

## 'Mark Twain' to visit Back Mountain Memorial Library

If you have been searching for some mid-winter adventures (besides shoveling snow and waiting for that first robin of spring to appear), the Back Mountain Memorial Library has a solution for you! "An Evening with Mark Twain," a free, historic storytelling program for all ages will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, at the library.

Our Mark Twain storyteller, Mr. Charles Kiernan, is actually a member of and coordinator of the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild and the Pennsylvania State Liaison National Storytelling Network. He is also the winner of the 2008 Individual Artist Award of the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission.

Mr. Kiernan, (alias Twain) will regale the masses with witty tales and lively anecdotes about his boyhood adventures, the newspaper business, frogs and especially his life on the Mississippi River. The intent of the show is to give the audience a bit of Twain's biography, his humor and his viewpoint.

"Twain" feels compelled to share with the audience some of his personal history and his conclusions as to his evolving view on what is man! It's the journey to the conclusion that is the fun!

Questions and answers and light refreshments will follow the

program.

Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling the library at 675-1182.

### Check attics, basements for auction treasures

Another "adventure" that you may feel up to during this time of year may also help benefit your local library. Venturing into our attics and basements may not be the kind of treasure hunt fun you're looking for; however, once you start searching, you never know what you will find.

The various committees of our Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction would appreciate any items that you may care to donate for sale at the auction.

They are particularly interested in the following items: antiques (furniture, glassware, lamps, dishes) smaller pieces of furniture for the furniture tent, baskets, ethnic designed eggs, tin candy container eggs, jewelry, toys from the 50's and 60's and sports cards. Apothecary jars and domed cake plates are also needed for the bakery/candy booth.

Also, don't forget our New Goods Committee is always happy to accept donations of new items from area businesses or even brand-new items that you may have in your homes.

Please call the library at 675-1182 if you have any questions.

## Misericordia alum disagrees with bishop on the university

### Dear Editor:

As an alumnus of Misericordia, I can testify that my time there solidified my Catholic faith and provided me with an excellent education. I am deeply saddened by Bishop Martino's public statements against Misericordia, including his calls to close the Diversity Institute and drastically limit academic freedoms at the university.

Bishop Martino is insisting that Misericordia demonstrate its efforts to teach students Catholic morality and sexuality. This is not Misericordia's job.

If Misericordia's Catholic students are not aware of the church's positions on all things moral by the time they reach college age, then their parents and church have failed. Misericordia is an institution of higher learning. Its job is to provide students and faculty with a forum for free thought where scholarly discussion is encouraged. Otherwise, it is not offering education, it is of-

fering indoctrination.

As Bishop Martino attempts to stamp out any and all people and viewpoints opposing his, let's ask ourselves where it will end. Will he next call for gay faculty at Misericordia to be fired since they are setting an example antithetical to church teachings? (Maybe they can just parade around campus with Satan painted on their shirts so the university can be sure it is adequately instructing the students in the church's position on homosexuality).

What if he has professors hired not on the basis of their intelligence and experience, but instead on their alignment with his positions? What if he chooses to remove from the curriculum any subject matter that he might consider against church doctrine?

We should all be afraid of where the bishop is headed. Martino is primed to squash academia at Misericordia.

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Kingston, PA**

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

• Statistics show that, for every 71,000 skydiving jumps made, there is only one fatality. That might not seem surprising until you put it in context: You have a one in 20,000 chance of dying from a regular fall right here on solid ground.

• If someone were to ask you to name the sunniest spot on Earth, you might be tempted to answer "the Sahara Desert" or some other such exotic place. You would be wrong, though; that distinction belongs to a town right here in America. Out of the possible 4,456 daylight hours each year, the sun shines for an average of 4,050 in Yuma, Ariz. That means that there's cloud cover or rain for only about 10 percent of the time there.

• Floridians are, unfortunately, familiar with large cockroaches, sometimes called palmetto bugs down South. While the bugs may inspire disgust, however, we should be glad we don't have to deal with their Paleozoic-era ancestors. Those who study such things say that cockroaches back then were the size of today's house cats.

• During the 19th century, first lady Lucy Hayes, wife of Rutherford B. Hayes, the 19th president of the United States, was widely known as "Lemonade Lucy." It seems she was an ardent supporter of temperance and therefore didn't allow alcohol to be served in the White House during her husband's four years in office.

• Thought for the day: "Whatever a man prays for, he prays for a miracle. Every prayer reduces itself to this: Great God, grant that twice two be not four." - Ivan Turgenyev

## THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas, took this photo at Ricketts Glenn State Park. He calls it "The Crossing" and claims it's his last winter entry because he's sure we've all had enough of this long, cold winter.

### SHARE YOUR PICTURES WITH OUR READERS

Do you have a photograph that is so awesome that you'd like to share it with others? Have you been on vacation and came back with not only unforgettable memories, but great photos? Do you have a great shot of your kids, of your pet, of your house? If you have a photograph you think is worth sharing with other Dallas Post readers, send it to us and we'll publish it in our "This Week in the Back Mountain" space. You can e-mail the photo, in JPEG format, to news@mydallaspost.com or mail it to us at: The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

### 1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

Andrew Merrill, son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Merrill, Shavertown, a senior at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston, has recently been notified that he has been named a finalist in the 1989 National Merit Scholarship Competition. In addition to his National Merritt performance Merrill is a



### ONLY YESTERDAY

Dean's List student and has been elected to the school's Cum Laude Society.

Joe Pagliante, owner of Joe's Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake, plans to be open in early May to serve his many customers in the area.

"I'm getting anxious to open and serve the many individuals in the area who have patronized our pizza business over the past 40 years," Pagliante said recently, as workers started on construction at the site at Sunset, Harvey's Lake. The debris left by the fire which destroyed Joe's Grotto Pizza this past summer has been cleared away and construction workers are laying the foundation for a satellite kitchen.

Paul LaBar, mayor of Dallas, in conjunction with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Optometric Society, has issued a proclamation naming March 5 to 11 as Save Your Vision Week. Mayor LaBar urges the citizens of Dallas and the Back Mountain to consider the value of good vision. He advises them to observe this period by giving special attention to their eye care needs.

### 1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

Gas supply 'tight,' local dealers report

No, the Wyoming Valley area is not in a state of war or siege, with necessities being rationed or in short supply and prices soaring out of sight as the enemy closes in. But it might as well be, for, according to good sources

supplies of gasoline and heating oil are adequate for the immediate future only, and prices can be counted on to rise steadily for as far as anyone can see.

The following new members were inducted into the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club at its third annual breakfast last week: Pete George, Eric Weber and David Scott.

The Harvey's Lake Lions recently honored their past presidents and charter members at a dinner at the Harvey's Lake Hotel. Cochairmen of the dinner were Lion Richard Williams Sr. and Lion Robert Pilger. Among those honored were: Calvin McHose, Bill Zimmiski, Wesley Boyle, Lee Bicking, Carl Schreiner, Ron Ritts, Wilfred Ide, Richard Williams, Arnold Garinger, Michael Casey, Tom Smith and Frank Biologowicz.

### 1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Miss Susan Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, Dallas, has been crowned the 1969 Winter Weekend Queen at Syracuse University. She is a sophomore in the School of Art and is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Harvey's Lake Borough Council, after receiving a ruling from the Department of Forests and Waters and the Power Resources Board, passed an ordinance last week setting forth regulations controlling ice fishing at the resort area. Ice fishermen will have to pay a \$2 license fee for setting up a shelter and each will bear a number visible from the nearest highway. All shelters must be constructed of durable materials, excluding cardboard, which has caused much distress among residents this season.

All such huts must be removed by 6 p.m. on March 15 or those responsible will be fined \$10 and costs or serve not more than 30 days in jail if they fail to do so.

Pat Baleta, Shirley Evans, Judy Valick and Marcy Millers were winners of the sewing contest sponsored by the Harvey's Lake Woman's Club. Miss Baleta

went to the northeast regional contest in Bangor and won another first.

### 1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

Back Mountain Protective Association's community award goes to former State Senator Andrew J. Sordoni of Harvey's Lake and Wilkes-Barre. Names of a large number of prominent men were scrutinized, but the committee felt that the contribution of Senator Sordoni to the area over a period of years outweighed other claims.

Dallas Safety Council of Westmoreland High School presented its Safe Pedestrian Awards to area school children Friday. Winners are: Eliza Berge, Alan Brown, David Wayde, Sally Walk, Earl Evans, Sally Schenk, Paula Richards, Karen Long, Mark Matthews, Edward Doyne, Cheryl Stanley and Daniel Parsons.

### 1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

A Picturesque Frolic featuring musical numbers and interesting scenes from nineteen different counties will be presented by Dallas Senior and Junior Woman's Clubs in April in Dallas High School auditorium. Planning committee members include: Mrs. Joseph Schmerer, Mrs. Alan Montross, Miss Kay O'Boyle, Mrs. John Girvan, Miss Janine Sawyer, Mrs. Leonard Harvey, Mrs. Harold Elston, Mrs. Robert Dolbear, Mrs. Gordon Edwards, Mrs. Sherman Harter, Mrs. Muriel Garinger, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Roymane Oney, Mrs. William Deibert, Mrs. Sam Margillina, Mrs. Howard Yeager, Mrs. Wilson Maury, Mrs. Wilbur Davies and Mrs. Norman Patton.

A telephone call by Ira Van Orden brought Jackson's high pressure fog fire truck, driven by Harold Bertram, assistant fire chief, to the scene of the fire in less than three minutes. It was the Jackson company's first response to a fire call.

A brush fire started by Mr. Van Orden got out of control and threatened Harold Palmer's resi-

dence and buildings. There was no damage done by the fire.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, included "River Lady" starring Yvonne DeCarlo and Dan Druyea and "Letter From An Unknown Woman" starring Joan Fontaine and Louis Jourdan. At the Himmler Theater, Dallas, Gary Cooper and Ann Sheridan were featured in "Good Sam."

### 1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

Automobile traffic through Luzerne will be confined to Main and Bennett Streets when Union Street is closed to travel Wednesday or Thursday for the construction of the first leg of the Luzerne By-Pass.

Laborers on the by-pass, increased from 25 to 40 last week, will number 100 when the excavation of Union Street is begun.

The ailing school bell at Lehman Township High School has been suffering from interior injuries for the last 20 years, it was disclosed this week. Millard Stair, janitor of the school, who climbed to the bell chamber atop the roof Tuesday afternoon to repair a broken rope, discovered why the bell had thumped vaguely instead of clanging for all these years.

"The clapper," claimed Stair, "is in wrong. Instead of swinging with the movement of the bell, it swings across ways."

An offer by School Board Secretary C.F. Terry, former music teacher, who knows about tones, to fix the bell was rejected by Mr. Stair. Foul play somewhere is suspected.

Movies playing at the Himmler Theater in Dallas included "The Chaser" starring Lewis Stone; "Thanks For Everything" starring Jack Oakie; "Up The River" starring Preston Foster; and "The Cowboy and the Lady" starring Gary Cooper.

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### "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH AN EXTRA HOUR OF DAYLIGHT?"



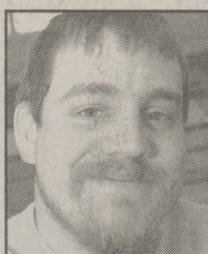
"Work outside the house more."

Tammy Jenkins  
Dallas



"Spend more time outside with the kids."

Chris Mathers  
Trucksville



"Work more on my taxidermy."

Lance Wren  
Dallas



"I'll have more time to do tax returns."

Scott Jenkins  
Dallas



"I'll watch my husband do the yard work."

Sheryl Phillips  
Center Moreland



"I might just sleep through it."

Danielle Reinard  
Dallas