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Still hope for ERA

Feminists may be hurting their own cause by asking Congress to change the original ground rules and give the states seven more years to ratify the equal rights amendment for women.

It was agreed back in 1972 that the amendment — which prohibits discrimination based on sex — would be added to the Constitution if it were approved by 38 state legislatures by March 22, 1979

Now, because only 35 states have ratified and time is running out, Congress is being urged by some of its own members and by the Carter administration to push back the deadline to 1986

It may well be that the amendment's backers are making a mistake by asking for a seven-year extension. For one thing, it looks devious. Even worse, it looks like an act of desperation — the kind of strategy you might use when you're two touchdowns behind with 30 seconds to play

Three states (Tennessee, Nebraska and Idaho) have tried to rescind their endorsement of ERA, something the Justice Department says they may not do. But these states (and others) could argue that if Congress can change its mind about the time limit, they should be able to change their minds about ratification.

Instead of pleading for time, ERA proponents should be knocking themselves out to elect sympathetic legislators next year in skeptical states like Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Nevada and Oklahoma

It's bound to be a tight squeeze But 35 states already have ratified the equal rights amendment. And there's no reason why three more can't be added to the list by March of '79

AS TIME GOES BY

Students tested

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

Sutdents in the ninth through 12th grades in Nebraska City's public schools took the state's written driver's license examination to conclude a week of study on Nebraska highway regulations . ..Sheriff Carl Ryder reported that there had been no progress made in the search for grocer F.E Thomas, who had been missing since November 9 .. .The county board said it would replace the bridge at Sixth Street and 10th Avenue, following a meeting with Nebraska City commissioners at which the board received a petition from area residents asking for replacement of the washed-out bridge.... .Garage proprietor Jack Milow was severely burned on both arms and his face when gasoline he was using to clean a motor exploded and caught fire

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

Oklahoma University contemplated leaving the Big Seven Conference.....The Board of Public Works received a recommendation for $900,000 worth of improvements to the City Utilities system from Manager Vern Livingston, including $220,000 for water tower and distribution improvements and $150,000 for a water filter plant ."King Kong" returned to the Pioneer Theatre Phyllis Holscher scored eight points to lead the Syracuse volleyballers past Nebraska City, 29-10... "I Love Lucy" and "Our Miss Brooks" were two of the most popular TV programs on the air

TEN YEARS AGO

Jesse Parker, Nebraska City, was master of ceremonies at Otoe County Government Day. .Fireman Philip Hauptman, USN, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Hauptman, Peru, participated in the recovery of the Apollo 4 unmanned spacecraft as a crewman aboard the primary recovery ship, USS Bennington ....Paul Lima of Nebraska City had a feature article in the Nebraskaland Magazine on historical spots in Nebraska City. He was pictured in a color photo in front of the Fort Teen blockhouse in the magazine

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov 20, the 324th day of 1977 There are 41 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history·

On this date in 1945, 24 Nazi leaders were put on trial before an international war crimes tribunal at Nuremberg, Germany

On this date

In 1818, the South American liberator, Simon Bolivar, declared Venezuela independent of Spain

In 1870, German troops surrounded Paris during the Franco-Prussian War

In 1893, the U S Supreme Court ruled that the Great Lakes and their connecting waters were high seas

In 1942, the Alaska highway across Canada was formally opened

In 1947, Princess Elizabeth of Britain married Lt Philip Mountbatten in a ceremony at Westminster Abbey in London

Ten years ago· The United States became the fourth nation to reach a population of 200 million, trailing China, India and the Soviet Union

Five years ago· The U.S Supreme Court ruled that programs fed into computers could not be patented

One year ago In Spain, veterans of Gen Francisco Franco's civil war army held a rally in Madrid on the first anniversary of the dictator's death to protest the more liberal policies of King Juan Carlos

Today's birthday· Actress Gene Tierney is 57 years old.

Thought for today One small step for man, one giant step for mankind — Astronaut Neil Armstrong after the first landing on the moon on July 20, 1969.

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" (John 19·10 RSV)

PRAYER Most loving Father, we thank You for the power available to us through Your word and the living Spirit in our lives Amen.



"Well, fellas, I'm off to the women's convention in Houston — you know, that's where the Oilers play."



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Confrontation in Houston

WASHINGTON—(NEA)— The city streets are full of "latch key" kids, the children of working mothers who cannot find or afford child care help

Teenaged pregnancies are reaching epidemic proportions. Wifebeating, the hidden shame of countless families, is a crime without punishment in many states

Spiraling divorce rates are creating an ever-growing class of newly disadvantaged citizens — the "displaced homemakers," who have neither the job skills nor the training to support themselves and their children

These are serious social problems that exact a devastating toll among women who make up a majority of the American people

All are scheduled for intensive discussion in Houston from Nov. 18-21 when the observance of the International Women's Year will culminate with a national conference of nearly 2,000 delegates elected from every state in the union

And yet, such issues are in danger of being lost in the tumult and shouting that now appears inevitable over more inflammatory subjects like abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment

By the thousands, anti-abortion and anti-ERA women are expected to converge on Houston for rallies and demonstrations outside the conference And by the thousands, feminists who support both will probably show up to counter the protesters

Organizers of the conference are deeply and justifiably concerned that the entire exercise, which is being funded by Congress, will wind up being perceived as an angry screaming match that simply gives the entire women's movement a black eye

It wasn't supposed to happen this way Early in the year, when the first state meetings were held to elect delegates to the Houston conference, everything was moving smoothly

By late spring, however, the National Women's Conference suddenly became the target of a variety of conservative groups and churches ranging from the John Birch Society to the Mormon Church

In state after state, right wingers who had never shown any interest in women's issues began showing up at the delegate-selection meetings and electing their own slates to the Houston conference

By the time the state meetings had ended, conservatives bent on turning the National Women's Conference into a political confrontation had succeeded in electing up to 20 percent of the delegates who will be in Houston

Since then, they have been drilling those delegates in parliamentary tactics designed to disrupt the conference, organizing anti-femmist rallies and trying to block the Houston meeting from being held, through lawsuits and lobbying before sympathetic members of Congress

It remains to be seen whether their efforts to turn the conference into a circus will succeed The vast majority of the delegates in Houston will be trying to fulfill their original mandate from Congress the drafting of recommendations for removing remaining barriers to equality between men and women

This is a serious and worthy goal It would be a shame indeed if those who disagree with the aim of the conference seek to cripple it for their own purposes

New York's public service experiment

CB designed to assist senior citizens

By Ink Dipper
(First of Two Parts)

Governmental agencies both state and federal, continue their search for ways of utilizing citizens band radio because CB continues to be the most utilitarian of all communications systems This column has been discovering programs from coast to coast where CBers not necessarily members of ALERT or REACT, just old buddies like you and me, are working within city, sometimes state, systems to aid their neighbors,

We recently reported the setup of the Fort Worth, Tex , Police Department s highly effecient and effective 24-hour Channel 9 monitoring service, all done voluntarily, but organized in a very orderly and professional manner

Now in New York state an experiment has begun this week where CB is being used to assist in neighborhoods and primarily, senior citizens Mandated by Gov Hugh Carey, the state has funded the purchase of 102 CB transceivers and 35 mobile units to be used by the Rochester Police Department William McMahon, director of the N Y Division of Criminal Justice Services, has been supervising a study on how people can help the local police to better protect themselves and their property CB seemed to provide an immediate answer

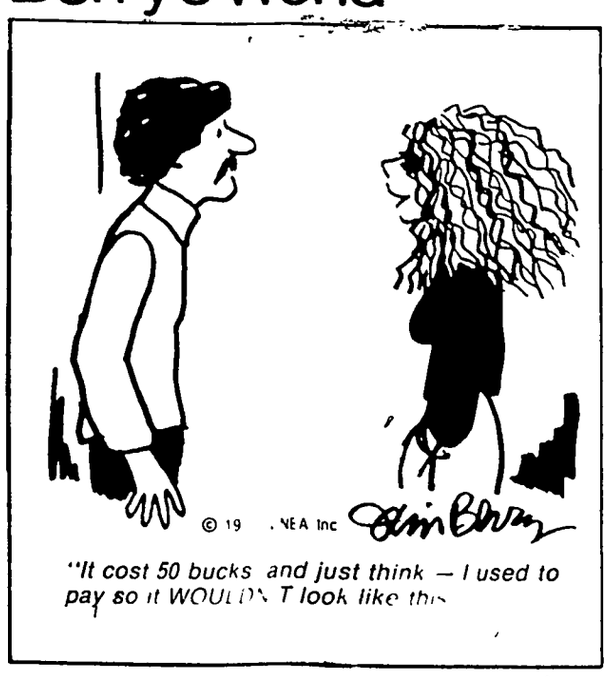
"We picked Rochester as the pilot for the project, and the units are now in place for distribution," he explained "We're not certain — and won't be until the feasibility study is completed — whether CB will do the job We are also going to conduct a companion experiment with the PASS, program PASS is personal alarm security system." There are several reasons the New Yorkers are concerned about CB 1) bad reception as a result of tall buildings and other urban structures, and 2) the terrible confusion on Channel 9 However the range of CB is better than PASS, which is really a mini-walkie-talkie PASS has little more than one mile range, while CB can easily get five miles

PASS uses an instrument a little bigger than a playing card deck The CB transceiver is the LaFayette Dolphone, which is somewhat like a wireless telephone One of the problems which confronted the project planners was an antenna which was virtually invisible That was solved with a Umtronic Homing Pigeon which is very much like a pole lamp It has been known to deliver a 10-mile signal spread

Ultimately, the New York project must confront the monitoring problem In order for the entire concept to work effectively, it will mean the assignment of listeners on shifts to cover 24 hours seven days weekly At this writing the CB side of monitoring for the feasibility study will be handled by the Rochester Police Department The PASS program, however will need a different structure and salaried monitors can virtually inundate any project budget

As the governmental agencies become more involved in CB, they will find that CB units are actually more economical than any other two-way communications system available They will also find that CBers are generous community-spirited citizens who truly want to help their neighbors Therefore as in Fort Worth's program it becomes a matter of melding the two components to gain fullest utilization of citizens band radio for the benefit of all

Berry's World



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"It cost 50 bucks and just think — I used to pay so it WOULDN T look like this



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Jump on Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving —

We're going to get the jump on Thanksgiving this weekend with a Sunday dinner in Sargent, Nebr , with a daughter and husband

It will be a five-hour drive and I'm afraid my passengers won't be much company as they are located someplace in the vehicle where they can comfortably snooze

We helped the couple move to Sargent last summer and "recruited" some help from the younger set. They did just great, worked with dedication, handled furniture and lamps with about as much grace as you'd expect and made me proud of the labor force

But — coming home was something else We turned in the U-Haul truck at Kearney and headed home My "helpers" awoke when we crossed the railroad tracks at Dunbar

And it just slays me when sleepy-eyed they say

"Gosh, it sure didn't take long to get home."

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Meanwhile, back at the dinner table no one has asked me about the menu I don't know if that means they don't want my expert advice anymore, whether they plan to surprise me with fine dishes or whether they just are being polite and giving me the ole' GI quiet treatment

No 1 daughter has one of those high-speed cooking ranges and I can be assured that there will be many dishes prepared in that device to challenge my judgment

There was a time when preparing such a delicacy as goose or turkey required an evening of stuffing and an early awakening to get the fowl in the oven and cooking

Nowadays, it's all quickie stuff Dunno if I'll like it that way but I'm sorta anxious to see how it goes

Besides there's always this attitude — One of the tortures of the big family meal is standing around for hours smelling it and getting tossed out of the kitchen

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The Dunbar Review —

Officer Bill Winkler speaking to the driver of a car that jumped the Wilson creek bridge railing and landed in the creek bed

"Are you drunk?"

The driver Sure I m drunk What do you think I am — a stunt driver?

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Chamber board —

The slate for the 1978 Chamber board has been offered for consideration at the November 22 annual banquet at The Lodge

And, if the election is conducted with its usual move it will be like the ole Mop Eagle passing through town

The committee has what appears to be a fine selection of officers with Jim Olsen as president and chairman of the board

Jim is owner of Otoe Concrete Products and Materials Co and DECO Division Jim is a second generation Olsen to be president His father, Viggo headed the Chamber about 20 years ago

Others on the slate are Bill Dawson vice president, owner of Dawson Oil and Transport Co Jerry Platt, manager of Hinky Dinky Mrs Willard White, owner of Electro Gas, Mary Penning assistant vice president, Farmers Bank, Dennis Kennedy, executive vice president of Otoe County National Bank, Gary Friesner, manager of Brown Shoe Fit, Rev David Troxler, pastor of First Christian Church and Bob Taylor, site engineer for the OPPD power plant south of town

Holdover directors are Harold Rowe, owner of Rowe Motors; Mrs Maxine Fitzekam, manager of Tober's, Mrs Gene Obbink, owner of Credit Bureau and Ivan Boerner of Jessup's

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The Duffey Watergate —

A summons by District Judge Raymond Case ordering the appearance in court of Mr and Mrs F.L. Duffey (Dorene is our society editor) to testify in the Beers murder case could have only one result — the end of privacy for a reporter, the unveiling of her secret life and the publicizing of "Life With Floyd" before a jury and the whole wide world

If you didn't read "One Person's Opinion" in Wednesday's paper, you better dig out a copy and read it As Mrs Duffey reported "my husband and I have separate bedrooms . if I tried to explain why no one would believe me "

And folks remember that you read it in the family newspaper

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The teachers —

A lot of organizing with the help of Mrs June VanderVeen resulted in a weeklong display of pictures and news stories on teachers during Education Week

There were a lot of familiar names, but one stood out for us — Mrs Dave Curtis of Sidney, Ia., NC Junior High teacher.

Mrs Curtis used to be Suzanne Slemp and she was our babysitter for many enjoyable years. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Marland Voltmer.

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Picky-picky —

Didya ever notice how the telephone takes precedent over a conversation?

It will interrupt your meal, cut in on a conversation or ding-a-ling its way between you and a business man or a customer but try to do without it in today's mass communications world

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George Spires returned home one evening after another busy time at his Sidney Meat Plant and Murray Lockers He was greeted at the door by a tearful wife, Judy

"I've had a terrible day," she said "The baby cut his first tooth, then he took his first step "

George interrupted "Why, that sounds wonderful!"

Judy continued . "and then he fell down and cut his lip .and then he said his first word "



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Lupus cause unknown

By Lawrence Lamb, M D

DEAR DR LAMB—I am 66 years old and am coming to you for help I have systemic lupus erythematosus I had it bad from 1964 to 1969, then it went into a remission until now I am once again on cortisone

I would like to know what this does to the body

DEAR READER—Your story represents an important characteristic of the disease It tends to occur as attacks Between such attacks, the person may appear perfectly normal These remissions may last for years in many cases

At the present state of knowledge about the disease, it is better to say we really don't know what causes it Most doctors classify it as an autoimmune disease That means the body starts reacting it its own chemicals or cells somewhat like becoming allergic to yourself

The disease my affect many of the body systems, including the lungs, the heart, the kidneys, muscles, joints and skin It affects the connective tissue of the body that binds cells and organs together The basic fiber material in connective tieeus is collagen and that is why it is usually called a collagen disease

The symptoms may be quite vague The patient may have indigestion, weakness, pain in the chest, in the joints or other symptoms I hasten to point out that weakness and fatigue, which may be a prominent feature of the illness, often occur for many other reasons Less than 10 percent of patients who have recurring fatigue have a significant medical disease and only a tiny fraction of these have lupus

The effects of the disease vary It may be a very mild case, or severe When I first started seeing this disease, we saw only the severe cases referred to a busy university medical center, and they were very sick people When I was a resident in medicine, we had 10 cases on my service at one time, and they were all severely ill We had such an influx because we were beginning the use of hormones for treatment, and that was a new era for the disease

Things have changed a great deal since then, and now 90 percent of the people with lupus live at least 10 years, and many much longer It is diagnosed much more readily now by new tests, and it is found in people from age two to 90, in both sexes, but it occurs most often in young women

There are two forms of the disease discoid lupus and systemic lupus erythematosis (S L E) The discoid type is a skin lesion, and it usually stops at that S L E can involve almost any part of the body

An organization, The American Lupus Society (4126 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505), has been formed to stimulate research to help get more answers about lupus There must be a half million people with the disease in the U S along, and there is a great need for better public understanding about it Perhaps most important is for people to realize that many, as in your case may lead long periods of normal life, and while the disease is often limiting, in many cases it may not be severely limiting Rest avoiding sunshine, and staying with the program your doctor outlines, are all important in helping provide the best opportunity for a good outcome

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