this week became a dealer of new Hudson and Terraplane automobiles. Mr. Oliver is also a dealer for Packards.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post, which is 119 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.