



I turned 60 last weekend. It took more time than I expected. Strike that...it took exactly 60 years. But the distraction associated with this milestone has left me bereft of column-writing time.

There are plenty of topics to cover: We've recently returned from an amazing trip (photo teases for an upcoming feature on this page); I've further contemplated the aging process; it's football season and a general election year; I'm working harder (and smarter) than I did as a 45-year-old. But there's the unflinching reality of a hard deadline. So, these things must wait.

I promise to cover some of the topics (and/or any other's that pop into my mind) between now and the end of the year. I won't take off or phone in (whichever description for delivering a perfunctory effort you prefer) another column, at least not until well into 2025.

In a few words, though, I'll definitely attest to a specific thing now: My life at 60 is very, very good. I am incredibly fortunate. Amazing people love me and I love them back, very much. I have the time, inclination,

access, and resources to pursue rewarding things. I am healthy and active. My daughters are thriving. I'm crazy about the place in which I live. I am married to a true partner who is caring, beautiful, and fun. I eat very well. My curious mind remains so. I have Faith.

And I have this space to share with you every two weeks. I ask your indulgence so I might do a better job of it in two weeks.

For now, though, I have a request for you. Find our football pool farther back in this magazine and play along with us. Last time, fewer than two dozen of you entered our contest. Let's expand the base. It's fun and easy, and you might just win bragging rights and a prize.

Scott A. Lauriat

When The Skinnie published the Marshes article last month, we ran the wrong photo. We apologize for the confusion, and present pages 18-19.

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