

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

LITTLE MICHELLE PRIBULA sure was a big hit on the front page of our paper last week.

Michelle, who was captured by Dallas Post photographer Ed Campbell at the Dallas Kiwanis Halloween Parade last Sunday, certainly received a lot of comments — and compliments — from readers of The Dallas Post.

Why, I know some people who even cut her picture out and taped it to their refrigerator doors — and they don't even know Michelle or her family.

Michelle, however, is just the epitome of what Halloween is all about — a six-month-old child dressing up in her Halloween costume and grinning from ear to ear — was just a refreshing Halloween sight that Michelle simply managed to capture the hearts of thousands.

Thanks, Michelle, for being such a beautiful individual. You sure made a lot of our readers happy.

SPEAKING OF HALLOWEEN, what a disappointment it was this year!

I am not one to dress up in a costume or go to Halloween parties or anything like that, but I do like to sit and enjoy the trick-or-treaters that come to my house. And, although this was the first year in quite a while that I managed to be home on Halloween night, I was looking forward to the little ones who come trick-or-treating.

I was, however, rather disappointed not only at the small numbers of costumed creatures this year, but also at the conduct of those who did come ringing my doorbell.

Gone were the Halloween songs, the Halloween riddles and even the Halloween dances. Instead, we heard jokes, jokes and more jokes. And, they weren't even Halloween-related jokes, they were jokes about Rock Hudson, the Ethiopians and those less fortunate than ourselves.

I couldn't help but remember the days of trick-or-treating when you had to wait in line at some houses because there were several groups of children ahead of you. I couldn't help but recall the streets of our neighborhood being literally lined with costumed children and I couldn't help but remember the time and effort my parents put into making Halloween a fun time, not only for my brother and me, but also for all the neighborhood kids who came calling at our door.

This year, there was only one group of trick-or-treaters who were accompanied by their mothers. And, the mothers were carrying flashlights, coats and anything else the children might need while they were parading around the neighborhood. Now, that's what Halloween really is all about — togetherness first and good light-hearted fun second.

Needless to say, however, my disappointment in this year's Halloween crusade was such that I will probably make it a point to go out next year.

ALONG THE LINES OF CHANGING TIMES, some of the people in this day and age who didn't grow up with high technology may have

some difficult getting used to it.

Just ask our production manager who threw away a clock because it didn't work in her photo darkroom. What she didn't realize was that the clock is a solar clock and needs light to operate properly. And, of course, since a darkroom is just that, the clock wasn't getting the proper light to make it work correctly.

Fortunately, the clock was resurrected from the garbage can in time to explain its functions to the production manager so that it can now be used effectively.

Just one more high technology phase of our lives we're all going to have to get used to.

I LOVE THESE NEWFANGLED ITEMS that some companies have the nerve to put on the market. However, it may not be the nerve of the companies, but rather the nerve of the individuals who are gullible enough to believe the advertisements and naive enough to purchase the products.

The newest one I enjoy are these advertisements for a self-administered sobriety test kit. What a person has to do is operate this kit (and I'm not sure exactly how it works) prior to getting behind the wheel of an automobile. The object of the sobriety kit is to inform the individual using it whether he or she is too drunk to drive an automobile.

Now, do you really believe that a person who is actually too intoxicated to drive a car is going to have the presence of mind to pull out his hand-dandy sobriety kit and test his own level of sobriety?

The effectiveness of good advertising professionals continues to slay me as they can talk the American public into spending a dollar on the craziest things.

HERE'S A NEW ONE - I had a phone call from a good friend the other day who proceeded to invite me to a Pearl Harbor Day party. That's right — a Pearl Harbor Day party.

You guessed it — the party is being held on December 7 so the hosts and hostesses are calling it a Pearl Harbor Day party.

The only problem I have with attending a party like that is that I don't have a blessed thing to wear — any suggestions?

HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAY WISHES go out to my stepmother, Laura Martin, who celebrated her special day on Sunday, November 3.

How did Laura spend the day? By working at her job as a nurses assistant at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Now, that's dedication, isn't it?

ONE OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS has me believing I bought a lottery ticket from him several weeks ago and I am holding the winning number. The only problem is that I can't find the ticket.

Now, this gentleman is telling me this ticket is worth \$200 and he's sure I bought the winning ticket from him. Well, you can only imagine how many wastebaskets and desk drawers I have torn apart looking for this darn ticket, all to no avail.

The problem now is that I don't feel like I had a chance to win \$200 - I feel like I lost \$200. And, believe me, that's worse yet!



REMEMBERING

Old Acme store

Shown here are employees of the old Acme store in Dallas. From left, Daniel Richard and Frank Sedler.

Only yesterday

Lake Township Demos lose to stronger GOPs

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 6, 1935

An aggressive Democratic slate lost to a stronger Republican organization at Lake Township where one of the most heated contests in that section's history had occurred. Russell Hoover was elected school director; Cornelius Smith, supervisor; Ernest Baer, auditor; George Searfoss, director; A.R. Koche, constable.

A provision to permit the sale of malt and brew beverages in Noxen was defeated by popular vote.

Engaged - Margaret Thomas to Thomas B. Robinson.

Married - Sylvia Ann Scouton to James W. Shapert; Ann M. Lopuchovsky and Kenneth Zimmerman.

Deaths - Mrs. Bertha Keating, Harveys Lake; A.F. Wolf, Conyngham.

You could get - Stewing chickens 25c lb.; pork loin 23c lb.; chuck roast 15c lb.; 10X sugar 7c lb. bag; Del Monte crushed pineapple 2 cans 25c; cranberry sauce 17c; stewing oysters 4 doz. 29c; Maxwell House Coffee 29c lb. can.

40 YEARS AGO - NOV. 9, 1945
To accommodate the rapid influx of boarding students at College Misericordia, two new dormitories were constructed. F.J. Cuppels was building contractor for the project.

Lake Township High School was the latest victim in a string of robberies that have been carried out during the past 24 months on 24 rural schools within a 45-mile radius. One hundred twenty six dollars was stolen from Lake Township's milk fund.

Engaged - Ruth Scott to Willard Rogers.
Deaths - Emma Anderson, Trucksville; Fred A. Deets, Beaumont; Jennie VanValkenburg, formerly of Shavertown; John Hopple, Dallas.

You could get - Chickens 41c lb.; beef chuck roast 26c lb.; fruit cake 2 lb. cake \$1.29; Crisco 3 lb. 69c; Ivory soap 3 guest size bars 14c; Sunshine Graham Crackers 19c lb.; tomato soup 46 oz. can 21c; bottled lemon juice 9c.

30 YEARS AGO - NOV. 11, 1955
In one of the hottest political contests on record, Ross Township turned in the only Democratic victory in the Back Mountain Region. Michael "Micky" Adams defeated Charles Long as a member of the Ross Township School Board.

Nineteen year old Kenneth Roberts, former Lehman resident, was directing and performing in the famed Copacabana Club in New York City. He was in charge of the musical group entertaining and wrote most of the material for the show.

Engaged - Raymond Snyder to Marian P. Stradus.
Married - Harriet Jane Coslett and James M. Weiss; Joyce Rosencrans and Frank Redmond; Helen Mahoney and Gustave Ehrigott, Jr.; Edna Mowery and Granville Sowden; Erma Crispell and Rev. Donald Nulton; Nettie Myers and Stuart Hopkins.

Deaths - Stanley Keller, Pikes Creek; Everett E. Evans, Mt. Zion; Nettie Johnson, Dallas; Peter Rittenhouse, Pikes Creek.

You could get - Duckling 49c lb.; smoked picnic hams 32c lb.; 2 lb. pkg. Velveta cheese 89c lb.; Emperor grapes 3 lb. 29c; tomatoes 35c lb.; Brussel sprouts 29c basket; 6 6-oz. cans orange juice \$1; 10% bar Hershey's chocolate 39c.

20 YEARS AGO - NOV. 11, 1965
Little Jeffrey Oncay, 2, Lehman Township, was found hale and hearty after wandering away from his home. A nine-man rescue team from Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company aided Lehman residents in the search. Jeffrey had fallen asleep not far from his home. His dog Fifi aided in the rescue.

The "Old Shoe Trophy" was presented to Dallas High School Football team, winners of the annual contest on Thanksgiving Day with Lake-Lehman. Guest speaker at the ceremony was Peter A. Carlesimo, director of athletics at the University of Scranton.

Married - Linda Louise Cragle and Joseph Archavaye.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dymond, Shavertown, 46 years; Mr. and Mrs. Seth Howell, Shavertown, 57 years; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stolarick, Shavertown, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Honeywell, Shavertown, 28 years.

Deaths - William R. Spaulding, Shavertown; Frances Husband, Harveys Lake, Elmer Baker, Mossville; Luther Kester, Hunlock Creek; Laura Murphy, Centermoreland; Mary Huey DeWolf, Shavertown; Corey A. Meade, Idetown; John W. Henderson, Shavertown; Elnora Sickler, Noxen.

You could get - Center cut pork chops 89c lb.; sausage 59c lb.; chicken 59c lb.; medium shrimp 99c lb.; clams 4c ea.; cottage cheese 25c lb.; tea bags pkg. 48, 39c; English Walnut Meats 99c lb. red Emperor grapes 2 lb. 25c; oranges 5 lb. 45c.

10 YEARS AGO - NOV. 13, 1975
The announcement in a local paper of an excess of \$140,000 in the budget of the Dallas School district disturbed many area residents. Residents requested a rollback in millage rates.

Mothers and children of the lower section of Carverton protested what they considered unsafe conditions in the vicinity of the Westmoreland Elementary School brought on by the construction on Carverton Road.

Married - Kathleen Anne Loughney and John Carl Fleming.

Deaths - Sheldon Rice, Chase Rd.; Martin Yozviak, Lehman Twp. Claire Greener, Trucksville.
You could get - Sirloin steak \$1.58 lb.; veal cutlets \$2.48 lb.; oranges 20-1; peanut butter 58c 18 oz. jar; Hershey chocolate syrup 1 lb. can 18c; grapefruit 7-1; Crisco 3 lb. can \$1.77; 48 oz. can Hi-C Fruit Drink 46c.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

We have been entertained here at the library for the past week with little people in Halloween costumes. We have three story hours each week for three and four year olds and a toddler story hour once a week and all of these groups held Halloween parties during the week and had the children dress in costume. Some of the cutest ones were a pumpkin complete with green legs which took a slight tumble in the hallway; a purple bunch of grapes and an adorable angel.

The Little People Day Care School on our second floor brought their groups of children through the library for a parade. The fun of dressing in costume and going to a party is always exciting and Halloween gives the children an opportunity to do that and go door to door in their neighborhood for Trick or Treat.

We at the library feel very proud to be acquainted with Doris and Bill Pierce of Machell Avenue, Dallas. These two people have been borrowing books from the library for more years than I can remember and when they are not in Florida, they come into the library almost every week. Doris was a member of the Book Club for many years.

We are proud of them and their son, Dr. William Pierce, who is the head of the artificial organs department and professor of medicine at the Penn State University Medical Center at Hershey where the "Penn State Heart" was used for the first time on Anthony Mandia. It gives us a good feeling to know that someone involved with our hometown community has developed such a unique item to contribute to the welfare of all mankind.

Jo Bonham, a member of our Book Club, has been giving book reviews at the Meadows Nursing Center every Thursday afternoon. She does these reviews in the cafeteria after chapel between 3:15 and 4 in the afternoon. She tells me about 40 to 45 people attend the sessions and seem really interested in this kind of entertainment. The books she reviews are usually light subjects, human interest or animal stories. Jo is a very interesting person and adds her own form of humor to her reviews. We thank Jo for this service.

The library will be conducting an on-going Book Store in the lower level of the library on Thursday afternoons, beginning Nov. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. The store will be open for browsing and buying featuring fiction and non-fiction, almost new, not-so-new and really old books. Recently donated books have been added to the shelves, ready for purchase.

The most exciting stories are those that are true to life. Men and women who made history — and people in the news today — are profiled in books at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Don't miss the fun of getting to know the world's great people. Stop at the library!

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

LEGISLATION STRENGTHENING Pennsylvania's child and spousal support laws was signed into law this week by Gov. Dick Thornburgh. Sponsored by Rep. Lois S. Hagarty (R-Montgomery), the bill permits wage attachment in cases where payment is 30 days delinquent and allows courts to attach other sources of income and property to recoup overdue payments. The bill is modeled after the Federal Child Support Enforcement Act. It creates a uniform set of guidelines for state courts in setting support payments. "This signals the beginning of the end of the nightmare that many parents and children have lived through because of an ineffective support enforcement network," Hagarty said.

PENNSYLVANIA IS rapidly running out of time to act on two significant waste disposal problems plaguing the Commonwealth — nuclear waste and solid waste. The House Conservation Committee this week approved legislation to create a disposal plan for low-level nuclear waste. The proposal would locate a low-level disposal site in Pennsylvania if that state approves the compact. Meanwhile, Rep. James L. Wright Jr. (R-Bucks) introduced a package of bills that would establish a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the state. The program would recycle solid waste and use it as a source of energy. "With Pennsylvania fast running out of available land for landfills, I believe congeneration is a viable means of waste disposal," Wright said.

ANTI-GAMBLING LEGISLATORS gathered in the Capitol Rotunda to demonstrate firsthand why they believe video gambling machines should not be allowed in Pennsylvania.

OPINION

Song lyrics are enough to disgust anyone who listens

By CLYDE DUPIN
Special to The Dallas Post

The Live Aid Concert last summer for African famine relief was a great humanitarian act. It is estimated that a billion and a half people in 160 countries may have watched some of the 16-hour concert.

The other side of the coin is the tragic lyrics of some songs. Some of the songs appeared to have a demonic message. Rock music has taken a tragic toll on the youth of our nation. This type music glorifies drugs and gives the impression everyone is doing it. Sex seems to be the underlying theme of most rock songs. Many of their lyrics encourage suicide among youth. Mental health experts tell us that over half a million teens try to kill themselves each year.

One group called the AC-DC, plays songs like "Gimme A Bullet" and "Shoot to Thrill." It was their song, "Night Prowler," that may have inspired the Night Stalker suspect, Richard Ramirez, to

murder 16 people. This young man was obsessed with satanic themes in AC-DC's album, "Highway to Hell."

The group, W.A.S.P., promotes all kinds of evil such as sexual perversion and suicide. The initials in their name stand for, "We Are Sexually Perverted."

The good deeds of rock musicians do not excuse the evil they promote. Some groups are now trying to have

their albums labeled so parents will know if the lyrics are pornographic and satanic. It is time parents, PTA's, and churches band together and try to protect our youth. We must inform them of the dangers of rock music before we have more drug addicts, suicides and night stalkers.

(Clyde Dupin is editor of a religious column entitled "Religious Viewpoint.")

LETTERS

Library staff is grateful

DEAR EDITOR:
I just have to take the time to thank you (Doty Martin) once again for the excellent coverage you have given to the Back Mountain Memorial Library in your newspaper and especially the good pictures and the special colored shot on the front page of the October 16th

issue for our 40th birthday celebration open house.

You have contributed greatly to help us remind our community what a tremendous asset their library is to them.

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