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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On March 18, 1852, in New York City, Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with several other investors to launch their namesake business. In July 1852, their company shipped its first loads of freight from the East Coast to mining camps scattered around northern California.

• On March 17, 1901, paintings by the late Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh are shown in Paris. Van Gogh had committed suicide 11 years earlier without any notion that his work was destined to win acclaim beyond his wildest dreams. In his lifetime, he had sold only one painting.

• On March 14, 1914, stock-car racer Lee Arnold Petty (father of Richard Petty) is born near Randleman, N.C. In 1959, he won the Daytona 500. It's said that Lee Petty never lost a race on account of being too kind to his competitors, even if his competitors were family.

• On March 16, 1926, at Auburn, Mass., American Robert Goddard successfully launches the world's first liquid-fueled rocket. The 10-foot rocket, fueled by liquid oxygen and gasoline, traveled for 2.5 seconds at a speed of about 60 mph, reaching an altitude of 41 feet and landing 184 feet away.

• On March 13, 1942, the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army begins training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, or "K-9 Corps." Perhaps the most famous war dog was Rin Tin Tin, an abandoned puppy of German war dogs found in France in 1918 and taken to the United States, where he made his film debut in the 1922 silent film "The Man From Hell's River."

• On March 15, 1954, the Chords record "Sh-boom." The song's lighthearted melody and nonsensical lyrics kicked off a new era of "doo-wop" music. Doo-wop hits included "Earth Angel" by the Penguins and "In the Still of the Night" by the Five Satins.

• On March 12, 1969, the London drug squad appears at house of George Harrison and Pattie Boyd with a warrant and drug-sniffing canines. Sergeant Pilcher, the man behind the raid, was later convicted of planting drugs in other cases and went to jail in 1972.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century American director, screenwriter, playwright and novelist Ben Hecht who made the following sage observation: "Trying to determine what is going on in the world by reading newspapers is like trying to tell the time by watching the second hand of a clock."

• If you visualize an image of John Lennon, more likely than not you'll see him in your mind's eye wearing a pair of round spectacles. In July of 2007, one pair of those iconic glasses was sold at auction for a whopping \$2 million.

• There's nothing terribly surprising about the fact that an animated version of George Orwell's famed novel "Animal Farm" was produced in the United States in 1954. What made this production unusual is that the movie rights were bought by, and the film was covertly funded by, the CIA. It was thought that it would be excellent anti-Communist propaganda during the Cold War.

• If you're like 12 percent of American men who are about to get married, you'll go to a tanning bed before you make that walk down the aisle.

• You might be surprised to learn that early automobile magnate Henry Ford was a fan of soy. In the 1940s, the fabric used for the upholstery in some of his cars was made from 25 percent soy. He even owned a soy-based suit of clothing that he would sometimes wear for media events.

• The Transportation Security Administration banned cigarette lighters on carry-on luggage between 2005 and 2007. During that time, TSA screeners confiscated 22,978 lighters every day. Safe disposal of those lighters cost the taxpayers approximately \$4 million every year.

Thought for the day: "Obstinacy is the result of the will forcing itself into the place of the intellect." - Arthur Schopenhauer



YOUR SPACE

Allan Hobbs, of Daisy Lane in Dallas, took this photo of part of the Badlands in South Dakota during a recent trip he and his wife Carol took out west.

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20 YEARS AGO - 1992

Seventeen-year-old Keith Rinehimer was honored by both Dallas Kiwanis and the Pennsylvania State last week. Rinehimer's quick action last fall after Dr. Wallace Stettler was involved in an auto accident



is credited with possibly preventing Stettler from being paralyzed.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Rinehimer, who would like to become a professional fire fighter, took as first responder course with his friend Mike Neil. Both are juniors at Dallas High School.

Joe and Carol Sitar of Dallas were honored recently for their long and dedicated service to Bishop O'Reilly High School in Kingston. As members of the school's first graduating class (when it was known as West Side Central Catholic), they have seen three of their children graduate from Bishop O'Reilly. In addition, a daughter will graduate in May and a son will be entering as a freshman in a few years.

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Six Dallas Senior High School students will be representing their school at the Region IV Chorus auditions Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Bishop O'Reilly. They are: Arlene Daily, Matthew Holdra, Charlene Baker, Marjorie Myers, Jerry Ross and Nancy Evan.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

Capt. Ronald A. Woolery, provost marshal at Tobyhanna Army Depot, presented trophies to Sgt. Joseph G. Janosov of Wilkes-Barre and Security Guard Stanley Tomchak Jr., Dallas, for copping honors in the annual qualification with a cal. 38 pistol of depot security police. Tomchak scored 245 points out of a possible 250 to finish first, while Janosov came in second, reversing their positions of last year when Janosov came in first and Tomchak second.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

Six Back Mountain high school students were among the 79 area high school sophomores and seniors awarded National Certificates of Merit at Wilkes-Barre campus of The Pennsylvania State University last week. The certificates, which are given in recognition of outstanding achievement by high school students in the field of engineering and science are awarded annually by the Luzerne County Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Profes-

sional Engineers. Recipients are: Harry Harter, Dallas Area; Harriet Kocher, Lake-Lehman; Richard Harrison, Dallas Area; Anthony Steven, Lake-Lehman; Kevin Schapert and Jack Martin, Dallas Area.

50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Winners of the Vogue sewing contest, sponsored by Dallas Senior and Junior Woman's Club, with prizes awarded on Monday at Dallas Senior High School are: Peggy hall, first prize; Barbara Prokotchak, second; Olga Jurysta, runner-up.

Daddow Isaacs Post 672 will hold its first annual pig roast Saturday at the Post Home. Committee members: Marty McEnrue, James davenport, George Cave, Roland Spencer, Bill O'Brien, Bud Shonk, Tom Kone, Dick Staub, Regis Brice, Dick Fuller, Leonard Harvey, Bernard McDermott, ed Buckley and Art Garinger.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Boy Scout Troop 232, including Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, wound up last week of window display at Flannigan's Furniture Store Friday night by making and serving bite-size flapjacks to store employees and the passing public. Scouts taking turns at the skillet were: Bernie Banks, Jack Derr, David Goddard, Eugene Hindricks, Leslie Barstow, John Sidorek, John ferry, Jim Thomas, Buddy Butler, Richard Lincoln, Peter Lukasavage, Walter French, Nelson Downend, Jody Boyle, Keith

Yeisley, Raymond and David Hindricks, and Fred Houlihan.

Shirley Drake, Dallas, Barbara Dana, Trucksville, members of the junior class, will represent Westmoreland High School at the N.E. District Chorus concert held at Montrose Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Shirley and Barbara, both members of the band, were selected by Lester R. Lewis, music supervisor.

70 YEARS AGO - 1942

Jack Hislop's restaurant presents a new appearance this morning. During night a complete new stainless steel soda fountain with sixteen ice cream cabinets was installed by a crew of workmen. Delivery of the new fountain which was ordered six months ago from a Grand Rapids firm was delayed because of war orders.

Troop Committeewomen of Girl Scout Troop No. 9, Shavertown, entertained friends at a card party last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Oscar Dymond, Main Street. Defense stamps were awarded as prizes and were won by Mrs. Howard Appleton, Mrs. Frank Werner, Mrs. Martin Porter and Mrs. Mary Harding.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 123 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

"WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM?"



"The Phillies because they are closest to Dallas and my dad and grandparents like them."

Kyle Williams
Shavertown



"I grew up a Phillies and think they are still pretty good."

Jon Weaver
Dallas



"The Pittsburgh Pirates because I used to live in Bethel Park in the Pittsburgh area."

Alex Ivoska
Shavertown



"My grandson and my husband like them so I guess I'll say the Phillies."

Leslie Horoshko
Dallas



"The Phillies because they are such good fielders. I know because I play softball."

Christina Schappert
Trucksville



"I'm not a big baseball fan but I'd have to say the Phillies because my family is a huge fan."

Amy Williams
Wilkes-Barre