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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where do memories go?

Dear Editor:

My memory of Dallas Senior High School in 1965, when I was a brand new sophomore, was that it was a pristine, state-of-the-art, very cool school. If the school aged, which it must have since they decided to take it down...that means I have, too! I'm not so sure I like this

development or is it deconstruction?

So, if they take down the school...what happens to our memories of high school years that lived inside the school since we last left them there?

Florence (Weir) Chevalier
Dallas High School
Class of 1968

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Aug. 4, 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden are found hacked to death in their Fall River, Mass., home. Daughter Lizzie, later immortalized in a famous rhyme, was arrested and charged with the double homicide. Taken with her Christian persona, the all-male jury acquitted her. Today, the house where the Borden murders occurred is a bed and breakfast.

• On Aug. 5, 1914, the world's first electric traffic signal is put into place on the corner of Euclid Avenue and East 105th Street in Cleveland. It consisted of four pairs of red and green lights that served as stop-go indicators, each mounted on a corner post.

• On Aug. 6, 1928, Andy Warhol, one of the most influential artists of the latter part of the 20th century, is born in Pennsylvania. He took literally the advice of an art teacher who said he should paint the things he liked. He liked ordinary things, such as comic strips, canned soup and soft drinks, and so he painted them.

• On Aug. 2, 1939, Wes Craven, the man responsible for terrorizing millions of moviegoers with his "Nightmare on Elm Street" series, is born in Cleveland. Craven began his directing career with 1972's "The Last House on the Left," a violent teen horror film.

• On Aug. 7, 1947, Kon-Tiki, a balsa wood raft captained by Norwegian anthropologist Thor Heyerdahl, completes a 4,300-mile, 101-day journey from Peru to Rarua in the Tuamotu Archipelago, near Tahiti. Heyerdahl wanted to prove his theory that prehistoric South Americans could have colonized the Polynesian islands by drifting on ocean currents.

• On Aug. 3, 1958, the U.S. nuclear submarine Nautilus accomplishes the first undersea voyage to the geographic North Pole. USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear submarine, dived at Point Barrow, Alaska, and traveled nearly 1,000 miles under the Arctic ice cap to reach the top of the world.

• On Aug. 1, 1966, Charles Whitman takes a stockpile of guns and ammunition to the observatory platform atop a 300-foot tower at the University of Texas and proceeds to shoot 46 people, killing 14 and wounding 31.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century U.S. Attorney General and Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson who made the following sage observation: "The price of freedom of religion or of speech or of the press is that we must put up with, and even pay for, a good deal of rubbish."

• It's common knowledge that Microsoft founder Bill Gates is regularly ranked as one of the world's wealthiest people, but you might not realize that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is the world's wealthiest charitable organization, with an endowment of \$36.7 billion.

• If you're planning a trip to Iowa anytime soon, you might want to schedule a stop in the town of Walcott. There you can visit the Iowa 80 Truckstop, the world's largest. With a whopping 220 acres, the truck stop is 1.5 times the size of Disneyland.

• In a traditional Hungarian wedding ceremony, the bride wears a headdress made of woven wheat, thought to help ensure the couple's fertility.

• Historians say that famed German composer Ludwig van Beethoven was quite particular about his coffee. It is claimed that he counted out exactly 60 coffee beans for each cup that he drank.

• The longest mountain range on Earth is located underwater -- in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, to be specific. It's nearly 25,000 miles long, and the only part of it that's above water is the nation of Iceland.

• If you are an American of a certain age, you almost certainly spent time watching the 1960s sitcom "I Dream of Jeannie." The iconic bottle where the genie lived wasn't actually created for the show; the set dressers used a Jim Beam holiday decanter from 1964.



YOUR SPACE

This summer scene at Lake Jean was photographed by Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas.

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

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Information must include the submitting person's name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions. Readers wishing to have their photos returned

should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

20 YEARS AGO

Recently, a seventh grade student at Dallas Middle School, Nathan Shedlock, was selected as the grand prize winner of the National Children's Dental Health Month Video Contest. Nathan's prize-winning video was selected as the best video submitted among Middle School students across Pennsylvania. Nathan received a \$1,000



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U.S. Savings Bond for his efforts, while his school and his audio visual technical instructor, Mr. William Roberts, each received a \$500 prize. Nathan's video, entitled "Miss Barka Howl Goes to the Dentist," was judged based on originality, production quality and overall message promoting dental health awareness.

The Dallas Kiwanis selection committee for the High School Senior Girls All-Star Game, selected Charlotte Slocum as this year's recipient of the annual award presented to the person who performed outstanding contribution to girl's sports in Luzerne County. Charlotte has coached for six years in the Back Mountain Softball Association and coached the Back Mountain National All-Star team for six years where they won five district titles, one Regional title and finished third in State competition.

30 YEARS AGO

The "algae scare" at Harvey's Lake several weeks ago hurt many businesses there and may force at least one of them to close permanently. Over the weekend one businessperson after another complained that the normally heavy summer tourist trade was cut drastically by an announcement by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources that a large quantity of an unpleasant algae has surfaced in the lake, threatening skin rashes. The agency later modified its warning, downgrading the algae to less virulent than it first thought. James McCaffrey, owner of Sandy Beach, would only answer "I can't comment on that" when asked about rumors that he was hurt so badly by the drop in trade that he was thinking about shutting down.

Carolyn Straka was the grand prize winner in a match the numbers contest conducted by Jean's Discount Fabrics, Dallas Shopping Center. Straka won a stereo home center. Other winners in the contest include Marsha Meade, who won a sewing machine, and Renee Yuscellis, who won a grandfather clock.

40 YEARS AGO

Four Back Mountain students at Wyoming Seminary departed today on a five-week study program that will take them through seven European countries. The students will arrive in London and travel through Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France before returning to the United States. The students are: Holly A. Dietterick, Debra A. Koehl, Sandra

M. Kabeschat and Bonnie Kanaar.

Three Dallas girls are participating in the second session of camping being sponsored by Penn's Woods Council. Girl Scouts Doreen Grieves, Shirley Lewis and Susan Simons are attending a two-week session at Camp Louise, located north of Berwick.

50 YEARS AGO

Ann Wills, a student in Sister Miriam's class at College Mercicordia has been named a winner in TIME magazine's 25th annual Current Affairs Contest. TIME's current affairs test, given this year to more than 150,000 college and high school students in the U.S. and Canada, consists of 100 questions on national and foreign affairs. Included are such categories as business, sports, entertainment, science, religion, literature, journalism, education and a special review section of the past decade. Winners receive a certificate from The Weekly News-magazine and a choice of either a world globe or a book from a specially selected list.

Annual picnic of Ladies Auxiliary of the Noxen Volunteer Fire Company was held on July 17 at the home of Mrs. Oscar Fish. Due to the rain it was held inside. Present were Mesdames Chester Keiper, Oscar Patton, Harry Wells, Guy Fritz, Richard Traver, James Traver, James Hellesheimer, Willard Bender, Jack Williams, Arthur Blizzard, Ira Beahm, Leone Jocelyn, Earl Beahm, Mr. Oscar Fish and Jack Williams.

60 YEARS AGO

Silver Leaf Club met Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Florence Hoyt presiding and Mrs. Arline Kunkle leading devotions. Plans were laid for a picnic in August. Prizes were won by Mrs. Florence Klimech, Mrs. Helen Landon, Mrs. Dorothy Dodson, and Mrs. Virgie Elston.

At local Acme stores, fresh sweet corn sold at 6 ears for 25 cents; jumbo cantaloupes were 23 cents each; pork chops were 69 cents a pound; sirloin steak was 99 cents a pound; and a large loaf of bread was 14 cents.

70 YEARS AGO

Trucksville Girl Scouts have returned from Wildwood where they spent several days. Miss Thelma Bulford, captain, accompanied the troop and was assisted by the following: Mrs. Jacob Beline as trained nurse, Lois Avery as life guard, and Mrs. George Metz, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Richard Reese, Mrs. Warren Yeisley, committee women. Girls attending were Jeanne Clewell, Peggy Greenwood, Rachael Reese, Barbara Metz, Shirley Williams, Kathleen Smith, Marie Johnson and Nancy Metz.

Movies playing at the Himmeler Theatre, Dallas, included "Penny Serenade" starring Cary Grant; "Wagons Roll at Night" starring Errol Flynn; and "Pot of Gold" starring James Stewart.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 122 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

"WHAT DO YOU DO TO STAY COOL IN HOT WEATHER?"



"I jump in Little Wapwalopen Creek."

David Yost
Dorrance



"Same as everybody else and I drink a lot."

Paul Brace
Orange



"I go to my family's backyard pool."

Kara Brown
Wyoming



"At my Aunt Jean's pool. God has blessed us with it."

Amy Rose
Dallas



"Swimming in house pools. There are plenty of them around."

Kyle Dolman
Shavertown



"I have plenty of these dry weave, cool down shirts."

Kurtis Sod
Truckville