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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

You may not be surprised to learn that the portions offered in fast-food restaurants have increased in size during the past few decades, but you may find the amount of the increase to be shocking: Portions are now anywhere from two to five times as large as they were in 1980.

- Because fortunetelling is considered to be a form of witchcraft in Australia, psychic readings are illegal Down Under.
- Talk about a serious typo: In 2008, the Chilean mint issued thousands of copies of a coin with the country's name spelled "Chiie" instead of "Chile."
- Tibet is the only country in the world whose national flag is not in the shape of a rectangle.
- In December of 1811, parts of the Mississippi River flowed backward due to an earthquake in the region.
- A survey of elementary-school kids reveals that 66 percent of youngsters think that glasses make a person look smarter, while 57 percent think people who wear glasses look more honest.
- The world's longest-lasting light bulb, which can be found in a fire station in Livermore, Calif., has been in use for 107 years. Experts say that the bulb's extremely low wattage and the fact that it is rarely turned on and off have contributed to its longevity.
- The world's most filmed story is "Cinderella," followed by "Hallett."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

There will be plenty of fun for children of all ages on the campus of Misericordia University at the Alumni Association's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny, on Saturday, March 27, at the Banks Student Life Center. Last year, Matthew Mowry, of Tunkhannock, left, and Caden Martin, of Dalton, found the golden Easter egg together and split the grand prize.

MISERICORDIA TO HOST EASTER EGG HUNT AND BRUNCH

Misericordia University's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny will be held Saturday, March 27. The event is sponsored by the Misericordia University Alumni Association.

Children will have the opportunity to meet with the Easter Bunny, have brunch and participate in an Easter egg hunt on the front lawn of the Banks Student Life Center. A festive brunch, including scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage, home fries, hot dogs, chicken fingers, pastries and beverages, will be served in the Cougar's Den. A professional photographer will be on hand to

take pictures.

Event coordinator is Bob Kalleta, alumni services coordinator. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5-12 years of age; and free to children under age 5.

There are two seating times for brunch: 10-11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The hunt will be held for all participants sharply at 11 a.m. Space is limited, so reservations are required.

Please call the Misericordia Alumni Box Office at 674-6768 to make reservations. Misericordia alumni are invited to register online at www.courgarconnect.misericordia.edu.



Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas, says he's looking forward to spring as much as the rest of us, but felt the pristine beauty in Ricketts Glen State Park in winter is noteworthy. Pantelakos calls this photo "Ricketts Glen Beauty."

YOUR SPACE

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

Submitted items may include photos or short stories and should be sent via e-mail to news@mydallaspost.com, by fax at 675-3650 or by mail to The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

Information must include the submitting person's name, address and a telephone number in the event we have questions. Readers wishing to have their photos returned should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope.

Items will be published in the order in which they are received. The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

20 YEARS AGO

Miss Kelly and Miss Elizabeth of the Joan Harris Centre recently visited Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, and instructed a dancercize class to first grade Brownie Troop 690 for the "World of Well Being - Dancercize Try-It Badge."



ONLY YESTERDAY

Participating troop members were: Jennifer Hummler, Jaclyn Stajewski, Jennifer Grievies, Rae Ellen Zekas, Jacqueline Faillace, Elizabeth Baker, Lindsay Young, Ellen Young, Jennifer Stilp, Shannon Lupien, Jaclyn Reisser, Kimberly Fowler, Jamie Pikul, Elizabeth Charnick, Laura Charnick, Anna Evans, Lori Carter, Rebecca Hoffman, Kimberly Urban, Theresa Carboni, Jennifer Carey, Lisa Congleski, Katie Mulens and Jocelyn Kozick.

The Jane M. Stitzer Memorial Spelling Bee was recently held at Dallas middle school. The bee is held to honor the memory of Jane Stitzer, a former Art Department member. The winner was Matt Stefan, an eighth grade student. Runner up was Robert Sarley, also in the eighth grade.

30 YEARS AGO

Winners of the Dallas Junior Woman's Club Art Contest recently held at Sue Hand's "Imagery" in Dallas were recently announced. 7th, 8th and 9th grade winners were: David Lemmond, Ellen Mattioli, Linda Luzinski, Paul Hartzel, Tracey Davis, Megan Flynn and Maggie Drapiewski.

Dallas Senior High School art contest winners were: Wendy Morgan, Lynn Ritts, Kim Pelam, Ingrid Fries, Christine Jenkins, Diane Wendling, Lynn Warneka, Laura Dunn and John O'Connell.

Coach Larry Schuler's wrestlers placed second in the AAA

team standings in the District 2 tournament, 12 points in front of the Meyers team who placed third. Coughlin Crusaders took the team title, 58 points in front of the Mountaineers.

Andy Pinter and Sean Kavanaugh, both undefeated in dual competition this season, copped titles in their weight classes and Jeff Sodrosky placed second, bowing only to Ron Solt of Coughlin.

40 YEARS AGO

Ray Yogloski, a June graduate of Dallas Senior High School, is the pride of King's College this year. A freshman at King's, Ray recently concluded an outstanding performance as a wrestler at the college.

He came through the tough 12-meet schedule of Coach Ned McGinley's Monarch wrestling team to post an undefeated record. Earlier in the season, Ray was named the outstanding grappler in the Christmas tournament at Keystone Junior College.

Harry D. Swepton III, Boy Scout Troop 231, Shavertown, will receive the Eagle Award at Trinity Presbyterian Church this month. The Dallas High School junior is secretary-treasurer and junior assistant scout master of the troop and den chief of Pack 132, Den 3.

The Dallas Junior Woman's Club elected new officers at their regular meeting earlier this month. Mrs. Edward Thompson, Haddonfield Hills, Dallas, will serve a two-year term as president of the woman's club. She will be assisted by Mrs. Robert Richardson, first vice president; Mrs. Charles Butler, second vice president; Mrs. Jay Niskey, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Haefele, assistant treasurer; and Mrs. Edward Kale, Jr., corresponding secretary.

50 YEARS AGO

Beverly Lord, a member of the Sophomore Class at the Lake School, will represent the Lake-Lehman Area Band in All State

Band Meet at Sunbury on March 11. Miss Lord is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lord of Noxen.

Westmoreland Key Club has just won top position in Pennsylvania for achievement graded on points, 99 points out of a possible 100, a fitting climax to leading District 15 since the beginning of school in September.

Three Back Mountain women took part in the parade of fashions Tuesday and Wednesday at the annual Boston Store Fashion Show at Irem Temple. They were: Mrs. Fletcher C. Booker, Machell Avenue; Mrs. J.D. Houlette and Mrs. W. Wayne Dornis, New Goss Manor.

The trio, all experienced in modeling, showed suits, cocktail dresses, wraps, and sportswear, braving icy roads to take part in the dress rehearsal Monday night. The annual affair is held for benefit of local hospitals.

60 YEARS AGO

Continuing the series of robberies that has plagued this area for several weeks, robbers entered Dallas Township High School early Thursday morning but were thwarted in their attempt to obtain any money by a sturdy safe that stubbornly refused to yield to their pipe wrenches. It was the second time within two weeks that a Back Mountain School has been entered.

Through popular demand Dallas Woman's Club Chorale, directed by Mrs. Norman Patton will again give several numbers at the Third Annual Community Concert at Kingston Township High School on March 24. Members of the chorale are: Mrs. William Baker, Sr., accompanist, Mrs. Leonard Harvey, Mary Benalack, Rita Cummings, Mrs. Harry Bogart, Mrs. Frederick Eck, Mrs. Bernard Whitney, Mrs. Lewis Reese, Mrs. Harold Payne, Mrs. Algert Antanaitis, Mrs. Robert Lewis, Mrs. Charles Mahler, Mrs. Peter Rekus, Mrs. William Purcell, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Norman F. Patton, Mrs. Howard Garris, Mrs.

"doo-wop" music. Doo-wop hits included "Earth Angel" by the Penguins, "In the Still of the Night" by the Five Satins and "Book of Love" by the Monotones.

On March 21, 1963, Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay closes down and transfers its last prisoners. At its peak in 1950s, "The Rock" housed more than 200 inmates at the maximum-security facility. Alcatraz remains an icon of American prisons for its harsh conditions and record for being inescapable.

On March 16, 1977, author Alex Haley files suit against Doubleday, publisher of "Roots," for not promoting the book and failing to land a competitive paperback contract. "Roots" was made into a television miniseries, which attracted some 100 million viewers when it aired in January 1977.

"DO YOU KNOW WHY WE CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY?"



"To remember all of our Irish ancestors."

Alyssah Dombeck
Dallas



"In our house, we celebrate because it's my father's birthday and his grandfather was Irish."

Chris Chorey
Shavertown



"I walk in the Wilkes-Barre parade and I'm Irish but nobody ever told me why we celebrate it."

Sydney Kern
Dallas



"Because St. Patrick was Irish."

Andrew Stocker
Dallas



"Because he was the Christian saint of good luck."

Casidhe Menig
Dallas



"Because he chased all the snakes out of Ireland."

Eric Fisher
Tunkhannock