

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On April 19, 1775, at about 5 a.m., 700 British troops march into the Massachusetts town of Lexington to find 77 armed minutemen waiting for them. Suddenly, the "shot heard around the world" was fired from an undetermined gun. When the brief Battle of Lexington ended, eight Americans lay dead or dying and 10 others were wounded. The American Revolution had begun.
- On April 20, 1841, Edgar Allen Poe's short story "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" first appears in Graham's Lady's and Gentleman's Magazine. The tale is generally considered to be the first detective story.
- On April 14, 1912, just before midnight in the North Atlantic, the RMS Titanic hits an iceberg, rupturing five watertight compartments along her starboard side. Hours later the massive vessel sank, and more than 1,500 people died in the icy North Atlantic waters.
- On April 15, 1927, Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford and Norma and Constance Talmadge become the first celebrities to leave their footprints in cement at Grauman's Chinese Theater. The future Hollywood landmark was still under construction at the time.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted wit Oscar Wilde who made the following sage observation: "Biography lends to death a new terror."
- You may not realize it, but you have almost certainly engaged in sternutation at some point in your life -- and if you're like me, you do it regularly every spring when the pollen count is high. Sternutation is simply the act of sneezing.
- Iconic fashion designer Ralph Lauren started out his career as a glove salesman.
- As spring progresses, those of us in the southern latitudes of the United States are preparing for another long, hot summer. We should count our blessings, though, and keep in mind that it could be worse: The lowest temperature ever recorded in the tiny Southeast Asia nation of Singapore is 66 degrees Fahrenheit -- and that was during a particularly chilly winter.

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Thought for the Day: "Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors." -- Thomas H. Huxley

PIGS ON DISPLAY AT BMML



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Five year-old Kevin Allen of Dallas is displaying his collection of pigs during the month of April at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The collection consists of stuffed pigs, piggy banks, a key chain pig, a flashlight pig and pig figures totaling over 30 pig items. Kevin stated that he has been collecting pigs "forever," (two years according to mom) because they are his favorite animal. He has received most of the pigs as gifts except for the Boyd's pig, which he made, and he also decorated one of the piggy banks. Some of Kevin's favorites are his Webkins, which stayed at home, the Valentine Cupig and the pig puppet. "I really like pigs and I want one for a pet" but "my mommy says I can't have one," Kevin said. "Not until he grows up and owns a farm," says mom. In the meantime, Kevin lives with his parents, Dan and Susan Allen, and attends kindergarten at Dallas Little People.

CORRECTION

Two of the photographs that appeared in a story in the April 6 issue of The Dallas Post about George Spohrer restoring a Vulcan diesel locomotive were incorrectly credited.

Photojournalist Nick Zmijewski took all of the pictures in the article except the one with Mr. Spohrer in front of Sue Hand's painting.

The Dallas Post regrets the error.

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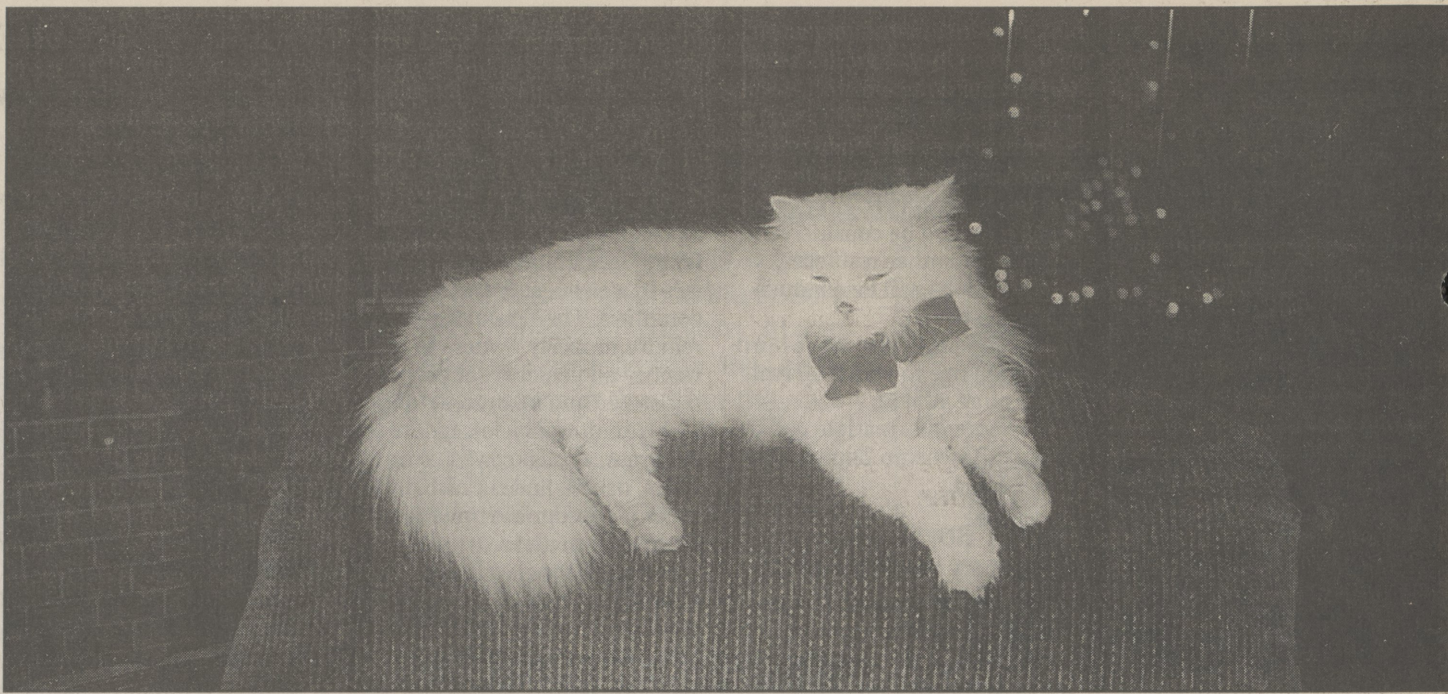
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MAN & BEAST

Lil' Sebastian White Cloud, or simply Sebastian, is an 11-year-old copper-eyed white Persian cat. Rich and Vera Hall of Hunlock Creek inherited Sebastian from their good friends, Louella and Don Dodson, who both passed away a few years ago after spending time in a nursing home. The Dodsons saw how fond the Halls were of their own cat, who was put to sleep at age 14, and said they would like Sebastian to live nowhere but with the Halls. Sebastian is a cuddly lap sitter and gets to a chair as soon as he sees where his owners are headed.

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 added to shelves at Back Mountain library

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

APRIL 2008
EXPRESS
(1 WEEK)

"Compulsion" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Three Shirt Deal" by Stephen J. Cannell, "Where Are You Now?" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana" by Anne Rice

FICTION

"Compulsion" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Three Shirt Deal" by Stephen J. Cannell, "Empress of Asia" by Adam Lewis Schroeder, "When a Lady Misbehaves" by Michelle Marcos, "Deep Dish" by Mary Kay Andrews, "Thigh High" by Christina Dodd, "Life Class"

by Pat Barker, "Harriet and Isabella" by Patricia O'Brien, "Cormac: The Tale of a Dog Gone Missing" by Sonny Brewer, "Six Sacred Stones" by Matthew Reilly, "Betrayal" by John T. Lescroart, "Winter Study" by Nevada Barr, "Turning Tables" by Heather MacDowell, "Remember Me?" by Sophie Kinsella, "Where Are You Now?" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana" by Anne Rice, "The Dancer and the Thief" by Antonio Skarmeta, "Hollywood Crows" by Joseph Wambaugh, "The Secret Scroll" by Ronald Cutler, "Death Walked In" by Carolyn G. Hart

NONFICTION

"A Bound Man" by Shelby Steele, "The Peebles Principles" by R. Donahue Peebles, "Does This Clutter Make My Butt Look Fat?"

by Peter Walsh, "90 Minutes in Heaven" by Don Piper

BIOGRAPHY

"The Man Who Pushed America to War"

by Aram Roston

WESTERN

"Grub Line Rider" by Louis L'Amour

LARGE PRINT

FICTION

"The Quickie" by James Patterson

BOOKS ON CD

"7th Heaven" by James Patterson, "Full of Grace" by Dorothea Benton Frank

YOUNG ADULT

"Lock and Key" by Sarah Dessen, "Game" by Walter Dean Myers, "Airman" by Eoin Colfer, "Barefoot Conquistador" by Diana Childress

70 YEARS AGO

An eight inch snowfall on Wednesday - the sixteenth day of spring - blanketed Dallas and the surrounding countryside under its heaviest snow of the year and brought an abrupt end to balmy weather which had enabled farmers to get way ahead of their spring schedule.

Encouraging reports of interest in the two-day horse show to be sponsored by Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club April 22 at Kingston Armory, were heard at the weekly club meeting Wednesday night. David Joseph is general chairman of the show committee.

The Epworth League of Trucksville M.E. Church will present a one-act play on April 22 in the church. In the cast are: Robert Bachman, Betty Palmer, Clarence Jones, Adrian Jones, John Markareau, Betty Williams, William Rhodes, Jr., Sally Wagner, Harry Keller, Elsie Ayers and Richard Cease. Mrs. Howard Ide is directing the group.

60 YEARS AGO

Blue Ridge Chapter, Future Farmers of America of Lehman Township High School held their annual Father and Son Banquet Wednesday evening, March 31, in the high school gymnasium. About 70 fathers and sons and guests attended. Toastmaster was Arden Hunter, president of F.F.A.

So far local and State Police have uncovered no clue that leads to the identity of the night prowler whose indulgence in indecent exposure has terrified households in Dallas Borough and Township and in the vicinity of College Misericordia. Latest escapade came Sunday night about 10 o'clock when the prowler, carrying a flashlight, invaded the dimly lighted area around Dallas Methodist Church and Baldwin Street.

Mrs. Lewis LeGrand, who noticed flashlight beams against the window and side of her

house, pulled back a lace curtain to find the cause. Directly in front of the window and close to it she saw the intruder completely exposed in the glare of the flashlight which he trained on his body. She ran upstairs to notify her husband, who called State Police.

Dallas Borough Business Association at a round table meeting Monday night in First National Bank approved by-laws of the organization presented by a committee composed of Frederick J. Eck, Atty. Burt B. Lewis and Grace T. Cave. Dues were set at \$3 per year and membership was limited to persons, firms or corporations having businesses addresses in the Dallas area. Purpose of the organization is to promote civic and community welfare.

50 YEARS AGO

Dallas Branch, Miner's National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, was thronged Wednesday evening when over 1,500 people called to view the recently completed addition, and remained to chat with friends and neighbors. The addition, which doubles the working space, was strained to the limit to accommodate the crowd, which jammed the place from door to door.

Edward Durkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Durkin of Shrine View, was among the ninety-six students at Blair Academy who won certificates for interscholastic athletic competition at the Winter Sports Banquet Wednesday night. Durkin, in the junior class, won his certificates for Junior Varsity swimming, his second year on the team.

Movies playing at the Dallas Outdoor Theatre included "The Sad Sack" starring Jerry Lewis and "The Tall Stranger" starring Joel McCrea and Virginia Mayo.

40 YEARS AGO

A watch dog, securely chained, was poisoned Saturday evening in Brown Manor. Dr. Robert Post discovered when he did the autopsy, that a heavy chlorine bleach compound had been employed, presumably in a piece of meat tossed to the dog from the edge of the property. Kingston Township and State

Police are investigating.

Announcement was made at the Dallas School Board meeting Tuesday night that groundbreaking ceremonies for the new all-electric Dallas Junior High School will take place on May 2. Construction of the new \$4.5 million school is to be completed by the opening of school, September.

As soon as Lake Lehman students arrived in Washington Friday afternoon and went to their rooms in the Continental Hotel, they realized that there was something wrong in the Nation's Capitol. But there was no official announcement and Washington was overflowing with 90 bands from all over the country. The band proceeded to the Monument, where the open air concert was to take place, but found only a few bands there.

The management of their hotel, upon their return, was dubious about the state of affairs. Rioting was already taking place, cars were being stoned, twelve year old children were energetically looting stores, and dense smoke was pouring down from the northern section of the city.

The band members were told to eat dinner and pack to go home. The buses pulled out pursuing a round-about route which would skirt the troubled areas. The students heard explosions and far off shootings. They had not taken part in the Cherry Blossom Parade, but they had had an experience which they would remember as long as they lived. For a few brief hours, they had been part of the Nation's History.

30 YEARS AGO

The scholarship committee of Dallas Senior Woman's Club met Tuesday morning for the last time. The club, which awarded scholarships to two seniors each year, will disband following their April 12 meeting at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. Members of the scholarship committee are: Mrs. Arthur Culver, Miss Mary Weir, Mrs. John Rosnick, Mrs. Sheldon T. Evans, Mrs. John M. Rogers, Mrs. Frederick J. Eck, Mrs. William Coburn and Mrs. George A. Decker.

Back Mountain homemakers are in for a treat this Thursday evening when Homemakers Schools Inc. brings its entertaining and informative presentation to Dallas Junior High School auditorium. Admission is free and more than 100 door prizes will be awarded during the event, which begins at 7:30 p.m. In addition, each person seated at the show will receive a packet of recipes, coupons and a cookbook from Homemaker Schools as well as a litter bag from Back Mountain TV and Appliance, one of the sponsors of the event.

A Dallas man, Harold Lyons, was one of several to observe a mysterious object moving quickly across the sky in the early hours of Monday morning over Route 118 just this side of Rickett's Glen. Lyons, however, is quick to refute suggestions that it might have been a flying saucer. "It wasn't any flying saucer," says Lyons. "It was something falling and burning."

20 YEARS AGO

Because of the alleged accounts of cults operating in the Back Mountain and alleged cases in which children and young adults had been harmed, The Dallas Post has conducted some further investigation into the reports. One of the sites were these alleged cult activities have been reported to have taken place is Rice Cemetery in Dallas.

The administration of Dallas Junior High School recently held a breakfast to honor athletic accomplishments. Honored guests were: wrestling - Pat Morris, Francis Hoover and Eric Williams. Girls basketball - Wendy Cave, Kara Cherup, Molly Connolly, Cindy Elinchak, Tina Hite, Jane Kilduff, Amy Nadzan, Amy Shelley, Kathy Welker, Lisa McCafferty, Theresa Mathers, Rebecca Yurko, Jennifer Husband, Vicki Dorrance and Nicole Cheswicz.

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