

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On June 16, 1884, the first roller coaster in America opens at Coney Island in New York. Known as a switchback railway, it traveled approximately 6 mph and cost a nickel to ride. The roller coaster was paid for in three weeks.
- On June 22, 1937, in Chicago's Comiskey Park, Joe Louis wins the world heavyweight boxing title when he defeats Jim Braddock in an eighth-round knockout. Louis was the first black heavyweight champ since Jack Johnson, who lost the title in 1915.
- On June 19, 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviets, are executed at Sing Sing Prison in New York. Both refused to admit any wrongdoing and proclaimed their innocence right up to the time of their deaths.
- On June 21, 1964, three young civil-rights workers working to register black voters are killed by a Ku Klux Klan lynch mob near Meridian, Miss. Deputy sheriff Cecil Price, who was a Klan member, pulled them over for speeding, then held them in custody while other KKK members prepared for their murder.
- On June 20, 1975, "Jaws," a film directed by Steven Spielberg that made countless viewers afraid to go into the water, opens in theaters. The story of a great white shark that terrorizes a New England resort town was the highest-grossing film in movie history until it was bested by 1977's "Star Wars."
- On June 18, 1983, the space shuttle Challenger is launched into space from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on its second mission. Aboard the shuttle was Dr. Sally Ride, who, as a mission specialist, became the first American woman to travel into space.
- On June 17, 1994, after a dramatic flight from justice witnessed by millions on live television, former football star and actor O.J. Simpson surrenders to Los Angeles police, who charged him with the June 12 double-murder of his ex-wife and her friend. In the vehicle and on his person were discovered a gun, a mustache and goatee disguise and his passport.

TEAPOTS ON DISPLAY AT BACK MOUNTAIN LIBRARY



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is ready for teatime with its June display of international teapots owned and collected by Mrs. Irandukht Fahmy of Dallas. Mrs. Fahmy has been collecting the beautifully unique teapots since 1970. Her display includes teapots from Russia, China, Turkey and Germany and other areas around the world. When asked why she began this collection, she said, "In Iran, we drink tea all day and they use different teapots." She adds that she enjoys drinking the tea so much, that she also buys loose tea from different countries and has "tea collections." Although it was hard to select a favorite from amongst her display, Mrs. Fahmy chose the teapot from Brazil as her "special teapot" because it is different from the others in that it is handmade.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- Do you suffer from pogonophobia? If so, you don't have much to worry about in this largely clean-shaven day and age. Pogonophobia is simply a fear of beards.
- I'm sure you've heard in recent years about Americans' steadily increasing girth. It's not just our waistlines that are getting bigger, though; our homes are, too. In 1950, the average new house provided 290 square feet for each family member living there. By 2003, that figure was 893 square feet, or more than three times as much space as 50 years earlier.
- The next time you're enjoying a sweet potato, you might consider the enormous distance it probably traveled before arriving at your dinner table. Eighty-five percent of the world's yams come from China.
- It was noted American poet Allen Ginsberg who made the following sage observation: "Whoever controls the media, the images, controls the culture."
- The small Minnesota town of Whalen is home to a unique celebration every year: the Stand-Still Parade. Yep, it's a parade that doesn't move. Instead of spectators lining a parade route and floats driving past, at this event the floats stand still and the people mill around to view them.
- The first Band-Aid brand bandage didn't exactly look like the Band-Aids we're familiar with today. For instance, it was 3 inches wide and 18 inches long. A bit of overkill for a scraped elbow, I imagine.
- The carnival treat that we in the United States know as cotton candy is called "barbe a papa," or "father's beard" in French.
- Researchers aren't clear on exactly why it's true, but studies show that women are better at guessing people's ages than men are.

Thought for the Day: "A child's education should begin at least one hundred years before he is born." - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.



Man & Beast

Bespectacled giant Airedale Mac Skrypek is a familiar resident on Sedler Road in Dallas Township. "It's all a sympathy play," claims his owner, Sue Skrypek. "If the truth be told, he only needs the glasses for reading."

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.

Programs scheduled for Back Mtn. Memorial Library

If you are a parent or grandparent searching for activities for your children now that school is officially out for summer recess, you may be interested in the upcoming programs at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Reading Bug program begins June 16

Registration for the summer reading program, "Catch the Reading Bug," will begin on June 16. This program is open to children from pre-school through sixth grade. Pick up a green flyer in the Children's Room of the library for the actual sign-up dates and times and learn all of the fun things that you will do for the program. The first sign-up times will be 2 and 6 p.m. on Monday, June 16.

Special program at King's College

In addition to the summer-long "Catch the Reading Bug" activities, special related programs will be offered periodically. These special programs will require pre-registra-

tion. The first such event, "Bugs, Magic and More" will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center of King's College, Wilkes-Barre. Stop by the library to pick up directions.

Summer Story Hours begin June 22

Parents who have previously registered for the toddlers' and pre-schoolers' Summer Story Hours are reminded that their sessions will begin the week of June 22.

Donuts and Discussion meeting set

Our Donuts and Discussion group will have its first meeting from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursday, July 3. Participants will need to read the book, "Criss Cross" by Lynne Rae Perkins before attending this meeting.

Young Adult Discussion group meets

Our Young Adult Discussion group will have its first meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 30, in the rear section of the main read-

ing room. Their first book, "Breaking Through," a Belpre honor book written by Francisco Jimenez, should be read prior to this meeting. Any teen (ages 13 to 18) may attend one or all of the Young Adult sessions scheduled for Mondays on June 30, July 21 and August 11.

Community Service hours available

Also keep in mind that any student ages 12 and up looking to earn Community Service hours may help with our annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. They will be needed for auction set-up on Sunday, July 6, and Monday, July 7. Call the library to add their names to the Youth Volunteer list. Refreshments and lunch will be served both days.

More information available

Call the library at 675-1182 for more information on any of our scheduled programs.

70 YEARS AGO

For the first time in twelve years, the Republican organization in Dallas and its vicinity was out from under the thumb of Ex-judge John S. Fine this week.



ONLY YESTERDAY

The old leadership, weakened by constant losses to the independent Republicans, reeling from a crushing defeat at the May primaries, when it supported Gifford Pinchot, collapsed last Saturday night and although it was still strong enough to cry "Foul!" most political observers agreed this week that its fighting days are over.

A brand new Hudson coupe sold locally for \$694 at James R. Oliver Car Lot.

At the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, Gary Cooper, George Raft and Frances Dee were featured in "Souls at Sea;" Sally Eilers, Ann Shirley and Louis Hayward were featured in "Condemned Women;" and Dorothy Lamour, Judy Canova, Betty Grable and Johnny Downs were featured in "Thrill of A Lifetime."

60 YEARS AGO

The venerable old barn that has been a playground for gener-

ations of Dallas youngsters back of the former Albertson house on Church Street is being razed by the new owners, Glenburn Realty Company, a subsidiary of Natona Mills.

New home construction which has been on the upward trend in Dallas Borough for several months continues brisk. Permits for four new homes ranging in value from \$6,500 up have been issued during the past week by Building Inspector James Besecker.

At a meeting of the Mounted Patrol of A.O.M.S. Monday night at Irem Temple Country Club action was taken to reconsider abandonment of the Irem Horse Show for the benefit of Crippled Children, and the show will go on as previously scheduled starting July 29 and continuing four days. Dwight K. Fisher will be show chairman.

50 YEARS AGO

Leslie Tinsley has been appointed a special policeman in Dallas Township to assist Chief of Police James Gansel and Asst. Chief Irwin Coobaugh. He will work only on special assignments.

Back Mountain Toastmasters will hold a steak fry at the home of Ward Janquish, Oak Hill, on Thursday. There will be five speakers: William Frey, William Hughes, Ward Jaquish, Robert Laux and Paul Monahan.

40 YEARS AGO

The Freshman Class of Dallas Junior High School was recently honored at a dance by the eighth grade in the school gymnasium. The Freshman Farewell was highlighted by the coronation of the Queen, Pam Morris, Trucks-

ville. Lehman Volunteer Fire Company announces that "The Starfires," one of the leading rock 'n roll groups in the area, will play for dancing and entertainment on the horse show grounds on Friday evening July 5, as part of the Lehman Horse Show.

Earl Fritzges, president of Dallas School Board, inducted two new officers of Shavertown PTA at the final meeting of that organization until the fall term. Officers are: Andrew Roan, president; Mrs. Jack Kloeber, vice president; John Rogers, treasurer, and Mrs. Carl Dymond, secretary.

30 YEARS AGO

Students elected to represent Dallas Senior High School at Rotary Leadership Camp this summer are David Friedman, Raef Fahmy and William Morgan.

Newly elected officers of Dallas Senior High School Student Council are: John Prater, president; Jim Mihalick, vice president; Sue Petty, secretary; and Wendy Baird, treasurer.

Newly elected officers of Lake-

Lehman Band Sponsors are: Don Cosgrove, president; George Hargraves, vice president; Mrs. Annjane Cochran, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Lou Nichols, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Vera Tough, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Marion Kasko, recording secretary.

20 YEARS AGO

Once again, the Stone Hedge development in Dallas is without water. The taps dried up at p.m. Saturday and were still dry on Tuesday afternoon. General Manager Joseph Salla of Dallas Water Company explained that the Natona Well that supplies Stone Hedge is still down due to being contaminated and the water is being supplied from the storage tanks.

Dallas Water Company has announced that Dallas area residents face fines of up to \$300 for excessive use of water during the next seven days.

The Dallas Federated Women's Club recently held its installation at the Castle Inn, Dallas. Installed were: Mary Rice, president; Martha Reese, vice president; Beverly Marchetti, treasurer, and Kathy Wega, secretary.

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WHAT IS THE BEST FATHER'S DAY GIFT YOU EVER RECEIVED?



"My son when he was born."

Peter Calkins
Dallas



"My wife several years ago sent a letter to my father thanking him for me."

Denis Amson
Noxen



"Spending time with my son on Father's Day - that's the best gift I could have."

Kurt Nedig
Noxen



"Being around family."

Richard Derhammer
Beaumont



"Two grandchildren."

George J. Nelson
Dallas Township



"Having my two kids."

Len Sincavage
Shavertown

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