

## MOMENTS IN TIME

## The History Channel

- On Feb. 20, 1725, a posse of New Hampshire volunteers comes across a band of encamped Native Americans and takes 10 "scalps" in the first significant appropriation of this Native American practice. The posse received a bounty of 100 pounds per scalp from the Colonial authorities in Boston.
- On Feb. 22, 1732, George Washington is born in Westmoreland County, Va. Part of his success in the Revolutionary War was due to his shrewd use of an "ungentlemanly," but effective, tactic of "guerilla" warfare, in which stealthy "hit-and-run" attacks foiled British armies.
- On Feb. 24, 1786, Wilhelm Karl Grimm, the younger of the two Brothers Grimm, is born in Hanau, Germany. The brothers' collection of oral folktales includes "Hansel and Gretel," "Snow White," "Little Red Riding Hood," "Sleeping Beauty," "Rapunzel" and "Rumpelstiltskin."
- On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain publishes his famous -- and famously controversial -- novel "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Twain (the pen name of Samuel Clemens) first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his novel "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" (1876).
- On Feb. 19, 1914, Pittsburgh movie theaters are required to establish a seating section for unaccompanied women. Some women attending movies alone had complained of harassment.
- On Feb. 23, 1940, folk singer Woody Guthrie writes one of his best-known songs, "This Land Is Your Land." Guthrie died in 1967, having lived long enough to see the tune become a rallying song for the civil-rights movement.
- On Feb. 21, 1994, CIA operative Aldrich Ames is arrested for selling secrets to the Soviet Union. At least 10 men were killed after Ames revealed their identities, and more were sent to Russian gulags. Both Ames and his wife were later convicted. Ames was sentenced to life in prison, while his wife, as part of a plea-bargain agreement, received a five-year sentence.

## GOOD GRIEF! SNOOPY'S ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY!



On display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of February is a Snoopy collection. Snoopy, as most people know, is Charlie Brown's beagle from the "Peanuts" characters. The collection comprises over 20 pieces, including stuffed toys, porcelain ornaments, a sno-cone maker, several character toys and belongs to 5-year-old, Carly Cavanaugh. Carly has been collecting Snoopy items for three years. She loves the Christmas ornaments and the "Cool Sister" Snoopy that her sister bought her. She also enjoys the Snoopy Sno-Cone maker, especially in the summer. Her favorite item, however, is a stuffed toy Snoopy that she sleeps with every night. Her mom was quick to add, "That one is not in the case!" Carly is a kindergarten student at Gate of Heaven School and lives in Dallas with her parents, Terry and Mary Lou Cavanaugh, and her sister, Nicole.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

## By Samantha Weaver

- It was English novelist and essayist Virginia Woolf, one of the foremost modernist literary figures of the 20th century, who made the following sage observation: "For most of history, Anonymous was a woman."
- Other than being celebrities, what do Woody Allen, Farrah Fawcett, Stanley Tucci, Glenn Close, Richard Attenborough and Kevin Spacey have in common? They're all pigs. In the Chinese zodiac, that is.
- At 6 feet, 4 inches tall, Abraham Lincoln is the tallest president in the history of the United States.
- In a study of 28 women, it was found that screaming has a therapeutic effect on the physiology of the body. After bouts of screaming, the test subjects showed slower heart rates, lower blood pressure and lower body temperature.
- The Netherlands is well-known for picturesque photos of windmills, dikes and, of course, the ubiquitous tulips. The flowers have been an integral part of the culture of the country for hundreds of years. In fact, in the 17th century, it was possible to purchase a house with just a few tulip bulbs. Very special tulip bulbs, I would imagine.
- The bread-slicing machine was invented by a jeweler, not an engineer.

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## MAN &amp; BEAST

"The Poodles" are all ready to go to bed after a hard day's work. On top of the stairs is 6-month-old Rameses. Cleopatra, on the middle step, and Tutankhakun, on the bottom step, are 10 months old and are brother and sister. The poodles, who live with Judith Walczak on Center Street in Harveys Lake, love to play with each other and their toys but their favorite thing to do is eat puppy ice-cream.

## 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.

## New books are on shelves at Back Mountain library

The following new books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas for February 2008.

## EXPRESS (1 WEEK)

"The Appeal" by John Grisham, "7th Heaven" by James Patterson, "The Shooters" by W.E.B. Griffin, "The Secret Between Us" by Barbara Delinsky, "My Enemy's Cradle" by Sara Young, "Dead Heat" by Dick and Felix Francis

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Dead Beautiful" by Jackie Collins, "Song Yet Sung" by James McBride, "Winter in Madrid" by C.J. Sansom, "Diary of a Bad Year" by J.M. Coetzee, "Hand of Evil" by Judith A. Jance, "Missing Witness" by Gordon Campbell, "Dead Heat" by Dick and Felix Francis, "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks, "Blue Heaven" by C.J. Box

## NON-FICTION

"The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court" by Jeffrey Toobin, "The Day of Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944" by Rick Atkinson, "The Joy of Living" by Rinpoche Yongey Mingyur

## LARGE PRINT FICTION

"Duma Key" by Stephen King, "Sizzle and Burn" by Jayne Ann Krentz, "The Purrfect Murder" by Rita Mae Brown, "Beverly Hills Dead" by Stuart Woods, "The Séance" by

## Heather Graham

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"Grace Will Lead Me Home" by Robin Givens, "True Grace" by Wendy Leigh, "Sage-ing While Age-ing" by Shirley MacLaine

## SCIENCE FICTION

"Darth Bane: Rule of Two" by Drew Karpyshyn

## YOUNG ADULT

"Tamar" by Mal Peet, "November Blues" by Sharon M. Draper, "Red Glass" by Laura Resau, "My Mother the Cheerleader" by Robert Sharenow, "Undercover" by Beth Kephart, "Your Own, Sylvia" by Stephanie Hemphill, "Tasting the Sky" by Ibtisam Barakat, "Dragon's Keep" by Janet Lee Carey, "Home of the Brave" by Katherine Applegate, "The White Darkness" by Geraldine McCaughrean

## 20 YEARS AGO

Eighteen-year old Mark Schmoll of Dallas has been bowling in a man's scratch league for the past three years with two

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goals in mind - roll a perfect game and hit a 700 series. Last Monday night in the Roth Novelty-Back Mountain Bowl League, Schmoll achieved both goals. Ironically, despite Schmoll's outstanding performance, his team lost that game to their opponents.

The Dallas Chapter of UNICO and the Dallas Playground Committee are sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper to be held on March 9 at the Dallas Junior High School. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward the construction of a playground at the Dallas Elementary School.

Lehman Cub Scout Pack 241 recently held its Pinewood Derby at the Lehman Jackson Elementary School. The top three winners of the Race Cars Best Overall Appearance category were first place, John Fielding, Dallas; second place, Allen Scott, Hunlock Creek; and third place, David San Fanandre, Hunlock Creek. The derby race winners were first place, Barry Ide, Idetown; second place, Matt Bullock, Dallas; third place, Allen Scott, Hunlock Creek; fourth place, Jeff Eyet, Shavertown; fifth place, Tom Postock, Shavertown; and sixth place, Joey Cortegerone, Shavertown.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Dallas girls' basketball team took the first half honors in Division II of the Wyoming Valley Girls League with a 7-0 record. Members of the team are: Renee Young, Chris Reid, Liza DeWitt, Lauri Aicher, Gloria Hazletine, Carol Kwasnik, Chris Kern, Hol-

ly Fry, Nora Barlow, Leslie Wolfe, Michele Kravitsky, Maurita Gries and Rose Moorehead.

Dallas Band Parents presented jackets to majorettes, strutters and band members who will graduate in June. Majorettes receiving jackets were: Michele Riegel, Dawn Davenport, Cindy Asby, Laurie Santarelli, Gail Pratt, Alison Davis, and Kathy Bonawitz.

Window-breaking vandals were active in Dallas Borough over the past week, with a shop window and automobile window being destroyed by thrown objects. Police report that a chunk of ice was thrown through the window of Uncle Mike's Welding shop, Main Street, Dallas, on Monday morning. An automobile belonging to Albert O. Breymer, Spring Street, has its windshield shattered Monday morning as it was parked in front of its owner's house when someone in a passing car threw a bottle at it.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Richard H. Demmy, UGI Vice President and General Manager of Luzerne Electric, presented a Pennsylvania Electric Association check to Mrs. Nancy Goering, Home Economics teacher at Dallas High School. The check represents the Electric Association's 2nd prize awarded to the Dallas Senior High School Food Service Class for its demonstration at the Farm Show in Harrisburg. The demonstration featured the use of electrical appliances.

Dallas Kiwanis Club is picking up the cost of the purchase of the large banner which will designate the lake-Lehman Band in their march in the Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington in April. The price is \$152.

The Dallas Senior and Junior Woman's Clubs have completed plans for a dinner and semi-formal dance to be held at Irem Temple Country Club Saturday. Mrs. Thomas Reese and Mrs. Harold Haefele, chairmen of the

affair, have announced that proceeds from the affair are to be used for scholarships and other charitable works which both clubs support.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Some of the parents of boys in Boy Scout Troop 232 got cold feet when they saw what was cooking in the way of weekend weather on Friday, but a few intrepid souls swallowed their forebodings and five dauntless Boy Scouts camped overnight in Shavertown in the teeth of a howling blizzard. Tommy Glenn, Pete Blessing, Tom Lee, J. Luckasavage and Harley Misson buttoned themselves into their sleeping bags. The night passed with everybody snug and dry, ravenous for bacon and eggs for breakfast.

One of the fastest growing sports in the United States, Quarter-Midget Racing, will be introduced in the Back Mountain this spring. A track, to be built within a short distance of Dallas, will conform with similar tracks rapidly springing up all over the forty-eight states.

Local Acme stores were featuring a two pound package of fresh carrots for 17 cents; two cans of Star-Kist tuna for 59 cents; and oven-ready turkeys for 47 cents a pound.

## 60 YEARS AGO

Officers for the coming year were elected at a meeting of the Kingston Township Football Mother's Club held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Jacob Harrison. Elected were Mrs. Cedric Griffith, president; Mrs. Leo Carey, vice president; Mrs. Fred Handley, secretary-treasurer.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, included "Cheyenne" starring Dennis Morgan, Janis Paige and Jane Wyman; "Possessed" starring Van Heflin and Joan Crawford; and "For Love of Rusty" starring Ted Donaldson and Tom Powers.

Virginia Jones was hostess to members of the Shavertown Senior Girl Scout Troop at her home on Pioneer Avenue Monday evening. Present were Nancy Lozo, Sylvia Jones, Ruth Mary Morgan, Judy Powell, Janice Ross, Beverly Atwell, Dorothy Reese and Mrs. Jane Case Davis.

## 70 YEARS AGO

Six Penny Bit of Fenbor, a son of Mrs. Margaret McL. Cottle's Corinthian Cypress, won first prize in the specialty show for wire-haired fox terriers which preceded the big Westminster dog show and placed third in a puppy class of eleven at Westminster last week.

Three men are beginning jail sentences and three more are locked up awaiting hearings as a result of a sweeping police investigation in the vicinity of Dallas this week in an effort to solve scores of petty crimes which have been committed during the last few months. About \$1,000 in goods stolen from local people has been discovered.

Representing motorists who have complained again concerning the condition of Center Hill Road, Dallas, Wyoming Valley Motor Club this week took steps to have the section from Lake Street to the railroad taken over by the State Department of Highways, a step which would settle a controversy of many years duration. The dividing line between Dallas Borough and Dallas Township, Center Hill Road has been the cause of a number of disputes and the question of responsibility for its maintenance has even provoked law suits. Several months ago the motor club threatened to have the constable return the highway as a nuisance.

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