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## New Year Sales now going on at library

A new year has begun and the Back Mountain Memorial Library is starting it off with new books, new ideas and, of course, New Year sales.

The library's sale of vintage hand-blown glass ornaments and Plasticville U.S. A. houses (in original unglued condition) and accessories was very popular during the past holiday season.

Now, any of these remaining items are being sold at half price. There is still a good selection to choose from and many of these items can also be used as winter birthday/special occasion gifts.

### FAFSA workshop

The library will hold a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) workshop at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. The workshop will offer instructions and tips to file the FAFSA form for college loans, scholarships and grants. It is free to attend, but pre-registration is required by calling the library at 675-1182.

### Auction planning begins

It's hard to believe, but planning for the library's annual auction has begun. This year's Back Mountain Memorial Auction will be held on July 11, 12, 13 and 14.

It's never too early to volunteer for this fun opportunity to make new friends and be part of a long-standing community event. Chair people and workers are needed for several individual booths. Volunteers are needed to help sort donated items on a weekday morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

Call the library at 675-1182 if you are interested in becoming an auction volunteer. Meetings are held once a month.

### Half price sale

The library's Slightly Read Bookshop is currently offering its children's books at half price and, beginning on Jan. 15, all large coffee-table sized books will also be half price.

### Story hours

Registration for the Winter/Spring Story hours will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

• It was American humorist and columnist Josh Billings who made the following sage observation: "Reason often makes mistakes, but conscience never does."

• You think there are a lot of lawsuits being heard in the courts these days? Statistics show that half of the suits filed never even make it to court.

• In France in the 1700s, capital punishment was not uncommon, and criminals thus condemned were decapitated by the country's Chief Executioner. This position was hereditary, which posed a problem when, in 1726, the holder of that title, Charles-Jean-Baptiste Sanson, suffered an early death, leaving his 7-year-old son, Charles, to take up the grisly duties. It was obvious to all that a child could never wield the heavy axe required for the decapitations, so it was deemed acceptable for a helper to actually perform the executions. Only the official office-holder could put the official seal on the act, however, so the poor boy had to witness every one. It wasn't until the ripe old age of 12 that he began to take over the full duties of the office.

• When famed inventor Alexander Graham Bell died in 1922, he was dictating a memo. His final words were, "So little done, so much to do!"

• If you're a fan of big brass, you might want to head to Millersville, Pa., in May. Every year during that month, the town celebrates International Tuba Day, with some 50 tuba players on hand to serenade the crowd.

• There's been much public conversation about the growing girth of Americans in recent decades. It's not just people who are gaining weight, though; between 1996 and 2006, the average motor vehicle made in the U.S. gained 500 pounds.



## YOUR SPACE

During a recent snowstorm at Harveys Lake, Pat Giordano watched her backyard bird feeders in amazement as 10 different varieties of birds arrived to replenish themselves. Among those that appeared were a female cardinal, male cardinal, starling, junco, woodpecker, goldfinch, blue jay, house finch and a titmouse. Although not shown in the photo, morning doves and sparrows also made an appearance.

"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.

The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

### 20 YEARS AGO - 1993

Students in the Dallas Middle School raised money for the American Heart Association when they held a Jump Rope for Heart Fund Raiser. The students went out and found sponsors who pledged money for the length of time they jumped rope. The student fund raiser resulted in over \$170

being raised. Bonnie Biggs was the highest money raiser with \$34. Other participants included Angela Martino, Nancy Schmittle, Amy Park, Pam Rogers, Emily Mathers, Rebecca Rosser, Rebecca Beisel, Rebecca Marcy, Megan Finley, Amy Perko, Carl Cave, Stephanie Newton, Stephanie Pacovsky, Krystyan Kravag and Anna Appel.

Recently, senior art students from Dallas High School traveled to Valley Crest Nursing Home to paint windows for the holidays. Participants included Ann Klimek, Stacie Suchodolski, Michelle Sivar, Chris Updyke, Kim Murray, Amanda Marshall, Stefanie Dwinchick, Amy Helgemo, Richard Banks, Nancy Klimek, Shannon Pilecki, Jenna Gentsch, Grace Helgemo, Kim Higgins, Joan Kinney, Rita Monto, Mike Banta, Tom Hite, Andy Johnson, Kevin Loeffler and Dan Perrotto.

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Norman Schoell; Secretary, Mrs. William Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Zaboski.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1983

Ed Havrilla, a member of the Lake-Lehman High School Band, has been selected to participate in the Pennsylvania All-State Band Festival in Hershey later this month. This is the

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### 40 YEARS AGO - 1973

John L. Krogulski of Shavertown has been promoted to general manager of Sterling Products Company - Supply Division, Forty Fort, according to an announcement by William B. Sordoni, president.

Dave Puchalsky, 132-pound junior, and Dave Longmore, 126-pound senior, both of Dallas Senior High School, received champion trophies at the recent Wilkes-Barre Invitational Holiday Tournament.

### 50 YEARS AGO - 1963

Dallas Kiwanis installed officers Wednesday night at a meeting held at Irem Temple Country Club. Installation officer Atty. Mitchell Jenkins inducted president, Merrill Faegenburg; first vice president, William Guyette; second vice president, Robert Dolbear; treasurer, Paul Laux; and secretary, Al Ackerson. Three new directors taking office were: Ernest Gay, Ira Smith and James Huston, Sr.

New officers of Altar and Rosary Society, St. Therese's Church Shavertown were installed last evening by Mrs. George Messersmith, outgoing president. Mrs. Robert Dunn will succeed Mrs. Messersmith to the executive post. Vice President is Mrs.

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### 60 YEARS AGO - 1953

New officers were installed by Rev. Francis Kane at Monday night's meeting of Gate of Heaven Altar and Rosary Society, and forty members invested with sodality medals. New officers are: Mrs. George Keller, president; Mrs. Lester Sharkoski, first vice president; Mrs. Frank Ferry, second vice president; Mrs. Joseph LaVelle, treasurer; Mrs. James Duffy, secretary; and Mrs. John Rosser, financial secretary.

Valentine Dance Committee, Dallas Woman's Club, will meet with Mrs. Ralph Dixon at her home in Elmcrest this afternoon to make final arrangements for the annual dance. Mrs. Dixon is assisted on the committee by co-chairman Mrs. Walter Elston and Mesdames Robert VanHorn, Woodworth B. Allen, W.H. Clewell, Robert Hale, Marion Harter, L.E. Jordan, Rose Lewin, Dan Richards, L.L. Richardson, Harold Smith, Herman Thomas, C.S. Wileman and J. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Welton Farrar, Meadowcrest, entertained at bridge Saturday evening. Winners of high score prizes were

### MOMENTS IN TIME

#### The History Channel

• On Jan. 15, 1951, Ilse Koch, wife of the commandant of the Buchenwald concentration camp, is sentenced to life imprisonment in a court in West Germany for her extraordinary sadism. The "Witch of Buchenwald" collected lampshades, book covers and gloves made from the skin of tattooed camp prisoners.

• On Jan. 17, 1966, an American B-52 bomber collides with a KC-135 jet tanker over Spain's Mediterranean coast, dropping three 70-kiloton hydrogen bombs near the town of Palomares and another into the sea.

• On Jan. 20, 1980, President Jimmy Carter proposes that the 1980 Summer Olympics be moved from the planned host city, Moscow, if the Soviet Union failed to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan within a month.

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### 70 YEARS AGO - 1943

Stella Cummings, Lake Street, Dallas, has been awarded a portable radio by the sponsors of the QUIZ KIDS program, for a question used on the program on December 27th. Her question, read by Joe Kelly, was: "Stella Cummings of Dallas, Penna., says that song writers are always wondering about something or other. 'I'll whistle some of this wonderment to you, and you tell me in each case what it is the song writer was wondering about.' The first song was 'I Wonder What's Become of Sally' by Ager, but none of the kids was able to name it.

Among the many new members sworn into office this week when the General Assembly convened in Harrisburg was Harold E. Flack of Saginaw Avenue, Dallas, who is representative in the Legislature from the Sixth District.

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

## "WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT SCHOOL?"



"Math, gym, art, science. I like everything about school and meeting with friends."

Chad Honeywell  
Sweet Valley



"Science experiments - to see what happens at the end is fun. Like last year we did life cycles."

Madison Raspen  
Hunlock Creek



"Gym. We play football, basketball and dodgeball with a scooter. We get to kick it around."

Michael Serafin  
Sweet Valley



"In gym we play the bomber - every man for himself dodgeball. I don't really like anything else about school."

Robbie Ritinski  
Sweet Valley



"I like the 'specials' like music, library, gym and music. We get to sing there."

Elizabeth Barlet  
Sweet Valley



"Math, art, gym. Getting to do multiplication and in art they give us brushes. My favorite color is red."

Christian Crowley  
Sweet Valley