

If I were normal

by Bridgette Corrales

Writing this column in New York, typing it in Connecticut, and you're reading it in Pennsylvania...is it any wonder when the question "Where the heck is she now?" arises. Friends when I tell you my life is a five ring circus-believe me. Every family member has their own ring and as chauffeur, cook, maid, tailor, companion, etc.etc. I share their enthusiasm, but lately I find I'm getting old for all this excitement. If it's not one award dinner, it's another. If it's not one exciting ballgame, it's another. When I grow up I'm going to be a zoo keeper. Keep the animals fed, clean, healthy, but under lock and key!!!

Now let me see what I missed last week...Oh Daniel Dembrowski celebrated his 11 birthday, May 20; Carol Hession, May 22; Gino Mattioli, May 23 and Barbara Strazdus, May 24. Happy birthday people.

Anniversary greetings to Bill and Irene Michaels, May 20; Walt and Carol Blejwas, May 27 and Ed and Marge Janosik, May 27.

I understand the Election Polls at Idetown was almost reserved-you know quiet, business like. Now that's hard to believe because with Tom Smith and his side kick Roger Phillips on the scene, how could anything go right.

Roger managed to throw away his car keys in the garbage pail and needed the F.B.I. to locate them. Tom was trying to behave...it lasted the three minutes it took him to vote. So much for a reserved election.

Our congratulations to Pete Tomaselli for receiving Summa Cum Laude grades at King's College.

Nice to see the Johnson family, Noel, Kay, Mark and Matthew former neighbors of Hemlock Drive, visiting the Osbornes this weekend and the Mitchells, Fred, Dolores, Donna and Bryan of Philadelphia spending time with the Iwanowski's.

Thursday, Gate of Heaven's Annual Birthday Tea, sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society was a huge success.

Happy birthday greetings to Ricki Ritts, May 25; Ann Boyle, May 28; Tom (The Cruiser) Smith, May 27 and Carol Smith, May 27.

Proud to report that number one son, Louis received the Most Valuable Player Award at Bishop O'Reilly's Award Banquet. Then to open the newspaper and read he made the starting line up for the East-West All Star game and honorable mention for the Sunday Independent All Star Team. Talk about excitement...

Sorry to learn that Robert Callahan is a surgical patient with a

broken nose.

Just answered the phone and I'm sorry I was home...Next week May 31, Louis is graduating from Bishop O'Reilly and the following Monday, our Adele from Gate of Heaven School. We haven't sent out one invite yet and already I have filled every bed and carpet space available in our home and several rooms at a local motel. Some of our family are coming next weekend and staying till the following weekend. Do I have to tell you what will go on. I have already doubled my intake of vitamins, planned the menu and informed Retreat to have several wards ready.

Almost forgot...May 28 Vin and I honored our 20th wedding anniversary...Could you believe 20 years! Vin says after awhile the body is numb. Take for instance several weeks ago - we received a complimentary pass to a restaurant in town. "Present this pass and receive complete meal for family." Terrific, we drove to town, ordered up a storm, then I find out I left the 'pass' on my kitchen table. All Vin could say as he shook his head, "I should have known, we passed at least five family restaurants to get here, then end up paying \$36.00 for hamburgers. Bridgette you're a joy."

"Happy anniversary love - if I were normal I would be boring!!!"

By way of thanking those who have supported the Pennsylvania Prison Runathon, I would like to share the following letter which I received from one of the inmate participants:

Dear Marie:
I grew up as an only child. At about age 10 I had reached the point where I could no longer relate to my parents.

I took to the streets!
At age 13 I went to my just reform school!

I learned how to lie and steal.
At age 15 I went to another reform school. I learned to blame everyone

for my problems except me.

At age 16 I went to Camp Hill for 2 years. I learned how to become a complete loser.

At age 19 a judge sentenced me to Life Imprisonment.

I'm now almost 37 and still serving the Life Sentence.

I was thankful for the opportunity to help coordinate the Runathon here at Dallas. I realize how important the cause was.

Alternatives to Imprisonment for Youth is a wonderful project.

I don't know if an alternative in my day would have saved me--and others like me.

But we never got the chance.

We went from the street corners to Juvenile Institutions and on to the penitentiary.

A wasteful lifestyle!
Being able to help with the Runathon was a special part of my life.

The kids are our Future Society. Imprisonment destroys kids. And thru imprisoning kids society helps to destroy itself.

To all the outside people who helped get this Runathon together, I send a strong Thank You!

I hope it becomes an annual project.

Of course, I hope I'm not here for many more Runathons; but even if I'm not, I'd like to be involved somehow.

The sentiments I express are not unique to me. There are many imprisoned men with similar experiences and who feel the same about the Runathon.

Thanks again for the opportunity to help.

Yours truly,
David Brown
SCI Dallas

Possibly the first event of its kind in our nation, the joint effort by institution staff, community and inmates in the Dallas, Muncy, Rockview, Graterford, Mercer, and Greensburg prisons on May 9 was to support seven community-based alternative-to-prison programs throughout the Commonwealth. Individuals may say "yes" to this event by sending a contribution to "Pennsylvania Prison Runathon" c/o Voluntary Action Center, 427 S. Allen Street, State College, Pa. 16801 before June 1, 1981.

Marie Hamilton, Chairman
Pa. Prison Runathon
Sponsor Coordination Committee

GROSSMAN

NE Pa. makes progress

by Howard J. Grossman

For over 15 years Northeastern Pennsylvania, despite a wide range of problems and issues such as floods, railroad cutbacks, energy shortfalls, and other issues, has made progress in economic revitalization. This, despite 10 percent unemployment rates, means that the near 20 percent unemployment rates of the 1950's have been sharply cut, and while much more progress is needed, the problems could have been much worse. Now, a new threat is on the horizon which could totally unravel the economic lifestyle of Northeastern Pennsylvania and many regions of the country. The Reagan Administration has proposed the total cutback and elimination of the very programs at the federal level which allowed the 20 percent unemployment rate to be cut in half. These are, among others, the Appalachian Regional Development Program, the Economic Development Administration Program, programs of the Farmers Home Administration, and many others. Justification to these cutbacks has not been made through any objective analysis, but has been thrown together in a scattergun fashion under the theory that tax incentives and private industry can accomplish all that these programs permitted in the past. In point of

fact, if it were not for the above federal programmatic efforts, the unemployment rate in Northeastern Pennsylvania would not be 10 percent today, but would be nearer 15 or 16 percent. Every economic project of importance to Northeastern Pennsylvania has come about as the result of not only dedicated local effort and financial commitment, but the monies at the federal level.

The Reagan Administration has announced its goals of sharply cutting back the federal budget with the announced dedication to cut inflation. In fact, however, cutting the federal budget has very little, if any, to do with cutting the inflation rate. It registers a symbol perhaps that government should control its expenditures; and this is important. It does not, however, have any significant impact on cutting the inflation rate. Inflation is markedly demonstrated through higher prices for oil and other energy sources, higher interest rates for housing, and much more. If anything, the very first key move made by the Reagan Administration was to decontrol oil prices which increased inflation and caused the very next day a significant increase in gasoline prices.

There is a strong need to rally the forces concerned with economic

revitalization and to make sure the programs which have been of maximum benefit to Northeastern Pennsylvania can be substantially retained. No one argues the need to control governmental expenditures and to support cutbacks which will not adversely affect the economic future of economically deprived areas of the nation. Too much of our economic future, however, rests with the continuation of these kinds of programs, and in fact, their expansion as appropriate. In Northeastern Pennsylvania, many excellent projects depend upon the availability of these funds, since local governments and the private sector cannot provide the resources necessary to construct the infrastructure and other elements which are important to our economic future.

The Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP) is mounting campaign to organize an effort to preserve those programs of significant importance to Northeastern Pennsylvania. All those concerned with the economic future of this region should join in a total and effort to guarantee the retention of these important programs. Further information can be obtained by writing the Economic Development Council, Box 777, Avoca, PA 16641.

ONLY YESTERDAY

50 years ago-May 22, 1931

Fourteen Boy Scouts from Dallas Troop 281 camp overnight at Perrin's Marsh. Accompanied by Scoutmaster Russell Weaver and Assistant Scoutmaster Leonard

Machell, the boys pitched tents, cooked their own dinner and worked on passing their swimming tests.

Elwood Elston is elected police chief of Dallas Borough at a salary of \$125 a month.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE-Dallas Legionnaires lead the Memorial Parade from the Post Home to the Honor Roll in the center of Dallas. Leading are Ed Buckley, director; Edward Lyonds, Post commander; Marion Kumignis, auxiliary president; and Dr. Mahmood Fahmy, guest speaker. (Mark Moran Photo)

Overbrook Avenue residents protest bar

Residents of East Overbrook Avenue appeared at the Dallas Township bi-monthly meeting last week to voice their complaints about the local bar, David's Place.

They presented a petition representing nine home owners objecting to the deplorable conditions and noise from inside and outside the bar. Many other complaints not on the petition were voiced by those present.

The bar features live music which also contributes to the unsavory problem. Activities outside of the bar by patrons was a major factor for the petition being presented.

According to the group, the bar has been cited twice by the LCB and

fined. Supervisor Frank Wagner said that he would go to the LCB and see what could be accomplished.

According to Solicitor Frank Townend, it would be advisable for them to file separate "public nuisance" complaints with the local District Justice Earl Gregory.

Following the supervisors meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board denied Joseph Schroeders a special exception to build a 20-unit apartment complex on Route 309, adjacent to the Brookfield Apartments, which Schroeders also owns.

The denial was based on the rule that apartments or town houses are not allowed in an A-1 area. The complex was to be built on one acre.

A Day with Debbie

by Debbie Z

It was neat, exhilarating, exuberating, fantastic, wonderful, super-terrific. What am I talking about? My adventure last Wednesday at Royal Courts to learn to play racketball with Mary and Jackie from the New York Connection. At first I had some doubts and didn't think I'd get up the courage to go, but once I got there I didn't want to leave. After Jackie explained the basics, Mary gave me a few more pointers and then we played "cut throat". Don't ask me who did the best, because those two girls play like pros, but I had an experience too good for words. When I find some time again, I just might get started with the sport on a regular basis. (If I can ever find the time.)

Other neat things I did included the Sweet Valley Fair where I heard the band "Quotation". This is a bunch of guys from Lehman who had enough ambition to form a band, and Monday they made their first debut. The band consists of Rich Werhun, lead guitar; singer, Mike Buno; drummer Randy Barski, Steve Barski, keyboard; Charlie Kasko, bass guitar; Tom Walsh, guitar; and John Kasko, technician. I have a feeling that after their first performance, they will have many more to go before retirement. And I'll give you a tip for next weekend--they'll be at the

Jackson Township Bazaar at Konefal's Grove in Chase.

I saw Jan, the TV man, from Back Mountain TV and Appliance on Main Street. I really didn't believe Jan was serious about his Back Mountain "Jewelcor", but he can, and will order anything you need from his catalog. Since my hair dryer blew out, I'm going to give Jan's catalog a shot, and order the Norelco Blower Dryer (which is featured in this week's ad). I figured why should I go down to the city to buy the same thing I can get in Dallas for the same price. Right?--Right!

Now that Jane's packing for her trip, I'm deciding if I'll be depressed when she'll be gone or not. (I'll let you know after she calls me and reverses the charges.)

I was reading where the Back Mountain Library Auction is getting ready for this year. I still have an antique drawing that I bid on last year. I figure it will be the first and only thing I'll have hanging on my wall when I move out. (The things I do to support a worthwhile organization) I do hope you will be there, and don't forget to throw your garbage in the cans, (I might be helping Mr. P. on the clean-up committee, and I don't want to be cleaning up "yuk.")

Congratulations are in order for Lake-Lehman students this week, who will graduate on June 5. I want

to personally wish each of them success in their future endeavors.

What else is new, you want to know. I'm not quite sure yet. I've decided that I had better write everything down that happens in order to remember it when the time comes.

I think I'm in the mood for traveling soon. (I mean some sort of vacation), but I just can't put my finger on the place I'd like to go. I sort of want to go to California, but I don't have the bucks, and I'd even settle for a week off just for some R and R, but I'm not sure a week off work is worth it. Hopefully, though, I will go somewhere by August. In the meantime if anyone needs someone to help them on their trip...

Who should I give the "Hi" of the week to this week? Well, this took some thinking, but I've decided, and this week it goes to my good friend from high school, Rose Mary Zbiek. I saw Rose in Sweet Valley and she hasn't changed. So Rose, this "hi" is for you.

Did you ever feel like you're forgetting something? Well, that's exactly how I feel right now, but I've got to wrap up things for the week, and what's down is down and what's not--tough bananas! Until next week have a nice and easy, take it easy week.

Pennsylvania Action Line

tion is reduced by only half the amount of a pension instead of all of it. Why isn't the law the same here?

--W.J. McA., Catawissa

ANSWER: Pennsylvania's unemployment compensation program has been so liberal that it's deep in debt. Last year the law was changed to increase the tax levied on employers and tighten up on benefits. One of the tighter rules is that payments are reduced, dollar-for-dollar, up to the amount of any pension the claimant is receiving.

Complaints to lawmakers have resulted, and there are now several bills under consideration which re-

duce those complaints. One proposal is that the reduction be half the amount of the pension, as in New York and New Jersey. Other bills would eliminate the pension reduction entirely.

This is a thorny issue that will be studied and debated, so no change in the law can be expected until later this year, if then. It's the kind of thing lawmakers traditionally act on late in a session, when time for re-election approaches.

QUESTION: I'm 77 and get Social Security along with my husband. I never had a job that gave me

enough credits to qualify for a pension on my own. If I outlive my husband, will I get anything then?

--Mrs. A.N., Erie

ANSWER: Yes. Unless there are other people entitled to benefits on your husband's account, so that the family maximum comes into play, your pension now is half as much as his. If he should die before you, the allowance to you as a widow will increase to the amount he is entitled to. That full pension allowance may be reduced in certain circumstances, due to factors not mentioned in your letter.

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