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## LETTER TO EDITOR

# Reader in Sweden seeks school mate

### Dear Editor:

My name is Carin Åkesson and I live in Sweden. I might have a very odd request, but I just found the name "Mary Alice Knecht" in one of your articles, an online article from May 22, 2011.

I am looking for this woman, since she and my mother went in the same high school in Sweden when Mary Alice was an exchange student here. And this is exactly what your article is about and they took their exam together 50 years ago this year. My mother has contacted all the students in their class and put together a reunion.

Is there any way you might know how I can find Mary Alice Knecht today? My mother doesn't know if she is married and has changed her family name for this reason since Knecht was her maiden name.

Wouldn't it be fantastic if they would be able to come in contact again thanks to your article?

Carin Åkesson  
Sweden

Editor's note: Anyone who might know Mary Alice Knecht is asked to call The Dallas Post at 675-5211 or e-mail editor Dotty Martin at dmartin@mydallaspost.com.

## SNOW GLOBES ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY



The Back Mountain Memorial Library will feature a collection of snow globes on display during the month of February. The snow globes belong to Diane Friedman, a fourth-grade student at Wyoming Seminary. Diane has been collecting snow globes for four years. Her interest in snow globes began when her father brought one back from a business trip. Diane has received all of her globes as gifts but her favorites are the Disney, Adventure Aquarium and the Nutcracker Ballet globes. When asked why she likes snow globes, Diane replies, "Every globe is so different because they are all detailed." Diane is the daughter of Allison and Rob Friedman and resides in Shavertown.

## STRANGER THAN TRUE

You may be surprised to learn that, according to the National Sleep Foundation, 33 percent of all preschoolers have a TV in their room, and 20 percent of infants and toddlers have one. If you're a schoolteacher in Arkansas, you should be aware of an arcane law there: If you bob your hair, you'll be ineligible for a pay raise.

Rice paper is not made from rice. It's made from the pith of the rice paper plant.



## YOUR SPACE

Now, here's a squirrel with one unbelievable balancing act! Pat Giordano, of Harveys Lake, was fortunate to capture this little guy with her camera a few weeks ago.

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

Submitted items may include photographs or short stories and should be sent via e-mail to news@mydallaspost.com, by

fax to 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 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 - 1992

Members of Cub Scout Pack 281 won trophies at the pack's annual Boat Derby which was held at Dallas Middle School. Winners included Ryan Morgan, Ryan Stredney, Eric Kowalek, Dave Werts, Dave May, Colin Liput, Paul Mizenko, John Cyprieh, Paul Hiller, Nick Ziminski, T.C. Harding, Bryan Whalen, Shawn



ONLY YESTERDAY

Whalen, Chris Smith, Aaron Stredney, Dave Neiman, John Viada, Dave Kowalek, Mike Baye, Brian Miller and Rich Samenas.

Kirby-Jo Richards, daughter of Hugh and Linda-Jo Richards of Dallas, captured first place at the 1992 Midwinter Invitational Roller skating competition which was held at Shillington, Pa.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Sixteen members of Lake-Lehman High School Band, directed by John Miliauskas, have been chosen to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District IX Band Festival which will be held at Mid-Valley High School in Throop this weekend. Participants are: Nancy Miliauskas, Bonnie Perrego, Debbie Lansberry, Virginia Yatsko, Kim Burk, Donna Dragon, Maryjean Konopke, Sue Paci, Tom Davis, Ed Havrilla, John Hudak, Frank Snyder, John Kasko, Keith Austin, Michelle Hargraves and Karen

### Holmgren.

The Trucksville United Methodist Church pays tribute to Mrs. Ruth Turn Reynolds, who has completed fifty-two years of service in the music program of the church, this Sunday. Friends and co-workers are invited to attend an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Church Educational Building, Church Road and Knob Hill, Trucksville.

### 40 YEARS AGO - 1972

Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, American Legion, will hold its 11th annual Pig Roast Feb. 12 at the Legion Home, Dallas. Legionnaires who will take part in planning the dinner include Richard Staub, Bernard McDermott, Tom Reese and Dan Hazletine.

The memory of the late John Gould Ruggles, Sr. of Dallas was honored last week when the G. Ruggles Sr. Memorial Scoreboard was dedicated in Wyoming Seminary's gymnasium. Dedication ceremonies took place between the j.v. and varsity cage contests between Sem and Dallas.

### 50 YEARS AGO - 1962

David Schooley, Trucksville, was elected president of Back Mountain Memorial Library Association at its annual meeting Thursday night in the Library Annex. He succeeds Robert Bachman who has been president for the past two years.

Mrs. Paul Gross, Trucksville, golf chairman of Irem Temple Women Golfers, entertained at a luncheon for golfers and chairmen for the coming season on

Friday. Guests included Mrs. John R. Vivian, Mrs. William Wicks, Mrs. C. Russell Havey, Mrs. George Dean, Mrs. Warren Unger, Mrs. Lloyd Kear, Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins, Mrs. William Pack, Mrs. Charles Phillips, Mrs. George Montgomery, Mrs. John Pritchard, Mrs. George Common, Mrs. F.E. Hopkins, Mrs. Harold Snowdon and Mrs. Frank Wagner.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Donald Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis of Carverton, and a senior at Dallas-Franklin Township schools, came home from Pennsylvania State Farm Show at Harrisburg on Friday with a silver medal. A gold medal and silver medal are awarded annually for results, both in acreage and profit, from a farm project by a vocational agriculture student. Donald's project was an acre of tomatoes, most of which were sold green though the green tomato auction.

Lance Walker has been elected by students of Dallas-Franklin

Township schools as Senior of the Month, in accordance with Rotary Club standards.

### 70 YEARS AGO - 1942

Carol Crosby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crosby of Idetown, was one of 185 students chosen from eight different districts of the state who were awarded medals for their part in the all-state chorus concert at Coatsville high School on Saturday evening. Carol represented Lehman High School.

H. Austin Snyder will be interlocutor and Clarence Boston, Mr. Dodson, John Sidler, Howard Crosby, Lewis Ide and Richard Parks, end men at the black faced minstrel show, "Southland," which is underway at the Lehman High School. Joseph Clouser is director.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 122 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

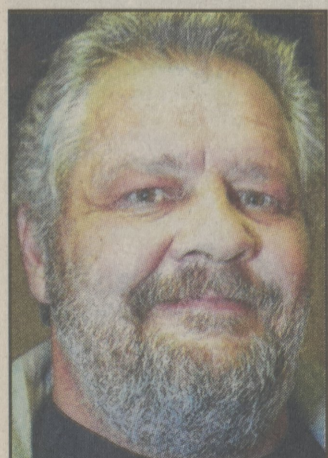
### The History Channel

On Feb. 16, 1848, romantic composer Frederic Chopin plays his final concert in his adopted city of Paris, 18 months before his death from tuberculosis at the age of 39. After fleeing his native Poland, he spent the rest of his life amid the high society of France.

On Feb. 19, 1851, an angry mob in San Francisco's business district "tries" two Australian suspects in the robbery and assault of C.J. Jansen. Vigilantes were fairly common during the Gold Rush boom in San Francisco, and they were so well regarded that they took over the Democratic Party in the late 1850s, and some became respected politicians.

On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain publishes his famous and controversial novel "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

## "WHO ARE YOU ROOTING FOR IN TODAY'S SUPER BOWL?"



"Not the Patriots. I just don't like their quarterback, Brady."

Phillip Hetts  
Noxen



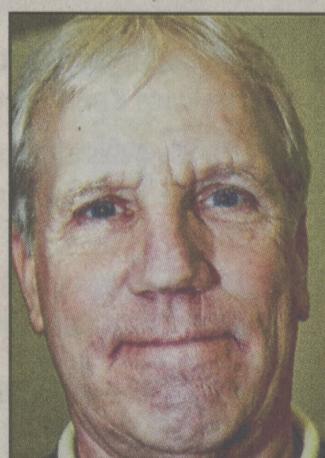
"The Giants because I have a strong dislike for Bill Belichick, Patriots head coach. He's a real cheat."

Tony Sayre  
Sweet Valley



"I was a 49ers fan so I think I'll just watch the commercials and not have a favorite this year."

Vicky Mikolaitis  
Dallas



"I would like to see the Giants win because I'm a National Football League fan. Does anyone remember that?"

Tom Rokita  
Kingston Twp.



"The New York Giants because they are closer to home here in Pennsylvania."

Gerald Hoover  
Sweet Valley



"In my mind, the Patriots always seem to win and I like to root for the underdog - the Giants."

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