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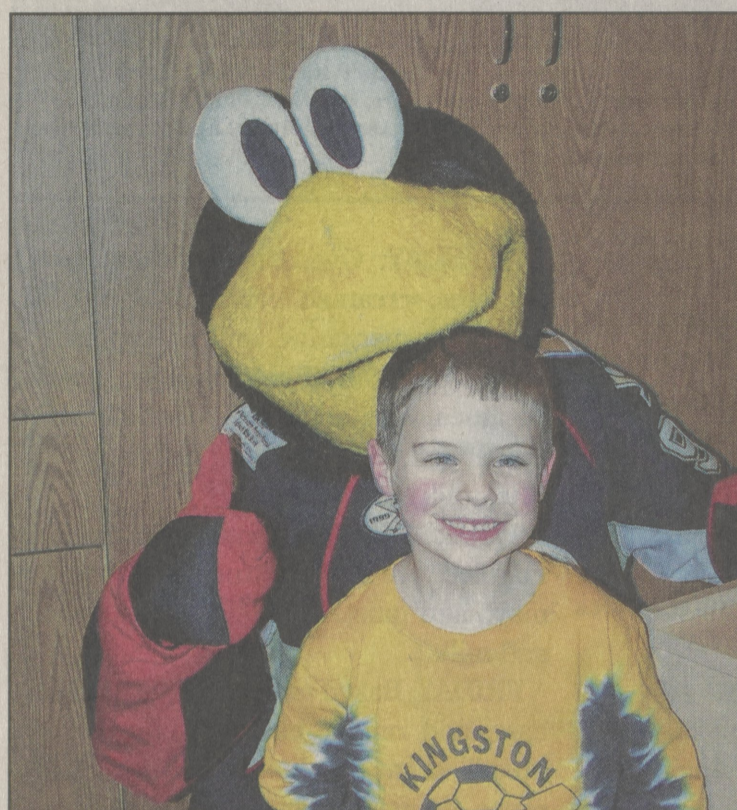
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Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins mascot Tux is shown here with Ben Carpenter, of Shavertown, a past story hour participant, who enjoyed last year's program at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Tux will visit library

Mike O'Brien, Tux and star players from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey team will take part in a Christmas reading program at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

All ages are welcome to attend at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Space is limited so families are asked to call the library at 675-1182 to reserve seats.

The players will talk to the families about the importance of reading, about being a team player and about their careers as professional hockey players. Tux will then entertain the children with his antics as the players read to the children.

Wear your Santa caps, bring your memorabilia to be signed and get ready to have some fun reading and singing with the Penguins.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was British biologist and author Richard Dawkins who made the following sage observation: "When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong."

• If you're like 20 percent of American women, you think your feet are too big.

• Did you ever wonder why we say, "I smell a rat" when we sense that something is amiss? The phrase dates back to a time before effective means of pest control, when it was not uncommon for a home to be infested by rodents. If a rat died inside a wall, the residents wouldn't be aware of it until the smell of the decaying body became noticeable.

• If you'd like to have a festive New Year's Eve but don't want to deal with the crowds in New York City for the iconic ball drop, consider heading to Mount Olive, N.C. Every year the town hosts a celebration in which a 3-foot lighted pickle is dropped into a barrel at midnight.

• Ancient Romans believed that a sneeze was the body's way of expelling evil spirits that caused disease. Thus, if one tried to suppress a sneeze, it was regarded as an invitation to illness and death.

• The 14-foot model of the Starship Enterprise that was used during shooting of the original "Star Trek" series is now displayed in the Smithsonian.



YOUR SPACE

During a recent rainstorm, this Blue Heron decided to wait it out on the boathouse roof at the home of Pat Giordano, of Harveys Lake.

"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

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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.

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20 YEARS AGO - 1992

The Lake-Lehman High School Band again set a new record at the Atlantic Coast Championship Tournament of Bands Competition held at the Lackawanna County Multi-Purpose Stadium at Montage last month.



ONLY YESTERDAY

Lake-Lehman is the first band in the 20 year history of ACC competition to win 8 titles. It was also the seventh consecutive win, another accomplishment no other band has ever done. Along with the Group II title, the band also won specialty awards for Best Percussion, Best Music and best Woodwinds.

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Association of Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Dallas recently entertained at a Christmas Tea. Featured at the Tea was the singing group "The Meadow Larks" from the Meadows in Dallas under the direction of Don Williams. Planning committee members for the Tea were: Barbara Barakat, Meryl Davis, Rachael Hale, Mary Moses and Catherine Bolinski.

Dallas Intermediate School recently held a Foul Shooting Contest. Finalists were: Heather Langdon, first place winner; Sue Wells, first runner up; Jay Cherup and Phillip George.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

Eleven Dallas High School seniors were hostesses of a formal dinner-dance last Friday night. They are: Barbara Schaeffer, Carol Britt, Jan Bigelow, Patricia Rosnick, Nan Pfeiffer, Carol Sipple, Patti VanEtten, Brenda Gelschleicher, Mindy Bloomer, Marilyn Miller and Julie Evans.

Scott Neyhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Skyles Neyhard of Trucksville, and Robert Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird of Trucksville, received their Eagle Scout Awards at a Court of Honor held at the Educational Building of the Trucksville United Methodist Church.

50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Kiwanis honored Dallas Area High School football team, West Side Conference champions, at the weekly meeting last night. Speaker was James Moran, Coach of King's College football team, and the entire Dallas team was there.

Three members of Trinity Youth fellowship, Beth Pillarella, Beth Burkert and Sarah Bobo, attended a two-day Youth Fellowship Rally of Lackawanna Presbyterian last week. They were guests in the homes of Westminster Presbyterian Church families in Scranton.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Back Mountain Town and Country Y.M.C.A. added three new board members to its official roster at their meeting in the Headquarters Building in Shavertown on Tuesday evening. The new members were an-

nounced by Chairman L.W. LeGrand and Dr. Carl E. Hontz, Rev. Robert d. Yost and Herbert A. Smith Jr.

The Senior Class of Lake-Noxen High School will present their senior play entitled, "DANGER-Willie at Work" tonight. Richard Patton is playing the leading role. Other members of the cast are: Jessie Armitage, Virginia Price, Carol Bialogowicz, Nancy MacMillan, Shirley MacMillan, Thelma Burkhardt, Frances Stefanowicz, Joyce Martin, Ernest Phillips, Carl Gailey and Robert Engelman.

70 YEARS AGO - 1942

Fred M. Kiefer was elected president and Fred Hughey was

made vice president at the reorganization meeting of the Dallas Township Board Tuesday.

Donald Coughlin was retained as solicitor. The State Liquor Control Board has approved the application of Robert Hislop Jr., for the transfer of his liquor license from the Dallas Inn to his new location in the Tally-Ho Grille on Main Street. Opposition to the transfer developed when a group of local citizens disapproved the location of two liquor places on Main Street.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from back copies of The Dallas Post which is 121 years ago. The information here is printed exactly as it originally appeared.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Dec. 16, 1811, the greatest series of earthquakes in U.S. history begins in the Mississippi River Valley near New Madrid, Mo., when a quake of an estimated 8.6 magnitude slams the region. The earthquake raised and lowered parts of the Mississippi Valley by as much as 15 feet and changed the course of the Mississippi River.

• On Dec. 10, 1915, the one-millionth Ford car rolls off the assembly line at the River Rouge plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford sold more than 15 million Model Ts in all; they initially cost \$850 (about \$20,000 in today's dol-

lars).

• On Dec. 11, 1946, the United Nations votes to establish the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to provide relief and support to children. Only two countries have failed to ratify the treaty - Somalia and the United States.

• On Dec. 15, 1973, Sandy Hawley becomes the first jockey to win 500 races in a single year. Hawley achieved his historic win aboard Charlie Jr., in the third race at Maryland's Laurel Park race track.

• On Dec. 12, 1989, hotel magnate Leona Helmsley receives a four-year prison sentence, 750 hours of community service and a \$7.1 million tax fraud fine in New York.

"WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TELEVISION SHOW?"



"All football and sports shows, especially the Steelers. They're doing fair but could be better."

George Ondish
Dallas



"I like westerns, the 'Godfather' and comedy but there's very little of it on TV."

Vivian Ondish
Dallas



"I like 'American Pick-er.' I like seeing all the old stuff to see what it's really worth."

Mike Rollman
Shavertown



"NCIS, a Navy criminal investigative service. A detective service, I go for that."

Val Rothrock
Shavertown



"Inkmasters.' It's about up and coming tattoo design artists. I like to see who has the coolest ones."

Corey Monk
Trucksville



"Right now 'Nashville.' It's about two country singers, one young and one old, trying to find their way through life."

Elizabeth Stanton
Harveys Lake