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Are fans ready for FANS?

So now Ralph Nader wants to organize the sports fans of America. We wonder if he knows what he's getting into.

On the whole, sports fans are provincial, quarrelsome, cantankerous, opinionated, stubborn, sentimental and loyal to a fault. How they can be pointed in a common direction is more than we can figure out.

Yet for $9 you now can join something called Fight to Advance the Nation's Sports (FANS), which plans to use boycotts, petitions, court suits and other tactics of consumerism to make sure the guy in the bleachers isn't being ripped off.

Let's concede that professional sports are plagued by some greedy promoters, avaricious owners, overpaid players and concessionaires who specialize in cold hot dogs and warm beer.

But where is it writ that an acronym in Washington has been empowered to speak for the fans—even at $9 a throw?

Is there really a civil right of some kind to buy an inexpensive ticket to a football game...or tell the New York Mets they can't trade Tom Seaver to Cincinnati...or demand that basketball season end in March instead of May?

Besides, the fans we know can raise plenty of hell on their own They don't need Ralph Nader to do it for them.

AS TIME GOES BY

Dedication held

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

Dignitaries of the Catholic Church including Bishop Louis B. Kucera of Lincoln as well as representatives of the medical profession and the general public were invited to the dedication of the new wing at St. Mary's Hospital Three important phases of agricultural welfare were stressed at a hearing held by a Senate committee in Sioux City, Iowa. . .A short in the wiring of a photographic enlarger was believed to have caused a fire at the F.A Campbell studio. ..A barn filled with dry wood at the Claus Peterson home in Lorton burned down and temporarily endangered other buildings in the area

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

Judge Thomas E Dunbar of the Second Judicial District died at St. Mary's Hospital at the age of 60 .Judith Ann Driever was picked to represent Percival High in the Apple Bowl Queen contest .Sharon Ocker of Cook was one of the principals in the Peru State College production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience" With the weather cooperating, Si Handy of Nebraska City had an electric fan in his barbershop The Nebraska City Pioneers blanked Plattsmouth, 20-0. Stoltenberg, Herman and Lightbody scored the TD

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

A crowd of over 1,300 people attended the sixth annual Gem and Mineral Show in Nebraska City Fire engulfed and completely destroyed an elevator at Riverton, Iowa, which was owned by the Farmers Co-op at Riverton Miss Terry Heinke, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Heinke of Dunbar, was graduated from United's stewardess school at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport .Lourdes homecoming king candidates were Dave Ohnmacht, Eugene Esser, John Wigington, Jerry Stukenholtz and Danny Rawlings

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct 23, the 296th day of 1977 There are 69 days left in the year

On this date in 1917, American troops saw their first action on the Western Front in World War I, in fighting near Luneville, France

On this date

In 1641, the Great Irish Massacre took place after the discovery of a conspiracy against the English

In 1776, in the Revolutionary War, Gen George Washington's troops withdrew from the island of Manhattan

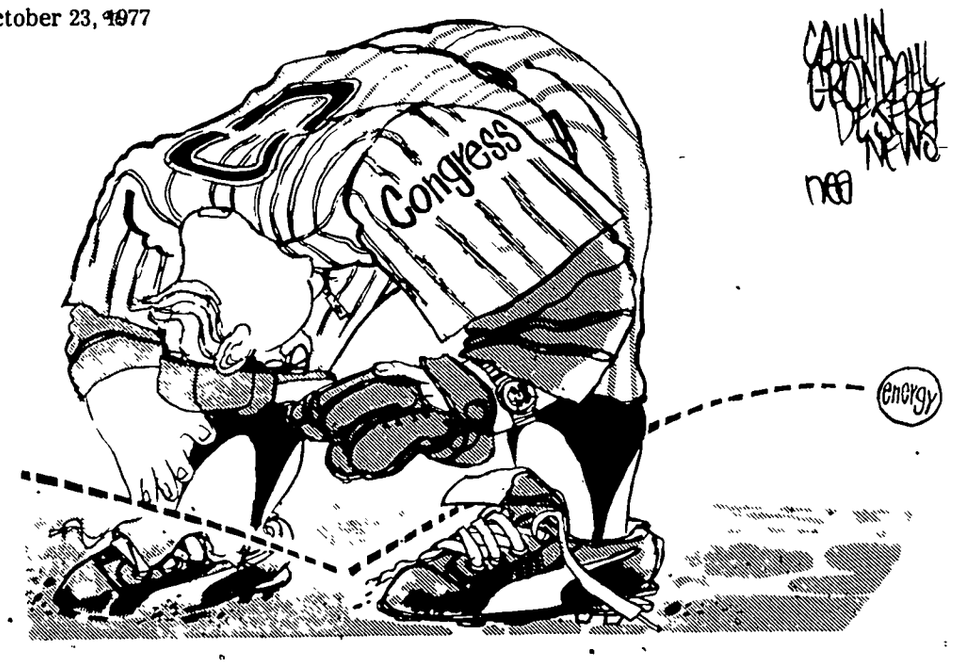
Today's birthday Television personality Johnny Carson is 52 years old

Thought for today You may prove anything by figures — Thomas Carlyle, Scottish writer and historian, 1795-1881

Berry's World



"Very funny! Now, do you want your home insulated or not?"



Are a few miles of coverage worth it?.

A tale of troublemaking black box

By Ink Dipper

It was late in the afternoon in mid-August when the U S asttorney's office in Nashville, Tenn , received a call from the Atlanta office of the Federal Communications Commission Robert Watson, asdsistant U S attorney, received the call It was coming from Hal Grigsby, FCC investigations engineer

"Bob, I know you are getting concerned about these intereference complaints we've been receiving from your area, and so has Washington," he said "We are going to send a team up there to investigate the problem "

Watson, who had had previous experience with similar situations when he was in the U S attorney's office in northern Alabama, was pleased with the call

"That's good news, Hal," he replied "My chief, Hal Hardin, has just taken office he was only recently appointed and he couldn't believe it when he saw them We've been sending them on to Atlanta, but Washington must be receiving them, too "

That telephone converasation triggered a four-day investigation by FCC inspectors and initiated one of the biggest raids to date on CBers allegedly operating illegally

Arriving in Nashville on Aug 12, the FCC team began its work They not only circulated throughout the general Nashville area, but went as far north as the Kentucky line, then spanned out east, west and south of the city

It was all top secret Watson and some of his associates in the attorney's office were aware they were in town, because the team stopped at the Federal Building to describe their plans Until Aug 18, there was a total veil of silence On that date, two members of the team arrived at Watson's office to preparre affidavits In the company of Watson they then went downstairs to the Federal Magistrate's office to obtain search warrants and get his signature on them

Three U S marshals were assigned to accompany the FCC investigating team The result was raids in Nashville, Clarksville, Crossville and Springfield, Tenn , as well as on a farm in Cumberland County Seven residences were searched and equipment confiscated, as well as the equipment of one vehicle

The violations being alleged are that operators were using CBs on frequencies not authorized for citizens band radio and operating CBs in excess of the authorized power All told, it is estimated that between $15,000 and $20,000 worth of gear was confiscated by the government men.

By Aug 20, it was all over The FCC team had departed to turn the equipment over to the investigations laboratory in Atlanta for research

Watson could not comment further about the matter because a final report has not yet been received in the U S attorney's office What will happen?

"Depending upon the report," Watson said, "we will determine whether we will file criminal charges against the operators This is a decision that is made here If the allegations are proven corrrect, the equipment confiscated will be kept by the government, and a trial will be scheduled in Federal Court "

This account can be duplicated in many communities throughout the United States and Canada (though the latter's procedures are somewhat different but aiming at the same objective—criminal prosecution) every day Generally, it goes back to that black box that has been the CB goblin for so many years

Linears are grossly selfish The CBer who uses one is arrogantly overriding his good buddy who follows the law He is interfering with his neighbors' television reception His black box will mess up at least two harmonics and can seriously effect broadcasting and reception on Channel 9, the emergency channel It's a lousy way to pick up a few miles of coverage

Next week we'll tell you how the FCC team worked when it was doing this investigation in Tennessee.

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SAFETY VALVE

" the old days..."

EDITOR, News-Press The following are some of the interesting Revised Statutes of Nebr from 1866 to 1891

No 1877 - NO PERSON driving any carriage upon any road within the state, with or without passengers therein, shall run his horses or carriage (or permit the same to be run) upon any occasion, or for any purpose whatever, and no person riding any horse or mule shall run the same on any public road, except in cases of necessity, and every person who shall offend against the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding $10, or imprisoned not exceeding 60 days, at the discretion of the court

No 1886 - Whoever shall RIDE or drive FASTER THAN a WALK over any bridge, shall FORFEIT for every such offense the sum of $5

Talk about discrimination today Read the next two Statutes of 1866 and see how they did discriminate against the male employe

No 2078 - It shall be the duty of every agent, proprietor, superintendent, or employer of female help in stores, offices, or schools within the state of Nebraska to provide a chair, stool, or seat for each and every such employee, upon which these female workers shall be allowed to rest when their duties will permit, or when such position does not interfere with the faithful discharge of their incumbent duties

No 2079 - Any NEGLECT or refusal to provide a chair, stool, or seat for every female worker in the employ of any agent, proprietor, superintendent, or employer in the state of Nebraska shall be deemed a MISDEMEANOR, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not less than $10 nor more than $200, and stand committed until such fine be paid, and shall likewise be liable to an action for damages to the said female worker whose health has been injured by this neglect of her employer to provide said chair, stool, or seat, as required by this act

Of course we all know that through the following years a lot of these statutes have been changed and, Ivan, I think that the male employe is treated better than he was back in 1866,

BOB KREIFELS



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Is annual physical useful?

By Lawrence E Lamb, M D

DEAR DR LAMB — Millions of people go for a yearly checkup to their doctor or various institutions I m afraid many of these are either too perfunctory or too elaborate You would render a real service to these millions if you would let them know what you consider a meaningful checkup Being one of the vast number I thank you

DEAR READER — Many scientific articles question the value of an annual examination Their value lies in the adequacy of the examination and the doctor's use of it to help you with a preventive medicine program plus your willingness as a patient to follow his advice. The latter often limits its usefulness

My remarks here are directed toward adult patients I assume the doctor has all the past history and knows any medical complaints you have Beyond that it is an important time to review your living habits as they have such an impact on the important illnesses That means a review of your habits in terms of smoking, consumption of alcohol coffee and other beverages, exercise, sleep and tendency to use medications

Important medical problems that can benefit from early detection or prevention include heart and vascular diseases (including strokes), cancer, diabetes liver disease and emphysema of the lungs An important tool to accomplish this is the annual examination

The physical examination should include observation of the amount of body fat under the skin You can tell too, and it is important. The blood pressure (a risk factor in heart attacks and strokes) should be measured and if on the high side something should be done — usually in the patient's lifestyle to improve it A rectal examination with a finger is a must for all over 35 This will include a prostate examination in men After all, cancer of the colon and rectum is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in both sexes and prostate cancer is the third most common cause in men A pelvic examination with a Pap test (in those no longer virginal) and breast examination should be done in all adult women for similar reasons

A blood test should include measurement of hemoglobin for screening for an anemia a white cell count to detect evidence of infection or leukemic disorders, cholesterol (another major risk [illegible] disease), a 2-hour after eating blood glucose as a diabetes screen, one test of liver function (an enzyme or other)

A chest X ray will help in the early diagnosis of lung cancer (the leading cause of cancer deaths) and provide information on other diseases An electrocardiogram should be done at least once in everyone age 35 or over It makes a good base line if you have trouble later A routine urinalysis screens for kidney disorders

There are other things that can be done and some tests that could be substituted for these But if you are interested in preventing or early detection of the big ones these are the main determinations that should be part of the annual examination I have dealt with the annual examination in greater detail in The Health Letter number 10-2, Your Valuable Medical Examination, which I am sending you Others who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 326, San Antonio, TX 78292.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

She's our choice

Our choice —

Congratulations to Mrs Sev Sorensen on being nominated for the Nebraska Teacher of the Year award The nomination was made by representatives of the School for the Visually Handicapped.

There are a whole lot of others who would like to second the nomination from moms and dads who had children in her kindergarten classes to the former students who are now adults

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A choice of words —

The young pastor was new in the church community and met with an early test when he received a pie from a member of the congregation The woman was not known for her excellence in baking

Later, he tasted the pie and discovered it was not to his liking He put it in the garbage can

Then, he realized he must send a note of appreciation for the gift — wondering how he could possibly word it without offending or distorting the truth.

His note of reply read: "Thank you for the thoughtfulness I want you to know that a pie like yours does not linger long at our house "

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Scraping ice —

Arthur Sweet, former publisher of this newspaper, writes in his column that drivers had to scrape ice from their windshields the other day at Flagstaff, Arizona Art and Marguerite have a home in Sun City, but were in Flagstaff on a tour with an active group of retired people

Our family has been driving to and from California for a lot of years (my folks live in Los Angeles) and Flagstaff has got to be the place that attracts most drivers

It's "high" ground, always seemingly cool and at one time the waitresses used to boast about their fresh water supply coming from reservoirs of melted snow That always turned the kids on

I though I'd about flip when I read that his tour included Wickenburg That was the winter quarters for many years for the late J H Sweet and Art was a frequent visitor there over the years Has it changed?

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A new crew —

With the appointment of Officer Kim Kohout as a full-time fireman in Nebraska City, the local volunteer fire department has just about a "new crew" for the first time in many years

Kim succeeds Ken Wiles who retires in December Butch Rains is the "oldtimer" among the three-man crew now The other fireman-driver is Don Hoyle who was appointed only a few weeks ago

The rescue squad gets a "plus" from the appointment of Kohout. All three of the firemen are members of the volunteer rescue squad. Firemen handle dispatching and readying emergency vehicles and as members of the rescue squad, that job will be handled just that much smoother.

Ken will take a deserved retirement. He used to do a lot of carpentering and perhaps he'll be getting some calls when he's free from the demands of the fire department.

Lots of luck to you, Ken.

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Dunno' if this is the truth because it came from Whoopie Landis.....but Ken Wiles went into the doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had.

"Shingles," he replied So she took down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat

A few minutes later, a nurses aide came out and asked what he had

"Shingles," he replied. So she gave him a blood test, took his blood pressure, gave him an electrocardiogram and told him to take off his clothes and wait for the doctor.

A little later the doctor came into the room and asked what he had

"Shingles," he replied

"Where?" the doctor asked

"Outside in the truck Where do you want them?"

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Camping out —

One of Nebraska City's newest and yet oldest social and fun groups is the Wewanago club The group organized a number of years ago for overnight camping trips and have continued an active membership.

Sometime we'll have to ask one of the "oldtimers" just how long the group has been organized. We remember one of the first campouts and a frosty morning at the campsite in Wyoming precinct. The Ervin Ruffners and Eldon Mitzners were active then, too.

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Congratulations gals —

We join other businesses in the community in extending our recognition to the active business women during National Business Women's Week

It was a good time for all businesses to take a look around at who's been running the store. Congrats, gals, for a good job, well done.

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The sporting world —

This has been an active year for sports. Nebraska City and NC Lourdes have been top ranked in football, the Pioneer volleyball teams are having a good season, Reggie Jackson gave everyone a chance to see the "big one" by belting three homers in the final game for the Yankees, the Huskers have been up and down and at present down after getting shattered by an old favorite, the "Dirty 30" from Iowa State

But the one I like the best, is the little cutie from Romania, 16-year-old Nadia Comaneci. Her grace and poise take all the rah-rah out of the sporting events and offer just plain admiration

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Deer hunting —

Virg Hastings, an official tagger for the state, will help keep readers informed on hunting success as he records permit numbers and names of hunters during the archery season

The rifle season deer hunters must take their game to Arbor Lodge State Park for tagging and permit canceling

A half dozen deer were bagged in the opening days of the archery season and rifle hunting usually results in the kill of 90 to 100 deer in the area

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'God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it "

PRAYER Heavenly Father, we thank You for the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and for the assurance that You are a prayer-answering God We are grateful that You can turn our weakness into strength Be with us throughout this day Amen

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