

Commentary

Editor's notes

I'LL TELL YOU - you really don't appreciate someone else's job until you do that job yourself. And, believe me, I now appreciate Howard Samuels more than I ever thought possible.

Howard is our delivery man. Howard is the guy who drives around the Back Mountain every Wednesday morning, all morning, to deliver The Dallas Post to area newsstands.

Howard is the guy who gets up early on Wednesday mornings; he's the guy who loads a whole lot of newspapers in his car; he's the guy who collects the money from store owners who sell our paper for us; he's the guy who winds up washing newsprint off his hands all day long; he's the guy who puts up with driving behind school buses and everybody else trying to get to work in the morning; and he's the guy I ought to thank for doing what is probably a very thankless job.

I can appreciate Howard and the job he does now more than ever - because last week when Howard was unavailable to perform his duties as The Dallas Post delivery man I, caught at a weak moment, volunteered for the job. I obviously had no idea what I was setting myself up for and the kind, considerate people I work with didn't dare tip me off. They just let me go on thinking it would be a learning experience for me to become more familiar with the area our newspaper serves.

Well, it was a learning experience, for sure. I did meet a lot of nice people - some nicer than others, but by 11:30 a.m., my head was pounding so hard, I think I would have given my weekly salary to Howard if he had appeared to finish the job that day.

It is true, though - you don't appreciate the work somebody else does until you do it yourself. And, now that I've done Howard's job for a day, I invite Howard to do mine - for just one day. I think that's fair, don't you?

AND, TO HOWARD'S LOVELY WIFE, LAURA - my wishes for a speedy recovery go out to you.

I certainly hope you're feeling better by the time you read this. I assure you I feel better - just knowing your husband is getting up early to return to his normal job this week while I stay in bed for an hour or two longer.

CHEERS TO MEMBERS of the Back Mountain Little League Organization board of directors who have instituted a new way of honoring home run hitters at the local little league.

This year, for every person who hits a home run over the little league fence, a brand new baseball bat is awarded in congratulations of the feat.

Face it - it's not easy for a Little Leaguer to hit a ball hard enough to clear the fence. And, the board of directors, recognizing a home run as a feat not very easy to accomplish, should be recognized for their willingness to honor the kids with such a prize. Just goes to show - the board of directors of the Back Mountain Little League Organization really does exist for the kids themselves.

PAUL WALSH of Dallas had a rather frightening experience the other day.

While eating lunch at Burger King in Shavertown, Walsh inadvertently left quite a bit of money on the table when he left. As soon as he realized the money was missing, Walsh high-tailed it back to the hamburger joint in hopes of getting it back - all the time thinking the money was probably already in somebody else's wallet.

Luckily, for Walsh, a very honest Burger King employee by the name of Genevieve Conny was working in the diningroom that particular afternoon. Genevieve had found the money and had turned it in to her

manager, thus making it rather easy for Walsh to claim what was originally his.

Mr. Walsh would like to publicly thank Genevieve for her honesty - she certainly saved him an awful lot of heartache.

MUCH THANKS to Debby Wysocki, our entertainment writer and a teacher at the Gate of Heaven School in Dallas, for presenting me with the Challenger Commemorative Packet, a packet containing information about the Challenger and its crew which has been developed to honor the last flight of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

Because of my interest in the Challenger program, Debby thought I might like to have such a packet and I thank her for that.

This packet is kind of interesting in that for every sale of \$2.50, \$1.00 is distributed among three foundations - The Young Astronaut Council, The Teacher in Space Educational Foundation and The Association of Space Explorers, U.S.A.

It seems the packet was prepared in response to the outpouring of requests from students, teachers and parents across the country for material relating positively and constructively to the tragedy, the packet reflects the spirit of the nation, particularly of the young, to pursue space study and exploration with ever greater interest and intensity.

The packet contains information about the Challenger and its crew, together with three color photographs suitable for framing, and the official commemorative decals. Anyone wishing additional information about this packet can write to The Challenge Fund, PO Box 2184, La Crosse, WI 54602-2184 or call 608-783-7979.

JUDIE MATHERS, a former staff writer for The Dallas Post, touched base with me last week and I was delighted to hear from her.

Judie is currently working for the Gettysburg Times which has recently undertaken zoned editions serving particular sections of the Gettysburg area. Judie is now writing for the zoned edition that serves Littlestown, the town where she and her husband, Hap, are currently residing.

Earlier this year, I reported that Judie's stepdaughter, Amy Mathers, was preparing for a trip to Sweden as a Rotary Exchange student. Judie now tells me that Amy's plans have changed and she will be going to Thailand, not to Sweden. It seems those in charge of the program feel that the more change in culture there is, the better the experience for the student. And, I guess there's more culture change between America and Thailand than there is between America and Sweden.

Judie and Hap are quite pleased that Amy will be going to Thailand since Judie has found out the girls in Sweden have a habit of not wearing bathing suit tops. And, when Judie learned the girls in Thailand still wear veils over their faces, she was thrilled Amy would be joining them.

Good luck to you, Amy - I'm sure the whole trip will be an exhilarating experience for you. And, one that you deserve, I'm sure.

ONCE AGAIN, I caution writers to our Letter to the Editor column about the importance of signing your name to your letters and including a phone number so that we can verify your letters.

I received a very interesting letter to the editor this week on a subject that obviously bothered someone enough that he or she did a lot of research on prior to writing the letter. The letter, however, was not signed and therefore will not appear in The Dallas Post.

I encourage our readers to voice their opinions throughout our Letters to the Editor column. However, all letters we received must be signed and must include a phone number for verification. We will withhold names upon request.

(Dotty Martin is the Executive Editor of Pennaprint Inc., publisher of The Dallas Post. Her column appears weekly.)

Vets to get pension

Paralyzed Pennsylvania veterans will receive a state pension as the result of legislation recently signed into law, according to Rep. George C. Hasay, a supporter of the legislation.

Hasay said that under the act, honorably discharged Pennsylvania veterans who have lost the use of two or more limbs will be eligible for a \$100 a month state pension. The act will go into effect on July 1, thereby allowing the Department of Military Affairs enough time to develop regulations and applications

forms to implement the program. "The law was drawn to cover paralysis suffered during both a war or armed conflict, and a peacetime combat-related situation, including hostile fire or terrorist attack," Hasay said.

"The paralyzed veterans pension would be in addition to any other state and federal Veterans Administration benefits.

"I believe the peacetime combat-related situations are worthy of note," he said.

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REMEMBERING

Fino's Drug Store

Shown here is a photo of Fino's Drug Store at Dallas Corners, prior to the time the building was renovated.

Only yesterday By popular vote, Noxen chooses to become dry

50 YEARS AGO - MAY 15, 1936

Following Memorial Day, Noxen became a dry town. The local option was chosen by popular vote.

George H. Earle, Governor of Pennsylvania, was scheduled to be guest speaker at Commencement services at College Misericordia. The graduation was held at St. Nicholas Auditorium in Wilkes-Barre.

Area high schools planned for graduation ceremonies. Kingston Township had the largest graduating class in its history with 52 students graduating. Noxen High School had two students, Robert May and Ione Sorber, graduating.

Deaths - Robert J. Allen, Dallas; Anthony Foss, Sweet Valley.

Married - Emma Elston and Kenneth Brobst. You could get - Asparagus, 1g. bunch 19c; potatoes 6 lb. 25c; onions 3 lb. 10c; pineapple 3 lg. cans 50c; cider vinegar qt. refrigerator bottle 10c.

40 YEARS AGO - MAY 16, 1946

Fifty years of Christian service was celebrated by the Alderson Methodist Church at Harveys Lake. Rev. W. Lyon, new Superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre District, delivered the sermon and conducted the Service of Rededication. Rev. David R. Morgan was Pastor.

Harter High School remained undefeated in the Back Mountain Baseball League after defeating Dallas Township 9-2. Lehman Township School was in second place in the league.

Married - Jane Case and Donald E. Davis; Marjorie Nichols and Theodore Hall.

Engaged - Jean Elizabeth Dymond to Robert Mieczkowski; Isabel Hunt to Ensign Edwin Creager; Joyce Reed and Lester Fiske.

You could get - Tomatoes 25c pkg.; cabbage 2 lb. 9c; cucumbers 2 lb. 19c; chickens 41c lb.; pork sausage 39c lb.; vanilla 19c bot.; gelatine 10c pkg.; floor wax pt. can 35c; peanut butter 31c lb.; corned beef hash 22c can.

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 18, 1956

The kickoff dinner for the 10th annual library auction attracted a crowd of 200 people. The dinner was held at Irem Temple Country Club. Atty. Mitchell Jenkins was Emcee. Howard Risley was Library Auction Chairman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Layou was installed as Worth Matron of Dallas Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Layou succeeded Mrs. Myrtle Rineman.

Engaged - Elizabeth McQuilkin and George M. Gill, Jr.; Florence Tong and Howard Shaver; Patricia Carolyn Cornell and Albert Ruff, Jr.

You could get - Chuck roast 29c lb.; smoked picnics

29c lb.; grapefruit 3-25c; fresh pineapple 29c ea.; rhubarb 3 bunches 25c; Hellman's mayonnaise 66c qt.; Velveta, 2 lb. loaf 79c; Salad Oil pt. bottle 35c; geraniums 50c.

20 YEARS AGO - MAY 26, 1966

Parades were scheduled in Dallas, Sweet Valley and Noxen in honor of Memorial Day. Paul B. Shaver, was traditional parade marshal for Dallas where Daddow-Isaac Post 672, American Legion was in charge of the parade. Russell Major was chairman of the Sweet Valley parade. In Noxen the parade to the honor roll was organized by the Girl Scouts. Leaders were Mrs. Lucy Jones, Mrs. Arline Swire, Mrs. Betty Smith and Mrs. Nellie Scouton.

The Ford Mustang being chanced off by the Back Mountain Library Auction was on display at Al Williams' Atlantic Service Station in Dallas.

Engaged - JoAnn Norrie and Airman 3rd Class William G. Sarley; Lois Carol Frantz, and Lee H. Schreiner.

Married - Dorothy Mason and Richard B. Harvey. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. John Honeywell, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Traver, 36 years; Mr. and Mrs. George Landon 56 years; Mr. and Mrs. John F. Sheehan, 30 years.

Deaths - Joseph Adamshick, New Britain, Conn.; Mrs. Joseph Gianuzzi, Dallas; Lewis Davenport, New Castle, Dela.; Robert Robinson, III; Alfred Root, Dallas; Ira F. Cragle, Pleasant Valley; Florence Cragle, Hunlock Creek; Sarah Bonham, Roaring Brook.

You could get - Smoked Hams 37c lb.; Young turkeys 39c lb.; chuck roast 75c lb.; watermelons 7c; Bing cherries 69c lb.; strawberries 59c pt.; charcoal briquets 99c bag; butter 1 lb. 73c; lemonade 6-6 oz. cans 65c; coffee 1 lb. 69c.

10 YEARS AGO - MAY 27, 1976

Local school districts voted to increase taxes. Dallas School District adopted a 5 mill hike while Lake-Lehman taxes were raised 10 mills.

The Bill Glass evangelistic crusade held three days of sports clinic and Christian witnessing at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas.

Deaths - Harold Sheldon, Shavertown; Henry G. Kann, Shavertown; Mignonette M. Holbrook, Kings- ton; Simon Long, Sweet Valley; Ira Brown, Noxen; George Keefe, Sr., Harveys Lake; Mrs. James E. Turrell, Noxen.

You could get - Round steak \$1.59 lb.; boneless rump roast \$1.59 lb.; Folger's Coffee \$1.59 lb.; Land O Lakes Cheese 12 oz. pkg. 99c; cauliflower 10 oz. 55c; cucumbers 3-39c; peppers 3 lb. \$1; celery bunch 35c.

Letters

Planned Parenthood rep says candidate not firm on matters

DEAR EDITOR:

It is clear that right-to-life adherents in the 20th Senatorial District have been seduced by Charles Kirkwood, Republican candidate in the May 20th primary election.

In the four years I have represented Planned Parenthood in Harrisburg, I have encountered not a few elected officials who have exhibited a surprising lack of backbone when dealing with the abortion issue. However, Candidate Kirkwood has sunk to a new low in terms of political opportunism.

I have known Pocono resort owner Charlie Kirkwood for several years. During this time, he joined the board of our Planned Parenthood affiliate in Stroudsburg. Contrary to his statement that he resigned from that board because of philosophical differences over the abortion issue, he was in fact dropped from the board a scant six months ago (December, 1985) for having failed to attend the requisite number of board meetings as defined by Planned Parenthood by-laws.

When I heard that Kirkwood was flirting with the right-to-lifers in Northeastern Pennsylvania and was running for the Senate seat in the primary, I called him to encourage him to maintain his commitment to women's rights.

I had several telephone conversations with him in March 1986, during which he made it clear that his first priority was winning the primary, that he needed an "issue" as well as

campaign workers for his campaign.

He asked me what my organization could do for him to help him win the primary, and implied that the right-to-lifers were prepared to go all-out for him if he took an anti-abortion stance.

At one point in our conversation, I asked Kirkwood, "Charlie, have you no ethics?" Candidate Kirkwood replied: "I have to get through this primary."

During a meeting earlier this month with representatives of women's organizations, Kirkwood

apparently was unable to make the distinction between "pro-choice" and "pro-life", and kept referring to himself as "pro-choice."

I hope the anti-abortion activists in the 20th Senatorial District realize that they have in Charlie Kirkwood a candidate who is willing to take any position to win an election. They, too, may find themselves seduced and abandoned by Charlie Kirkwood.

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Student wants debate

DEAR EDITOR:

I have been following the 20th Senatorial District race with great curiosity. The issues at the heart of both candidates' campaigns are very important topics, especially the nuclear waste disposal sight issue.

I am worried about the possible effects a nuclear waste disposal sight may have on an area; therefore, I am especially concerned about what Charlie Kirkwood is accusing Senator Lemmond of doing - supporting a project which targets Northeastern Pennsylvania as a nuclear waste disposal sight.

Recently, I learned that Senator Lemmond refused to participate in a debate organized by the Student Governments of Wilkes College, King's College, College Misericor-

dia, and Luzerne County Community College.

From what I understand, Senator Lemmond refuses to participate in the debate because he said that Kirkwood's accusations are false and also that he disapproves of Kirkwood's campaign tactics. I find it difficult to believe that Senator Lemmond would decline an opportunity to set the record straight on those grounds.

Senator Lemmond should reschedule the debate. I feel a responsible candidate should be willing to debate the issues in a public forum and allow the voters to be the judges.

LISA BOYER
WILKES COLLEGE STUDENT
LARKSVILLE, PA.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has on display in the main lobby a genuine yellow hornets nest loaned to us by George Yuhas of Harveys Lake who came across it attached to his restaurant at the lake. After making sure the hornets had all vacated the nest, he was able to remove the nest just the way it was attached to the building. He has had it on display in his home for over a year and thought we might be interested in displaying it for a while. The nest is 18 inches by two feet and makes an exciting item to study.

Jean, one of our faithful volunteers, stopped at my desk the other day to say how much she enjoyed reading my account of my recent New York City trip and especially the reference to the Bronx Zoo. It seems that Jean has a nephew John who has worked in the reptile department of this zoo for 15 years and that in itself gave us a lot to talk about.

Then while she was shelving books, she brought me a book by William Bridges called, "Zoo Careers" with a chapter about the reptile department in the Bronx Zoo which mentioned Wayne, the reptile curator. Further along in the chapter mention is being made of John being hired as a trainee-assistant and a lot of interesting information follows regarding John's responsibilities in the Reptile House. Now, that's really a turn-about. A volunteer shelver found a book on a subject I had written about and I was not aware we had a book about it.

I attended a very inspiring spring concert at the Forty Fort United Methodist Church and heard the Parish Singers do the Requiem Gabriel Faure and then was delighted to hear Mark Laubach, the new organist and choir director of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, played a Prelude and Fugue in D Major by J.S. Bach on the organ. The Parish Singers completed the program with selections by John Rutter accompanied by flute and violin.

Of special interest to me was the fact that Eugene Kelleher, director of the singers and organist and choir director of the Forty Fort United Methodist Church and his wife, Debbie, were former bowling friends on a Sunday night bowling league. This truly was a delightful way to spend a Sunday evening in April.

Marie and I went to the 34th annual antiques show and sale at the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church last week where we had the most enjoyable lunch with Mrs. Crump, Bennie and Carol. While browsing around later at the various antique dealers booths, I found a sterling silver seagull pin, which I eventually purchased and named Jonathan. Named after Jonathan Livingston Seagull, of course, a book by Richard Bach which is a delightful adventure about freedom and flight. A book worth reading and an antique show I would not want to miss.

(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.

HOUSE MEMBERS this week unanimously agreed to Senate changes in a bill which would allocate \$69.4 million in additional funds for state operations this year and sent the measure to the governor. The stopgap appropriation bill is aimed primarily at avoiding a fiscal crisis in the state Welfare Department. Most of it is earmarked for health care service for the needy. According to budget officials, the allocation will have no effect on the anticipated budget surplus for the current fiscal year.

SPECIAL OCCASION liquor permits could be made available to certain non-profit organizations twice each year instead of once if a bill which passed the House this week becomes law. Rep. Fran Weston (R-Phila.), who developed the legislation to increase the availability of the permits, said the measure would affect hospitals, churches, synagogues, volunteer fire companies, youth athletic organizations and sportsmen's clubs in existence for at least 10 years. The bill would also add non-profit local arts agencies to the list. The permits are granted for five-day periods at a cost of \$15 per day. "These groups provide a great service to the community. They use special occasion permits as part of their fund-raising efforts. Allowing them to obtain the permits twice a year could provide them with improved fund-raising capabilities," Weston said. The measure was sent to the Senate for consideration.

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