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Divorce, Soviet-style

One out of every three marriages now ends in divorce in the Soviet Union, which means that in at least one category the Russians have caught up to us

Drinking is said to be the leading cause of marital breakups. And while the reasons for widespread alcoholism are a matter of much debate in the U S.S.R , according to one historian the connection between drinking and divorce is the fact that the modern Soviet woman is no longer willing to put up with the beatings and aggravations of a drunken husband

For ages, a woman had to accept it quietly when her husband came home drunk," says Igor Bestuzhev-Lada "Sometimes she has to accept it now, but more often she says no"

Coincidentally, from Chicago it is reported that last year for the first time more women than men killed their spouses in that city — by a score of 35 to 28

Police specialists in family services say that self-defense against abusive, violent or drunken husbands is frequently the cause of such killings

"With more handguns available today and women much more independent, it isn't surprising we're seeing more of this," says a police department spokesman

You might call it instant divorce or do-it-yourself divorce, and the handgunless Russians still have a way to go to catch up to that

Rendevous deferred

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has decided to forget about sending a space probe to meet Halley's Comet when that famous object makes its once-every-76-years visit to this corner of the solar system in 1986.

The mission would simply be too expensive, NASA concluded $300 million for the unmanned spacecraft and another $200-250 million to develop a new "ion drive" engine to propel the probe in difficult rendezvous maneuvers

It's too bad, because scientists believe comets may be leftover remnants of creation First-hand examination of Halley's Comet could tell us much about how the universe was formed

But there'll be a next time — in the year 2062, to be exact Assuming, that is, that long before then we won't have sent probes out to find the comets rather than waiting for them to come to us

AS TIME GOES BY

Boy is killed

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

A small boy was killed instantly and three other persons were injured in a truck-auto crash at the Rock Creek filling station east of Murray.....The Shenandoah, Iowa high school marching band announced plans to participate in the Apple Harvest Festival parade . The state went to court in an attempt to free $1,112,675 in impounded gasoline tax funds .More than 30 boys met at the Nebraska City Junior High School to form a Nebraska City chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

"My Friend Irma" was selected as the Junior Class play at Brock High Roy Ojers succeeded George Johnson as bailiff in the district court .. Removal of the Bryan bridge from the South Branch of the Nemaha River north of Talmage was completed. Ike Eisenhower was ahead of Adlai Stevenson in the Pioneer Theater's popcorn poll The Syracuse Rockets moved from seventh to sixth in Gregg McBride's Class C football ratings .Mayor Vic Bremer invited Omaha Mayor Glenn Cunningham to visit Nebraska City to see the damage done to Nebraska City's drinking water by Omaha's garbage

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

Dolores Wilken and David Bohlken were named queen and king of the Talmage homecoming . .Sgt. Thomas A. Lant, 21, a member of the Company A, enlisted into the Navy for two years.....Glenn Noble retired as manager of the Nebraska City Division of Employment office. He was succeeded by Charles Neerman of Falls City... .Elmer Moss was re-elected to a three-year term on the Otoe County ASCS committee.....Paul Barker stroked Steinhart Park course with a net 69 to win the Nebraska City Golf Association championship

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SAFETY VALVE

"...the same crunch..."

EDITOR, News-Press: I do not wish to be one-sided in this matter of agriculture vs. labor. I was on a payroll for many years. While on the payroll, there was never a matter of a tax write off. I paid my fair share of all taxes and what's more I had nothing to say about it.

They took it all out and that was that. The laboring man probably pays the greatest share of all taxes in over all America. If the small town laboring man or the small town business is not making it, then we have to look at the corporations that must make 2000 per cent profit and are sending us all down the drain

We are all in the same crunch together. None of us on the farm want to hurt the honest decent man from the city that we all depend on too. We do not want to hurt the elderly either. We do not want to depend on a subsidy which is no more than a demoralizing kind of welfare. We still have to hang in there together and promote our small town atmosphere and keep the government out of our affairs as much as possible.

When the people, city or rural, must take out of their savings or re-mortgage their homes or farms in order to live, it is a sad state of events. Our close family friend who is a banker tells us that this very thing is happening and is happening all over the nation.

Again we have to go back to the early 1900's and dust off the anti-trust and anti-monopoly laws and put them back into being

Once the corporations get control of our food supply production wise, then we as farmers, laborers, and professionals will really pay through the nose. The number of small farms falls drastically each year.

PAT RAMOLD



"I happen to know someone who sells extensions."



Kenneth Eskey

COMMENTARY

A moving experiment

Considering the sad state of so many American cities, it's not surprising that the federal government is looking for a clean, simple way to move people around congested downtown areas.

Four cities — Cleveland, Los Angeles, Houston and St Paul, have been chosen to experiment with new people-mover systems, and the experiments will be well worth the money invested if they can reduce traffic and air pollution in the heart of town.

People movers, for those who missed those old Flash Gordon serials on Saturday afternoons, are light, quiet, driverless vehicles that glide from station to station on their own (often elevated) guideways. They don't interfere with pedestrians and they don't compete with cars and buses.

Cleveland, for example, hopes to use a two-mile people-mover system as a way of connecting rapid transit stations and parking lots with other downtown points.

There is plenty of hard-nosed skepticism — in Cleveland and elsewhere — about the people-mover idea. And perhaps that's a healthy thing. A people mover now operating at West Virginia University in Morgantown has been, in many ways, an expensive disappointment.

But the people-mover concept has been carried out successfully at a number of large airports, including Tampa, Miami, Seattle and Dallas. And there is reason to believe it can be adapted to the needs of cities as well.

Two years ago the U.S Department of Transportation threatened to cut off mass transit funds for major cities unless they did something about reducing downtown traffic congestion.

For some cities, the people mover may not be an attractive or even a practical solution. For others, it could be a useful step in the right direction.

Would ease pressure on Channel Nine

Interest grows in advisory line

By Ink Dipper

Channel One, as an advisory channel for CBers, is truly feasible and interest in creating this designation has growing support. This column has talked with the FCC and the Federal Highway Safety Department as well as CB-oriented officials in various states across the country.

"Anything that will get the pressure off Channel Nine has our vote," says Lt. Rod LaNore, of the Michigan State Police. "Getting Channel One recognized, as an advisory channel wherever you are, could certainly go a long way toward accomplishing that."

In Washington, D.C. one of the authorities at NEAR (National Emergency Air Radio), Joe Bernard, reports his agency was interested in anything which made Channel Nine more effective.

"The Federal Highway Safety Program was designed to make fullest use of CB, even to the point of helping states fund their portion of the project," he explains. "There are 24 states now participating, one — Illinois — is fully operational, and 23 are in various stages of development."

The idea for Channel One as an advisory channel evolved with the efforts of three states using it as a promotional device in their tourism campaigns. Tennessee, Maryland and Georgia have located base units in their Welcome Centers. Attendants there monitor Channels 9 and 19 for inquiries from CBers passing through and ask them to go down to One, the HOT line, so questions can be answered.

All states report the program, conceived in the spring, has enjoyed definite success. "The response has been good," says Tom Jackson, head of Tennessee's Tourism Department. "As more CBers have become aware of Channel One when they visit Tennessee, the more queries we have been getting. In a year I think we'll have it established."

Neither of the three states utilizing Channel One for advisory services are participants in the NEAR program. However, though the reasons for establishing Channel One as a place to go for information wherever you travel are different, the result is essentially the same. It takes the pressure off Channel Nine, the designated emergency channel, and helps to relieve Channel 19, the truckers' channel. It should be noted, too, that the FCC has designed only one channel for specific use: Channel Nine. EMERGENCY!

"The FCC has felt that any efforts to establish a channel for a certain purpose should come from the CBers themselves," says John Small, FCC executive in the personal communications section. "That is how Channel 19 became known as the truckers' channel To get Channel One known as the advisory channel sounds like a great idea to me, and it certainly would help Channel Nine"

The combination of state tourism departments and highway safety programs which are worked in cooperation with the Federal government make a nationwide network of information and advisory sources on Channel One a very real objective This utilization of Channel One would also mean the beginning of the evolution of CB into the highly personal communications form for which it was intended.

Write your governor and let him know CBers can help the state through the greatest communications device ever Citizens Band Radio!

Berry's World



"Have I ever told you that your being a 'news freak' drives me up the wall?"

CB CONVAC



'Ink Dipper'



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Get off your...chairs!

Stand up for the flag!

A group of Legionnaires from this area snorted, kicked chairs and asked patrons in a box seat at Ak-Sar-Ben to please stand for the flag. They refused.

The incident occurred the other night at an opening performance. Twenty-five to 30 Legionnaires were seated directly behind the box seat and when the rider passed with the flag, they noticed the half a dozen people (adults and children) did not stand.

That stirred the blood of the war veterans, but they said nothing until after the National Anthem was played and the group did not rise.

This time a chair was kicked "to get their attention" and one angry Legionnaire called to the group to "get off your a.."

They refused, but stood with the rest of the audience for the "seventh inning stretch."

The Legion group included a post commander, DAV member and a mixture of Korean and WWII veterans and their wives. They said they could understand it for a religious purpose, but for nothing else They wrote some letters voicing their objections.

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The recipe contest —

Among the many things at which I am an expert is judging recipes of pork dishes.

Fortunately for the cooks there were other judges, but I gave it the ole' country try. I had to impose on the No. 1 cook at our house for a little deciphering on what the dish would look like when all the goodies were added.

She flittered and fluttered around in a show-and-tell attitude trying to convince me I didn't know anything about the finer things of food preparation.

Actually, we got along fine until we got to the main dish section. For the sake of contest fairness, I won't tell you the decision. The cook at our house objected to my choice and particularly to my method of assessment when I suggested serving her favorite and my choice to four hungry football players.

Like I say. ..fortunately there were other judges, including the former Peru State home ec teacher, Mrs Art (Louise) Kregel, and Mrs Fred Oetgen who prepared the meals with her husband at Steinhart Lodge for many years

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22 years a Guardsman —

Maj. (ret) Dennis Kennell, Nebraska City, was recognized in a recent issue of the Nebraska Prairie Soldier for a poem he penned about his 22 years as a member of the Nebraska National Guard

Major Kennell wrote the poem on his return from annual summer camp at Camp Roberts, California He reflected on the defense of a free country through the National Guard, pointing out that the duty will not end. Others will do their part to maintain the spirit of the "legend of the Thundering Herd," the name attached to the guard unit.

Major Kennell and his family live at 1548 North 11th Street. He is a representative of the Farm Bureau Insurance company.

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The airplane sale —

The ad in the N-P told about the first airplane auction to be held in the state. That sounded different, so I mounted the motorcycle on a beautiful Sunday and wheeled to the Arrow Airport at the north edge of Lincoln.

As I wheeled into the airport, Dennis Schroeder gave a welcome wave and shouted:

"Put a price on it and we'll sell it today."

Arnold Schroeder explained to the good-sized crowd that selling an airplane (or buying one) is no different than an auction of a cat or other big machinery.

There was a lot of jargon I didn't quite capture about "navco's", "transponders", "total time" and "(x) number of hours since topping," but I walked along the rows of planes at least admiring what I didn't understand.

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And then I saw a jewel. She was about the prettiest thing I guess I've ever seen and her sleek lines glistened in the bright sunlight Naw .. .Millie... .it was an airplane

I nudged up against the fuselage and looked in the window Sure looked complicated with all the dials and gauges. The upholstery was clean It was like one of those used cars that a little old lady had in her garage for years.

Arnold had the bidding under way. "Awwright, I've got 75, do I hear 77.....now give me 76.....YEAH! ....we've got 76.....etc.

The bidding moved along at a good pace, then appeared to be bogged at 91 or 92.....YEAH!.....I've got 93 and she's going to go.....do I hear another 50.....

You might be interested, that's not $93, or $9,300, but $93,000.

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I munched on a Polish sausage, sipped a can of pop, walked the airport grounds and visited with Capt. Harris Esluer and Jim Olsen who were also looking over the planes

The motorcycle ride home didn't seem to last long enough, but after I put the bike away and stretched out on the living room floor to "paint the ceiling" my bones told me that was enough for one day

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The Jolly Trippers —

Mr and Mrs Ed Bottcher and a busload of hearty travelers will leave October 10 for another of those see-the-U.S.A bus trips This time the group will tour New Mexico and Arizona and other points in the southwest

The Jolly Trippers organized in 1967 when a group of travelers guided by Mr Bottcher went to Washington, D C , to plant a tree on the capital grounds This will be Trip No 12 for the group

"We always have a great time," Ed says "We're a rural oriented group and have a lot in common We have a good time together "



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Dealing with depression

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Are the anti-depessant drugs merely temporary aids or do they have any long term benefits? How. does psychiatry combat depression and do you see any usefulness in biofeedback and other similar techniques? What is the difference between a manic-depressive person and a typical depressive person?

DEAR READER — Depression is a symptom It can be a manifestation of a neurosis or in its mildest form a change in mood At the other end of the spectrum it can be a psychosis of major importance There are no sharp dividing lines and the decision as to the significance of depression and what it represents depends upon the individual case and how disabling or even painful it is to the person

Depression is part of the three major psychoses which include the manic depressive you asked about, the involutional melancholia that affects older people and the frank psychotic depression The psychotic depression is seen in a person who is severely disabled He may not speak or if he does it may be very slowly and even all physical movement may be slow

The manic depression is a psychosis that causes a person to be manic — "high" — with delusional thoughts of great things and excess activity This phase may be preceded or followed by a depression The cycles may be interspersed with periods or normal mood swings and normal behavior

The anti-depressants are temporary in the sense that they don't cure anything but enable the person to feel better and function better while the cycle is being completed Various medicines may be used in combination with analysis or psychotherapy Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) often gives immediate relief It is very useful in the severely disabled person

I don't think much can be gained from biofeedback in treating the depressive groups Psychotherapy that enables the person to understand and cope with the reality of his life situations modern drugs and, if needed ECT are usually effective

It is important to realize that a person who has a depression needs professional help The friendly neighbor approach just isn t advisable The doctor responsible for the case must deal with complex problems beyond what a good friend can usually do Just listening isn't enough

Some of these people are definitely suicidal and they may not be able to help themselves They need someone to protect them from themselves when they are in this vulnerable phase Nonprofessional meddling may do more harm than good

Depressions tend to recur Some of them such as manic depressions have a tendency to occur in families as an inherited characteristic Depressive responses can occur with some medicines and so can manic reactions Steroid hormones may cause some people to have manic depressive responses

Aspirin is in many medicines that you buy by brand name For information about these medicines send 50 cents with a long stamped self-addressed envelope for The Health Letter Number Two Aspirin and Related Medicines Send your letter to Dr Lamb in care of this newspaper P O Box 1551 Radio City Station New York NY 10019

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 1977. There are 90 days left in the year

On this date in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke that paralyzed the left side of his body

In 1780, the British officer who negotiated Benedict Arnold's attempt to surrender West Point, Major John Andre, was hanged as a spy.

In 1804, the people of England were being mobilized to resist invasion by Napoleon Bonarte.

In 1869, the Indian nationalist leader, Mohandas Gandhi, was born.

In 1889, the first Pan American Conference was held in Washington.

In 1941, in World War II, German armies launched an all-out drive against Moscow.

In 1969, a controversial U.S. test of a hydrogen bomb was carried out underground in the Aleutians without setting off the earthquake that some had feared

Ten years ago. The first black to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall, was sworn in.

Five years ago: The people of Denmark voted to join the European Common Market.

One year ago· A survey indicated that presidential candidate Jimmy Carter led President Gerald Ford in enough states to give him a majority in the Electoral College.

Today's birthday: Writer and film-critic-Rex-Reed-is-37-years-old.

Thought for today: We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once — President Calvin Coolige, 1872-1933.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

"Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us." (Psalm 62:8 RSV)

PRAYER: Eternal Lord, our heavenly Father, guide and direct us with Your Spirit and give us love to share with all we meet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.