

## Turn to library for help

As your holiday decorations are put away and students reluctantly return to school and their classes, the Back Mountain Memorial Library has a few reminders to help them (and you!) when homework assignments begin to take over the long winter evenings.

By visiting our website, [www.backmountainlibrary.org](http://www.backmountainlibrary.org), students and parents can access several links to valuable resource and reference information, as well as "chat" with a reference librarian to assist you with research questions.

The following links are provided free of charge and you will need only to enter the numbers on the back of your yellow plastic Luzerne County Public Library card when prompted.

Be sure to check out "Live Homework Help" which provides live on-line tutors to assist students in grades 4 through 12 with their homework in math, science, social studies, English and introductory college level classes. This service is available from 3 to 10 p.m. daily.

By clicking on the logo for "Ask Here Pa," you will be connected to an actual librarian. A side bar window will open and allow you to enter your question, at which time the librarian will assist you in either finding the answer to your query or list several resources or websites that will contain that information. This service is staffed 24 hours a day.

If you aren't familiar with the library's "Power Library" database, you owe it to yourself to give it a try! By clicking on the Power Library logo on our website and entering your library card number, you will gain access to full text articles from thousands of magazines, newspapers and journals, plus photographs, pictures, charts maps and reliable information on history, art, music, biography, literature, science, and more.

This site also has an extensive medical database, Consumer Health Complete, which con-

tains definitions, diagrams, explanations and latest research on various medical conditions.

If you have any questions regarding any of these research links, please call the library at 675-1182 for assistance.

### Slightly Read Bookshop resumes regular hours

If you need to purchase an actual book source for a research paper, you may want to visit our Slightly Read Bookshop located in the downstairs of the library. The staff has returned from its holiday vacation and is now resuming regular hours of 1 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The Bookshop is currently holding a "Closeout sale" on all VHS video tapes which will be discounted to 50 cents each, after which these tapes will no longer be sold. The Bookshop has received a collection of "Manga" titles which are being sold for \$1 each while supplies last. Stop by to discover other bargains not listed here!

### Library cannot accept television sets

Please remember that the library CANNOT accept any used television sets that you want to discard due to the change-over to digital television broadcasting. We will not be able to sell them at our annual auction and we would incur a substantial cost to dispose of them. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

### Parent/child workshop planned for spring 2009

A parent/child workshop will be offered in the spring of 2009. This workshop is a four-week program for children one to three years of age. A resource professional will be present to answer parenting questions while the children play and are introduced to a short storytime. This workshop will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28 and May 5. Pre-registration, by calling the library, is required to attend this workshop.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

### The History Channel

- On Jan. 14, 1870, the first recorded use of a donkey to represent the Democratic Party appears in Harper's Weekly, drawn by political illustrator Thomas Nast. Four years later, Nast originated the use of an elephant to symbolize the Republican Party.
- On Jan. 16, 1945, Adolf Hitler takes to his underground bunker where he remains for 105 days until he commits suicide. Both he and his wife, Eva Braun, swallowed cyanide capsules which had been tested for their efficacy on his dog, Blondi, and her pups.
- On Jan. 18, 1958, hockey player Willie O'Ree of the Boston Bruins takes to the ice for a game against the Montreal Canadiens, becoming the first black to play in the National Hockey League (NHL). It would be 16 years before another black player, Ontario's Mike Marson, played in the NHL.
- On Jan. 15, 1981, "Hill Street Blues," television's landmark cop-and-robbers drama, debuts on NBC. "Hill Street Blues" not only changed the way Americans viewed police officers, it also revolutionized television drama itself. The full squad house of regulars on the show rarely resolved cases in one episode.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

- Successful inventor and businessman Thomas Alva Edison received only three months of formal education at a public school in Michigan.
- Those who study such things claim that the human skull can be compressed by 10 percent before the bone cracks. It begs the question, though: How did they test the hypothesis?
- Only male mockingbirds sing; the females of the species are silent.
- In 1740, a judge in an ecclesiastical court in France tried a cow - yes, an actual bovine - for sorcery. The poor animal was found guilty and sentenced to hang from the neck until dead.
- If you're like the average American, you consumed more than 250 eggs last year.
- The first photograph of a United States citizen was taken in 1839. The subject was Samuel F.B. Morse, a painter who also happened to be the inventor of a single-wire telegraph system and developer of the Morse Code.
- Experts say that in the United States, approximately 3.5 billion tons of soil are lost every year to erosion. That's enough to fill a freight train so long that it would circle the globe 19 times at the Equator.

Thought for the day: "There are no wise few. Every aristocracy that has ever existed has behaved, in all essential points, exactly like a small mob." - G.K. Chesterton

## MAN & BEAST



Samantha, a 3-year-old cat, and Jackie, a 6-year-old Shepherd/Labrador mix, are both very lovable and get along well with each other and with people. Jackie, who is almost identical in color to her feline friend, watches over Samantha all the time. Jackie and Samantha live with Lynn Burns in Dallas.

### 1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

This week's issue of The Dallas Post is the first in its 100th year of publication. That distinction makes The Post one of the oldest newspapers in the region and in all of Pennsylvania. A year-long series of events and special coverage are planned to celebrate this milestone.



### ONLY YESTERDAY

Kingston Township patrolmen Michael Moravec and Robert Weiss were called to the Burger King restaurant, Memorial Highway, Shavertown, Monday night to investigate a burglary. Patrolman Moravec reported that at 10:45 p.m., two black males were inside the restaurant. One of the males approached the clerk and handed her a note, with a bag, demanding the money in the cash register.

The clerk put all the money from the register in the bag and handed it to the man, who ran out the door.

The second man went into the kitchen area and when employees called police, he stuck a gun in the manager's back then left and ran out the back door. Both males fled in a late model Ford.

Showcase Theater will present a Workshop Production of Don Appel's comedy, "Lullaby" at its new facility located at 54 Tunkhannock Avenue, Exeter, the last weekend of January, according to President Jane Tomassetti of Trucksville.

Female lead in the production is Back Mountain resident Diane Yenason of Dallas. She will be seen as a brassy cigarette girl who meets and marries a truck driver, inside of three days.

### 1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

The Dallas Post was one of 165 daily and weekly newspapers in the United States which was awarded designation of excellence known as the Blue Ribbon Newspaper Award by the National Newspaper Foundation.

The judging sheet returned to the Post made special comment

on the "good content" in the Post. No other Luzerne County newspaper achieved the distinction, which is open to daily and weekly newspapers regardless of size.

"What do they know that we don't know?" That was the question asked by one Back Mountain restaurateur, noting the ever-increasing number of eating establishments in the area. "Is a new shopping center about to be built here?" "Is a new industry coming in?"

Persistent rumors have it that at least two national chains are negotiating for locations to construct fast food places in this area. McDonald's and Arthur Treachers locations opened recently; Burger King and Mr. Donut opened about 1 1/2 years ago and Perkins Pancake House recently changed owners.

During the past several weeks reports have been that Elby's have purchased land in the vicinity of Wilson's Restaurant on Route 309 and plan to construct a restaurant. It also is reported that Sambo's plan to open a business across from Franklin's Family Restaurant on the site where the Sunoco station now stands.

### 1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

The Kiwanis Club of Dallas installed its new officers at a recent meeting held at the Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas. The new officers for 1969 are: George A. McCutcheon, president; Andrew F. Roan, first vice president; Edward J. Wilson, second vice president; Clyde W. Birth, treasurer; and Donald S. Anthony secretary.

Miss Beverly A. Eck of Shavertown, Pa., a senior at Gettysburg College, won second place in the women's division of a 32-hour, student-sponsored Jog-A-Thon held recently. Miss Eck jogged 35 miles.

Four students from Dallas Senior High School have been selected to play in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's Northeast District Band at Wyoming Valley West High School later in the month at Kingston. Band members were selected through competitive

try-outs which were held at Abington Heights High School. They are: Lindsey Sherwood, Donald Voelker, Brock Phillips and Michael Evans.

### 1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Paul Nulton, Jr. found buried treasure in a chest buried at NBC Television in New York Wednesday morning under the eyes of half of Noxen and Beaumont viewing Jan Murray's Treasure Hunt over WBRE TV.

Letha chose between accepting \$300 and the contents of a Treasure Chest. She chose the chest and in it was: a \$3,550 Chevrolet convertible, a week in New York with all expenses paid and a year's supply of candy bars. The chest could have contained an onion, a bag of coal or nothing at all.

Darrell Crispell, Overbrook Avenue, trust officer of Wyoming National Bank in Wilkes-Barre, has been named vice president and trust officer, according to an announcement by Albert Bossard, president.

The Harry Hunter children of Demunds Road are keeping up their reputation for snapping bones this winter. Two days before Christmas it was year-old James Dale, not yet able to walk, who took a twisting header on the floor of the living room and broke his right arm. The day after Christmas, it was Pamela, eleven, who broke an ankle on the skating pond near her home.

When Pam was sixteen months old she broke her right arm, and two years ago, when knocked down by a car, she broke two ribs. Harry, now nine years old, had three broken arms.

Mrs. Hunter is holding her fingers crossed, waiting for spring to come, though she admits that icy weather doesn't necessarily spark the breaks. Her children, she says, can break a bone at the drop of a hat. They have proved it.

### 1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

In keeping with other business developments throughout the Back Mountain Region, Forty Fort Ice Cream Company at Fernbrook this week embarked on an expansion program that will see the construction of one

of the finest and most modern ice cream and dairy stores in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Ground was broken Tuesday for the new building which will be located on land recently purchased from the Dohl and Yeager estates at the intersection of Memorial Highway and Main Road adjacent to the present Forty Fort Dairy plant.

At local Acme Super Markets, two dozen oranges sold for 55 cents; Porterhouse steak was 69 cents a pound; and eggs were 59 cents a dozen.

Kingston Township football squad, coaches, managers and faculty members were honored guests of Dallas Rotary Club last night at Irem Temple when they received the first annual golden football shoe award for the outstanding football team of the Back Mountain Region. Members of the football squad are: Joseph Adams, Glenn Carey, Bruce Cleasby, John Connors, John Cottle, Samuel Joseph, Bruce Griffiths, Richard Handley, Wayne Harrison, Albert Hawk, Russell Hons, Dean Johnson, Richard Lewis, William Long, Sheldon McAvooy, James Martin, William Oney, Wayne Terrin, James Terry, John Sherin Richards, Robert Roberts, and Bernard Joseph Youngblood.

### 1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

Movies playing at the Himmeler Theater in Dallas included "Just Around The Corner" starring Shirley Temple; "The Sisters" starring Errol Flynn and Bette Davis; and "Outlaws Of The Prairie" starring Charles Starrette.

"The Big Broadcast of 1939" will be staged in the auditorium of Dallas Borough High School on Wednesday night by the Glee Club of Dallas Junior Women's Club. Mrs. Sara Senigo Sanford, director of the chorus, has charge of the production which will include a full program of music and impersonations.

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.

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WINTER?



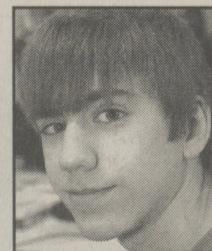
"I love skiing and the thrill of being out of control with the wind in your face."

Rachel Madeira  
Dallas



"Painting and skiing - the snow is so pretty."

Chelsea Martin  
Dallas



"The other mountain I can see from my house, the winter colors and snow."

Chad Dymond  
Tunkhannock



"The first snowfall, but when I was a kid I loved it more."

Walt Karl  
Benton



"Snow days. Then I don't have to go to work."

Ann Cooper  
Pikes Creek



"Nothing. It's too cold and gets very hard to drive."

Walter Troy  
Trucksville

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