

Commentary

Editor's notes

A GREAT WAY to wake up in the morning is to the tune of Dr. John Kolesar and his surveying students wishing all of Northeastern Pennsylvania "Good Morning."

Dr. Kolesar, an engineering professor at the Wilkes-Barre Campus of the Pennsylvania State University, and several of his students appeared on ABC TV's "Good Morning, America" the other day and wished all of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania a good morning.

As an avid watcher of "Good Morning, America," I thought it was a great way to start the day when I saw Dr. Kolesar and his followers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go out to Molly Reilly who celebrated the big one this past Monday.

Molly, a resident of Forty Fort, is a real estate agent in the Back Mountain. She wanted me to be sure to tell everybody she has two kids, drives a nice car and sports a great smile.

What that has to do with celebrating her birthday is absolutely nothing, but at least I did what she asked.

SPEAKING OF BIRTHDAYS, a great big happy birthday goes out to our general manager, Dave Conner of Dallas, who celebrated his birthday last Friday.

We had all good intentions of surprising (and probably embarrassing) the heck out of Dave when we tried to schedule a kissing bandit to deliver a bunch of balloons to our office.

However, when our plans fell through (mainly because we couldn't talk that nutty lady next door to us into dressing up like a kissing bandit), Dave had to settle for an ice cream cake with plastic candles - far short of a kissing bandit, of course, but it's the thought that counts anyway, isn't it?

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY wishes go out to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cobligh of Binghamton, N.Y., former Back Mountain residents, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Coblighs will be guests of honor at an Open House in Binghamton to celebrate the occasion. The affair is being hosted by their son, Delbert.

I HAD A REAL NICE NOTE from Mrs. Cobligh as she sent in an announcement of their wedding anniversary. In this note, she explained to me how the number "6" has been a lucky one for her family. Her note was so interesting, I thought I would share it with our readers, hoping you'll enjoy it as much as I did.

Mrs. Cobligh explains that in 1942, The Dallas Post published an announcement of their sixth wedding anniversary. In 1952, we published an announcement of their 16th anniversary and, in 1962, we published an announcement of their 26th anniversary.

She goes on to explain that she and Mr. Cobligh were married on June 6, 1936. Statistics showed that they were married on the sixth day of the sixth month of the year 1936, following a courtship of six years and six months.

Mr. Cobligh has six letters in his name, Edward. He was 26 years old when the couple was married and lived in Dallas, another name with six letters.

Six years later, on August 12 (six times two), 1942, a son, Delbert, was born at six minutes to six in the afternoon. Delbert was six years old

when the family moved to New York and graduated from Binghamton North High School on June 26, 1961, making the number "6" Delbert's lucky number, also.

Now, on June 6, 1986, Mr. and Mrs. Cobligh will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Thanks, Mrs. Cobligh, for that interesting information - and for taking the time to tell us about it. And, have a real nice anniversary!

ONE OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS greeted me at the door Monday morning with an article that had appeared in the May 4th edition of the Wilkes-Barre Sunday Independent.

I got a kick out of it and I'm hoping you will, too. If you didn't see it in Sunday's paper, the idea behind the story is this:

Seems an advertisement appeared in the April edition of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association newsletter, seeking an Editor trainee for a weekly newspaper in Collegeville, Pa., which is near Norristown.

The ad read as such - The Independent, a weekly newspaper located in Collegeville, Pa., needs an editor trainee. No experience is necessary. The only requirements are common sense, intelligence and the ability to communicate.

You will be required to do the following: clean bathrooms, sweep and mop the floor, address newspapers, fix equipment that fails, take pictures, sell ads, make up bills, distribute newspapers, listen to irate readers, tolerate bigots, swallow your anger when talking to pompous public officials and be a good listener.

You must like people and hard work because both come with the job. Naturally, you will be required to write and report, with your name prominently displayed, so that there is no mistake when someone comes gunning for the reporter.

What will we do for you? We will pay you a modest salary, we will comfort you when sick with chicken soup and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield security blanket. We will bury you if you are killed in the line of duty and write an appropriate editorial praising your courage. We will supply you with wheels to carry out your duties. We will attempt to teach you all facets of the newspaper business. We guarantee that you will have some fun or we will fire you.

Hearty souls are requested to send a resume to John Stewart, Publisher, The Independent, Collegeville, Pa.

UP UNTIL TODAY, the only thing I had never been asked to do in that list of requirements was clean the bathrooms and deliver newspapers. That, however, has all changed as today, our advertising coordinator, Sandy Sheehan, and I are doing our best to carry out a job that is probably more difficult than either of us ever imagined - deliver the newspapers to newsstands.

Our regular delivery person, Howard Samuels, had other commitments this morning and, since our circulation manager had already committed herself to attending a seminar (pretty good timing on her part, I would say), I decided to tackle the job, thinking I would learn something.

And, being the good friend that I am, I volunteered Sandy to come along with me. So, Sandy and I have been up since very early this morning, delivering The Dallas Post in my little pick-up truck.

If any of you have seen us, trust me - we are not crazy! We're just trying to do a job that neither one of us has ever done before - but one that is extremely important in the overall success of our operation.

If I live to tell about it, I'll let you know next week how we made out. (Doty Martin is the Executive Editor of Pennaprint Inc., publishers of The Dallas Post. Her column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

Americans to join hands

On Sunday, May 25, at 3 p.m. EDT, 6 million people stationed along a 4000-mile line across the United States will join hands and unite in song. It is a unique, historic event designed to increase public awareness and to raise millions of dollars for the hungry and homeless right here at home in the United States.

Let's take a look at Pennsylvania's Hands Across America in a series of questions and answers.

1. Where is the line located in Pennsylvania, and how long is it? The 298-mile follows a moderate zigzag pattern in the southern portion of the state from New Castle in the west, through Beaver Falls, Aliquippa, Ambridge, Pittsburgh,

Greensburg, Ligonier, Johnstown, Bedford, McConnellsburg, and Chambersburg, then dips into Maryland and eventually back up in the east to Yeadon, Chester, Philadelphia, Levittown and Trenton Bridge.

2. What's the incentive for residents of northern Pennsylvania to do the line? The desire to participate in the largest interactive event in history and, at the same time, to help the hungry and homeless. A group from Scranton, is bringing its city to the line by means of a skyline that will be carried by the participants. Other communities and groups are encouraged to do something similar.



REMEMBERING

Restaurant razed

Shown here is the former Sneak A Snack Restaurant in Dallas as it is being razed. The restaurant was located at Dallas Corners next to Fino's Pharmacy.

Only yesterday

Tennyson appointed principal of Dallas Senior High School

50 YEARS AGO - MAY 8, 1936
In a meeting of the Dallas School Board Harry Tennyson of Midway was appointed supervising principal of Dallas High School. In other business a millage of 30 was instituted by the board.

Parishioners of St. Theresa's Church planned a big welcome home for Rev. John J. O'Leary, who had spent the winter in Florida for health reasons. Father O'Leary was pastor emeritus of St. Theresa's Church.

Mrs. Harvey W. Danks, last great-grandchild of Captain Samuel Ransom, famed Indian fighter and Revolutionary soldier died at her home.

Married - Ann Walko to John Sturek.

Deaths - Eleanor Moyer, Alderson; Isaiah Neyhard, Fernbrook.

You could get - Bacon 17c 1/2 lb.; shad 10c lb.; Little Neck clams 100-31c; fillet of haddock 2 lb. 25c; pineapple 2 big cans 35c; spinach 2 big cans 25c; 1 lb. box Ritz crackers 21c; White House evaporated milk 3 tall cans 20c.

40 YEARS AGO - MAY 10, 1946
Six girls vied for the honor of May Queen at Lehman High School. Candidates chosen from the senior class were Elda Murray, Muriel Lloyd, Marie Rebenack, Louisa Shoultice, Ethel Ide and Frances Elenchak.

Before a crowd of more than 300 people, Jackson Township Baseball Club defeated West Nanticoke 2 to 1 in the first game in the Wyoming Valley League.

Birthdays - Mrs. Amanda Yaple, Dallas; Sarah C. Baird, Laketon.

You could get - Legs of lamb 38c lb.; ducklings 33c lb.; chickens 41c lb.; turkeys 49c lb.; carrots 2 lg. bunches 17c; tomatoes 25c pkg.; cabbage 6c hd.; 2 lb. coffee 47c; Lux soap flakes 2 med. pkg. 19c; Lifebuoy soap 3 bars 20c.

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 11, 1956
The architects model for the proposed Jackson Township Institution was completed. The institution, which was located on a 1,250 acre parcel of land would house 1,000 inmates. The staff would be approximately 400 people. The plan was to have 25 percent minimum security inmates, 65 percent under medium security and 10 percent under maximum security.

Lehman High School chose the following girls as candidates for May Queen: June Covert, Marjorie Maransky, Alice Gardecki, Nancy Spencer, Mildred Wagner, and Eleanor Rodriguez.

Opinion

Voice your opinion on Libya

By EDWIN FEULNER
Special to The Dallas Post

Just a few days after U.S. Air Force and Navy bombers delivered their season's greetings message to Libyan strongman Muammar Qaddafi, the Washington Post polled world capitals to see what world leaders thought of the U.S. airstrikes.

Let's see: London for; Paris against; Jerusalem for; Moscow against; Ottawa for; Rome, Algiers, Brussels, Beijing, Prague, Cairo, Helsinki, Athens, Budapest, New Delhi, Stockholm, Riyadh and on and on against.

Knowing what the big shots think, Feulner has decided to conduct his own poll.

The poll consists of two parts:
1. On the evening of April 17, Feulner dispatched a crew of research analysts, including Heritage Features Syndicate Managing Editor, Andy Seamans, to Gallagher's pub on Capitol Hill.

Expert interviewers all, Seamans & Company lubricated their vocal cords with a few chilled Coors' and asked what people thought of the president's action.

With the exception of one congressman who muttered something about the "War Powers Act" the vote was the exact opposite of the reaction from world capitals.

2. Part two involves you:
Below you will find a questionnaire. It is very carefully worded so you won't be swayed one way or another. We would ask you to vote "yes" or "no," as indicated, and return it to me. I will announce the results in a future column.

Check your choice. Clip the coupon and mail it to: Send a Message to Muammar, c/o The Feulner Poll, Heritage Features Syndicate, 214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

No, I think President Reagan should have sent Mr. Qaddafi a bouquet of long-stemmed red roses with a little pink note asking him to please stop blowing up people in airports and nightclubs.

Yes, President Reagan did the right thing. He sent an important message to the dirt-ball of the desert, and shouldn't hesitate to do it again.

Additional comments:

(Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute. His editorial appear periodically in The Dallas Post.)

Letters

Decision on prison siren upsets Chase resident

DEAR EDITOR:

As a member of the Chase Prison Advisory Committee, I am very upset that the improved siren system, second fence, additional guard tower and lighting project that former state Senator Frank O'Connell fought so hard to get approved has been unduly delayed.

When our committee had a problem with the state bureaucracy all we had to do was call O'Connell who untangled the red tape (I must state the prison administration has done everything to help, but the problem involves the Department of General Services which is independent of the Department of Corrections). The same cannot be said of Sen. Charles Lemmond, who has not returned

telephone calls from committee members nor has responded to mail.

Sen. O'Connell formed our committee in 1982 and there have been no escapes since. During the same year, prior to the committee's formation, there were three escapes.

It is essential that there are no further delays with the prison security projects for the safety of all Back Mountain residents. Apparently, Sen. Lemmond has little regard for the security improvements and safety of his constituents. Ironically, Sen. Lemmond has a toll-free telephone number, but what good is that if he doesn't return the call.

EDWARD CHESNOVITCH
SHAVERTOWN, PA.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Staff Correspondent

On the avenue! Fifth Avenue! In New York City! My favorite place to visit and I did just that a week ago Saturday.

Went down by bus with friend, Mary Ann, and we just had a fun time. We met her daughter, Denise, at Port Authority and from then on everything was sheer enjoyment. Denise worked for us at the library a few years back and became a very close friend of mine and we get together every once in a while in the big city, where she now resides.

First things first, we got on the subway at 42nd Street and rode it to 180th in the Bronx where we visited the Bronx Zoo, a fabulous place maintained by the New York Zoological Society. I refused to take a ride on a camel due to the fact that I had not worn my jeans. I did a lot of walking, from 57th and 7th, over to 5th and then down and back from 44th and Madison, where I again located Brooks Brothers, one of my favorite places to shop. Spent time browsing through Saks Fifth Avenue, had to visit St. Patrick's and also St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Fifth Avenue where a wedding was taking place. Walking down Fifth Avenue at 4 p.m. in the afternoon, sun shining brightly, blue sky and the skyscrapers, just magnificent. I wanted to sing, New York, New York! I love that city.

And speaking of sun shining brightly, we can say that now without concern. We've had our new Levolor Riviera mini blinds installed on the library front windows and they are super. They are burgundy color and match the trim in the interior; along with the peach colored walls, they make a beautiful color combination. So, we say, let the sun shine, if it gets too bright and glarey, we can just tilt the blinds. A very welcome improvement.

We have our first new goods donation for the 1986 library auction on display in the main office area. Raggedy Ann and Andy, handmade by Marjorie Barnes Mattern, are sitting in a special spot high atop the book shelves waiting for July auction days. These are the genuine dolls with the heart embroidered on the clothing and the body with the words, "I Love You".

Something from the past: The Back Mountain Memorial Library was host to librarians of 54 communities when it hosted the Northeastern District Library meeting. The all day session was held at Irem Temple Country Club on April 19, 1946.

We are collecting Campbell Soup labels as an on-going project and many of our patrons are bringing labels in for us. We especially thank Mr. and Mrs. Michael Witek of Parrish Street who have donated unusually large amounts of these labels. We still need more labels.

A record breaking day: Saturday, April 26, 21 new people joined the library. This sets a new record of new borrowers joining the library in a one day period.

(Nancy Kozemchak is the assistant librarian at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Her column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

By REP. FRANK COSLETT
Special to The Dallas Post

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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC) reform legislation approved by the Senate was overwhelmingly rejected by the House this week and is headed for a House-Senate conference committee. The House disagreed with Senate amendments which, opponents said, would erode consumer protection provisions. The Legislature must pass a PUC bill by December 31 or the agency will expire by law. House members took issue with a Senate amendment which would allow utilities to charge customers for energy produced but not used. The bill would also reduce the length of terms for PUC commissioners from ten to five years, raise their salaries from \$40,000 to \$55,000 annually and change their Senate confirmation procedures.

THE HOUSE BUSINESS AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE overwhelmingly passed a measure this week which could dramatically restructure Pennsylvania's banking system. Termed the Interstate Banking Bill, the measure would allow Pennsylvania banks to operate across state lines in a seven-state region and allow out-of-state banks to operate here. The states included in the bill are Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky plus the District of Columbia. The bill would also allow banks outside the region to acquire Pennsylvania banks after a five-year period if Pennsylvania banks are accorded similar privileges.

(Rep. Frank Coslett serves the 120th Legislative District, which encompasses the Back Mountain area. His roundup appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

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