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VIEWPOINT

Critical support

Despite the fact that his own party is in firm control on Capitol Hill, President Carter last year received less support from Congress than any recent Democratic president

According to Congressional Quarterly, a respected research organization which keeps track of such things, Congress supported Carter on 74 9 percent of the votes on which he had staked out a clear position.

That barely surpassed Richard Nixon's first-year support score of 74 percent from a Democratic Congress, and was well below John F. Kennedy's initial 81 percent and Lyndon B Johnson's 88 percent. But it sure beat poor Gerald Ford, who prevailed on only 58.2 percent of his stands during his first year as president.

Perhaps ominously, the South — which put its native son in the White House — showed the least enthusiasm for his programs Southern Democrats supported the president only 64 percent of the time in the Senate, 53 percent in the House

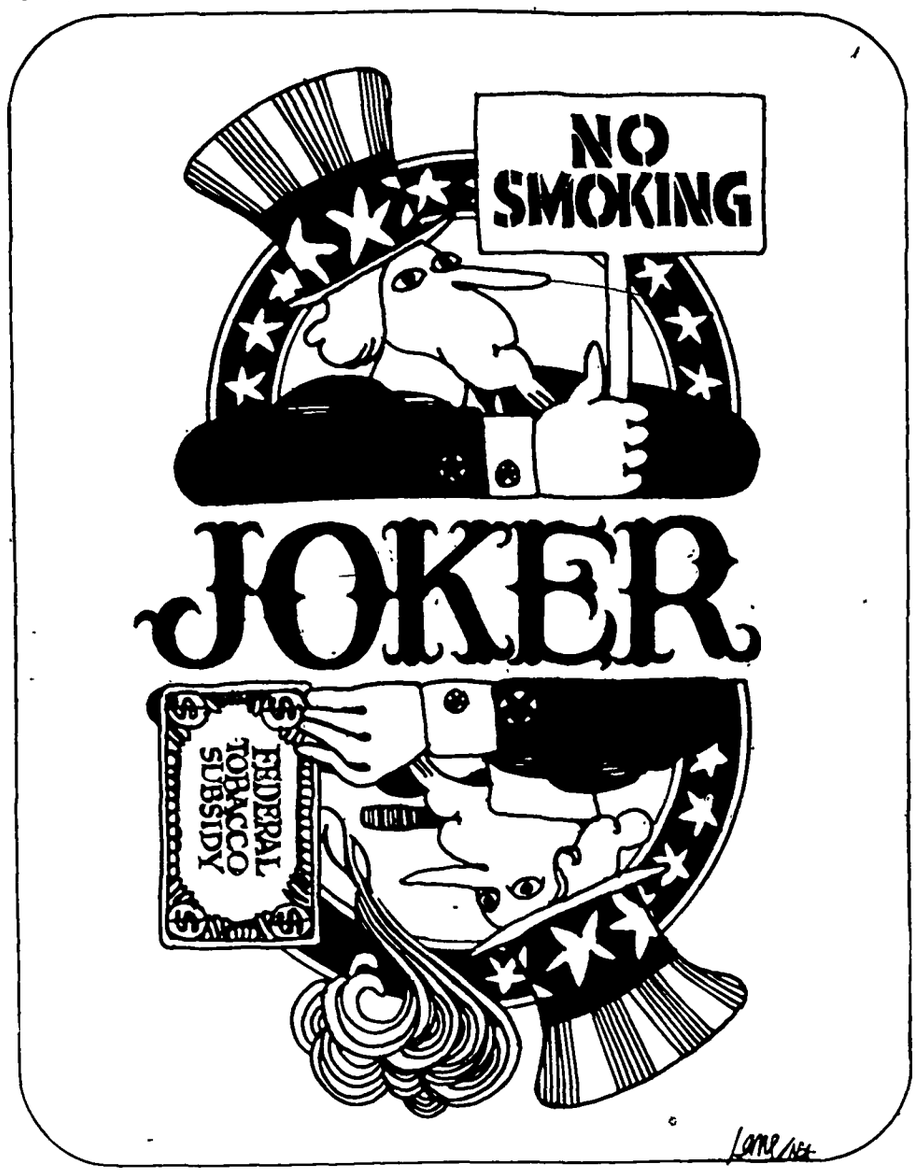
Carter's strongest support came from Midwestern and Northern liberals, even though they have been among the most vocal critics of his policies

Not in the running

Illinois Democrats have all but written off their chances of bumping off GOP Sen Charles H. Percy this year. Their candidate, Chicago lawyer Alex Seith, is little known and is receiving no press coverage

The strongest potential Democratic contender, two-term Rep Paul Simon, from downstate Carbondale, declined to run despite entreaties from state and national party leaders including Vice President Walter F. Mondale.

Simon, who has two teenaged children, gave Mondale a familiar reason for his no-go decision "I agree with the fellow who decided against running for president a couple years ago because he didn't want to spend the next year living in Holiday Inns," Simon explained with a sly grin.



AS TIME GOES BY

Buildings destroyed

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

A fire in Weeping Water caused $75,000 in damage and destroyed five businesses — two restaurants, a grocery store, a variety shop and an electrical shop 40 Otoe county WPA workers escaped injury when the truck they were riding in went out of control on a slippery road and turned over .Leaders of industry from across the nation were commenting on Nebraska's "white spot" campaign and the advantages offered to industry by the state. .Former Hamburg, Iowa, coal miner Ed White completed exploration diggings and planned to open a new coal mine in the Dunbar vicinity

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

T J Long was elected president of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce Vern Livingston was vice president - Stanton Gregg was named "Young Man of the Year" at the Chamber banquet Jack Schwartz was "Boss of the Year." Retiring Chamber president was Clarence Vigen...The Falls City Tigers edged Nebraska City, 47-44 The Nehawka Indians battered St Bernard's Saints, 52-28. Ted Snyder and Ray Mayfield each had 16 points for the winners The Nebraska City Lions mapped plans for their City Polio Drive

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Raymond Birkmann, son of Mr and Mrs George Birkmann, completed purchasing his first $75 Savings Bond at Fourteenth Street School, according to Mrs Genevieve Wilhite, fifth grate teacher Glen L Pope, the father of the garment industry in Nebraska City who managed garment plants in Nebraska City for almost 40 years, retired as manager of the Pendleton Plant Edward Thomas was named accounting supervisor at Morton House Kitchens of Nebraska City .Jack Mullen of Nebraska City was reelected president of the Cornhusker Council of Boy Scouts

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan 22, the 22nd day of 1978. There are 343 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1901, England came to the end of an era with the death of Queen Victoria at the age of 82.

On this date

In 1517, Turkish troops captured Cairo, Egypt.

In 1528, England and France declared war on the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V

In 1791, George Washington appointed commissioners to survey the District of Columbia.

In 1905, scores of Russians were killed as Cossacks and Imperial Army troops fired on demonstrators in St. Petersburg.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson proposed the League of Nations

In 1976, the United States and Spain agreed on a defense treaty permitting the United States to continue to maintain military bases on Spanish soil.

Ten years ago· An American B-52 bomber carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the ice of North Star Bay in Greenland, and one of the seven crewmen was killed.

Today's birthdays Democratic Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana is 50 years old. Actress Ann Sothern in 67

Thought for today: Take the world as it is, not as it should be — anonymous.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Isaac died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. (Genesis 35 29 RSV)

PRAYER Almighty God, who gave Thy Son that we might have life abundant and eternal, grant that our future days may not be empty but filled with the joy of our commitment to the risen Lord. Amen



Donald F. Graff **COMMENTARY**

Binding tie with India

It was appropriate that President Carter's nine-nation itinerary placed him in India on New Year's Day

There could have hardly been a better choice of a nation with which the United States could observe on this symbolic day the beginning of a new relationship

The United States and India have long had a special relationship But in more recent years it has been an especially troubled one, marked most notably by Washington's "tilt" toward Pakistan in the 1971 war on the subcontinent and the deep freeze in relations that developed during Indira Gandhi's autocratic last years as prime minister

But long before this unpleasantness, both nations had recognized a community of interest with both symbolic and practical aspects

Not the least potent weapon available to India in its struggle for independence from Britain was American sympathy, a particularly effective sympathy since the United States happened to be Britain's indispensable ally

When independence did come, in 1947, it was the smaller portion of the defunct British Raj — Pakistan — that became an official U S. ally in the Mideast and Southeast Asia Treaty Organization. But determinedly nonaligned India nevertheless enjoyed particular American favor, both official and in public opinion.

These were the years when references to India were frequently subtitled "the world's largest democracy," and when an India was seen as a valuable counterweight to Communist China Huge India had opted for parliamentary democracy If the Western transplant could take root and thrive there, and if India outperformed China in economic and social development, it might well be of decisive importance in the contest between East and West for dominance in Asia

The developments of the past 30 years have been considerably more complex than that simple script, however Democracy does indeed appear to have taken root in India, but whether it is thriving at times has been a matter of differing opinion. India's economic performance has been disappointing, it presents to Asia and the world an untidy example in comparison with what is seen of China — or what the Chinese permit to be seen. Also, India's military clashes with China on their Himalayan frontiers during the 1960s had a definite psychological if not political result, relegating India to the number two position among Asian powers and one that did not appear to be even trying harder

But times have been changing, and for the better recently Indian democracy regained its world title dramatically in voting Indira Gandhi out of office. The initially jerrybuilt coalition which succeeded her has not only managed to remain in power but has moved effectively to repair much of the damage of the Gandhi years to internal political freedom and to a genuinely nonaligned position in world affairs.

India may still be runnerup to China in Asian power politics, but there is no question as to its commanding position in its own immediate bailiwick The fact that President Carter is not also dropping in on Pakistan, unlike two of his predecessors who visited India — President Eisenhower in 1959 and President Nixon 10 years later — underlines the Indian preeminence on the subcontinent

There remain points at issue between the United States and India. The latter is not happy about the U.S. air and naval presence on Diego Garcia, a strategic island in the Indian Ocean — a region which India wants to place off limits to superpower military activity. India also continues to resist U.S. pressuring to sign the nuclear - nonproliferation treaty. It has not, however, gone ahead with its own weapons testing program.

President Carter's visit is not going to resolve these differences. It can, however, vastly improve the atmosphere in which they are discussed. And there is a basic similarity in American and Indian interests which far transcends any differences. Both are culturally diverse nations of continental size. For both countries, the adventure in representative government is on a uniquely vaster and more complex scale than is the case with other nations in the so-called free world.

That is a real tie that binds.

Forget 1976 forms for this year's filing

By Ray De Crane
(Third in a Series)

If Commissioner of Internal Revenue Jerome Kurtz was permitted one wish this tax filing season, it most certainly would be an urgent plea that no one uses his previous year's tax return as a guide in completing the 1977 tax form.

The new tax forms have been drastically overhauled. There is almost no relationship between last year's and this year's returns.

So you must start from scratch again and learn tax rules all over once more.

Even the requirements of who should file a return have been changed. If gross income in 1977 met these levels you must file a tax return

- Single, under 65, an income of $2950 or more.
- Single, 65 and older, $3700.
- Married, filing a joint return, both under 65, $4700.
- Married, joint return, one is 65 or older, $5450.
- Married, joint return, both 65 or older, $6200.
- Married, filing separately, $750.

Anyone, regardless of age, who can be claimed as a dependent on his or her parents' return (generally students) and who has taxable dividends, interest, or other unearned income of $750 or more.

In addition, anyone with self-employment net income of $400 or more must file a return. While he may not owe any income tax because of a reduced level of income, he could be liable for Social Security tax on his self-employment income.

Two other groups should file, even though they do not meet the mandatory filing requirements. Anyone who had withholding tax deducted from income should file, even though total income may not require the filing of a return. Submitting a tax return is the only way a claim for a refund can be established.

Because of the earned income credit, low-income workers supporting a child under the age of 19, a full-time student, or a disabled child 19 or older who can be claimed as a dependent, should file for a possible refund. Those qualifying, with income of less than $8000, could obtain a refund of as much as $400, even though no withholding tax may have been deducted from earnings.

(NEXT· The "Short Form" is gone)

SAFETY VALVE

"wildlife"

EDITOR, News-Press: It's my opinion that the game commission of Missouri has destroyed more wildlife than can ever be recovered through its greed for money and power and through the robots they have in the field.

All they seem to know is to flip out their code books and quote the regulations. It seems to me that if they don't change their tactics, they will be out of business.

LUCIAN SMITH
Hamburg, Iowa



Ivan D.E. Beaumont **THE BUCK ENDS HERE**

Highlights revealed

Mr President —

Bill Shock, editor of the Falls City Journal, gave an interesting report the other day in the Journal on a news conference with President Carter attended by Bill and a number of other editors.

His report was particularly interesting because he told some of the highlights and goings on that occur during a news meeting. The Journal also carried a number of fine pictures at the conference and the Capitol grounds.

The taxi fares caught his attention. He opines that a number of the editors considered changing jobs.

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Coming up —

We're going to have the Homemakers school again this year and with a little weather luck we hope to have a good sized crowd attend the demonstrations

Jan Hill, the home economist from Middleton, Wis., will put on the food show again this year. The News-Press and local businesses have co-sponsored the schools since 1972.

New helpers this year are representatives of the Catholic Daughters. Thanks to Mrs. Wm F. Davis, regent, for arranging the "work" force. The women will do the backstage work for Miss Hill.

They are Mrs. Ralph Causgrove, Mrs Ken L. Clark, Mrs Arvon Marcotte, Mrs Bill Olmer and Mrs Robert Warhurst.

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Girls basketball —

Nebraska City sports fans are getting lots of action this season with boys and girls sports and they will see more of the girls games in coming weeks.

Coach Ron Brunken said Junior High girls basketball starts this week. The coach said the girls have come a long way The first game four years ago they scored two points. Now, they sverage 44 points a game. And, he is quick to point out that Nebraska City girls play "boys" rules and not Iowa double court rules.

Coach Brunken spoke on the program at the Optimist meeting. It was pointed out that for many years the Optimist club was known as the "Friend of the Boy." In recent years that has been changed to "Friend of Youth"

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Adult education —

If you are one of those who "never have anything interesting to do" take a look at Mrs Alma Fielder's NC Adult Education and SE Community College schedule.

Bob Snodgrass is going to teach a class on Morse code. The last time we recall a course in that it was taught by Mac McKenney. His students included Art Sweet, Byrl Thostesen, Glen Pope and this writer.

There are a host of other classes ranging from an interesting ballroom dancing, to Korean karate, crocheting, upholstery, antiques, business machines, and law for laymen. The costs are $2, $5 and $12 per couple.

P.S. Mrs Fred (Lucille) Wusk will teach a class on breads and rolls. She's my neighbor and I can vouch for her very fine pastries.

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Congratulations —

...to the Nebraska City Jaycees for their weeklong observance. The town has had a Jaycee organization for many years and there still are a lot of "exhausted roosters" in business here.

Does anyone remember the time that ex-Jaycee, Jerry Livingston "won" a chicken at an exhausted rooster recognition? Know what happened to the chicken? It ended up in the living room at the Livingston home

The Jaycees have their fun, but they do a great deal for the community in civic programs such as the rest stop for holiday motorists and the very popular baseball and softball programs for boys and girls

And we'll say it again .If you've never seen a T-ball game...you've got a fun evening coming this summer. That was another first for the Jaycees

Congratulations on your successes in community projects

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The new studio —

Kiritsy Photography is a new photo studio located at 110 Second Corso and immediately became involved in the community by offering a gift to the New Year baby.

We hadn't met the Kiritsys so the other day in the company of Virg Pitstick the ex-Central Avenue photographer, we paid a visit to the Kiritsy studio

We didn't get to meet Mr Kiritsy He works for the state in marine-oceanography type work, but we had an enjoyable visit with Mrs Kiritsy, who we discovered is the former Jackie Pummel, one of the fine NCHS art grads

We looked over the Kiritsy pictures and I listened as Jackie and Virg exchanged professional talk over backgrounds, lighting and equipment It was an interesting visit

Welcome to the Kiritsys and we wish you much success



HEALTH
Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Few face lift risks

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR LAMB — I am 53 and my husband is 60, but I look older than he I'm considering a face lift What are the risks involved? How long for a normal healing? Are the results worth the risks? Also, what is the approximate cost? My skin is very dry and scaly all over my body I inherited this condition and have tried every oil and moisturizer available None have been very helpful

DEAR READER — The risks involved in having a face lift are minimal People in reasonably good health can have one with little fear The best of all reasons to have one is simply to look better It won't make your body any younger or improve your sex life — except for the psychological lift you may get from it.

The costs vary, but you should think in the range of $3,000. The results will depend a lot on your individual face Sagging lines can be corrected, but vertical lines are more difficult to eliminate Most faces can be improved, the question is how much. That is one of the reasons for a consultation with the plastic surgeon in advance

You should not need to be in the hospital any great length of time unless you want to hide until your face has recovered some from the surgery You will look worse immediately after the operation, but by two weeks after surgery the major swelling will be gone and you will begin to look better Because of the use of makeup, many women are able to go out publicly two weeks after surgery and look fine

That dry skin problem may be more difficult to do something about. If you are healthy and have no medical condition causing it and are on a good diet, using moisturizers is about all you can do.

You will still get some advantage in taking care of your skin with or without a face lift Sun and cigarettes age the skin For these and other tips, I am sending you The Health Letter number 7-10 Your Skin Sun, Aging, Spots and Cancer Others who want this information on protecting their skin 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, N Y 10019

DEAR DR LAMB — I am 16 years old and about 50 pounds overweight I have The Health Letter number 4-7, Weight Losing Diet and it works very well My problem is stretch marks Will I still have them after I have lost weight? If so, is there anything I can do to get rid of them? I have them on my arms, lower legs, thighs and lower back

DEAR READER — I wish there were a good answer to that Very young age is in your favor I would suggest that you wait for a year after you have achieved your desired weight and see how much more your overstretched skin will contract and adjust to your normal body size

After that if your stretch marks are really too prominent you could talk to a plastic surgeon and see if he can help He may be able to suggest some minor procedure that will help if not entirely eliminate the problem

Stretch marks are scars They are the skin's response to having been damaged by overstretching the basic structures that make up the skin The best treatment is prevention That is why parents should do their part to help prevent their children from being overweight even in the growing phase, because obesity can and does cause stretch marks in young people

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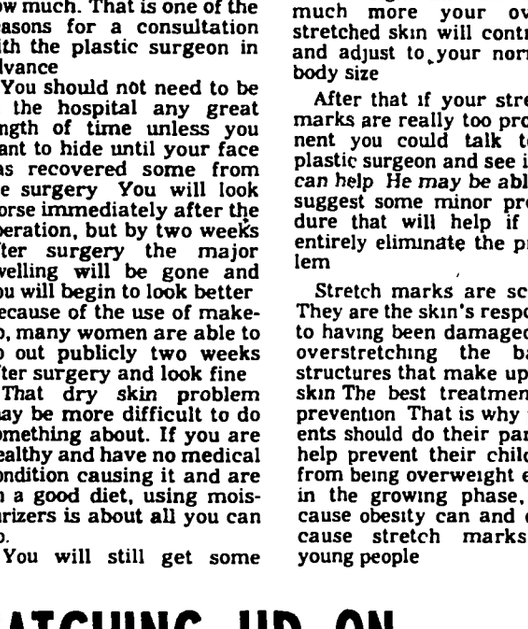
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