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VIEWPOINT

Enter the taxman

The Internal Revenue Service proposes to collect child-support payments from delinquent parents Once a court-ordered payment was certified overdue by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, IRS would move to collect it from the designated parent as if it were an employment tax under procedures originally authorized by Congress back in 1974

The idea apparently is that the arm of the taxman these days is longer than that of the lawman

Briefly noted ...

On the subject of taxes but not Proposition 13, for a change — there's encouraging word for taxpayers on the fine art of filing returns

The Internal Revenue Service says we're getting better at it

That information may not ease the pain of having to pay up, but it does ease the task of processing for the IRS.

Early returns on this year's returns show a much lower rate of errors on the long form down to 5 7 percent from last year's 8.5 percent, and on the short form down to 4.9 percent from 11 8 percent a year ago.

Credit may be due this year's simplified forms. Then again, it may be a case of overall improvement in our form-completing skills

Which should not be surprising We certainly get enough practice at it

National initiative gets support

Besides adopting Proposition 13, Los Angeles County voters also provided a boost to the drive for a constitutional amendment that would permit use of the initiative process at the national level

In a non-binding advisory" vote, 65 percent of county voters approved the idea of amending the U.S. Constitution to allow citizens to place their own legislative proposals on the ballot by collecting some 2 and one-half million signatures nationwide

The Los Angeles vote was the first real test of voter sentiment on the national initiative proposal, which has been pushed in Congress by retiring Sen. James Abourezk, D-S.D , among others Opinion surveys by both George Gallup and Carter pollster Patrick Caddell have shown 57 percent of the public nationwide in favor of the amendment, with 21 to 25 percent opposed

The L.A vote and the results of two national polls show that Americans are tired of ineffective, unresponsive government. They want to participate directly, by voting on issues as well as candidates," said Roger Telschow, director of "Initiative America," a year-old Washington-based group seeking to drum up support for the constitutional amendment

Easy ride for wine

There's no question about the suitability of French wine for consumption

The frequent complaint, however, is that it doesn't always travel well

But it's been traveling first class compared with what one importer is reported to have in mind in the way of innovative packaging

According to an item in The Wall Street Journal, test marketings are planned in New York and Texas of wine that comes not in the traditional bottles but in foil pouches.

The easily shipped containers, said to be already selling well in Europe, avoid the problems of breakage and tight or leaky corks To open one of the eight-ounce pouches, just snip with scissors and pour — if you can hit the glass, so much the better

It may be very practical and mark a great advance in bringing one of the finer things in life to a broader public.

But somehow, something still doesn't seem to be traveling very well - the romance of wine

AS TIME GOES BY

Drivers are angered

Watson Transportation company drivers angered by a strike that tied up 200 company trucks predicted a general strike of all truck operators would occur soon Credit was the subject discussed at a joint luncheon of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce and Credit Bureau Omaha authorities asked Sheriff Carl Ryder to aid in the investigation of the activities of two Omaha men who sold tips on the outcome of races at Ak Sar-Ben Burr defeated the Boosters 5-1 to extend its lead in Southeast league standings

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

Leslie Johnston bursar at Peru State College resigned Supreme Court Justice William O Douglas granted a stay of execution to atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenburg James J Ryan was appointed as a field representative of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society The new 167-foot bridge east of Lorton was open to traffic according to County Highway Engineer Lester Ehlers.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Midshipman Allan B Chaloupka son of Dr and Mrs Donald W Chaloupka of Greeley Colorado, formerly of Nebraska City, was graduated from the U S Naval Academy Mr and Mrs Jack Eads and their daughter, Jill, attended the University of Nebraska summer orientation program Merlin Parde of Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Parde, received his bachelor degree with high distinction from the University of Nebraska at the 97th annual commencement Darrell Grantski, son of Mr and Mrs Walter Grantski of Nebraska City, was graduated from the Precious Blood Seminary at Liberty, Missouri

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

PRAYER Dear God, give us the will to pray constantly for ourselves, relatives, friends, and for our enemies [illegible] name Amen



"You'll never get away with this, Mr. Christian!"



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Costly quirks in tax laws

WASHINGTON (NEA) - Homeowners rebelling against soaring property taxes ought to take note of a recent U S. Supreme Court ruling suggesting an equitable method of distributing the real estate tax burden in communities across the nation.

The case before the court involved Northwestern University, in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Ill The university owns 434 acres of land, 71 of them leased to a supermarket, telephone company and a variety of other commercial enterprises

Northwestern pays no property taxes on any of its land, including that occupied by profit-making companies, because an 1855 amendment to its corporate charter specified 'that all property of whatever kind or description belonging to or owned by said corporation shall be forever free from taxation for any and all purposes "

For more than a century, Northwestern successfully rebuffed all taxation attempts, arguing that the blanket exemption granted by the state legislature preceded an 1870 revision of the state constitution that limited later exceptions to property used for educational purposes

Among Northwestern's current tax-exempt tenants are Pepsi-Cola, which operates a soft drink bottling plant on university property and Nabisco, producer of cookies, crackers and break fast cereals

In 1973 and 1974, Cook County officials sent real estate tax bills of $83,498 to Pepsi and $38,074 to Nabisco Both companies refused to pay and filed suit seeking the protection of the 1855 exemption But last autumn the Illinois Supreme Court rejected their arguments

The corporations then appealed to the U S Supreme Court, but in a little-noticed order issued in early May that tribunal dismissed the appeal for want of a substantial federal question "

The university estimates that "tax burden ultimately imposed on Northwestern would amount to ap proximately $1 million an mually" — candid admission that the school has indeed avoided substantial real estate tax payments for many years

The recent litigation represents merely the tip of the iceberg Back in 1908 the U S Supreme Court ruled against the University of the South, in Sewanee, Tenn , in a similar case.

In a 1971 book, "The Free List Property Without Taxes," author Alfred Balk cited studies estimating that much of all real estate in this country was exempt or immune from property taxes.

The Chrysler Building, a midtown Manhattan landmark, avoids payment of at least $1.5 million in yearly real estate taxes because it is owned by Cooper Union, a school that received a blanket tax exemption from New York's legislature in 1859

The twin towers of Manhattan's new 110-story World Trade Center, a $600 million property, are immune from taxes because of ownership by the New York-New Jersey Port Authority, a quasi-governmental organization

Property owned by religious groups invariably is excluded from tax liability, even though parent churches may be very wealthy and the facilities are used for catering, bowling, bingo and a host of other profit-making enterprises

Other property enjoying tax exemption includes that owned by hospitals, cemeteries and medical facilities, labor, fraternal, social, professional and civic organizations, and local, state and federal governments.

But consistency often is lacking Balk's books cites one survey showing that property belonging to the Moose, Eagles and Elks is subjected to property taxes in some jurisdictions but exempted in others

The solution lies not in abolishing all real estate tax exemptions, but in requiring more uniform, rational and equitable standards of granting them. Every dollar lost on immune property must be paid by someone else — and individual homeowners invariably bear much of that burden

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 18, the 169th day of 1978 There are 196 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1815, the British defeated Napoleon in the Battle of Waterloo in Belgium

On this date

In 1778, in the Revolutionary War, American forces moved into Philadelphia

In 1812, the United States declared war against Britain

In 1940, in World War II, the Nazis captured the French port of Cherbourg.

In 1953, Egypt was proclaimed a republic, and Premier Mohammed Naguib became the first president.

In 1958, there was a controversy in Washington over gifts received by Presidential Executive Assistant Sherman Adams

Today's birthdays Entertainer Paul McCartney is 36 years old Actor and director Richard Boone is 61 The alltime basestealing king, Lou Brock of the St Louis Cardinals, is 39

Thought for today It takes a person who is wide awake to make his dreams come true — Roger Babson, American financial statistician, 1875-1967

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Berry's World



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"At first, I thought he was a religious freak, but it turns out he's leading a taxpayers' revolt!"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Wayne is selected

Wayne Brown —

The selection of Wayne Brown to the Nebraska City school board was a good choice Wayne served several years on the board and for the few months left in Dr Koerber's term, he will fill the shoes admirably

He is the owner of Gambles store and prior to serving on the board he worked with volunteer groups to improve educational programs in the schools

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Stolen —

A little baby stork was very upset because his mother was gone all night He asked his father about it "Your mother has been making people very happy," the father stork replied. The next night the father stork was gone and the baby stork asked his mother where he was "Your father is out making people very happy The next night the baby stork was gone till wee hours When he came in the mother stork and father stork asked where he had been "Scaring the hell out of the college kids," he replied

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Bandmaster leaves —

The resignation of Dale Duensing, bandmaster at the Syracuse - Dunbar Avoca schools, will leave the Rockets with a whole new instrumental program next fall

Mr Duensing has been working for years with B A Johnson but B A isn t there any more because he's retired When the new director is named, you can be sure he will be well acquainted with the high caliber of music to which the community is used

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Skelly —

Thanks to Skelly Wier and his kitchen crew for serving those delicious steaks all those years Skelly has retired now, but the quality of food he prepared stays and the good dining name of the Legion continues

Skelly was the chef at the Legion club for 32 years He plans now to do some fishing.

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The power plant —

Work at the OPPD plant is nearing an end and the time of the start of the coal burning power plant is rapidly approaching The plant is to be fired up the first of next year

In the future, there's a good chance of construction beginning soon after the No 1 plant is put into operation No definite directives have been issued on that, but a lot of study has been done on the subject

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So long, Mom —

The second grader obviously worried came into the school office and asked to use the telephone to call home

Is there anything I can do' the principal asked him

"Well," sighed the boy, "I left my jacket at school yesterday and my mother told me not to come home today without it. I can't find it and I just wanted to ask her where she wants me to go "

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The welfare case —

The story the other day about the woman who collected $240,000 in welfare payments, points to the ridiculous level in which we are in

Welfare served a purpose at one time, but now it seems to be a full-time job policing instead of serving

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Father's Day —

The Rev David Troxler is featured by Mrs Duffey as the News-Press Father of the Year He is pastor of the First Christian church

Congratulations to Dave and especially to all the dads he represents Happy Father s Day

News in Brief

CINCINNATI (AP) — An official in the U.S Army Corps of Engineers says the Corps made some "errors in judgment" that led to a huge tieup of barges on the Ohio River this winter

Patrick H Carigan, chief of construction in the Corps Ohio River Division, added on Wednesday that we were up against some unusual set of events and circumstances " Huge ice floes jammed barges behind the Markland Dam for two weeks following a late January blizzard

WASHINGTON (AP) — The use of marijuana is stabilizing and the use of hard drugs is declining among members of the Air Force, says Lt Gen B L Davis, deputy chief of staff of Air Force personnel

But Davis told the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control on Friday that drug abuse "remains a serious personnel problem" particularly among 18 and 25-year-old Air Force enlisted men

He said an independent study shows drug abuse in the Air Force is well below drug abuse in the other branches of the military

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has created a center for human nutrition to serve as a clearing house for information and research on the nutritional value of foods.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland said Friday there are contradictory reports as to what is nutritious and what is not Bergland cited one document he said his office has received saying that eating a dozen eggs a week is nutritious and another document saying a person should not eat more than two eggs a week

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Bus and streetcar fares have gone up 50 percent in Budapest to help the government transport company get out of debt

A bus ride will now cost 10½ cents, regardless of distance But monthly tickets will be sold to students and military conscripts, enabling them to ride for less.

The company's deficit this year is estimated at $70 million



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Caring for the feet

By Lawrence Lamb, M D

DEAR DR LAMB — When I step into my shoes my feet sweat and burn I have seen many dermatologists They have prepared special powders, creams, foot spray, pills but nothing has helped My feet are so bad recently I had to throw away more than 30 pairs of shoes Sometimes I have to change two pair in one day

I supervise 40 girls and the past week I had a meeting and no one wanted to sit near me I overheard one say she didn t want to smell my feet I m very clean and change shoes often Since this episode happened I broke down completely just crying and crying and I could not go back to work I just wanted to die I'm so desperate and I have only one hope left and that is you Dr Lamb. I notice you really care about people and I need your help urgently

DEAR READER — As you have found out, eliminating foot odor is not so easy in severe cases The odor comes from bacteria that act on the oily sweaty secretions from your feet Some people naturally sweat more than others and I am sorry to say that nervousness sometimes makes this condition worse

Successful treatment is directed toward decreasing the sweat or eliminating it and eliminating the bacteria that accumulates between the toes and on the skin If you were able to go barefooted all the time you would probably not have any trouble by just using ordinary foot hygiene as others do Since you live in Canada that might pose some problems

I would suggest that you wash your feet twice a day by soaking them and washing them in warm water with soap Then rinse the feet in cold water After that, dry the feet thoroughly and use alcohol sponges to sponge all of the feet, particularly between the toes. Let your feet dry completely and then you can use a foot deodorant spray and after that a foot powder

Wear light wool socks in the winter when you need warmth and cotton socks in the summer. When you can, go barefooted. Plan to change your socks twice a day at least Never wear the same pair of shoes for more than one day at a time. As often as you can use sandals, as these will help your feet breathe The more ventilation your feet get, so sweat can't accumulate, the easier it will be to keep them odor free.

At home, if it is uncomfortable to go barefooted you might wear cotton or wool socks in the house without shoes It will increase your stocking bill some but it will be worth it if it helps you.

If you can't control your problem with the above measures you might see a podiatrist. And if he can't help you don't overlook the fact that nervous tension, which you apparently have, can be an important factor and some professional help to alleviate that may be useful

Many people do not know that it is not a good idea to wear shoes day after day and that the shoes should be changed every day to avoid odors The light weight nylon and synthetic foot wear decreases the ability of the feet to ventilate and increases the chances of foot odor

I'm sending you The Health Letter number 11-6, Foot Care, to give you a complete concept of what everyone should do for their feet. 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

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