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## BIKES AWARDED AT EASTER PARTY



Daddow Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 awarded two bikes at its Children's Easter Party to J.J. McDaniels, left, and Madalyn Morcavage. The Easter Bunny (John Emil Sr.) presented the bikes to the winners.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It is still not known who made the following sage observation: "Never attribute to malice what can be adequately explained by stupidity."
- If you are an aficionado of the word game Scrabble, you probably know that there are only five words that can be played using a q but no u. In case you're not in the know, those words are "faqir," "qaid," "qoph," "qindar" and "qintar."
- In 1774, surveyors in Maryland marked off a parcel of land by mistake. The error was immortalized when the town that grew up on that land adopted the name Accident.
- The English word "mistletoe" comes from an Anglo-Saxon phrase that means "dung on a twig." It seems that the branches where mistletoe is often found have white splotches on them, which some say resemble bird droppings.
- The martial art that is known today as karate actually originated in India and spread to China before becoming popular in 17th-century Japan, where it was dubbed karate, which means "empty hand" in Japanese.
- These days you'll rarely see an elected official with a beard, but facial hair wasn't always considered to be a liability in politics. In fact, it's been reported that Abraham Lincoln was inspired to grow a beard while he was running for president in 1860 because of a letter from an 11-year-old girl. Grace Bedell wrote to Lincoln that a beard would make him "look a great deal better, for your face is so thin. All the ladies like whiskers."
- When the United States bought Alaska from Russia in 1867, the going price was 2 cents an acre.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On June 25, 1956, the last Packard rolls off the production line at Packard's plant in Detroit. The classic American luxury car used the famously enigmatic slogan "Ask the Man Who Owns One."
- On June 30, 1962, Sandy Koufax strikes out 13 batters and walks five to lead the Brooklyn Dodgers over the New York Mets 5-0 with his first career no-hitter. Koufax went on to throw three more no-hitters, including a perfect game on Sept. 9, 1965, in which he allowed no hits and no walks.
- On July 1, 1979, the Sony Walkman - the world's first low-cost, portable music player - goes on sale in Japan. The initial production run of 30,000 units looked to be too ambitious, as only 3,000 were sold at \$150 apiece in the first month. Some 200 million sales later, Sony retired the cassette Walkman in 2010.



## YOUR SPACE

Allan Hobbs, of Daisy Lane in Dallas, photographed these two wild ponies during a recent trip to Assateague Island, Va.

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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

The Community Church of Dallas held its AWANA Club Awards Night recently. Receiving the Timothy Award were Amy and Rebecca Bush. Over a period of four years, these girls each learned 244 Bible verses as well as completing 16 crafts. The AWANA Club is a national Bible-based club which meets weekly September-April at the community church in Dallas.



### ONLY YESTERDAY

Sherry Scavone was presented with the Allison Guild Piano Paderewski Award for successfully performing 10 memorized pieces over a 10 year period. Sherry has studied piano with Michele Millington and was presented with the medal at her piano recital.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1982

The Harveys Lake Lions held their installation dinner last Saturday at the Castle Inn. New officers installed included John Adams, president; Frank Bialogowicz, treasurer; Wilfred Ide, financial secretary; Joseph Ruotolo, secretary; and the following directors: Michael Casey, Bob Pilger, Charles Gordon and Carl Shreiner.

Recipient of this year's Lions Book Club Scholarship was Mollie Hughes, Dallas Senior High School student. Dallas Lions Club President Frank Rollman presented Mollie with a \$200

check toward her books for courses at college. A 4.0 student, Mollie plans to major in biology pre-med.

### 40 YEARS AGO - 1972

The Susquehanna River in Wyoming Valley crested at 40.60 feet. The dikes were constructed to contain a level of 37 feet. The two simple facts of those statements have within them all of the horrors of the worst flood in the history of the state.

The American Legion School Award to the outstanding boy and girl in the eighth grade of Dallas Junior High School was awarded to Leslie Burket and George M. Weaver.

"Obey Signs and Signals" was the theme of Cindy Swepston's prize-winning entry in the 1972 American Automobile Association School Traffic Safety Poster Contest. Cindy won the award in the primary division (grades 1-3) - and was in competition with 37, 148 entries from the United States and Canada. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swepston Jr., Dallas.

### 50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Dallas Junior High School conducted its first annual Science Fair last month in the Dallas Junior High School gymnasium. Projects were judged by Dr. Detwiler, professor of physics and chemistry at Wilkes College graduate school; Anthony Ruddy, biology teacher at Coughlin High School; and Thomas Carr, chemistry and physics teacher at Dallas Senior High School. Ninth grade winners were: First

prize, Mary Demko, "Zone Electrophoresis;" second prize, Richard Bayliss, "Effect of light and water on plants;" and third prize, Linda Davies, "photosynthesis."

Bud Mekeel, Lehman, will head the Lehman Horse Show parade, representing Back Mountain Horsemen's Association, which has assisted Lehman Firemen in making the annual parade really worth seeing.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Dallas-Franklin Township seniors were recently named as heads of their class. Mary Louise Lipp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lipp, Dallas Township, was named valedictorian. Anita Emmanuel, daughter of Mrs. Mary Emmanuel, Orange, is salutatorian.

William Roger Oney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Oney, Shavertown, was chosen Boy of the Month at Westmoreland High School.

### 70 YEARS AGO - 1942

Girl Scout Troop 30 of Idetown held a Mother and Daughter Banquet Monday night in the church house to honor the girls who had won badges, namely: Irma Calkins, Hazel Garinger, Ethel Ide, Jean Ide, Dorothy Tryon, Marilyn Williams, Helen Welsh, Helen Boice Hoover, June Swan, Betty Warner, Dorothy Fritz, Naomi Smith and Mary Kern.

Jean Houghwout, Wilma Hunt and Sarah Breslin, members of the graduating class of Kingston Township High School, have been awarded scholarships at College Misericordia for the coming year. The scholarships are based on scores made in competitive examinations given this spring.

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.

## Building to honor McDowells

The Misericordia University Board of Trustees has announced that the university will honor the President Michael A. MacDowell and his wife, Tina, by naming a new building on campus in their honor.

Michael and Tina MacDowell Hall is being made possible by a \$1 million pledge to the university by the board, according to

John Metz, chair of the Misericordia University Board of Trustees.

Michael and Tina MacDowell Hall will be formally dedicated Friday, Aug. 24 on Convocation Day.

President MacDowell announced in April he will retire June 30, 2013 after serving 15 years.

## "WOULD YOU LIKE TO STUDY A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?"



"I would like to learn how to speak Gujarati, an Indian dialect, because that is where my parents came from."

Mira Patel  
Dallas



"Arabic because a lot of the Middle East speaks it and I'll be going there in August through Birthright."

Nick Nakkache  
Shavertown



"Italian because I was there in 2006 for 12 days and like it all very much - sitting on the Spanish steps in Rome and watching things around the piazzas."

Ken Kashatus  
Harveys Lake



"French because I think I would like Paris - all the shopping and the Eiffel Tower."

Haley Funnell  
Shavertown



"Spanish because there are a lot of Spanish-speaking people in this country now."

Marie Wandell  
Dallas



"Spanish because it's all around us now and it would be a help in my job."

Christine Napierkow  
Shavertown