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VIEWPOINT

Engineering racial equality

The intense analysis of American education occasioned by the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision invalidating a system that was racially separate and unequal has found plenty of fault with the schools today.

Understandably. Progress during the last quarter of a century toward the goal of racial equality has been uneven at best. And at worst, post-decision developments in the schools of much of the urban North can only be termed retrogression.

But here and there are encouraging signs, such as in a recent study of minority enrollment in engineering schools. It is up, significantly so in the past decade.

As late as 1972, only 2,200 students from minority groups — principally blacks, but also Hispanics and American Indians — registered as engineering freshmen But by 1977, cutoff year in the study conducted by The Conference Board, nonprofit New York-based economic research organization, minority enrollment had jumped to 7,600, accounting for 8.5 percent of all freshmen The 1972 minority percentage was 4 2 percent.

The gains are in considerable part due to the efforts of a coalition of schools, minority organizations, professional societies and corporations seeking to increase minority participation in what decades has long been one of the most economically and rewarding of professions and a largely white preserve The focus is on interesting secondary schools students in engineering careers and preparing them for the demanding course of study

More than 1,000 high school students will be taking remedial math and science courses at engineering colleges during the coming summer About the same number of already enrolled engineering students are receiving financial assistance from a fund of more than $11 million raised by business firms and private foundations

The goal is to have a minority representation of 18 percent of all engineering freshmen by 1982.

Progress, yes, but still a long way to go.

Women's work

Another minority, which is actually a majority of the population, is also making progress of sorts

The number of women in the U.S. work force rose to 38.6 million in 1978, compared with 55 3 million male workers.

Of particular interest, notes an American Council of Life Insurance report, is a sharp rise in moonlighting. Some 1.3 million women last year, compared with 636,000 in 1970, were holding down more than one job

But haven't they always?

Crime and reward

One of the recent developments in the Iranian revolution was word from its religious leadership that the nation's former ruler and his family were fair game for assassins.

A newspaper is now giving the black turbans an assist by holding a contest for would-be hit men. The owner of Engelad Birang, published in Qum, the holy city from which the Ayatollah Khomeini oversees revolutionary law and disorder, has offered to reward anyone who kills the exiled shah

The successful killer would receive an expenses-paid pilgrimage to Islam's holy of holies, Mecca

He would still be only a runner-up, however. The inhuman excesses routinely being committed by the revolution in the name of religion already have taken the prize.

AS TIME GOES BY

Purchase approved

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1939—

District Judge W W Wilson approved Nebraska City's installment purchase for additional land for Steinhart Park, dismissing Mrs Ethel F Leidigh's petition for an injunction against the transaction About 100 members of the Omaha Tribe of Yessir were guests of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce at a dinner held at the Memorial Building The Navy was preparing to bring the U.S.S Squalus and its 26 dead up from the bottom of the Atlantic Auburn Postmaster R E Harmon was elected president of the Nebraska Chapter, National Postmasters Association.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

Joyce Carlisle and Wayne Lange were voted Best Thespians at Nebraska City Senior High. Walt Disney's "Peter Pan" flew into the Pioneer Theatre. Mrs Nellie Sasseen was installed as president of the Dorcas Society at the Unadilla Methodist Church Vernetta June Davenport was awarded the Regents scholarship at commencement exercises at the State School for the Blind.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1969—

The Apollo 10 astronauts landed safely in the South Pacific after a successful scouting mission for the scheduled moon walk in the summer Tom Hiskett, Nebraska City fire department driver, resigned to work with a contracting company in Colorado. Ninety horses and five saddle clubs attended the Hamburg Spring Horse show The Masons of the Western Star Nebraska City Lodge hosted fellow Masons from Granite City. Plans were being studied for a new swimming pool at Steinhart Park, the U shape, L shape and the Z shape.

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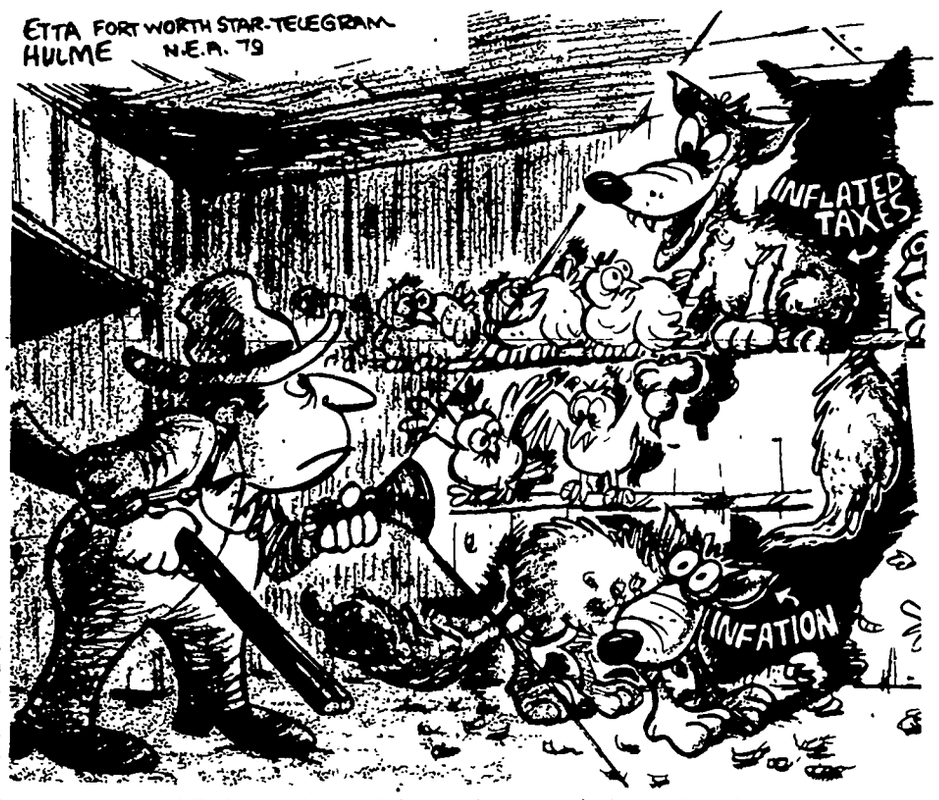
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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? (1 Corinthians 1:20 RSV)

PRAYER: Father help me where I am with what I have to show forth Thy love. May I share Thy care, and most of all thyself. Amen.



"Other than him, there ain't nobody here but us chickens."

News in Brief

SHELBY, N C (AP) — A seemingly routine fire at a women's boutique became a rumbling inferno when a wall collapsed in a fiery shower of brick and glass, killing five men and injuring at least 25 others

Four Shelby firemen and one gas company employee were killed in the Friday night blast, said Shelby Police Capt. Harold Smith.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The chief proponent of abolishing the death penalty in Nebraska and replacing it with a mandatory 30-year sentence said Friday he may work on another bill that Gov Charles Thone could accept in the 1980 election year

Sen Ernest Chambers of Omaha made the comment after being told that Thone had said earlier Friday that he might sign a bill including a minimum sentence, and a death penalty with certain restrictions placed on it

"I'm going to ask him (Thone) what he has in mind and then work on a bill he could accept in an election year," Chambers said.

Chambers won legislative approval of his LB262 Wednesday, but Thone vetoed the bill and the Legislature did not attempt to override it

But the bill may still be subject to an override or amendment attempt when the 86th Legislature returns for its second session next year

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Gunmen from a mysterious underground group say they shot and wounded an Iranian religious leader, a key member of the hidden hierarchy of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolution and the third target of Forghan group assassins.

Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani, one of the top men in the Moslem religious chain which holds the real power in Iran, was shot in the abdomen Friday after he answered the door of his house in northern Tehran.

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FROM CONSUMER REPORTS

Hard look at softeners

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

Fabric softeners promise laundry as soft as a baby's bottom and free of the static electricity that causes some clothing to cling after drying

Consumer Reports tested 28 popular fabric softeners and found that some were better if you're looking for softness, while others were better at removing static cling or at retaining the fabric's ability to absorb moisture

Most softeners had to be added in the rinse cycle, while some could be used either at the start of the wash cycle, or in the dryer

Softeners act by coating a fabric's filaments and fibers with a thin film But the film also reduces the fabric's ability to absorb moisture If you're washing diapers the loss of absorbency will be important to you.

Of the three in-rinse products rated tops for softness — Rain Barrel, Downy and Final Touch — none made for very absorbent laundry Rain Barrel was rated Excellent at softening and Very Good at preventing cling The other two were rated Very Good at softening and stopping cling

In addition to effectiveness, convenience could be a factor you consider in selecting a brand For example, softeners recommended for use at the beginning of the last rinse force you to hover near the washing machine, unless it has an automatic dispenser

Rain Barrel could be used in this way or added at the very start of the wash cycle But its cost-per-load doubled when used at the start of the wash cycle, and it didn't soften as well then as it did in the rinse.

One in-rinse product that is supposed to be effective in the dryer — Amway — was judged poor in softness and anti-cling properties when used in that fashion But it was excellent in absorption and cost less than a penny per use in the dryer

When used in the rinse cycle, Amway was good at softening and absorption, but only fair at reducing static cling

For greater convenience, there are sheets impregnated with softener that are thrown into the dryer with the wash Seven of the softeners tested by Consumer Reports came in sheet form

The in-dryer sheets stayed intact throughout the drying cycle However, the sheets, although convenient, were not generally as effective as the better liquids Only Purex Toss 'N Soft was rated as high as Very Good in any one category — in this case absorption

The only tested spray product, Cling Free Spray, is for use in the dryer It was rated only Fair in softening ability, although it was judged Very Good at preventing cling and retaining absorption

If you consider cost an important factor, keep in mind that the products with superior softening ability and superior cling reduction often cost more per wash load than less effective products

Rain Barrel and Downy cost 6 1 cents per load, while Final Touch was the most expensive of all tested softeners, costing 8 7 cents per load A&P Concentrated, Easy Monday and Kroger in-rinse softeners cost about half as much per load as the top-rated products

Cling Free Spray was the least expensive in-dryer softener at 1 8 cents per use The sheets cost between 4 4 and 5 4 cents for each wash One Consumer Reports reader wrote to tell us that the sheets can be used effectively for two washes, but we didn't test them that way

If your main interest in fabric softeners is to reduce cling, Sail Bacteriostatic, Fluf and Nu Soft worked nicely, although all three caused some slight discoloration in our test washes of terrycloth towels

Only a few of the labels warn you to keep fabric softeners out of the reach of children Consumers Union believes they all should have such labeling because the softeners tend to have a tempting odor that might lead a child to taste them — with some potentially unpleasant results

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Berry's World



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"I got it in a gasoline line!"



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

Rein really rolls

The twister —

Chuck Johnson, our plant superintendent, came up with this tongue twister describing one of the jobs in the pressroom by Rein Winkler, son of Mr and Mrs Bill Winkler of Dunbar

The smaller rolls of paper are rewound onto larger rolls and then put onto the press So, what does he do?

Rein rewinds rolls

Aw, come on a little faster

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The quartermaster —

The new temporary quartermaster of the Nebraska VFW is Bob Bethel of Pawnee City He will be seeking election to the post at the June convention in Ogallala

Bob is a retired Navy commander who hung up his dress blues and sports civies as a student at Peru State College As a matter of fact his whole family is Navy His wife, Esther, served in the Navy during the Korean War, their son is a sub mariner and their daughter is married to a sailor

Bob used good old Navy jargon to describe his first days in taking on the new duty of the VFW He asked for help from veterans across the state "to reduce the shock of relieving the watch"

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Good luck, Steve —

A M "Steve" Stephenson is in Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn , following a bout with diabetes while on a trip to Missouri.

Steve was returned to Nebraska City and the other day was transferred to Mayo's accompanied in the plane by his wife, Helen

Despite his illness he was in good humor We had several cure suggestions (mostly unmentionables) but in his usual gruff manner he said go to-you-know-where

Good health to you, Steve, and a speedy recovery

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The postmaster —

Adeline N Kehlenbeck, the new postmaster at Union is the wife of the late Henry Kehlenbeck of Syracuse and an aunt of Syracuse Mayor Ern Kehlenbeck

Mrs Kehlenbeck has been working for the post office department over 15 years, the last three at the post office in Union

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Proud granddad —

John Ehmke has returned after a rewarding visit with his son and family, Mr and Mrs Norman Ehmke of Tulsa

John's grandson, Bradley 21 graduated from the College of Ozarks at Clarksville, with a bachelor's degree and he hopes to teach. well, not entirely

He wants to play any kind of a game, as long as it's baseball

Brad has been recognized across the state for his ability as a catcher and all-around baseball player Granddad attended one of the games while on the trip. Two major league scouts were in the bleachers

John was seated next to his younger grandson and joshed the boy about the players "They oughta get that catcher out of there," ole' John the Kidder, said

The fellow behind him thought different and told him so

John liked that

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Good reading —

If you didn't read "Old Drum" in the current Elks magazine do it

It's a story of a famous law case in the late 1800's where a man sued another for shooting his hunting dog, Old Drum The Missouri incident resulted in a closing statement in a courtroom that has been reprinted many times

If you love dogs, you'll appreciate the story

SAFETY VALVE

"...science fair"

EDITOR, News-Press

As one of the Nebraska finalists at the International Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio I would like to thank all the people whose contributions made possible this year's Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair and my subsequent trip to San Antonio

I realize that the cost of the G N S E F and the trips for the two finalists is great and I have always thought it a little unfair that most Nebraska towns do not help Nebraska City in footing the bill for the only I S E F affiliated fair in Nebraska However, as it is, I am very thankful for all the Nebraska Citians who do help to put on such a fine fair

This was my fourth year at the G N S E F , and every year I have been impressed by the cooperation of the various Nebraska City businesses in conjunction with the Fair, and with the coverage given by the News-Press

Your generosity is very great My only hope is that the Fair continues to exist for all other youhg Nebraskans who are interested in science, and that it gives them the same opportunities which it has given me

If any of you have doubts as to whether or not your contributions are worthwhile please believe me they are' My trip to the International Fair was the greatest week I have ever experienced, and I know that it would not have been possible without your support So again, I thank you, and I hope your support continues

KERRY TUPPER
Naponee, NE

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 27, the 147th day of 1979 There are 218 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1941, the British Navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France, with a loss of 2,000 lives The Bismarck had been pursued more than 1,700 miles after sinking the British warship HMS Hood three days earlier

On this date

In 1905, a Japanese naval force wiped out a Russian fleet of 32 ships.

Today's birthdays Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is 56 years old. Golfer Sammy Snead is 67 British actor Christopher Lee is 57.

Thought for today: The time to stop a revolution is at the beginning, not the end — Adlai Stevenson, American statesman and politician.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Bran for softage

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR LAMB — I enjoy your health column very much and have read your advice frequently about the use of bran for good digestive functions A recent column of yours did confuse me You mentioned that using milk to mix bran turned it into a situation that reminded me of slippery elm in my youth and that this would make the bran ineffective for the purposes intended

That presents a problem as packaged bran in today's supermarkets would be most difficult to consume without wetting it down with milk or some liquid Most of the cereals that contain bran also contain salt and sugar along with numerous other ingredients to confuse all but a Ph D in nutrition or chemistry The media is carrying more and more information about the dangers of sugars and salt so here again we are confused What do you suggest?

DEAR READER — I think you've misinterpreted one of my columns I do not recommend eating dry bran Dry bran can even lodge in the esophagus and cause problems You must have read my comment that when bran is softened it's not roughage For years many doctors felt that bran was roughage and would irritate the digestive system

My point is that when it's moist or wet it's actually soft and is no longer rough or irritating That is why one of the pioneers for the dietary change to include more bran likes to call wet bran softage as opposed to roughage These comments are meant to indicate that the wet bran is very easy for your digestive system to handle and will not irritate it This in no way decreases its function as a bulk expander to promote improved colon function

It's true that many cereals contain excessive amounts of salt and sugar You can get a lot of good whole wheat cereals, however, that contain no added sugar There are a lesser number that don't contain salt A good one that you can use for this purpose is shredded wheat Of course, you can make your own hot oatmeal at home or you can purchase crude bran and add it to some substances such as fruit, thereby avoiding excess salt

The fact that you're interested in using bran implies to me that you want to improve your colon function A common bad habit the public has is the use of laxatives To give you more information in that area I'm sending you The Health Letter number 12-8, Laxatives, Enemas And Suppositories They act quite a bit different than bran or bulk producing foods Other readers 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 326, San Antonio, TX 78292

In the rest of your letter you spoke about the public being at the mercy of the food industry That's true but they've also done a lot of wonderful things for us by providing an infinite variety of healthy foods that far surpasses the quality available to the public in years past One of the areas in which food processing does cause problems, however, is by adding salt and removing potassium This happens with canned vegetables and frozen foods That's one reason that I often recommend to people to buy the original food product unprocessed, such as raw peas, and do the preparation at home

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