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International Banquet, fun event at PPAS

by Alejandra Del Real Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) held its annual International Banquet on Saturday, March 6 at the dining hall.

"The purpose of the banquet was to emphasize the diverse cultures and countries represented at the school," said Daniel Victoria, President of the Eaglets II Class, who was in charge of the decorations.

The cafeteria was decorated with several things that accentuated the cultural diversity at school. Flags, banners displaying "WORLD PEACE" messages and also famous quotes from pacifiers were hanging from the ceiling.

"I got the ideas with the help of my classmates. They all gave ideas and they were always willing to cooperate if I needed something. It's important to say that everything we did was handmade. I was really impressed after we saw how good everything looked," Victoria said.

Food from different countries was served and prepared by students and Marlene Zamora, kitchen manager. There was food from Bolivia, Mexico, China, Peru, Korea and the United States. The recipes were supplied by the students from their home countries. Some of the dishes served were beef with pepper from China, sopes from Mexico and empanadas from Bolivia.

"I enjoyed modeling a Chinese dress, but I felt nervous because it was my first time modeling in front of people. The food was really good because we had the opportunity to try food from other countries and I also had a lot of fun with my friends at the dance," said Yating Wei, 17-year-old Eaglet 1.

Girls Dorm Parent, Mary Reyes, arranged a Fashion Runway Show with senior, junior and sophomore girls. The girls modeled traditional customs from India, China, Mexico and the United States. The fashion runway show has also become a yearly tradition at the banquet.

The girls did a wonderful job modeling the dresses, Reyes said. I felt happy because they cooperated and did their best, she said.

"I think this banquet was the best, the cafeteria looked very pretty and I liked all the dresses that the girls modeled in the Fashion Runway Show," said Ivonne Mora, 17-year old junior.

After the banquet, the Eaglets 1 & 2 Class sponsored a dance that took place in the Student Union Building (SUB).

"They played all kinds of music from different countries so it was good that all students could dance. When Chinese songs were playing, the Chinese girls were dancing and it was the first time I saw them dancing, so it was cool because everybody enjoyed the dance," said Soowon Yoo 19-year old senior.

"The students worked hard to put the International Banquet together," said Ellie Perez, Academic Counselor. I would like to commend Eaglets II on their decorations and also thank Mrs. Marlene and all the student cooks on their hometown dishes and also I want to thank Miss Reyes and Mrs. Quintanilla for coordinating the Student Fashion Show. It was a fun event for the whole campus," Perez said.



Top: The girls participated in the annual runway fashion show at the banquet on March 6.



Middle:
From left,
Ellie Perez,
Becky
Perkins,
Eleazar Herrera, and
Lillian &
Bill Johnston
at the
banquet.



Bottom:
Paola Flores,
Eaglet 2, is
wearing a
dress from
Veracruz
during the
fashion show
at PPAS'
annual
International
Banquet.

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Seniors getting college career started Jose Manuel Torres

by Jose Manuel Torres Staff Writer

The school year is almost over and seniors Presbyterian American School (PPAS) have been accepted to colleges and universities. Ilse Ibarra has been accepted three universities, Schreiner University, University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and to Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK).

"I feel very proud of myself because these three are my top choices. These universities are the ones that have the majors like the most," she said. Seo Yeon Lee has been

accepted to the UTSA. She wants to study English.

Lee said she feels proud of herself for getting her career started. Although UTSA is not her first option, she feels happy that she has been accepted.

"I was planning on going to the University of Texas at Austin, however they offered me a capacitated program to go there after a year in the UT school system (school system of the Universities of Texas). "For the program, if you go to one school of the UT system and you maintain a grade point average of 3.2, you are accepted automatically to UT Austin for the next year," Lee said.

Terry Liang has been accepted to UT Austin. Liang said he feels happy because this is the University that he wants to go to, where he would like to study Architecture.

Soo Won Yoo has been accepted to UTSA, the University of Houston (UH) and the University of Texas-Pan American.

"I want to go to UH and I feel proud of being accepted into both colleges because it is an honor to me to have been considered to these two institutions," she said.

Yoo wants study Marketing. Ellie Perez, Academic

From left, back row. Seniors Seo Yeon Lee, Advento Trevino and Soo Won Yoo. Front row, Jimena Hernandez, Samantha Santos, Ilse Barra and Terry Liang. Not pictured is Tania Rodriguez

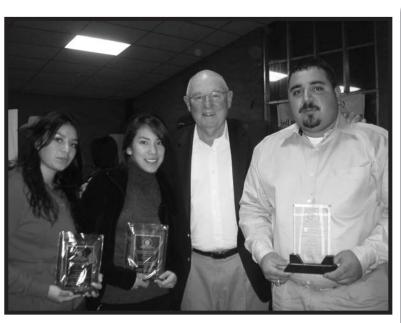
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Counselor at PPAS, said she feels proud of the hard work from the students that have been accepted to college.

"I hope for success in this new chapter of life for the students. I expect that these students keep those characteristics that they have here at Pan Am

throughout their college career." Perez

Samantha Santos has been accepted to TAMUK, Jimena Hernandez received acceptance from the University of Houston along with Tania Rodriguez, Advento Trevino was accepted to UTSA.



From left, Karla Reyes, Tania Rodriguez, PPAS President Dr. James Matthews and Science Teacher Edgar Ortega at the 11th Annual Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD Awards Banquet on February 23 at the Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Building.

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Teacher spotlight announced for March

by Viviana Garcia Staff Writer

Biology and Chemistry teacher Robina Lozano Salgado has been chosen as teacher spotlight for March at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

"I was surprised to be it. It makes me feel that the work I'm doing here is valued," she said.

She was born in Harlingen and attended Texas A&M Kingsville-University (TAMUK), where she majored in biology.

She worked as an eighth grade teacher at Coakley Middle School in Harlingen for four years before coming to PPAS.

"I found out about PPAS in a newspaper ad," she said. "My husband was in pharmacy school so he moved here and I needed a job. I chose to work half days so I could spend the afternoon with my daughter."

She started her fifth year as a teacher at PPAS, teaching Biology and Chemistry.

She said she likes PPAS because the students are respectful, the facilities are clean, and the teachers are friendly.

"I like my students. I think they are maturing properly--overall I like them."

Her hobbies are reading, eating chocolates and watching TV shows, she said. She is also the mother of one baby girl.



photo by Viviana Garcia ROBINA LOZANO SALGADO

What are your duties as vice president?

by Viviana Garcia

Last year I was class offi-

cer and this year I am vice

Staff Writer

president.

Bring new proposals of activities to the student body. More than that, I'm

in charge of the Recycling Program of plastic bottles, paper and cans.

Senior chosen as student of the month

by Daniel Victoria Staff Writer

Senior Terry Liang has been chosen as student of the month for March at Presbyterian Pan American School.

From Taiwan, Liang is in his last high school year. After four years spent at PPAS, he's ready to go out, start college and see what life has prepared for him.

"I have no feeling about it [being named student of the month] because I think I have not done my best yet" he said.

Liang, who turned 17 last year, came to PPAS because of its low tuition compared to other schools in the U.S. and also because he wanted to learn English and make new friends. His sister (Jenny Liang) who



was also a student at the school graduated two years ago.

"It was quite lonely for me when she left because we went to school together kids." since were

When Liang does not have to do homework or think about school, he likes watching movies in his room and playing basketball. Track field, cross-country, basketball, choir and yearbook are the activities he was also involved in these four years. Math class at Costal Bend College is his favorite class.

"I like it because it's really different from Pan Am's classes. People over there are more relaxed and the environment is more like college," he said.

Liang chose the University of Texas-Austin as the university 5 he would like to attend after graduation. Learning architecture design or becoming a recognized chef is the two things he would like to achieve.

As the last thing, Liang said to the underclassmen. 6. "Success is when you do something different from others".

Do you have enough time since you are a senior?

Yes; I have plenty of time to get my duties done.

Are you involved in any extracurricular activities?

Yes: Track and Field and last semester, I was a cheerleader and on the cross country team. I'm also a dual credit student.

Why do you think your class chose you as vice president?

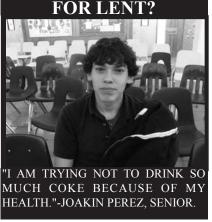
Maybe because I have been a member of student council for a year and they knew I could do a good job.

Is there anything special going on in Student Council?

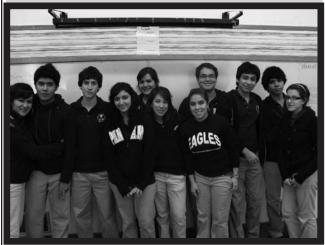
We are deciding what to do with the money that we have earned the past two years.

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Lent is a time to set goals

by Karla Gonzalez Staff Writer

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of fasting, or cleansing of the body and During lent, we recall when Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights in the wilderness, so, in the tradition of the Catholic Church, lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends in the evening of Holy Thursday. Now, what about it...? During lent, many people set goals to achieve at the end of certain period of time, but in most of the cases, the motivation for setting these goals is pure vanity.

rirst of all, what is Lent? Lent could be described

For example, eating more healthy foods and exercising daily in order to look good in a swimsuit and even though this is not a bad reason, it is very far apart from the whole meaning of "giving something up for lent".

During lent you don't just get rid of a bad habit, but you also try to fill its ■ and think ■ place with a good one.

For example, if you choose to give up arguing, it would also be a good choice of positive to decide to be nice to the people who usually treat you bad; and even though making these kind of choices is hard, in the end it is rewarding to know that you are making a little sacrifice in exchange for the greatest sacrifice that was actually made for you to be saved.

> Ok so... how do I start? First, think about the things that you know are not right in your life, the things that you really need to change, and think of positive ways to compensate for them.

Make a vow to manage your time better, to not be tardy to class or to give a little more attention to a class that you are struggling with.

In other words, try "ways to right your wrongs"; and from there, well, it is up to you.

beyond

Science teacher wins award

by Tania Rodriguez *Editor-in-Chief*

Edgar Ortega, Science teacher at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), was named Outstanding Teacher on February 23, 2010, at the Dick Kleberg Park (Recreational Building) in Kingsville.

The award was honored during the 11th Annual Conservation Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Kleberg-Kennedy Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) No. 356. Every year The Kleberg Kennedy SWCD Board of Directors selects different people in the counties that contribute to the conservation efforts.

"I was surprised and appreciative receiving this award. I'm grateful that my work towards teaching conservation is recognized because this is an important issue for me," Ortega said.

Ortega, for the second year in a row, helped and guided two PPAS students participate in this year's Water & Conservation Essay Contest.

Ortega graduated from Texas A&M University-Kingsville with a major in Agriculture Science and minor in Plant and Soil Science. Ortega has been a teacher at PPAS for the past three years.

He teaches Biology, Aquatic Science, Plant and Soil Science and Landscape Design and Construction. He is the ranch director and the 4 H Wood Shop Project Leader.

Besides teaching at PPAS, he works at the Plant Materials Center in Kingsville. Before teaching at PPAS, he worked there for three years and the past two summers. He is still working there where he is a technician aid and he helps with field duties such as transplanting and taking care of native plants.



photo by Tania Rodrigue

PPAS Science Teacher accepts his award at the banquet held on February 23, 2010.

Marine biology students visit Texas State Aquarium

by Ana Jimena Gonzalez Staff Writer

On March 19, all the Marine Biology in Science Teacher Edgar students Ortega's class of Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) went to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi. "The trip was fun and I could appreciate the marvels of the ocean that I learned in Aquatic Science class," said Liliana Hernandez, 16-year-old Eaglet II. "Although I don't like places that have animals enclosed. what I like the most was to be able to see all the different species of marine animals." I also learned that places like the aquarium are not only designed for entertainment but also to protect and study the organisms that live there, Hernandez said. "The purpose of this trip was to be

able to see diverse marine species that exist in our local waters," Ortega said, "and to watch and practice what we have learned through the year." We saw all the different types of fishes and all the theories we learned in class and we all had a good time together, said Mascorro, 17-year-old senior. My favorite part was when we touched the crabs and stingrays, she added. "The dolphins' show was my favorite part because all the dolphins were interesting," said Erick Luna, 17-year-old junior. In addition to a variety of marine animals, we saw eagles and otters and we interacted with all of them, Luna said.



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From left, Seniors Jesse Flores, Hugo Aguilar, Roberto Garza, Israel Gomez and Ruben Hernandez at the Texas State Aqarium on March 19 as part of a marine biology class field trip.

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Junior places first in hurdles at by Mauricio Saenz Rivera Track meet

Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan America School's (PPAS) track team participated in a meet in Riviera on March 13, where Christian Ortiz, 17 year old, placed 1st in hurdles.

"I felt confident until I saw the other runners, but I felt good winning first place. It showed that all my hard work is paying off," he said.

At this meet, there were 15 different schools participating and the PPAS track team had 50

They have been training since the beginning of January. The track members participated in different events such as 200-meter, 800-meter, 800 and 1600-meter relay, 300-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put and discus.

Ana Laura De Leon, junior, had a great turn out at this meet. She participated in triple jump, 100meter hurdles, 800-meter relay and 1600-meter relay.

"In the 1600-meter relay, I was very nervous but when I started to run, I calmed down," De Leon said. "I'm not totally proud, because I could do better in all my events."

Alfonso Ramos, Eaglet II, also had great results at this meet. He participated in high jump, 300-meter hurdles, 800-meter relay and 1600-meter relay.

"I'm proud of my results even though the players were tough," he said.

Coach Reili Cantu is proud of her team members, she said.

"I'm excited because their performance is pretty well so far, but it could always be better," Cantu said.

On March 20, the track team went to Texas A&M University-Kingsville to help at a college competition and on March 27, the team is competing at a meet in Ben Bolt. Cantu expects to have improvements in the performance of the team members for the next meet, she said.



Tania Rodriguez Eaglet 2 Eleazar Herrera competing in the 100-meter hurdles at the Riviera High School meet on March 13.

S. wins most medals in 2010 Olympics; Canada wins most gold with 26 by Jimena Hernandez

Managing Editor

The 21st Winter Olympics were held in Vancouver, Canada, with a budget of \$40 million for the closing and opening ceremonies. Approximately 2,500 participants competed in 15 sports and over 86 separate medal events with a total of 82 nations participating, according to www.nbc.com.

The purpose of the Olympics was "To inspire the World." This year events were marked as the first time that Olympic ceremonies were held indoors. Continuing with the Olympics traditions, they began with an elaborate opening ceremony held on February 12, 2010, at Stadium in Vancouver, British Columbia and the lighting of the Olympic cauldron.

The Olympic Torch Relay is the transfer of the Olympic flame from Ancient Olympia, Greece, where the first Olympic Games were held thousands of years ago, to the stadium of the city hosting the current Olympic Games.

The relay started its long Canada journey from the British Columbia capital of Victoria. In Canada, the torch traveled approximately 45,000 kilometers over 106 days, making it the longest relay route within one country in Olympic history.

The ceremonies began at 6:00 p.m. PST (9:00 p.m. EST) and were broadcast live on NBC as well as many other networks across the world. Fifteen winter sports events have been pronounced as part of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The eight sports categorized as ice sports are: bobsled, luge, skeleton, ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating, short track speed skating and curling.

The three sports categorized as alpine skiing and snowboarding events are: alpine, freestyle and snowboarding. The four sports categorized as Nordic events are: biathlon, cross country skiing, ski jumping and Nordic combined. The three countries that received more medals were the United States, Germany, and Canada. In first place with a total of 37 medals won was the United States, acquiring nine gold, 15 silver, and 13 bronze. In second place was Germany, with a total of 30 medals, with 10 gold, 13 silver, and 7 bronze. And in third place was Canada, with a total of 26 medals, the country that gained the most gold medals with 14, 7 silver, and 5 bronze ones.



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PPAS promotes "Pennies for Patients"

by Samuel Chavez Staff Writer

Since four years ago, Presbyterian Pan American School has participated in Pennies for Patients, a nation -wide campaign in which schools in the Unites States donate "Pennies" to cure Leukemia and several more.

Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma are the principal cure mission.

Pennies for Patients is available for kindergarten through high school. According to www. leukemia-lymphoma.org, it is a service learning program that saves lives. Students across the country bring spare change to school and donate it in honor of local student heroes who are blood cancer survivors.

Pennies for Patients started on March 12 and will last three weeks.

According to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Pennies for Patients builds character, teaches compassion and impacts your school community in a meaningful way.

The Student Council is in charge of the campaign.

"It's a good way for the students to worry about other people helping for a good cause and not just themselves," said Academic Counselor Ellie Perez.

The homeroom class that collects the most money will win a pizza party at PPAS.

"I think that Pennies for Patients is a good organization because it is going to help a lot of kids and it also gives hope to those kids for them to be able to continue and keep fighting for their future," said Eleazar Herrera, 16-year-old Eaglets II.

Cheol Jong Yoo, Eaglets II, said that he thinks Pennies for Patients does a good job because they help people with blood cancer.

"I already donated some money but I will try to save more so I can donate again," Yoo said. I think it is a worthy cause because it helps many people with cancer and also in recent research that they have done, a cure is almost found for this disease," said Don Turner, Student Council Advisor



photo by Samuel Chavez

PPAS kicked off the "Pennies for Patients" campaign on Friday, March 12. It will last three



From left, Paul Vilchez, Debora Hernandez and English III Teacher Lillian Johnston. Vilchez and Hernandez are donating their pennies to help cure Lieukemia.

Members of Grace Presbyterian in Corpus Christi visit PPAS students

by Carlos Gutierrez

Staff Writer

Korean members of Grace Presbyterian Korean Church in Corpus Christi came to the Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) campus to visit PPAS Korean students on March 5. The members plan to visit the students once a month on Fridays.

The church members and PPAS Korean students meet at the gym, where they spend time talking and participating in activities such as basketball, table games and computer games. The church members also bring Korean food when they visit.

"They are nice. They like to spend this time with us playing different games and also the Korean food such as kimchi and all the others are very delicious," said Eagles II Chan Yeong Kim, who helps organize the monthly activity.

Approved by Campus Life Director Albert Garcia, about four church members came on March 5. The activity began during one of the monthly trips that the PPAS Korean students make to attend service at Grace Presbyterian. It was arranged by one of the pastors when PPAS students showed their desire for interaction with other Koreans and food from home. Chan said.

"They are very kind because they brought us some Korean food because they know that we don't have it, and we want some," said Eaglet II Nam Kim.



A bonfire was held at PPAS on Friday, February 26. Students played games that encouraged teamwork, friendship and love.

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Taiwan Restaurant gets an A

by Daniel Victoria

Staff Writer

So, the newspaper staff got off campus. It took a little bit of time but at the end, we convinced Mrs. Gutierrez to take us away from our every-day scholastic environment. The class discussed for a while what to put on the Entertainment page of our school newspaper and in less than an hour we decided that we would do a restaurant review. The task now was what kind of food we would write about, light came to our minds and the answer was Asian food.

It's hard to believe that even in such a small town like Kingsville, there's cool places to eat at. Ryan, boys dorm's proctor, gave us part of his free time, took us in a bus and we all went to this small restaurant called Taiwan (yes, like Student of the Month Terry Liang's hometown). At first view from the outside, the place looks simple and plain but your opinion changes rapidly when you enter the cozy restaurant.

From the first moment you step foot in the place, your nose can feel the well-known Asian-food. We didn't have to wait for a table because it was just eleven o'clock in the morning and normal people usually don't eat raw, sticky fish at such early hours but well, you know that Pan Am students are always a special case.

So, we were seated right away. We were more than 10 hungry people and we were seated in a special L-shaped table, which is normally for hibachi, where everyone was able to see everyone else. We waited less than five minutes and a waitress was already giving us the menus and taking our drink orders. She asked us first for the kind of drinks



photo by Daniel Victori

The Rock-n-Roll for 10.95.

we would like to have. Quick advice: when eating Asian food, especially sushi, stay away from sodas and drinks full of calories and try the healthy green tea or at least ice tea. I asked for the House special fried rice which is a cool combination of shrimp, beef and chicken with the main ingredient obviously: fried rice for 6. 95 and the Rock-n-Roll (8 pieces of sushi) that is full of avocado, crab meat and cheese for 10.95. If you own a beast's stomach, you can have a choice of soup with your meal as well. The rest of the guys asked for other things like pepper steak, different types of sushi, rice and a little more rice. The only one who preferred the so American McDonald's happy meal was Mrs. Gutierrez daughter. Why? Maybe because she's too young to understand than raw fish is edible too.

We waited for our dishes more than we expected but it was worth it. All dishes were full of color, taste and best of all; they were full of food. While everybody ate, there was an expression on our faces that could not be described. We felt like almost in heaven having all those flavor mixed on our tongues, a change from what we are use to. We even discovered that members of the school's staff prefer Taiwan's. Want to know who? Go and ask Coach Reili Cantu, who was picking up something for lunch while we were there.

After you finish your whole plate (or your whole plates) you feel like you need to join track and run five miles at that exact moment. That might happen because your stomach is more than full, but full of good food.

When everybody was done, we went and paid. If you are considering visiting the restaurant, keep in mind that your wallet will need to have at least more than 10 dollars so you don't have to stay and wash the dishes. Even when you're leaving, the service is still good. They give you a fortune cookie that predicts your future (we know, it is very typical of Asian restaurants but we still love it). Best of all they tell you thank you.

What does Taiwan Restaurant deserve? Well, I'm not a restaurant reviewer but I would say an A+ or in this case more than 3 stars. The environment, the service and most important of all, the food are more than excellent. Our visit to the restaurant made us smile. We all had fun, our stomachs were happy and we were out of school. In conclusion, go to Taiwan, eat until your stomach smiles, run five miles and then go back.

Important dates and events that began in the month of March

■ by Karla Gonzalez Staff Writer

Did you ever wonder when straws were invented? Or when the first blood transfusion was practiced? Did you ever realize that it all could have happened on a day like today? Well, I bet some of the things that happened in the month of March are things that never crossed your mind. On March 1, 1962, the first K-Mart store opened its doors to the public; can you imagine the people's reaction? On March 2, 1923, was the debut of "Time Magazine"... yeah, I never thought of it, but it is that old. On March 3, 1915, what we all know now as "NASA" was created as the "National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics." On March 4, 1997, the senate of Brazil allowed women to wear pants for the first time, while women in America had been using them for years... can you believe it? On March 5, 1558, smoking tobacco was introduced to Europe; who would have thought it would become such a health problem later? On March 6, 1982, the loudest human shout was made by Susan Birmingham, which was as loud as a

jet engine or a rock concert (120 dB)... pretty loud right? On March 7, 1933, the game that we all have played at least once, "Monopoly" was invented. On March 8, 1911, the first International Women's Day was celebrated... so it has been celebrated for almost a hundred years now!; On March 9, 1562, kissing was banned in Naples, and the punishment for doing so was death... coming to think of it; being grounded doesn't sound that bad anymore, right? On March 10, 1876, the first phone call was made, and it was from Alexander Graham Bell to Thomas Watson, but what they said was not very interesting, not to us at least. On March 11, 1892, the first public basketball game was played in Springfield, Massachusetts. On March 12, 1970, the voting age in the U.S.A. was lowered from 21 to 18, but the drinking age remained the same. On March 13, 1925, Tennessee made it unlawful to teach evolution... had they discovered the truth? On March 14, 1995, was the first time that 13 people were in space. On March 17, 1762, was the first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York, which is now one of the most popular St. Patrick's Day

parade. On March 19, 1831, the first bank robbery in the U.S. occurred. On March 20, 1954, the first newspaper vending machine was used in Columbia Pennsylvania. On March 21, 1935, Persia was originally renamed Iran. On March 22, obligatory work for women ended in Belgium... probably because it is Women's month. On March 23, 1839, the term OK was used for the first time in Boston, Massachusetts; and we still use it today. On March 24, 1930, the planet Pluto was named... well... Pluto. On March 27, 1794, the U.S. Navy was formed. On March 28, 1866, the first ambulance went into service. On March 29, 1798, the Republic of Switzerland was formed. On March 30, 1932, Amelia Earhart was the 1st woman to fly by herself across the Atlantic... well, March is called Women's month for a reason; and finally, on March 31, 1967, was the first time that Jimi Hendrix burned his guitar during a show in London... what later would become his personal signature... and if you don't know who Jimi Hendrix is... well, you won't understand.