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VIEWPOINT

Arabian enlightenment

An incident made some news pages a few months back concerning a Saudi princess who transgressed Moslem prohibition of extracurricular love affairs She was stoned and her lover beheaded

More recently, the story came out of an American businessman who fled Saudi Arabia in disguise after having been virtually interned following some differences in dealings with royally connected Saudi business associates.

And just the other day there was a brief item on two employees of a British engineering firm who were flogged by Saudi keepers of the peace and public morals. They were guilty of cooking up a little home brew, a violation of the Moslem ban on alcohol for which each reportedly received 70 strokes of a cane

Meanwhile, the Saudis are making really big news in another area — construction A contract for the building of a university complex is reported to have gone to American and French firms for a joint bid that is the largest in construction history

For $3.4 billion, according to the McGraw-Hill publication "Engineering News-Record," the Westerners will build from scratch in the Saudi capital of Riyadh a university to accommodate a student body of more than 20,000. When completed in an estimated five years, it will be one of the Mideast's greatest institutions of enlightenment.

The country certainly can use it.

AS TIME GOES BY

Worker injured

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

The body of a small child found near Watson, Mo , was identified as that of a two-year-old boy who had drowned in the Missouri River in mid-June Dr F E Ziegenbein said there were no cases of equine sleeping sickness in the area County Attorney Edwin Moran filed for reelection on the Democratic ticket The city park board considered moving one of the CCC buildings in Driving Park to Riverview Park for a shelter

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953

Art Kuehn delivered the first wheat of the year to the Dunbar Farmers Elevator The Clemmy Holmes Legion Juniors drubbed Talmage 21-8 Ed Sasse was the winning pitcher Neighbors harvested 22 acres of hay on the Lesly Berner farm near Ayoca Syracuse received 200 aluminum case gas meters from the American Meter Company The engagement of Sen. John Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier was announced.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Terry Criger, pitcher-infielder for the Clemmy Holmes American Legion midget baseball team was the leading hitter following completion of 11 games Norman's IGA gained its third straight win in the Jaycee Midget league with a 14-0 win over Mr. and Mrs Union Mrs Raymond Jensen of Nebraska City, members of the WeWanago Campers attended the 1968 Nebraska Campers and Hikers Association convention at Lake Maloney near North Platte Jerry Livingston, who was president of the Nebraska City Rotary Club, turned the gavel over to Leslie Carr. PFC I Michael Bailey, who had been stationed in Germany, was home on a 30-day leave with his wife, the former Judy Dubrusky and son, Scott Michael

Safety Valve

" the house call "

EDITOR, News-Press My brother Ed remembers that in the early 1900s we had telephone service from Nebraska City as far as Paul

Holes for the poles were all dug by hand with long handled spades and augers, and the poles were all put in place by men without any mechanical help.

In those days Dr Wilson made house calls by team and buggy One stormy evening his nurse called Dad and said Dr Wilson was making a house call southwest of Paul and they had received a call from someone west of Paul for Dr Wilson in an emergency and they asked Dad if he would watch for Dr Wilson and have him call the office.

It was freezing rain and snowing almost impossible to stay out in the storm so Dad lit a lantern and hung it on our yard gate post Sometime later Dr Wilson was going home and he saw the lantern and he stopped at our house and checked to see why the lantern was there

He put in his call and was told who he was to see and then he told Dad his team was practically wore out Dad unhitched the team and watered and fed them and offered to hitch our driving team to his buggy and switch teams back later

Ed said sometime during the night Dr Wilson came back and got a few hours sleep at our house and when he was ready to go his team was hitched up and again mother had lunch and hot coffee for him before he left

Back in those years mother sometimes was called by a neighbor who had sickness or injury in the family before the doctor could arrive and she always went and dad always said he would take care of the family while she was gone

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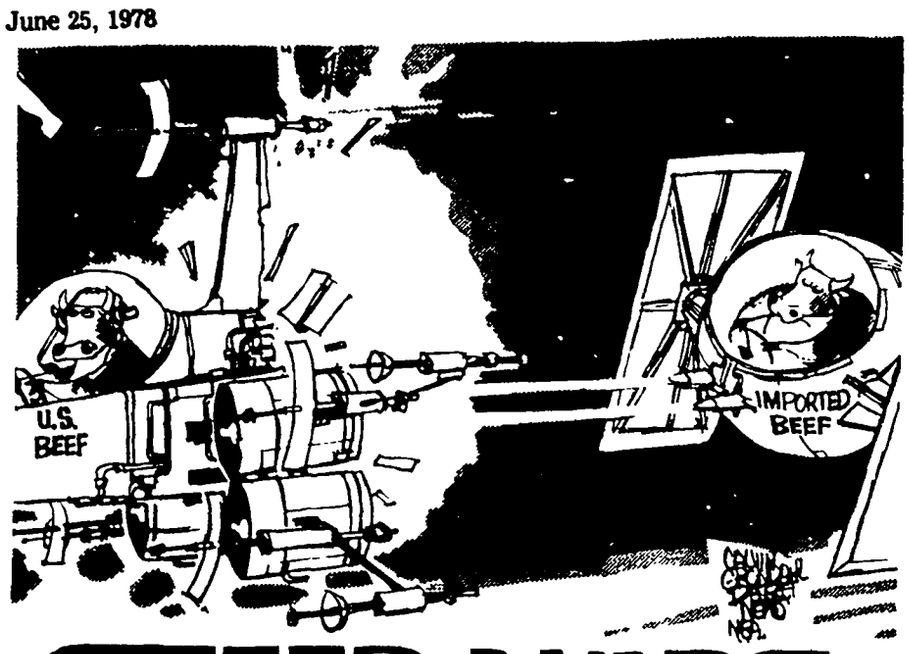
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STEER WARS



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Good citizens won't suffer

WASHINGTON—(NEA)— A Carter administration effort to crack down on illegal gun traffic is in serious jeopardy as a result of a ferocious lobbying campaign by the National Rifle Association amd other gun control foes.

The gun lobby, one of the most potent single-issue forces in politics today, has mounted a massive assault on proposed new Treasury Department regulations aimed at tightening enforcement of existing federal firearms laws.

In a propaganda blitz filled with distortions and outright falsehoods, the gun groups have accused the administration of seeking to impose by administrative action the sort of national gun registration which Congress has consistently declined to enact.

The proposed regulations do nothing of the sort, but the gun lobby has already succeeded in enlisting enough allies on Capitol Hill to put the squeeze on the Treasury Department by threatening deep cuts in the budget of the department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

ATF did not seek any funds in its fiscal 1979 budget to implement the proposed new gun control regulations, since they would not become effective for some months yet, but it did tell inquiring legislators the program would cost about $4.2 million.

Treasury Department officials therefore knew it was not mere coincidence when a House Appropriations subcommittee stacked with gun control opponents chopped $4 2 million from the pending ATF budget late last month.

Unless the funds are restored by the entire Appropriations Committee or by the House itself, ATF's on-going enforcement activities will be crippled, never mind any new regulations which may be adopted.

House members unsympathetic to the agency's work are now seeking to have the funds restored, but Treasury officials remain nervous and upset by the vehememence of the gun lobby opposition and its obvious clout on Capitol Hill.

The ATF regulations which stirred up such a fuss are actually long overdue, and have been warmly acclaimed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and other law enforcement organizations.

If adopted by Treasury, they would permit ATF to develop a computerized record of all commercial firearms transactions between and among manufacturers, importers, wholesalers and licensed gun dealers

The regs would, for the first time, require that every gun imported or manufactured in this country bear a unique serial number Licensed manufacturers, importers, wholesalers and dealers would be required to file quarterly reports with ATF on the disposition of every gun they handle.

What would not be reported, nor stored in the ATF computer, is the name of the ultimate individual purchase — the citizen who buys a gun from a licensed dealer Hence, there is no way the reporting requirements can be described as "gun registration."

At present, when police take custody of a gun which has been used in the commission of a crime, the only way its origins can be traced is through a laborious series of phone calls from ATF to the manufacturer or importer, from there to the wholesaler, on to the dealer and so forth.

The process is cumbersome and time-consuming. In urgent cases, like the George Wallace assassination attempt, it can be completed in 24 hours. But routine traces take an average of two weeks and some 45 percent of 62,498 traces undertaken in 1977 could not be completed because of inadequate or missing records

Furthermore, there is presently no requirement that licensed dealers and manufacturers report thefts of firearms — although ATF estimates these total some 35,000 to 40,000 per year The proposed regulations would require reporting of thefts within 24 hours

Nothing in the ATF proposal would affect law-abiding gun owners The only people with anything to fear would be criminals whose weapons fall into the hands of police

The Insurance Adviser

Largent Parks Jr.

Retirement money

QUESTION — I am afraid that Social Security and my company pension will not be enough for my retirement needs. Can my life insurance help?

ANSWER — Yes, if you have the right kind.

Term insurance, however, is another name for "death insurance." It will not help if you live to retirement.

Permanent forms of life insurance build cash values that can be used for retirement income. Retirement life insurance policies are designed for that very purpose.

If you are young enough (under age 50) and healthy, investigate these policies. If you are not in good health, consider buying a retirement annuity

Ask your agent to review your policies with you. He or she can tell you how much income you can expect from your life policies.

You may want to take income when you reach retirement age — especially if you no longer need the death protection.

You may be able to convert your regular life plan into a retirement policy If you do, you will have less protection per dollar paid in premiums. But you will be building a larger retirement fund for those golden years

The sooner you convert, the better. Too often, people start thinking about these things when they are close to retirement age. Then there may not be time to accumulate the desired funds

QUESTION — Isn't there a way to buy retirement insurance with a tax advantage?

ANSWER — You are probably referring to the Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

This is available to self-employed people and those not covered by corporate or government pension plans You are able to set aside as much as 15 percent of your income, up to $1,500 a year, tax free for your own private pension plan.

You may use retirement insurance for your IRA That is not a bad idea — especially if you need additional life insurance protection until your retirement.

You gain a three-way advantage: retirement income, life insurance and a tax savings. Check with your agent for details.

When considering retirement plans, be sure to shop around. They are not all alike. Some accumulate more money at a faster rate than do others.

QUESTION — My retirement income policy provides several options for the retirement income Which is the best?

ANSWER — It depends.

You will get the largest monthly checks if you take the life income (no refund). This means that the company will pay the agreed sum for as long as you live. If you die soon after retirement, the company wins

If you don't think that is fair, you can take the 10-year-certain option. You get less per month, but the company must pay someone for at least 10 years. You or your beneficiary wins.

If you are married, you may want to consider the joint-and-survivor option, which says the company will pay the income to you or your wife until both die This makes a lot of sense for retired couples.

Probably the best reason for using life insurance in retirement planning is that it provides lifetime income.

If you retire on a bank account, you have no way of calculating withdrawals so that you will not run out of funds before you run out of life. If you are too conservative, you may withdraw so little that you give up a lot of pleasures.

Retirement planning is a two-stage program.

During the accumulation period, save all you can and take full advantage of the tax laws. During the pay-out period, be sure that you get as much as you can for the remainder of life.

Think big. Those future dollars will be smaller due to inflation.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

The glory of the Lord shone around them (Luke 2 9 RSV)

PRAYER· O Lord, grant that experiences of Your immediate presence may be a continuing influence, directing our aims and claiming our obedience. Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Once every 15,000 times

The Dunbar Review —

The young wife was the new mother of triplets and a friend was extending congratulations The young mother remarked how fantastic it was that the triplets were born and said

"You know that it happens only once out of about 15,000 times,"

The friend hesitated, then cautiously said

"Goodness, it is amazing I don't see how you had time to get all your housework done"

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The Notebook —

Art Sweet made an interesting point in his column the other day referring to the age bracket sought after by the TV ad people

According to ARS, the TV ad people are after the 19 to 49 age bracket, but he contends his group buys such necessities as laxatives, bras and eye shadow

Art, the Arizona hot weather hasn't gotten to you — keep up the good columns

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The airport —

We goofed and didn t get down to Falls City for the airport show We managed to piddle away most of the Sunday and it was after 4 p m , before we thought much about the Falls City event

It turns out we missed an especially good program according to the Journal Not only were there 90 airplanes, a special lunch, parachutists and an aerial acrobat, there were many antique cars on display

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Thank you —

to the Nebraska City Rotary club for selecting the rescue squad as the Rotary honoree for the community service award

The squad was organized in 1967 under the leadership of the late Ed Harshbarger He ramrodded the beginning in "Ed's Way" by knocking on doors in the county asking people to donate hard cash to set up a county rescue service

Two bases were established — the Nebraska City and Syracuse In later years the two squads became independent and have since remained

There is no pay for the volunteers The rewards they receive are smiles from the faces of patients and most of the squadsmen would agree they re overpaid

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The weather man —

The official weather observer for Nebraska City is now David Gress, diesel plant operator

David takes over from Bob Gray who gave up the job because of construction and additional duties at the sanitation department

Thanks, Bob for your very valuable weather help

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The church notes —

We came across this collection of church bulletins" the other day

"This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church Children will be baptized at both ends "

"The service will close with Little Drops of Water' One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in "

'On Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the new carpet All those wishing to do something on the carpet please come forward and get a piece of paper

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon

Thursday at 5 p m there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers club All wishing to become little mothers will please meet with the minister in his study

Wednesday the Ladies Literary Society will meet Mrs Johnson will sing Put Me in My Little Bed' accompanied by the preacher

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 25, the 176th day of 1978 There are 189 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1950, North Korea invaded the Republic of Korea It was the beginning of the Korean War

On this date

In 1788, Virginia ratified the U S Constitution

In 1815 Napoleon Bonaparte delivered a farewell address before being exiled to the island of St Helena

In 1876 Gen George Custer's force was massacred in the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana

In 1918, American forces drove the Germans out of Belleau Wood in France after a fierce two-week battle in World War I

In 1976, the U S Supreme Court ruled that private schools may not exclude blacks because of their color

Today s birthdays Britain's Lord Louis Mountbatten is 78 years old Broadway producer George Abbott is 89 Singer and songwriter Carly Simon is 33

Thought for today I am not young enough to know everything — James Barrie, Scottish writer, 1860-1937

News in Brief

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A pair of human eyes has been sent to a Singapore eye bank in honor of the visit of Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yewto to Sri Lanka

Dr Hudson Silva of the Sri Lanka Eye Donation Society said Singapore was the first foreign country to receive eyes from Sri Lanka, in 1964 He said since then a total of 4,248 eyes have been sent as gifts to 71 foreign cities

LONDON (AP) — The tabloid Sun claims it has become Britain's largest-selling daily newspaper with an average circulation of nearly 3.9 million over the six months since last October Nine-years ago its circulation was only 750,000

The Audit Bureau of Circulations reported that the Sun's circulation was 95,000 more than that of the Daily Mirror, Britain's biggest-selling daily for many years.



HEALTH

Lawrence E Lamb, M.D.

'Skipped' beat is common

By Lawrence Lamb, M D

DEAR DR LAMB I read your column about the heart that beats too fast What about a heart that skips a beat regularly How serious is that Can anything be done for it Is it common" Is this something that gets progressively worse, skipping more beats more frequently" I am 55 and have this problem and would really appreciate some information about it

DEAR READER Yes it's common and it often occurs in individuals who do not have any significant heart disease In fact, the heart doesn't usually skip a beat Actually, one beat occurs too soon or prematurely That's where the term premature beats comes from Since it beats early and the next beat occurs nearly on time there is a long pause between the two beats This pause is what gives people the sensation that their heart skipped a beat

We all probably have a skipped or premature beat now and then and are not even aware of it If you took a record of the heart beat continuously for several days you would see this I have done this on a number of healthy people, such as astronaut candidates and pilots, and have observed premature beats in almost all of them Some individuals do have symptoms with these, particularly if they are more frequent and the pauses are longer These symptoms may be the awareness that the irregularity occurs or sometimes a person may feel a twinge in the chest If they're frequent the person may actually complain of faintness and other symptoms

In individuals without heart disease they can be triggered by nervousness, excess use of coffee because of its caffeine content cigarettes and various digestive disturbances Individuals who have these frequently and have symptoms from them are commonly advised by their physician to stop smoking and decrease or entirely eliminate coffee, tea colas and beverages which contain caffeine

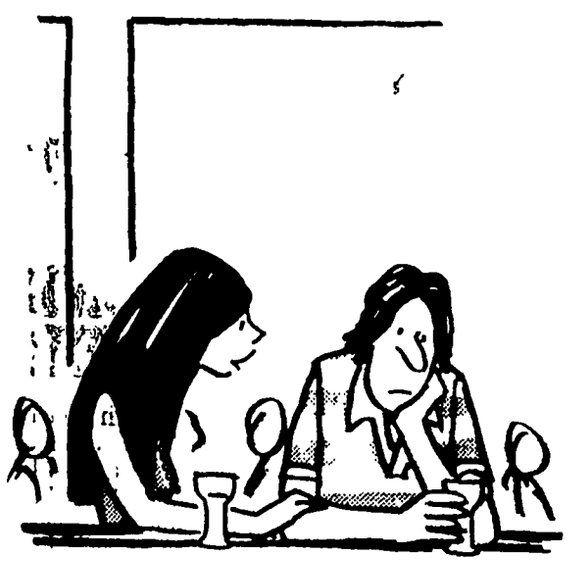
Many people who don't get much exercise and are otherwise in pretty good health will improve and stop having so many premature beats if they improve their level of physical fitness This of course should be done gradually and consistently over a long period of time It s not a crash project

Not all premature beats are innocuous They can occur for the first time in the presence of a heart attack and if they're frequent may be the preliminary signs of a serious irregularity of the heart Because the premature beats are a finding and not a diagnosis it's important that people who have symptoms from them or notice them have an evaluation by their doctor He can more accurately tell them whether they are of real significance or not in their case

But I do want to reassure you that most healthy people have these once in a while and even people who have symptoms from them often have no heart disease at all

I am sending you The Health Letter number 6-12, Heart Irregularities, Skipped Beats, Tachycardias to give you more information about these problems Others who want this information 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

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