

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On April 7, 1776, Navy Captain John Barry, commander of the American warship Lexington, makes the first American naval capture of a British vessel when he takes command of the British warship HMS Edward off the coast of Virginia.
- On April 11, 1917, composer Scott Joplin, the "King of Ragtime," dies in New York City. His "Maple Leaf Rag" of 1899 launched a national craze for ragtime music, and he composed many other popular ragtime songs, including "The Entertainer."
- On April 9, 1939, black contralto Marian Anderson gives a free open-air concert at the Lincoln Memorial. She had been scheduled to sing at Washington's Constitution Hall, but the Daughters of the American Revolution denied her the right to perform because of her race.
- On April 12, 1954, Bill Haley and his band, the Comets, record "Rock Around the Clock." Two years later the song became a hit when it was used as a theme for the movie "Blackboard Jungle," becoming the first rock 'n' roll song to reach No. 1.
- On April 10, 1963, the USS Thresher, an atomic submarine, sinks in the Atlantic Ocean, killing its entire crew. One hundred and twenty-nine sailors and civilians were lost when the sub unexpectedly plunged to the sea floor 300 miles off the coast of New England.
- On April 13, 1970, disaster strikes 200,000 miles from Earth when oxygen tank No. 2 blows up on Apollo 13, the third manned lunar landing mission. Mission commander Lovell reported to mission control on Earth: "Houston, we've had a problem here."
- On April 8, 1990, director David Lynch's surreal series, "Twin Peaks," premieres. The show, with its bizarre characters and baffling story line, became an instant cult hit. Kyle MacLachlan starred as Dale Cooper, an FBI agent assigned to visit a small town in the Pacific Northwest to try to unravel the mystery of the murder of resident Laura Palmer.

KIDS CAN HELP MAKE QUILT



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Be a part of auction history by attending a special, first-time event to learn about the Back Mountain Memorial Auction and to color swatches of fabric that will be incorporated into a colorful children's quilt to be auctioned on the block this summer. This special children's program is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, in the Children's Room of the library and is geared to children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

Lois Noble, above right, a talented quilter in the Back Mountain, has volunteered her time and creativity to transform the colored squares of fabric into a beautiful quilt. Each child who participates will have his or her name sewn under the colored picture on the quilt. The finished quilt will then be auctioned on the block during the 62nd Annual Auction scheduled for July 10, 11, 12 and 13 of this year.

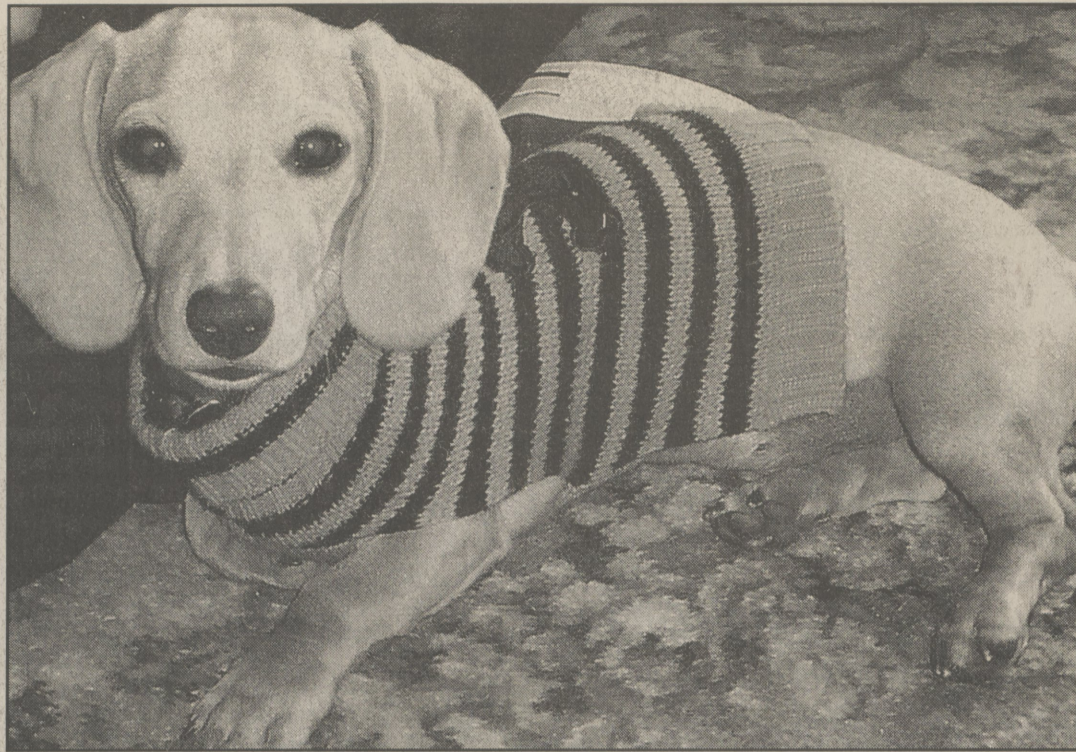
Clarence Michael, above left, auction chairman, will be on hand to read to the children and long-time auction volunteer Ernie Ashbridge will talk to the children about why the auction is held, how it works and some of the items that were auctioned years ago. Mrs. Noble will then have the children select a picture on fabric they would like to color and become part of the quilt.

The finished quilt will be on display in the library before the auction so that all participants will be able to view it or have their picture taken by it before the auction. Children who would like to take part in the making of the quilt are asked to register by calling the library at 675-1182.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- In the small Asian country of Bhutan, nestled in the mountains between China and India, there was no access to TV until 1999, and the capital city (if you can call it a city) still has not a single traffic light.
- It was Rwandan humanitarian leader Paul Rusesabagina who made the following sage observation: "There is no greater gift to an insecure leader than quite matches a vague enemy who can be used to whip up fear and hatred among the population."
- Other than the fact that they were all famous writers, what did Charles Dickens, Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain, Louisa May Alcott, James A. Michener and Leo Tolstoy have in common? They were all adopted.
- The medical journal Pediatrics conducted a study of 38 animated films, including "Sleeping Beauty," "Dumbo," "Beauty and the Beast," "Pinocchio," "Fantasia" and "Peter Pan" and its finding were somewhat surprising for films created for children. The films studied showed an average of 42 seconds of alcohol use.
- If you live in the South, you're very familiar with that plant known as Spanish moss. You might not realize, though, that it didn't come from Spain, and it's not even a moss. In fact, Spanish moss is closely related to the pineapple.
- You may not have realized it, but record producer, musical arranger and Academy Award-winning film composer and trumpeter Quincy Jones has a somewhat unusual middle name: Delight.



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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.

Visit other countries without leaving Back Mountain

We all look forward to getting away and making travel plans, but if your vacation is still too far in the future, the Back Mountain Memorial Library may have a solution. We even have a way for you to "visit" another country without leaving the Back Mountain.

You are invited to join us on a mystical trip to Ireland as the library presents an Evening of Irish Storytelling at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9. Richard Marsh from Dublin, Ireland will entertain us here at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, veiled by dimmed lighting, with his authentic Irish tales of myths, legends and international stories.

Richard is a member of the Dublin Yarn-spinners and Storytellers of Ireland. His performance receives rave reviews as he travels throughout several countries performing a variety of Irish legends.

Admission and light Irish-themed refreshments are free, however, pre-registration is requested. Please call 675-1182 for more details.

Luncheon with a Special Author

There is another type of travel that many

of us take for granted...the difficulty of immigration.

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial

Library cordially invite you to the 20th annual "Luncheon With a Special Author" which will be a discussion of this very topic. The luncheon, which be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, at the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estates will feature speaker, author and entrepreneur Sanford J. Ungar who will discuss his book, "Fresh Blood - The New American Immigrants."

Mr. Ungar has been the host of several programs on National Public Radio, including the award winning "All Things Considered." He has spoken frequently around the United States and other countries on issues of American foreign policy, domestic politics, free expression, human rights and immigration.

The cost for the luncheon is \$23 and must be paid at the time a reservation is made. It is requested that reservations be placed at the library by April 7.

Babysitting course offered

As anyone who travels (or just wants an

occasional night out on the town) knows, if you have children, you need a babysitter. And if you have a pre-teen or teenager, they need to start earning money now for their summer trips.

With this in mind; the Back Mountain Memorial Library is once again offering its popular American Red Cross Babysitting course. Because last month's program was filled, we are holding another class from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26.

The cost is \$40 and must be paid at the time of registration. All reservations and monies must be paid to the library by 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23.

Keep our 'Wish List' in mind

And lastly, while you are out and about in your travels, please keep the library's "Wish List" in the back of your mind. We are looking for someone who would be willing to repair and seal our parking lot blacktop with a coating... as a donation to the library. We are also wishing for a small wooden, narrow, Jelly-Jar style cabinet for use in our Community Room kitchen.

If you can help us with either of these items, please contact the library at 675-1182.



ONLY YESTERDAY

70 YEARS AGO

To show judge Arthur James that Dallas and its vicinity are behind his

candidacy for Governor of Pennsylvania, a group of local men donned straw hats and overalls, climbed aboard Judge Bulford's hayrig and, to the accompaniment of fiddle and accordion, paraded in Plymouth's Old Home Night celebration, in honor of Judge James, last Wednesday night.

Scholastic, a national school magazine published in Pittsburgh, printed a poem by Jane LeGrand of Dallas High School in its current issue. Miss LeGrand is the girl who won the Luzerne County Oratorical Contest for girls last week.

60 YEARS AGO

Harvey's Lake will have a new drive-in motion picture theatre that will accommodate 500 automobiles and 300 seated patrons according to an announcement made by Sam Slomowitz, a Wilkes-Barre grocer who has purchased approximately 785 feet of Sandy Beach from Margaret Pugh of Edwardsville. The purchase price was not disclosed.

T.R. Jones, of Shavertown, forecaster for Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce for the last year, has been named Forestry Educational Supervisor of the Pennsylvania Department of Forest and Waters.

An old and new hat show will be the feature of the meeting of the Dallas Junior Woman's Club Tuesday night at Lundy's. Mrs. Alva Eggleston, first vice president of the club, is in charge.

Models will be: Lois London, Eleanor Montross, Janet Nash, Audrey Rogers, Adria Jones, Betty Varker, Roberts Yeisley, Julia Richards, Bettyanne Clark and Alice Stevens.

50 YEARS AGO

Months of planning and construction will have their culmination next Wednesday night when the Miner's National Bank in Dallas plays host to the Back Mountain community at an informal house warming from 6 until 8 p.m. to permit leisurely inspection of its enlarged banking quarters. There will be special music and an opportunity for fellowship.

At Lehman Fire Hall Wednesday evening under guidance of Mrs. T. Stuart Williams, president of Luzerne County Federated Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Fay E. Hopkins, the Lehman Woman's Club was organized. By-laws were adopted and the following officers elected: Mrs. Sherry Nulton, president; Mrs. John Chesnovitch, first vice president; Mrs. Herbert Kemmerer, second vice president; Mrs. Carl Graham, recording secretary; Jane Cave, treasurer; and Mrs. H. Clinton Meyers, corresponding secretary.

Winner of the Barton's Wayside Furniture first prize in the Easter coloring contest was Eunice Oney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Oney of Harvey's Lake, who was awarded a beautiful RCA record player in the twelve-year old competition. In the eleven and twelve-year old class, the huge chocolate rabbit went to Linda Gail Davies, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carlton Davies, Machell Avenue.

40 YEARS AGO

The 41st Anniversary of the founding of the Dallas Rotary

Club was observed on Thursday at Irem Temple Country Club. The highlight of the program was the comments by Jack Stanley as he gave the past history of the Rotarian who was honored. After he told that this Rotarian once wrestled two men at the same time, everyone knew it could only be Red Ambrose. The award Red received was a trophy with the figure of a wrestler. The inscription read: "The Dallas Rotary Club proudly honors Francis L. Ambrose for his many unselfish club and community activities."

Dick Williams was named Man of the Year by the Harvey's Lake American Legion. He will be honored at a dinner at Casey's Hill Top Inn, Warden Place, tonight. Dick, who has been a life long resident of Harvey's Lake, has been recognized for his tremendous civic work in the community. Among other accomplishments, he is Fire Chief of Daniel C. Robert Fire Co., Fire Inspector for the new Harvey's Lake Borough and chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

30 YEARS AGO

Members of Trumpet Quartet of the Lake-Lehman Symphonic Band will be featured at the band's concert to be held in the high school auditorium this Friday and Saturday evenings. Mary Sue Rish, Gary Tough, Dan Long and Doug Nichols will lead the concert.

Lisa Lutsik, Lori Gaylord, Gayle Kirk, Julie Durkin and Allison Davis, all students at Dallas Senior High School, are making final preparations for the school's production of "Anything Goes" which will be presented this weekend in the school auditorium. Musical director is Mrs. Florence Sherwood.

MAN & BEAST

Jack Turner is a six-month-old crème miniature Dachshund who is ready for Trick or Treat in this photo. Jack belongs to Katie Ruiz, of Forty Fort, but visits Katie's grandparents, Ann and Joseph Dunn, of Second Street in Harveys Lake.

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