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VIEWPOINT

Low grade for tax credits

An effort to give parents a tax credit for sending their children to college is one of those bad pennies that turn up every time senators get together and start talking about money

The Senate recently voted 61 to 11 to grant parents a tax write-off of up to $250 per student per year for the college tuition they pay

The tax credit was attached to an unrelated Social Security bill and fortunately stands a good chance of being dropped from the legislation when the House and Senate sit down to resolve their differing versions

But there's no denying that tuition tax credits are gaining support in Congress And that's bad news for two reasons The first is the revenue loss to the already depleted federal treasury — estimated at $1 billion a year

The second is that tuition tax credits, in many cases, would help parents who don't really need help. The Congressional Budget Office estimates 60 percent of the benefits would go to families whose incomes have kept pace with the tuition increase of recent years.

Making education more accessible through scholarships, loans and low-cost community colleges is sound public policy. Indiscriminately handing out tax credits to parents of college students is not.



"Of course we'll cooperate. As you can see, I am a sympathetic man."



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Prevention of diabetes

DEAR DR LAMB — I am a 45 year old woman, and have relatives who have had sugar diabetes. My mother died at 78 with diabetes. Is there anything I can do to prevent getting sugar diabetes? I am in good health, 5 feet 8, and weigh 150 pounds

DEAR READER — The hereditary aspects of diabetes are sometimes hard to establish. Why? Because there is more than one cause for diabetes. It may be inherited or it may follow a disease of the pancreas or even mumps. It is probably several different diseases all with abnormally elevated blood glucose levels

The other reason is that even inherited diabetes may manifest itself at different ages. If it tended to occur at age 75, but the person died from other causes at age 45, there would be no way of knowing that such an individual carried the genes to develop diabetes later in life

It is a good idea to do what you can to prevent diabetes Avoiding obesity is the most important measure Avoid excess sweets and rely more on raw fruits and plain vegetables rather than sweets for the carbohydrates in your diet Remain active Physical activity helps keep the blood sugar low These measures will help improve your health anyway, no matter what

To give you more information, I am sending you The Health Letter number 3-11, Diabetes. Diagnosis, Prevention and Management. 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 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

AS TIME GOES BY

Towns on top

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

The towns of Otoe and Burr were over their membership goals in the Red Cross drive, according to Roll Call chairman John C. Miller...Nebraska City letter carriers finished their part in the national census of the unemployed by casing the cards received and checking for duplicates Inmates of the Otoe county jail, who did their own cooking, had a Thanksgiving dinner of chicken, oysters, celery and other delicacies to fit the season .A 34-yard field goal kicked by Lowell English during a snowstorm gave Nebraska a 3-0 victory over Kansas State to net the Big Six conference championship.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

State Trooper Leroy Jensen of Nebraska City resigned - Blowing and drifting snow isolated Nebraska City from the rest of the world. .A blindfolded Dorothy Kilgallen on "What's My Line" asked Rochester if he was a brunette...Charles Green of Brock had a narrow escape when his tractor plunged down the embankment west of his home .Otoe, Cass and Nemaha counties crawled out of the worst November blizzard in history.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

The V-Lanes announced that approximately $255 was collected during the Heart Fund Bowling Tournament...State Commissioner of Education Dr Floyd Miller spoke at the dedication of the Northside School in Nebraska City .Mrs Jerry Regler was president of the Church Women United...A father-son combination, Gary Gilbert, a Junior High student, and his father, Art, a postal employe, won first and second places in the final football contest sponsored by the News-Press and merchants ..George Bridgmon, son of Mr and Mrs Lee D Bridgmon, Sr., of Cook was employed as a computer programmer for the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington D.C

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3 RSV)

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, help me to see the good in the lives of others. I come to You for cleansing, for You alone know all my sins, even those that lie hidden in the deepest corners of my heart. Amen.



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Eastland stays, Teddy loses

WASHINGTON —(NEA)— He didn't actually say it, but he might as well have.

In announcing he will run for re-election next year, Sen James O Eastland, D-Miss., was sending a message three-fourths of the lobbyists in Washington had been praying for.

"Teddy Kennedy is gonna be chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee over my dead body."

Eastland, 73, had been privately telling his colleagues for months that he expected to retire at the end of his current term, the sixth he has served.

But that would have elevated Sen Edward M Kennedy, D-Mass., to the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee which Eastland has ruled for the past 20 — a prospect which sends shudders through the business world and conservatives of every variety.

For weeks on end, Eastland's office was inundated with letters, phone calls and visitors beseeching the cigar-chomping old senator to spare the nation from the liberal scourage.

Even Jimmy Carter, very quickly and very privately, let it be known he would hate to see Eastland retire. Kennedy, after all, is enough of a potential threat as it is without the added stature and publicity which goes with a major committee chairmanship

More than half the legislation introduced in the Senate each year is referred to Eastland's committee, including all civil rights bills, constitutional amendments, immigration matters and anti-trust measures

Conservatives consider the panel so crucial that earlier this year they persuaded Sen Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., to give up the top GOP position on the Armed Services Committee in order to block liberal Sen Charles McC Mathias Jr, R-Md, from becoming the ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee

At the moment, the 17-member committee is evenly split between liberals and conservatives with Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W Va, holding the decisive vote

The committee is no longer the burial ground it used to be for civil rights bills and other major liberal proposals On really significant measures, Byrd consistently votes with the eight liberals to send the bill to the floor for action by the full Senate

But with Eastland as chairman and Thurmond as ranking Republican, conservatives still maintain full control of internal committee procedures, scheduling and rules

As long as Eastland remains in the Senate, his chairmanship is secure He is scrupulously fair to the liberals on his committee, even when he disagrees with them, and generous with subcommittee chairmanships and staffing allowances

Senate liberals took a fearful drubbing this year when they tried to wrest the Finance Committee chairmanship away from Russell Long, D-La, who is far more dictatorial than Eastland

There will be no attempt to oust Eastland from his job so that Kennedy can take over It wouldn't succeed, and the liberals know it

Kennedy and his allies have only one remaining hope, a slim one at best — the possibility that Mississippi voters who have been sending "Big Jim" Eastland to Washington regular as clockwork since 1942 will decide that he should retire after all

More than a dozen politicians of both parties, including four of the state's five House members had been gearing up for a Senate race if Eastland pulled out With the exception of former Gov William L Waller, a Democrat, and GOP businessman Gil Carmichael the Republican Eastland beat in 1972, they are all backing off now

It is possible Waller could give Eastland trouble in a primary, but the smart money says he won't risk it Which means, in all likelihood, that Teddy Kennedy has a long,long wait ahead for the Judiciary Committee chairmanship



Don Oakley

COMMENTARY

Selling of First Brother

Some people have been complaining that William Alton Carter III, of the Georgia Carters, has been trading on the fact that his brother holds another important position with the U.S. government.

The younger Carter would be the first to agree. Who would ever have heard of Billy Carter, gas station operator and part owner of a peanut warehouse in Plains, Ga., if Jimmy Carter had not been elected president? (Who would have heard of Jimmy Carter, for that matter?)

Now Billy stands to earn more this year than the president — about $500,000 — from public appearances, endorsements, etc. "If they're crazy enough to pay me, I'm crazy enough to do it," he has said.

Latest promotional chore for Billy is to spend 12 days a year helping a Louisville, Ky., brewery sell a new beer bearing his name. This has struck many people as especially tasteless — the advertising, not the beer.

It has reached the point where the president himself had to speak out on the Billy phenomenon the other day. Far from being embarrassed by Billy's antics, the president expressed admiration for the way Billy lives his own life. "I am proud he is my brother," he said.

Of course, Jimmy Carter said he was proud of Bert Lance, too, just before the deluge. But in this case, we don't think the president's vote of confidence will adversely affect Billy's fortunes In fact, Billy seems on the way to becoming a celebrity in his own right.

As the president noted, Billy's popularity rating would probably exceed his own at this time. And as Billy noted in a recent interview, most of the towns he goes into now say Billy is coming, not Jimmy's brother is coming

Criticize him if you wish, but Billy Carter is of that category of men who have greatness thrust upon them Great publicity, anyway.

He tried valiantly to just keep on pumping gas back in Plains as if nothing had changed, but the hordes of tourists and the reporters with their incessant questions made that impossible. So now he's cashing in for all it's worth as the nation's preeminent redneck, good ole boy and beer drinker.

Terrible. But who among us is pure enough to cast the first pull tab at Billy Carter?

Caught in the squeeze

This will be good news to everyone who has stayed up late worrying about the future of the Florida orange juice industry persons of all sexes may once again drink it in good health

At any rate, a magazine called Mandate, which claims to speak on behalf of the nation's "gay" community, says it will urge its readers in its next issue to end their boycott of the state's famous product The boycott was instituted to protest the employment by the Florida Department of Citrus of crusadingly anti-homosexual Anita Bryant

The boycott has achieved its purpose, says the magazine, since the department has replaced some originally scheduled Bryant commercials with those of other celebrities and its executive director has recommended that the controversial saleslady be phased out

We hope this is the last we will hear about orange juice, Anita Bryant and homosexuals If the citrus people could squeeze as much juice from an orange as everyone concerned has squeezed publicity out of this story, and if you could substitute orange juice for gasoline, why, we could boycott Middle East oil.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Hello, goodby

Hello and goodby —

Air Force Cadet David Ailes, son of Mr and Mrs Garry Ailes, Nebraska City, will return to Colorado Springs Sunday after spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, grandparents, Mr and Mrs Irvin Ailes and his friends.

The cadet complimented our family the other evening when he sat in the kitchen of our home and visited with us about academy life He returned a second time to visit with the younger set They had a lot of questions

We've known David for most of his 19 years so it was with a bit of selfish pleasure we enjoyed when he knocked on our door to say hello

We'll never have any concern about military leadership as long as the AF attracts young men of the caliber of this NCHS graduate

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Congrats seniors —

Peru State College named seven seniors at NC Lourdes as qualifiers for Board of Trustees scholarships They were named m the paper the other day Congrats!

They are Tim Causgrove, Denise Davis, Chris Kreifels, Mary Harney, Chris Heng, Susan Roddy and Joe Wenzl The Rev Tom Ozanne, guidance director, said he was especially pleased with the ACT scoring by Lourdes students The ranking "bears out the quality of our educational system," he said

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The handicapped —

Bruce Eppenbaugh, program coordinator at the Arbor Training Center, told about the beginning of the educational and training programs for the mentally retarded the other day

Seems hard to believe Nebraska City's program is only 19 years old

Today, the program is an organized structure of government operating with contributions, county, state and federal taxes, with living quarters for clients, and educational and training staffs and facilities

But it wasn't always so easy

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We don't remember the names of all of those fine people who started the program on a shoestring in the parish hall at St Mary's Catholic church

Those volunteers included Mrs Ervin Rogers and Mrs Al Schmitz There was the "teacher," Faye Morton, who lived at Union and drove to Nebraska City

Don't know where she is now, but I imagine Valda, Bill Whipple or Mrs Lechner will tell me when they read this item

Faye Morton was about the kindest and yet aggressive person we've ever met in the educational systems for the mentally handicapped.

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We worked closely with her because just like the former Lourdes Principal, Sister Victoria, she was always calling for a picture and story

Only at the Arbor Training Center, the faces of the youngsters were never to be photographed Faye pressed for identification and over the years the program became successful and is today what was accomplished then by local drive, energy and backing.

It took a lot of courage and dedication, not only on the part of the teacher and the host of volunteers, but especially on the part of parents who really had to give from their hearts

You are the greatest and you can be justly proud of Bruce, Jesse Stein, the Arbor Training Center director, and the staff and program in this area They care

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The fair board —

Congratulations to Orville Koch, Syracuse, on being re-elected as president of the Otoe County Fair board. The success guided by that group of volunteers will be exhibited at the fairgrounds in Syracuse August 21-22-23

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The new school —

We like the name selected for the new consolidated Murray-Nehawka school district — Conestoga Public Schools

Conestoga was a covered wagon, the type that crossed Nebraska carrying people and goods into the new frontier and on west

The name is old but a new and fresh idea of something historic It's a good choice

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Mr Steinhart —

Morton Steinhart accepted the Chamber's Recognition award graciously but not without the usual quip of the 88 years young gentleman

Former Mayor Dr A O Gigstad offered the plaque with a hitch, that it was a traveling trophy and as such had to be returned Mr Steinhart's responses to the compliments given to him by Dr Gigstad were quick and humorous They were a trademark of his life work, getting a job done in good time and in good cheer

Congratulations also go to Mrs Marjorie Moyer who was awarded the Ethel Gaskill Award from the Women's Division She was noted especially for her volunteer work on the lengthy job of the Bicentennial Committee and followed that up with the River Country Nature Center and that included chipping and painting

It's good that people who do the work are recognized by so many others

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov 27, the 331st day of 1977 There are 34 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1942, during World War II, French navy men at Toulon, France scuttled 10 French cruisers, 28 destroyers and 14 submarines to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Nazis

On this date

In 1703, a coastal storm in England took an estimated 8,000 lives

In 1940, during World War II, Germany annexed the French province of Lorraine

In 1945, Gen George Marshall was named a special U S envoy to China to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists

Five years ago President Richard Nixon announced that he had accepted the resignations of two cabinet members — Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney and Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird

One year ago Thousands of people marched through London's Trafalgar Square in a demonstration for peace in Northern Ireland

Today's birthdays Caroline Kennedy is 20 years old Broadway producer David Merrick is 65

Thought for today All art is based on non-conformity — Ben Shahn, American artist, 1898-1969

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