



# Commentary



Editor's notes

## A little of this... ...a little of that

A VERY TRAUMATIC THING happened to me this past weekend - I turned 30.

Thirty? I can't believe it! Gosh, I remember when 30 seemed ancient. I can still remember sitting through the Saturday afternoon matinees at the old Wyoming Theatre, anxiously awaiting the day I would be old enough to go to the movies on Saturday night. Now, I'm lucky if I can stay awake late enough to go to an evening movie - and I'm talking about the early show, too.

For those of you who have already passed the "30" milestone in your lives, you know the feeling that came over me this weekend. And, for those of you who have not yet reached the big 3-0, I'm warning you. There is a definite feeling of depression that accompanies those two numbers.

I thought nothing of my 29th birthday even when I spoke of the next one being the big one. I didn't feel a whole lot different when I turned 29, except maybe for a few new aches and pains that won't allow me to stand up straight for about two hours after I get out of bed in the morning.



DOTTY MARTIN

Then, about three or four weeks ago, I found myself staring into the bathroom mirror in the morning, looking for gray hairs. And, about two weeks ago, I realized I was spending an awful lot of time looking at the top of my head in the rearview mirror of my car - searching out those blasted gray hairs.

I remember somebody once telling me that if you pluck a gray hair from your head, two more will replace it rather quickly. I don't know if that's true or not, but I do find myself pulling those little gray buggers.

I suppose, though, it won't be too long before I won't be able to pull the gray hairs as they will begin to take over the brown ones.

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I KNEW I WAS A MEMBER of the "other generation" when I pulled up alongside a souped-up old Mustang at a red light the other day and the person (for lack of knowing its true identity) driving it was bopping around to the tune of Cindi Lauper or Boy George - or one of the two, anyway.

I suddenly noticed the tune on my car radio was that of Nat King Cole and "Ramblin' Rose" (the same tune that used to be played before the Saturday afternoon matinee at the old Wyoming Theatre.) I knew I didn't stand a chance communicating with today's generation when I realized I was singing along with Mr. Cole - and getting all the words right, to boot!

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IT'S FUNNY how those around you react to your turning 30. My father's gift to me was Cable TV so I could sit and enjoy more television programs than ever before. Until now I was one of those people who could never find enough time to just sit and watch TV. Things may be different now, though, since Dad is making the simple art of lounging

around even more enjoyable.

My stepsister, Susan, found it necessary to buy me an exercise bicycle for this birthday. As my roommate, also, I guess she's tired of hearing me complain about my poor physical condition. Susan, who is all of 27, feels it's high time I do something with myself because, of course, I'm not getting any younger, you know.

At about the same time Susan was buying me an exercise bike to allow me the opportunity to get back into the shape I was in when I was 17, a nasty rumor began to circulate around our office. That rumor had me tagged as a "chocoloholic," which, according to Webster, is a person who can overdose on chocolate with no side effects whatsoever.

So, all the members of the staff who wanted to acknowledge my birthday, bought me chocolate. And, now I have enough chocolate to last another 30 years.

I wonder how strange I would look if I peddled the exercise bicycle and munched on the ears of a chocolate bunny at the same time? Then, if I want to get real clever, I can rig up a mirror to the handlebars of the bike and pull gray hairs between bites. Maybe I can even have the sound of Nat King Cole pumped into the exercise room. My, I am getting clever in my old age, aren't I?

ACTUALLY, I guess it's not so bad being 30 after all. Most of my friends are over 30 and they're not so bad. There are, of course, those members of the younger generation who have not yet had the experience of having to say they are 30 years old and continue to sit back and snicker at those of us who must admit our age. They'll get their day, though, and those of us who are already over the hill are going to let them have it, aren't we? (You can bet on that, Jean.)

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YOU TEND TO BECOME SENTIMENTAL as you get older and, along those lines, comes the fact that as you get older, you always manage to meet new people and learn new things about people you've known for a long time. That's what makes getting older a rather unique experience because there are so many wonderful people in this world and the more time you have, the more people you meet.

In that case, I would like to thank all those people who have tried their darndest to make my 30th birthday easier for me to take by being as understanding about it as they possibly could.

Now that it's all over, I hope you'll all stop looking at me as if I have some kind of disease. It's not a disease - it's the 30-year-old syndrome that I suffer from and I'm darn proud of it - just don't expect me to quit plucking those gray hairs that are popping up faster than I'd like them to.

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HATS OFF to Katyl's TV of Dallas and Back Mountain Hardware Store in Dallas for their support of the Ronald McDonald House in Akron, Ohio.

Both Back Mountain businesses made donations to a recent fund-raising project conducted to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House which is a house that allows parents of cancer-stricken children a place to stay while their children are in the hospital.



## REMEMBERING

### St. Paul's Auxiliary

Shown here are members of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women's Auxiliary. The date of the photo is unknown. (Thanks to Irene Monk for the use of the photo.)

## Only yesterday

# Dr. Henry Laing Fire Co. presents 'Aren't We All'

50 YEARS AGO - MARCH 15, 1935

Malcolm Thompson, Ralph H. Rood, Clyde N. Lapp, Margaret Thomas, Fred Eck and Carl Hontz were among the cast members of the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company production of "Aren't We All". Arlene Rood was director of the comedy.

A lecture, "The Treasure Chest of China" was presented by Kenneth E. Foster at a meeting of Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher Association.

You could get - Chuck roast 22c lb.; pork chops 25c lb.; ground beef and pork 2 lb. 37c; oranges 37c doz.; fresh peas 3 lb. 25c; stewing oysters 3 doz. 25c; jelly eggs 10c lb.; Red Circle Coffee 21c lb.; eggs 27c doz.

40 YEARS AGO - MARCH 16, 1945

Two Dallas Twp., brothers, Sgt. Joseph and Pfc. Nicholas Stredny, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Stredny, met for the first time in 19 months in Italy. The brothers were stationed more than 400 miles apart, but were able to meet with some help from the Red Cross field director.

Oneida Lodge No. 371, I.O.O.F. voted to lease the old Ritter paint shop to the Teen-Age Committee for an annual rental of \$1 per year. It was hoped that a Teen-Age House could be organized in that building for the youth of Dallas.

Married - Dorothy Mae Kitchen to Petty Officer First Class Byron Atkinson.

Deaths - Henry M. Franke, Trucksville. You could get - Sirloin steak 34c lb.; chuck roast 26c lb.; macerel 17c lb.; broccoli 25c bunch; 2 lb. table salt 6c; seedless raisins 10c pkg. 4 bars Ivory soap 23c; lg. pkg. Oxydol 23c; oranges 43c doz.; tomatoes 25c cello pkg.

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH 18, 1955

Fred Pierce Corson, Resident Bishop of Philadelphia, dedicated 16 memorial stained glass windows, a feature of a recent remodeling and redecoration of the edifice at Noxen Methodist Church. Bishop Corson was the first bishop to occupy the cathedral chair in the sanctuary.

Hundreds of area residents were on hand for the opening of the Shavertown branch of Wyoming National Bank. Participating in the program were radio and television station WBRE's Franklin Coslett, Ralph Sands, president of Kingston Township supervisors, Judge W. Alfred Valentine, chairman of the board of Wyoming National Bank. Any new account opened that day was credited one extra dollar.

Engaged - Gertrude McMichael to Nesbitt F. Moore; Wahnetta Evans to William Berti; Beverly Ann Gorey to Kenneth Inman; Jane Boice to Jerry Elston.

Married - Mabel Lewis to Robert Shaver; Irma Meyers to Earl T. Chamberlain.

Deaths - Katherine Letson, Trucksville; Grace Sharpe Bevan, Overbrook Road; Helen G. Smith, Idetown.

You could get - Chuck roast 35c lb.; veal roast 49c lb.; pollock fillet 19c lb.; mushroom 35c lb.; carrots 2 cello pkg. 19c; white American cheese 2 lb. loaf 93c; pt. bottle Kraft oil 36c; Campbell's soup 3-51.

20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 18, 1965

Lehman Township supervisors organized an official zoning committee. Members were B.C. Banks, Sheldon Cave, William Cole, Hugh Keating and Gilbert Tough.

Bill Robbins, local sportsman from Trucksville presented 14 of his choice trout fishing flies to Chet Huntley when the well known NBC news commentator appeared at the Jewish Community Center. Huntley was an avid fisherman.

Married - Donna Parish and Russell Scott, Jr. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Lance Harris, Stonecrest, Pa., 50 years.

Deaths - Lillian Philo, Bunker Hill; Kenneth W. Traver, Evans Falls; Clark Race, Centermoreland; Stanley Simon, Shavertown; Mae Ide, Dallas.

You could get - Smoked pork chops 79c lb.; bacon 59c lb.; sausage 39c lb.; liverwurst 39c lb.; oranges 49c 4 lb. bag; asparagus 39c lb.; mushrooms 49c lb.; cream cheese 3 oz. 10c; Crisco shortening 3 lb. can 89c; Sioux Bee honey 39c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 27, 1975

Dallas School Board passed a resolution to sell the Shavertown Elementary School building and grounds.

Wendy Lee, teacher at Dallas Senior High School, was appointed by the American Institute for Foreign Study, Greenwich, Conn., to accompany a group of students to Europe for summer school at the University of Salamanca in Spain. The group would also visit Paris, Seville, Granada, Torremolinos and Malaga.

Deaths - Clarence F. Cook, Beaumont; Walter C. Pilger, Beaumont; Francis Weiss, Jr., Dallas; John D. Brannon, Dallas.

You could get - Chicken legs 59c lb.; kohlbass 1.39 lb.; bacon \$1.29 lb.; 8-16 oz. bottles Coca Cola \$1.09; 100 size Tetley Tea bags \$1.39; Soft Parkay 1 lb. bowl 69c; carrots 2 pkg. 39c; 5 lb. Idaho potatoes 59c.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

Wow! Terrific! Delightful! Beautiful! Gorgeous! Very nice! What a change! These are just a few of the things people have said as they first walked through the front doors of the new Back Mountain Memorial Library at 96 Huntsville Road.

The ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday morning was well attended despite the snowy weather, and the festive atmosphere was just overwhelming. Each day when I walk through the front doors, I feel the same way.

This building is indeed an improvement over the former library buildings and is right now a unique facility in the education field and should continue to become even more needed and used through the years. Come in and get acquainted with your new library soon!

A pink ribbon was used in the opening ceremonies and this ribbon is now rolled neatly and stored awaiting the library auction when it will probably appear as a sale item across the auction block. The pink ribbon blends with the color decor of the new interior.

The snow on Monday for the opening day was a bit of a disappointment as it cut down on the amount of attendance, however, we are very grateful that during the two weeks we were moving into the new building, neither snow or rain fell on the workers, the equipment or the books.

We will be showing in our display case at the library for the next four weeks the collection of bolo ties loaned by George Jenkins of Dallas. There are 22 different ties, made from fancy stones or special pieces. These are set up beautifully and make an interesting display.

The Book Club of the library will meet in the staff room at the library on Monday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m. with Mrs. Crump presiding at the business meeting. Guests are welcome to attend.

Becky Shuster of Dallas signed out the first book from the new library on Monday and Amy and Anna Lloyd took out the first children's books.

Our forgiveness weeks will continue through March 16 and no overdue charges will be charged on returned books. A few missing books returned were The Feingold cookbook for hyperactive children that was due on May 23, 1980 and a children's book; Nate the great goes undercover that was due on February 2, 1981. We are happy to have these books back in the library.

National Library Week 1985 will be held April 14 through 20. To celebrate libraries, the ALA Public Information Office will ask President Reagan to proclaim National Library Week.

In conjunction with NLW 1985, the library is co-sponsoring a photography contest with The Dallas Post to invite amateur photographers to participate in a Nation of Readers to celebrate reading in America. Information about the contest can be obtained at the library or at The Dallas Post.

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded in different categories.

## STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

Here is a summary of important events that occurred on Capitol Hill last week from: Rep. Frank Coslett, 120th Legislative District.

**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** members were told that the state could save \$900,000 annually if welfare recipients would buy generic prescription drugs, instead of the more costly name-brand products. Testifying at the committee's budget hearings, a Welfare Department spokesman said a plan is in the works to reduce the amount the state spends on drugs. The department intends to develop a list of prices the state will pay for specific drugs. Under existing policy, the state pays whatever prices drug companies charge for their products, the spokesman said. Once the pricing structure is in place, it's believed pharmacists will generally dispense less costly drugs to welfare recipients in order to recover a greater portion of the cost.

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**IMPROVING STATE** laws in the area of child abuse and sexual exploitation is the purpose of a new bipartisan House caucus. Rep. James C. Greenwood (R-Bucks) announced the group's formation saying it would "help lawmakers focus their attention on issues deemed most crucial to the well-being of children." He said the caucus would serve child advocates by bringing their views to the attention of the Legislature. It would also review the state budget effect on the needs of children and provide a forum to analyze legislative proposals.

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**COMMUNITY COLLEGES** in Pennsylvania could receive increased state funding for establishing educational programs designed to meet Pennsylvania's job training and economic development needs. Under a measure proposed by Rep. Alvin C. Bush (R-Lycum), the state's 14 community colleges would receive increased state money depending on the type of course offered and the number of students enrolled.

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# OPINION

## Happy birthday, Girl Scouts!

The popular image of a typical Girl Scout of just a generation ago would bear only a slight resemblance to the Girl Scout of 1985.

Today's Girl Scouts are mastering computer technology, learning about the environment and the ecological balance, exploring the universe by telescope and getting on-the-job training through Girl Scouting's career education projects.

It's a full, rich life for Girl Scouts in the 1980s. But girls will still be girls. So, in all those exciting ventures the accent is still on plain old, girl-size FUN!

In fact, the theme for Girl Scout Week this year - March 10 to 16 - is "The Best Part's the Fun."

It reminds us that, in Girl Scouting, "fun" is still number one! It's the lure that continues to bring millions of girls into Girl Scouting's worlds of new discoveries, expanded personal horizons, community service and happy friendships.

During Girl Scout Week, we're reminded, too, that Girl Scouting's value-centered program is still helping girls grow up to be happy, strong, contributing citizens.

That makes this special week a time for all citizens, in communities across the U.S.A., to salute the Girl Scouts for the enrichment they add

to girls' lives - and for never forgetting that "The Best Part's the Fun."

Happy birthday, Girl Scouts, and best wishes for another 73 years of growth and progress.

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# LETTERS

## Postal officer grateful

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to personally thank you for the beautiful picture and wonderful article in last week's edition of The Dallas Post (on the retirement of Charles Lamoreaux from the Dallas Post Office.)

Your fine publicity and coopera-

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