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Briefly noted . . .

Being destined to grace a holiday table is bad enough, but it appears that there's more to the misfortune of being a turkey these days.

An appropriately seasonal wire item informs that the big birds are not the most intelligent of God's creatures. In fact, they tend to be so dim witted that hens remain standing rather than going into a squat to lay their eggs. The result, to the consternation of commercial growers, is extensive breakage. Possibly half of the entire turkey egg crop is scrambled from the start.

And then there's what selective breeding has accomplished Toms, according to a University of Wisconsin researcher, have been bred with big, broad chests for carving and dining convenience. Table appeal may have been enhanced, but not sex. It is now difficult for the living birds to get close enough to have it.

Under which circumstances, maybe it's just as well that they are so dumb.

Horatio Alger Jr.

Also from the wire, there's a story of youthful achievement which may not be precisely what those organizations encouraging junior enterprise have in mind.

Jeff Taylor, an 11-year-old self-starter in Morrison, Ill., organized and successfully brought off a strike of newspaper carriers. The boys refused to deliver a special Thanksgiving edition until their paper's management agreed to higher pay, extra on holidays and earlier delivery of their papers.

Taylor won on all points. Not surprisingly, he wants to be a lawyer and has already started a fund to pay for college. By the time he's ready for it, he'll probably be able to buy the place.

From hunger

And you thought the Beautiful People didn't have heart.

A press release just in informs that a galaxy of stars and celebrities will be turning out for "A Roseland Experience," a gala holiday event at New York City's noted ballroom. There will be disco dancing from midnight on and an "incredible" auction featuring items ranging from a Tiffany tea service to rolfing lessons to John Denver's shirts to a Cartier neck ring to flying lessons to creations by Halston to a membership at Regine's. There's more, but you get the idea.

Tickets can be had for up to $75. And it's all for a good cause.

Beneficiary will by a campaign "to end hunger and starvation in the world by the end of this century."

AS TIME GOES BY

Chamber plans

—FORTY YEARS AGO—
—1938—

The Nebraska City Junior Chamber of Commerce said it would sponsor a home Christmas decorating contest with cash prizes to be announced later Federal Judge T C Munger granted a request for a temporary injunction sought by the Central Power Company to stop Nebraska City from proceeding with its acquisition of the local property...Prominent Falls City businessman Frank Simon, 80, died of pneumonia after a short illness. .Oklahoma defeated Washington State, 28-0, to complete its first perfect season since 1921

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1963—

St Bernard Academy swept the bench in humbling the Union cagers, 49-30 Floyd Kreifels topped the Jays with 20 points. .Albert K. Schlegel said he planned to operate a self-service laundry at 608 Central Avenue.. Central Nebraska received eight inches of snow. .Seven Nebraska Citians signed a petition for the formation of an Optimist Club here: Virgil Pitstick, George Near, Clarence Vigen, Victor Olsen, William Gray, Clyde Hatten and Bernard Rea.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Ambulance service made possible by the combined efforts of Otoe County and Nebraska City began operation, according to County Judge George Stanley, who went to Chillicothe, Missouri, to get the ambulance A cash donation was made by members of the Friendly Workers Extension Club for a Christmas gift to the Arbor Training Center Mrs Alvin Jacobson was elected president of the North Branch Sewing Club..."For The Love of Ivy," starring Sidney Poitier, was showing at the Pioneer Theater.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

PRAYER: Dear Lord, thank You for honoring Your promises to answer our caring prayers. Help us to be alert to Your guidance in all things. Amen.





William Steif

THE U.S. AND YOU

Safe at any speed?

This year, for the first time since 1973, the nation's traffic death total may reach or exceed 50,000

That's the word from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In the first eight months of this year almost 32,000 people died on U S. roads, more than 3 percent above the same period in 1977

Nancy Stubbs, an NHTSA statistician, says "this year will be up."

There were 54,052 fatalities in 1973, a year that closed with the world oil crisis. In 1974 traffic deaths fell to 45,196 and folks were cheering the 55 mph speed limit. Since then the toll has risen year after year, reaching 47,671 last year, a 4 7 percent rise over 1976

Why? Mrs. Stubbs lists these reasons

— More vehicles We now have over 150 million.

— Increased speed. The 55 mph limit is being exceeded routinely

— Smaller cars The demand for fuel efficiency is being fulfilled by the auto makers, but the NHTSA considers smaller cars less protective of occupants

— More and heavier trucks, a result of Congress lifting the overall truck weight limit from 73,280 pounds to 80,000 pounds in 1974 to "conserve" fuel

— An aging population Older people are more susceptible to accidents

— A decline in seat belt use to well below 20 percent NHTSA surveys showed that 25 percent of drivers used seat belts in 1974

— Failure of motorcyclists to wear helmets Cycle deaths showed "a phenomenal increase" in 1977, Mrs Stubbs says, largely because half the states shifted from making use of helmets mandatory to making it optional

— More travel After the oil crisis, auto travel dropped. Now it's rising fast

All of this has a great deal to do with you, the driver, says NHTSA Administrator Joan Claybrook, because it is your decisions that make auto travel safe or unsafe

Alcohol is involvd in about half of all fatal accidents, she says Use of seat belts is an individual decision, or non-decision.

"Compliance with the 55 mph speed law has produced beneficial results," she says, yet auto accidents remain "the leading cause of death for those under the age of 25 They account for more than half the nation's paraplegics, and are a major cause of epilepsy "

Mrs Stubbs cites not using motorcycle helmets as a particularly stupid individual decision, and adds "We're trying hard for passive restraints because people obviously don't restrain themselves."

There is a passive restraint regulation on the books Starting with larger 1982 models, auto makers will have to install airbags, which inflate on collision to cushion the vehicle's front-seat occupants Alternatively, the auto makers will have to install automatic belts that restrain the passenger as he settles into an auto seat

NHTSA is eager to tell you more about how to save your life — or your passenger's life It has produced a series of pamphlets that can help you One, for example, is entitled "How to Talk to Your Teenager about Drinking and Driving" There's another entitled "Safe Driving in Winter" Others of general interest are "Child Restraint Systems for Your Automobile," "Motorcycle Helmets, Claims and Facts," 'Automobile Passive Restraint Systems and What They Mean to You," "How to Deal with Motor Vehicle Emergencies," "Motorcycle Safety," and finally, "55 Saves," which is about the speed limit.

All are free. Simply write to General Services Division of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S W, Washington, D C 20590 Or, if you don't want to take the trouble to write, pick up your telephone and dial 800-424-9393 — that's NHTSA's toll-free line, available anywhere in the United States except in Hawaii and Alaska

BEAT THE BUREAUCRACY

Howard K. Ottenstein

Social Security

Here's how to apply

By Howard K. Ottenstein

Social Security checks don't automatically start arriving on your 65th birthday. You have to ask for them.

You can apply for your benefits in person at any of 1,300 local Social Security offices. Make the trip several months before you wish to start collecting payments to allow adequate time for processing.

Be sure to take along your Social Security card and your birth certificate or other proof of age.

If you are applying for spouse's or widow-widower's benefits, bring your marriage certificate. And if you are seeking payments for a child, have on hand copies of his or her birth certificate, plus proof of school enrollment if between the ages of 18 and 22.

Barring blizzards, hurricanes and other such phenomena, your Social Security check will arrive in your mailbox about the third of each month. If it hasn't arrived by the sixth, contact your Social Security office for a replacement.

Of course, be sure to notify Social Security promptly of any change in your address.

Should your check be lost or stolen, report that to your Social Security office, too. Although it will take some time, a new check will be issued

Many people prefer to have their checks deposited directly in the savings institution of their choice. Not only does that eliminate standing in line, but you don't have to worry about being home each month when the check is due to arrive.

The Social Security Administration has prepared several free publications answering the most frequently asked questions about the system. Among them are "Your Social Security," "Your Social Security Rights and Responsibilities," "If You Become Disabled" and "A Woman's Guide to Social Security."

You can obtain these books from your local Social Security office. "Your Social Security" and "A Woman's Guide" can also be ordered from the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

The agency is currently preparing a record for the blind featuring information on Social Security, Medicare, disability benefits and Supplementary Security Income. Contact your local Social Security office for further details.

Many people want to learn how many Social Security work credits they have accumulated over the years. You can find out by filling out the "Request for Statement of Earnings" form available from your local Social Security office. The form must be mailed to the agency's Baltimore headquarters. Be patient in waiting for your response, though; it can often take a month or more.

Be sure to request this information promptly if you have any reason to think an employer did not properly post funds to your Social Security record. In the unlikely event that this has occurred, there is a statue of limitations beyond which your account cannot be corrected.

Remember, all Social Security information costs no more than a local phone call, a stamp or a bus ride downtown. Don't be taken in by businesses that offer to provide you with Social Security data for a fee, often a sizeable one. They can't tell you any more than you can find out yourself free of charge.

News in Brief

ROME (AP) — Premier Giulio Andreotti has appointed Ines Boffardi, a militant Roman Catholic woman who campaigned against divorce and abortion, as cabinet undersecretary for women's matters.

A 59-year-old labor expert, Miss Boffardi is unmarried. It is the first time a cabinet member has been named in that field.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Leo remembered

Leo —

When Leo O'Flaherty died, he took with him the admiration of many

Leo was a janitor and all-around fix-it man at the Nebraska City schools for a number of years. He was one of those rare individuals who could do just about anything and he attacked each job with a determination to not just do the job but do it right

His gift of supervising crews and as a general handyman earned for him the respect of his fellow workers and his other friends

When he retired, he hooked his camper trailer to his car and took his wife on long trips, including a drive to Alaska

Glen Lechner, a school janitor and co-worker, said it best the other day in his Safety Valve "I hope God has room to pitch a tent in Heaven because Leo O'Flaherty sure liked to travel"

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Platt Grocery —

Best wishes for a successful venture to Mr and Mrs Jerry Platt, new owners of the Collins Grocery in Murray Jerry is a former Hinky Dinky manager at Nebraska City and purchased the Murray store from Mr and Mrs John Collins

Mr and Mrs Collins will put their extra time into The Shed, a popular restaurant in Murray New name of the store is Platt Grocery

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New job —

Frank Bataillon, the Union postmaster, has been promoted to safety manager for the Lincoln sectional center post office

The Bataillons will be moving to Lincoln at the end of the school term

Frank will also resign his job as secretary - treasurer of the Nebraska City Rescue Squad when the family moves

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The survey —

NU Regent Robert Prokop opposes the Orange Bowl contract which locks the Big 8 champion in the bowl game He is particularly displeased this year with the match-up of NU and Oklahoma

Technically, the Huskers can't play in the bowl until the regents approve the contract. In previous years, the approval has been 'automatic ' Not this time Prokop is balking, but he admits there is little chance of anything being done

Meanwhile, Mr Prokop spoke to Optimists the other day and the club conducted a survey on his bowl issue The results — the Optimist club favors Nebraska playing in a bowl game over the objections of Mr Prokop, and the Optimist club favors the opponent to be Penn-State

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Mr Prokop explained his position on the Orange Bowl contract last week in the News-Press We contacted Associated Press and suggested the story might have broader interest It was put on the AP wire

Mr Prokop received calls from Los Angeles, Miami, Ft Lauderdale and Washington, D C

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The Peru message —

Four state senators put themselves on the chopping block the other night at Peru State in a Meet the Press format

They all fared pretty well

There were a number of interesting comments Although they generally agreed on raising the age to buy alcohol from 19 to 21, they said a bill would not be approved

Sen Nelson Merz of Falls City waited all evening to flash his bumper sticker — Gasohol He's an outspoken salesman on the subject

We liked the session It was long-winded, but seemingly successful in that most of the 50 people stayed until it had ended

Special thanks goes to Peru State President Larry Tangeman and his staff for hosting the event

Roger Flanders of the special services department, did the organizing for the session He had a good night and was pleased he even brought along his 19-day-old son and introduced him to the visitors.

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Notice to grocers —

We're going to reprint the cherry mash candy recipe on the front page of the Food Section in the Tuesday News-Press

So order cherry chips so you don't run out

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The Dunbar Review —

The newspaper editor had just a small space left in his paper so he inserted a reproduction of the Ten Commandments

The next day after the issue was published, five men and three women quickly left town and an irate subscriber called to tell the editor

'Take me off your mailing list You're getting too personal



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Carbon monoxide poisoning

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR LAMB — I would like to know about carbon monoxide Recently I rode in a car that had an odor from the exhaust When I got out of the car, I had trouble walking I was dizzy and my throat, lungs and nose burned I was real weak. I called my doctor and he said I shouldn't ride in a car like that It needed fixing to be safe

I would like to know what carbon monoxide does to the body Does the body repair the damage or whatever happens to it? How many days or how much time does it take to repair if it does? What condition can one expect as the side effects from this? I don't seem to feel up to par yet.

DEAR READER — That bad odor you are describing didn't come from carbon monoxide Actually, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas Of course, it can come from an automobile exhaust but the gases that you smelled were something else. Those may have had an entirely different action than occurs from carbon monoxide poisoning

The chief action of carbon monoxide is to combine with the hemoglobin in your red blood cells. This keeps your red blood cells from carrying oxygen and carbon dioxide. The main effect on your body, then, is the same as if it were denied an adequate amount of oxygen

The more of your blood cells that are made inactive because of carbon monoxide, the more severe the symptoms or reaction will be. In its extreme form, of course, it can cause unconsciousness and even death. Dizziness, a tendency towards fainting and headache are common complaints as the carbon monoxide poisoning increases in severity. The tendency towards fainting may progress to frank unconsciousness

If it's mild and relieved quickly, it may not cause any permanent damage If it's severe, meaning that the person has lost consciousness, or is in a shock-like state, then the longer this persists, the more likely it is that a person will have some brain damage. This is not likely to occur in people who have mild exposure to carbon monoxide for short periods of time that do not produce actual fainting

If a person breathes room air, he would clear about 50 percent of the carbon monoxide within four to five hours. If he breathes 100 per cent oxygen, he will clear the same amount in less than two hours When the equipment is available and oxygen is delivered under pressure along with some carbon dioxide, the clearance of the blood from carbon monoxide is quite rapid

I think it is safe to assume that if you did have any degree of carbon monoxide poisoning that it would have had to be pretty mild and would have, therefore, cleared from your body rather quickly It should have left no residual effects

You might be interested to know that chronic cigarette smokers frequently have a small amount of carbon monoxide in their blood Smoking one or two cigarettes in the evening can significantly decrease a person's night vision

I'm sure you are interested in how your lungs function as a result of this experience so I'm sending you The Health Letter number 2-4, Keeping Your Lungs Fit Others who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it Send your request to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec 3, the 337th day of 1978 There are 28 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1967, surgeons at a Capetown South Africa, hospital reported a successful human heart transplant — the first of its kind.

On this date

In 1808, the Spanish city of Madrid surrendered to French forces under Napoleon

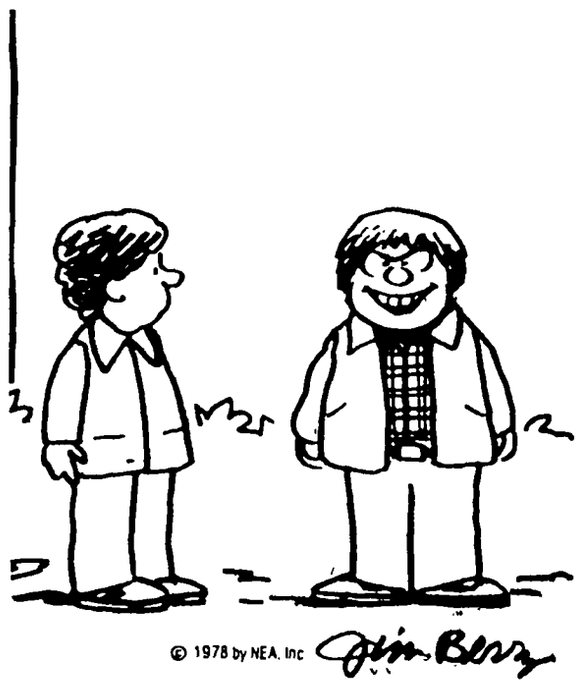
In 1868, the former Confederate president, Jefferson Davis, was put on trial for treason in the U S Circuit Court for Virginia

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Austria-Hungary.

Today's birthday entertainer Andy Williams is 48.

Thought for today To be 70 years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be 40 years old — Oliver Wendell Holmes, American jurist, 1809-1894.

Berry's World



"By watching TV, I've learned a great way to deal with my feelings of anger, I simply become THE INCREDIBLE HULK."