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VIEWPOINT

THE NAME OF LINCOLN

It is well that we pause even in the midst of the pressure of business to-day to note the fact that this is the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln One hundred and fourteen years ago to-day he was born, and for half that many years now he has belonged to the ages "

There is no new thing to be said of Lincoln There is no new thing to be said of the mountains, or of the sea, or of the stars. The years go their way, but the same old mountains lift their granite shoulders above the drifting clouds, and the same mysterious sea beats upon the shore, and the same silent stars keep holy vigil above a tired world. But to mountain and sea and star men turn forever in unwearied homage. And thus, with Lincoln For he was mountain in grandeur of spirit, he was sea in under-voice of mystic loneliness, he was star in steadfast purity of purpose and of service. And he, too, abides The years go their way, but with the name of Lincoln childhood still learns to voice a patriot's devotion, and with the name of Lincoln tears are called from old men's eyes. And there is no new thing to be said of him But while the Republic endures, upon whose altar he laid his great mind and heart, while liberty is cherished, while civic virture and service and sacrifice are honored in the earth, the name of Lincoln will be spoken in undying love by the sons of men (From remarks by Rep. Homer Hoch of Kansas to the House of Representatives on February 12, 1923 Richard Hoch of Nebraska City is a grandson)

Ultimate TV lawyer

Human nature being what it is, not much can probably be done about "the law's delay" of which Shakespeare complained Thanks to the computer, however, lawyers are being relieved of the delay and tedium involved in preparing cases

An outstanding example of computerized legal research is a system called LEXIS, developed and marketed by Mead Data Central, Inc Law firms, law schools, government agencies and others subscribing to the system have central computer

In a typical example, a lawyer, using a typewriterlike keyboard, asks the computer what cases it has in its memory on a broad subject, such as civil disobedience in opposition to school busing There are, say, 15 of these

On command from the lawyer, the computer next displays the titles of each of the 15 references and if one looks promising, the lawyer asks it to display part of the text If that seems appropriate for his case, he directs the computer to display the full text Finally, he can press a key and a high-speed printer will type out the complete text for his use

LEXIS contains every decision of the U S Supreme Court since 1938, all federal courts of appeals since 1959 and all district courts since 1970 It also has comprehensive collections of tax, securities and trade regulation law, as well as corporate annual reports In addition, it currently has the state court decisions of California, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas

Just to keep the service up to date, 850 new decisions are added to the memory bank every week, and the job of adding earlier federal cases and the law of additional states is proceeding as fast as possible

"No longer must legal research consume hours of a lawyer's time," says Mead president Jerome S Rubin The computer, he says, may even result in smaller fees for lawyers' services by making them more efficient

If so, that would be the most startling development of all

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AS TIME GOES BY

Two men hurt

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

Oscar Webber and Ernest Zahn, both of Nebraska City, received minor injuries when the car driven by Webber collided with another vehicle near Plattsmouth Five airmen, three military and two civilians, when their single-engine plane crashed during a sudden snowstorm while on a trip from Stargard to Berlin The Nebraska Supreme Court fined Cheyenne County Judge Robert A Barlow $75 for practicing law without a license President Franklin Roosevelt rejected the offer of a Congressional compromise in his fight for reorganization of the U S Supreme Court and the federal judiciary system

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

Frank Sinatra and Shelley Winters starred in "Meet Danny Wilson" at the Pioneer Theatre .St Mary's Hospital celebrated its 25th birthday Mickey Mantle was picked as the potential new star of the New York Yankees by retiring Johnny Mize ..Bill Allen and Wayne Maake with 28 points apiece led the Douglas cagers to a 85-34 win over Burr...The Chamber of Commerce set up a subsidiary, Nebraska City Industries, Inc

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

The Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling that the 1965 law forbidding the burning of draft cards was constitutional The legislature gave narrow first-round approval to a controversial measure liberalizing Nebraska's abortion law Nebraska City Jaycee President Duane Hall won a trip for him and his wife to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, for a weekend. .A Viet Cong mortar team struck for the first time from inside Saigon

SAFETY VALVE

" enjoyable "

EDITOR, News-Press
Thanks to the sponsors and merchants for a very enjoyable afternoon spent at the Homemaker 77 school

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

He said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest (Acts 9 5)

PRAYER Dear Father, give us the understanding to see Thee in our daily lives and the strength to serve only Thee In Christ's name Amen.



"Like I always say about a bus — you meet the most interesting people!"



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Limo ban is old news

WASHINGTON (NEA) — President Carter, in his first "fireside chat," said he already has discovered that the power of the chief executive is not as broad as many believe He may belatedly learn how really limited his authority is if he seeks to carry out his pledge to drastically reduce limousine service within the federal government

"We have eliminated door-to-door limousine service for many top officials, including all members of the White House staff," Carter boasted in last week's nationally televised talk with his constituents.

The President has indeed made taxpayer-financed, home-to-office chauffeur service the semi-official symbol of bureaucratic waste and decadence And he has stripped about 20 members of his White House senior staff, all men and women under his direct control, of that perquisite

But there are approximately 800 other limousines and their drivers in the Washington area still performing an identical function for all manner of government officials — assistant secretaries, under secretaries, members of regulatory commissions, heads of obscure agencies, admirals, generals and a host of others

The determination with which those people have held onto their limousine privileges is best illustrated by the fact that for many years home-to-office chauffeur service has been illegal — a prohibition which has induced few if any users to abandon the practice

Buried in the United States Code is a section which specifically states that no money appropriated by Congress for the use of any department or agency "shall be expended . for the maintenance, operation and repair of any government-owned passenger motor vehicle or aircraft not used exclusively for official purposes "

Moreover, the law specifically states that " 'official purposes' shall not include the transportation of officers and employees between their domiciles and places of employment" except for the president, members of his cabinet, physicians on outpatient duty, officials on "field service" away from their regular stations and ambassadors and other diplomatic officials stationed abroad

Sen William Proxmire, D-Wis , who has been waging a four-year-long campaign for enforcement of that statute, has encountered little success but a great variety of preposterous justifications for the use of limousines

The term "field service," for instance, was included in the law to cover cases such as forest rangers who must drive long distances to and from their base stations But the senator encountered one government official who obtained a legal opinion that the drive between his home in the Washington suburb of McLean, Va and his downtown office constituted "field service."

"Another agency head claimed he needed a chauffeur because he had a telephone in the car. He said the president might want to talk to him," recalled Proxmire. "It turned out, on questioning, that the president had never called him "

In Sept 1975, more than 18 months ago, the Treasury Department published a "discussion draft of regulations" on fringe benefits which would have required those government employees who insist upon the privilege to at least pay federal taxes on the "imputed value" of the service.

The Internal Revenue Service subsequently has cracked down on employees of private firms who fail to classify company-provided cars as "in-kind" income — but extension of that principal to government employees has never gone beyond the "discussion" stage

The total bill for limousine service comes to more than $15 million annually, according to Proxmire, including the services of "either one chauffeur with vast amounts of overtime or two earning about $8,000 each a year" as well as the cost of purchasing the big cars, depreciation, maintenance, gas and oil.

Everybody agrees that the practice is extravagant, wasteful and outrageous Everybody, that is, except a select group of very determined beneficiaries. If Carter can put them behind the steering wheels of their own cars, he will indeed have earned the title of commander-in-chief.



Don Oakley

COMMENTARY

No one needs the money?

Beginning last year, heads of households with adjusted gross incomes of less than $8,000 could file for an "earned income credit" of up to $400, either in the form of a tax credit or rebate or as an outright bonus if no tax was owed.

The Internal Revenue Service reports that despite an expensive publicity campaign aimed at low-income persons, 1.2 million heads of households — or about one of every seven believed to be eligible — did not claim the credit. The total amount involved is no less than $227 million

One can suggest any number of reasons why so many people who are so greatly in need of a little extra money failed to claim it·

Maybe the tax forms are so complicated they can't understand them Maybe they are alienated from the government and want as little to do with it as possible Maybe they don't want "charity " Or maybe they simply don't read the newspapers or don't believe what they do read

Whatever the explanation, the phenomenon illustrates the fact that the problem of upgrading the lives of poor Americans can be even more difficult than leading the proverbial horse to water

A little step toward China

Confucius (or somebody) said that the longest journey begins with a single step

Since 1972, the United States and China have taken a number of small steps on the journey toward normal diplomatic and other relations between the two countries. One of the latest is an "unprecedented" agreement that has cleared the way for the first visit of a Western ship to a Chinese port since 1949.

It is unprecedented because it is the result of initiatives not by U.S. diplomats but by a private cruise line

On Feb. 25, the luxury liner MTS Danae will sail up the Pearl River carrying 220 passengers, including 120 Americans, to Whampoa. From there they will be driven to Kwangchow (Canton) for two nights and three days in that south China city.

According to the ship's owners, Carras, who took their case directly to Chinese officials in Peking, the agreement demonstrates that "private efforts can successfully complement governmental efforts to build bridges of understanding between peoples.

"Unrestricted travel by Americans in China can carry the message of international goodwill across cultural barriers and contribute to improved relations with China."

It could, that is, if it were truly unrestricted. Unfortunately, the visitor to China sees what the Chinese want him to see, and nothing more, and the Chinese are totally uninterested in the cultures of other lands.

Still, as Confucius (or somebody) said, every little step. . .

Getting started from afar

This is what is called a sorry commentary on modern society·

The Zonn Corporation of Miami, Fla., which does a multimillion-dollar business in all aspects of security, is marketing a device called the LORRA (long-range radio activator) which lets a person start his car from as far away as 1,000 feet. If someone has wired a bomb to the car's ignition, it will be detonated while the intended victim is at a safe distance.

"Unfortunately, there really is a demand for a device like the LORRA," says Lincoln M. Zonn, a former U.S. Army counterintelligence officer. "People having their cars bombed has become a sad reality of life in too many cities in this country and around the world."

The LORRA also has a more peaceful use, however — starting a car from inside the house on cold mornings to give the engine time to warm up.

Cold mornings. That's another sorry commentary on life today, or at least this endless winter.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Sev needs the work

Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Free advice—

In these days of inflation let's be happy and live within our means....even if we have to borrow money to do it.

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Hello from Sev —

We've attended a number of "slide" shows and admittedly dozed during most of the programs. There is one that will keep you alert and that is Sev Sorensen's slides and talks on his work in Korea.

We're not suggesting you keep Sev up every night by asking him to tell the Korean Story, but what the heck, since he "retired" he does need another job.

All of us who have known Sev as the FFA adviser at Senior High and now the Voc Ag teacher at Lourdes can appreciate his observations

He has returned with very fine pictures and a most interesting tale about living and working on a little Korean island For example, family bathrooms, food preparation, the kitchen floor; sanitation, education and childhood death rate.

As Sev says, it makes him appreciate good ole' home all the more

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Congratulations —

to Leona Schmitz, Nebraska City, winner of the microwave oven given by Bill Berger of Nebraska City Furniture at the annual Homemaker's School

And congratulations to the many other prize winners The businesses in town joined the News-Press in trying to put over a bigger and better show yet

We apologize for those turned away at the door Sid Metcalf, owner of Pioneer Theater, must follow state fire rules Mr Metcalf said there were 850 people inside the theater

We've had the school every year for several consecutive years and don't want to "wear it out " However, your attendance this year indicates that we had better make some changes to allow for larger crowds.

Thanks for your confidence We'll try to do a better job next time

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From the Dunbar Review —

Mrs Draeger asked her Sunday school class what song the youngsters would like to sing.

"Teacher, can we sing the laundry song?" little Lanny Niday asked.

That one stopped Mrs Draeger. She asked Bro Howell and he suggested "Tell us how it goes, Lanny "

The little fellow puffed up and let loose with

"Bringing in the sheets, we shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheets "

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Woe is me —

Our neighbors, Fred and Erma Baker, extended an invitation we couldn't resist — spare ribs.

Fred and I decided that we wouldn't eat all day so we could consume more than our share The Bakers suggested a new place — The Shed at Murray

John Collins, owner of Collins Grocery and The Shed, visited with us briefly. The Shed developed into more than he had planned, but he likes it and the customers have shown satisfaction by returning regularly since the opening in January.

"Want some more ribs?" Fred asked.

"Nope," I mumbled.

"Take mine, Ivan. I can't eat all this," saith the Queen Bee.

"I don't believe I can do anymore good either," Mrs Baker said.

I kept munching away trouble was, the table was too close ...Millie gave me that !!&! tight belt ...I don't know why they keep filling the water glasses and coffee cups.

About this time, Mr Collins stopped at our table

"How are we doing here?" he asked with a pleasant greeting.

"Just fine," we chimed.

"How's the food?" he asked.

"Just fine delicious too much "

And then he got nasty

"There's more You're welcome to seconds."

"Hold it! Hold it! That's enough!" I said. "That is an outright plain, down to earth INSULT."

"Ivan, hush!" Queenie cautioned.

The Great Spokesman continued:

"It truly is an insult. I've done everything I can except some push-ups and the only thing I didn't clear from the table was one lousy hot bun soaked with butter....I'm so stuffed and so full of barbecued ribs I feel like the puppy with the pot belly full of warm milk...and then HE says....'you-re welcome to seconds'."

Fortunately, Mr Collins was in a good mood and laughed it off, suggested doggie bags (even for those who don't have dogs) and invited us to return.

On the way home, I spoke to my neighbor:

"Fred...mebbe the next time you better scoop your own snow "

"Huh?" he questioned.

"Well," I explained. "I think I feel better after scooping snow than your 'payment' of a monstrous plate of barbecued ribs."

The rest of the folks in the car thought that was funny.

I didn't I was in misery



Dr. Lamb

Coping with heart block

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D

DEAR DR LAMB — About two years ago our son, age 22, noticed his pulse was 36. His doctor put him in the hospital He was placed on a heart monitor His pulse did go down to 28 when asleep He was transferred to a larger hospital and a temporary pacemaker was inserted for a few days

They diagnosed his condition as complete heart block Because of his age they advised him to get light work and hold off on a pacemaker I should mention he is not in favor of a pacemaker His pulse is around 46 now He is holding down a full-time job, also doing some sports

What are his chances of going through life without a pacemaker?

DEAR READER — Complete heart block in young people is rare but it does occur The complete form of block means that the bottom part of the heart, the pumping chambers, must run on their own, independent of the faster beating rate of the top two chambers of the heart It can occur as a birth defect or it can occur after an inflammation of the heart, as a complication of an infectious illness

Your letter indicates that your son has no symptoms at all except he noted his slow pulse It reminds me of a very good jet pilot I saw as a result of a routine electrocardiogram who also had complete heart block We exercised him to full capacity and he was able to increase his heart rate to nearly 80 beats per minute and do a lot of exertion without any difficulty

I repeat this story to you to emphasize that your son may not be greatly handicapped The importance of his slow heart rate depends upon whether he has any fainting episodes or has any lack of exercise tolerance It might be advisable to have a stress test done under monitored conditions to see how his heart behaves during exercise

Fainting episodes can occur in people with complete heart block because the heart isn't beating fast enough to pump enough blood to the brain Fainting, however, is caused by many things — some important, some not I am sending you The Health Letter number 9-2, Fainting (Syncope) Others who want information on fainting and what it means can send 50 cents for it Send a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing Write to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 326, San Antonio, TX 78292

The slow rate alone will not hurt him Roger Bannister had a rate in the middle 70s before he trained for the four-minute mile and a resting rate in the upper 30s when trained That was without heart block but it points out that a slow resting rate alone is not that important

These individuals are able to increase their heart rate during exercise sometimes to 180 beats per minute Also, your son may be able to increase his heart rate enough during exertion for normal activities but probably not to the high rates seen in normal athletes

If your son s heart is in good shape otherwise and he is able to increase his heart rate with exertion, as his history of a rate of 46 now might suggest, he may never have any trouble with his defect However I would recommend periodic evaluations as to his status and exercise capacity

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb 13, the 44th day of 1977 There are 321 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history.

On this date in 1689, the English Parliament adopted a bill of rights

On this date

In 1633, the Italian astronomer Galileo arrived in Rome and was detained by the Roman Catholic inquisition

In 1635, the first public school in America, the Boston Public Latin School, was founded.

In 1741, Andrew gbradford of Philadelphia published the first magazine in the United States.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1945, in World War II, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans after a 50-day siege

In 1962, the United States rejected a Soviet proposal that 18 heads of state meet in Geneva to discuss disarmament.

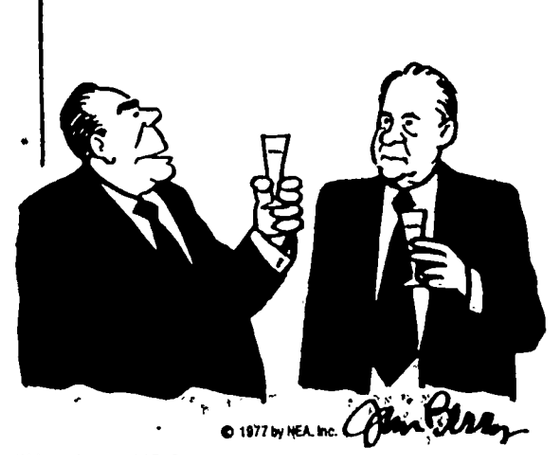
Ten years ago: American bombers returned to North Vietnam, ending a moratorium on raids which began with the start of the lunar new year.

Five years ago· Pope Paul consecrated 19 bishops and archbishops from four continents, including a controversial Dutch conservative

Today's birthdays; Former First Lady Bess Truman is 92. Opera singer Eileen Farrell is 56.

Thought for today: In life as in a football game, the principle to follow is: hit the line hard. — President Theodore Roosevelt..

Berry's World



"Here's to NBC and to the 1980 Olympic Games without Howard Cosell!"