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VIEWPOINT

SO BE IT

The Otoe county board's decision to let the voters decide on whether the county will have a senior citizens handi-bus system may not be popular in some quarters, but it may be the way to satisfy others.

There doesn't seem to be a major dispute on the need for a handi-bus. the objection is spending tax funds to put it on the road

We are in the "freedom" business and although we believe the best way to settle any question involving public funds is on the ballot, we also believe that public officials are elected to do a job, not pass the buck

We hope the board's route chosen to decide the bus plan is not to be the repeat design for decision - making of the county s business

Public officials are elected to serve the people and administrate tax funds It may not always be an easy job trying to trim spending and spend to fill the need, but that s the job

We believe the Otoe county board is earnest in its endeavor over the differences of opinion on this proposal The neutral ground in the case of the handi-bus – as suggested by the board – would be the canvas voting booth It may well be the final solution.

The Rhodesian puzzle

If President Carter is having difficulty coming up with a new policy on Rhodesia (correction, Zimbabwe Rhodesia), it is certainly not due to any shortage of possibilities to choose from

There's his own of the past two-plus years, which is to maintain diplomatic and economic sanctions against the Salisbury regime and hope that this will eventually pressure it into widening black participation and powers in the coalition government.

There is also the policy of the U.S Senate, which is on record as overwhelmingly favoring the immediate lifting of sanctions

And then there is the policy the new British Conservative government is cautiously sidling up to, seeking to deliver on pre-election promises to its own rightwingers to loosen the screws on Salisbury without distancing itself too far from U S policy, whatever that may turn out to be

All involve risks To continue the hard line would mean U S rejection of the black-majority government resulting from the recent elections and ending whatever chance there may be of its effecting changes in the white-written constitution and coming to terms with guerrillas based in Zambia and Mozambique

On the other hand, instant recognition, Senate-style, may win friends in Salisbury but is certain to lose them throughout the rest of black Africa.

The temptation could be understandably strong to take the third option and just go along with the British, letting them take the lead again in a policy that was, after all, originally designed to support them when they were invited out of Rhodesia back in the '60s by the white minority s unilateral declaration of independence

The problem is that there is every indication British policy will be slow in developing, or at least in being revealed, London having no desire to stir things up in the area before Queen Elizabeth's scheduled attendance at a Commenwealth conference in Zambia in August.

Washington can't wait that long. Under terms of the congressional authorization, the president must determine by June 15 whether the conduct of the Rhodesian election and the character of the new government warrant lifting or continuing the sanctions

It is a real test for the policy makers, and whoever said multiple choice was easy?

A problem named Smith

Meanwhile, back at the ranch in Zimbabwe Rhodesia, the new black prime minister-designate, Bishop Muzorewa, appears at least assured of making it to his inauguration in June

He has to date effectively outmaneuvered other black leaders, disgruntled by his strong showing in the elections But his real test will come in his dealings over the long haul with just one white leader, Ian Smith

Smith, who declared Rhodesia's 270,000 whites independent of Britain back in 1965 and maintained that independence in the face of the opposition of virtually the rest of the world for a decade, agreed eventually to share power with the country's six million blacks — but only under terms of a constitution he wrote and guaranteeing the white minority of some 4 percent a 28 percent share of government positions

Smith's would be a tough act to follow under any circumstances, let alone in the conflicting domestic and international interests in which he has done so much to entangle the unfortunate country

But that's not the problem. No one is going to have to follow Smith for the very good reason that he does not intend to leave the stage As long as he is in the government, his is likely to be the dominant role

And that is Zimbabwe Rhodesia's real problem.

AS TIME GOES BY

Heat wave ends

FORTY YEARS AGO
-1939-

Soaking rains ended the heat wave in Otoe county and boosted winter wheat prospects to a more optimistic level A monogrammed belt buckle probably saved the life of Bertie Garrett, 19, when he was crushed between two tractors on his father's farm south of Nebraska City Attempts to save 88 men trapped aboard the sunken submarine Thetis were abandoned temporarily after the stern and tail fin of the 1,500-ton craft sank beneath the surface of the Irish sea More than 250 hogs were sold at the Nebraska City Sales Pavilion

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

Armistice Day was officially changed to Veterans' Day Paul Paap was elected president of the newly organized Otoe High School Alumni Association...Mrs Arthur Paap was elected president of the W.S.C.S of the Otoe Methodist Church

Mrs Martin Ross of Nehawka was elected president of District 1 of the L E A Encampment Ardith Ann Pratt of Cook appeared on KMTV's "Talent Sprouts" show

TEN YEARS AGO
—1969—

Arbor Day 1969 was entered in the Congressional record, also included were news stories printed by the News-Press. .Jolene Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Earl Smith, Weeping Water, and Steve Krivohlavek son of Rev and Mrs Ken Krivohlavek were crowned king and queen of the annual Loyalty Campaign celebration of the Assembly of God of Nebraska City .Adolph Gamlin, purple heart recipient in the Spanish-American War, was present for the Memorial Day services in Nebraska City.



"It's a red-letter day — she took her first step, and she received her first credit card application form."



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Does DOE want to know?

WASHINGTON (NEA) - Despite the nation's obsession with the need for a continuing flow of imported oil, federal energy officials admit they don t even know the source of a sizeable portion of United State petroleum imports

The Department of Energy (DOE) has compiled elaborate statistics identifying the country of origin of the more than 5 61 million barrels daily imported last year from 13 nations affiliated with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

The list of non-OPEC sources includes five groups of Caribbean islands — the Bahamas, Netherlands Antilles, Trinidad and Tabago, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico — that in 1978 accounted for more than 1 15 million barrels of imports daily, almost 14.1 percent of the total.

But with the exception of Trinidad and Tobago, none of those islands has any significant indigenous petroleum resources. They do, however, have major refineries that receive crude oil from other nations, then ship it to the United States in product form.

Who is supplying the crude petroleum to those refineries? Although that information could be crucial in the event of a future embargo, DOE officials claim they don't know and are reluctant to ask independent nations about the source of their oil.

But that explanation is hardly plausible in the case of either Puerto Rico, a commonwealth associated with the United States, or the Virgin Islands, a territorial possession.

Another explanation: "We don't want to know," says a DOE official who claims that during the Arab oil embargo 5½ years ago, some friendly petroleum-producing nations used the Caribbean Islands as trans-shipment points to quietly supply this country with badly needed oil.

FROM CONSUMER REPORTS

Get it in writing

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

As a good consumer you shopped around carefully until you found the right contractor to make improvements on your home But don't sit back quite yet - you still need to protect yourself with a carefully worded contract

First of all, make sure your contract clearly spells out what is being done A contract that says insulate attic" simply doesn't say enough to protect you It should specify brand names, colors, styles, model numbers and grades of materials or appliances to be used

Some home improvement contractors bring along a pre-printed form for you to sign Consider such forms a mere starting point An analysis done for Consumer Reports by the National Consumer Law Center — shows that, from the homeowner's point of view, pre-printed contracts leave a lot to be desired

One agreement said in part, ' I agree to pay for any additional work not stated in the above contract " Obviously, you should avoid such language

If the contractor has promised extras in a sales pitch, make sure they're noted in the job specifications

Once all the details are in black and white, you will be even safer with a contract that says, typically This instrument sets forth the entire contract between the parties and may be modified only by a written instrument executed by both parties "

Make sure the starting and completion dates are included in your contract, allowing for reasonable delay, such a spell of bad weather that keeps the contractor from doing the job Most contractors will insist on some leeway

However, a contract that allows for delays "due to fire, strikes, war, riots or other civil disturbances, governmental regulations or prohibitions, material or labor shortages, accidents, lockouts, 'force majeure,' acts of God, adverse weather conditions, or any other cause or condition beyond the control of the contractor" excuses almost any kind of foot-dragging

Another way to help insure that work is executed well and on time is to tie the schedule of payments to the work done For example, if you're having the attic insulated and finished, you might make a small down-payment, followed by installments paid as follows

— When materials are delivered

— When the insulation is installed

— When only a coat of paint is needed to finish the job.

When the job is finished to your satisfaction

You should insist upon making the final payment 30 days or so after the contractor finishes the work Adding a clause providing for this waiting period gives you a chance to live with, and thoroughly examine, the improvements It also gives the contractor an incentive to return and fix unsatisfactory work

Such a clause should say ' Final payment shall be due 30 business days after completion of work by contractor Final payment may be withheld on account of defective work that is not remedied, claims filed, failure of the contractor to make payments properly to subcontractors or for labor, materials, or equipment, or unsatisfactory prosecution of the work by the contractor "

Should the contractor fail to pay a subcontractor or supplier, a lien can be placed against your property In effect, the unpaid suppliers would have the right to take your property, or part of it, as payment

Thus, it is important to have the contractor post a bond against any liens, or to require that proof of payment to subcontractors be presented before you make the final payment to the contractor.

The study commissioned by Consumer Reports also resulted in the following advice

— You may want an attorney to study anything you're going to sign

— Don't sign a "certificate of completion" or any document that says the work has been completed to your satisfaction until it actually has been

— If something doesn't look right, clear up the problem right away. Don't wait until the job is finished to raise questions

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

(The Lord's) mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23 RSV)

PRAYER: Dear Father, thank You for sending the Savior to show us Your love. Keep our hearts open to Your Messages and grateful for Your daily blessings. Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

From England to Japan

The world report —

Dr. M. B. De Jarnette wrote from Tokyo that it's beautiful country and the people are warm and friendly (he almost beat the mail to home)...Mindy Sackles writes from South Africa that it has cooled off That means the mercury dropped below the 100 degree mark. The near miracle was when "water fell from the sky". .Don Holtz won't be able to attend an American Meter meeting in Nebraska City next week. Mr and Mrs Holtz are moving to England for his six-month assignment with the company.

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The gas supply —

We joined with Mr and Mrs Paul Greene for a ride to breakfast...that is we rode motorcycles to Trails End near Rock Port during the holiday weekend.

The trip was through Brownville with a stop at the flea market, but unfortunately we didn't have any room to haul any purchases. (snicker snicker).

When we returned to Nebraska City we pulled into Gangel's and instructed the gas attendant Ross Baker, to "fill 'er up."

That was a bit of an extravagant move, but the sign on the door said "$5 limit." No mind, said Paul Our gas bills were $2 apiece.

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The Class of '33 —

Thanks to Mrs Clara Ganzel, 1601 Central Avenue, for the picture of the Class of 1933. The picture was among items purchased at an auction in Syracuse.

The picture has some pretty high value. Verne Jones offered us free coffee for a week if we didn't print it; Dale Sharp offered free freight service and Frank Erwin offered us his clarinet and two weeks at his vacation-permanent home in Arkansas.

(See how much fun it is to work for a newspaper?)

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The goat club —

We'll be watching with interest the organizing of a Southeast Nebraska Goat club.

Main purpose of the club is to promote the dairy goat.

We have a soft spot for goats. The young (kids) are entertaining pets, the milkers (nannies) are faithful and affectionate and the old bills provide a challenge for every boy.

Organizers are Mrs Don Wheeler, Mrs Marvin Zimmerman and Mrs Ron Bergmann.

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ARS visits —

Arthur R. Sweet, former Publisher of the News-Press who now makes his home in Sun City, Ariz., stopped in the newspaper office the other day to say hello.

There aren't many "oldtimers" around here anymore. Art saw a number of new faces and they make up the majority of employes who put together and print your daily newspaper

You can take a newspaperman out of a newspaper, but you can't get the ink out from under his fingernails, Art went to the pressroom to see our high speed 4-unit Harris printing press.

The Sweets were in Nebraska City to attend Mrs Sweet's 50th year class reunion of NCHS.

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The trip —

We're getting ready to ship off our neighbors, Mr and Mrs Fred Wusk, to Germany to visit their grandchildren. Well, the trip will also include a visit to the parents of the two youngsters, their son, Robert and his wife.

Robert is a career Army man. A native of the Sterling community, he thought he'd give the military life a whirl, liked it and re-upped. His latest duty assignment is in Germany and the Wusks of Germany are anxiously awaiting the Nebraska City visitors.

Fred and Lucille are looking forward to the trip which will be in a couple more weeks. Lucille's brother, Walter Eden, gave her a camera for Christmas...and that's what you call a big hint.

Sounds like a busy and fun trip coming up.

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Ole' smarty —

Four high school boys decided to skip classes Arriving after lunch, they explained to teacher Spud Clark that their car had a flat tire along the way

To their relief, Mr Clark smiled understandly and said "You boys missed a test this morning. Please take seats apart from one another and get out your paper and pencils "

When the boys were seated, he continued. "Answer this question Which tire was flat?"

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 3, the 154th day of 1979. There are 211 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1945, in World War II, more than 150,000 German soldiers surrendered to American and British forces along the Elbe River in Germany.

In 1621, the Dutch West India Company received a charter for New Netherlands, which is now New York.

In 1933, a woman became director of the U.S. Mint for the first time as Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross took office.

In 1937, the Duke of Windsor married Wallis Warfield Simpson of Baltimore, Md., in France.

In 1942, Japanese warplanes raided Dutch Harbor, Alaska in the Pacific War

In 1962, 130 people were killed in the crash of an airliner at Paris, including members of an art group from Atlanta, Ga.

In 1973, the Soviets' new supersonic airliner crashed near Paris during an international air show, killing the six crewmen and seven French villagers.

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that women who do the same work as men are entitled to the same pay.

One year ago: It was disclosed that U.S.-Soviet strategic arms talks had been slowed down by a surprise Soviet proposal to halt all testing and deployment of American and Soviet intercontinental missiles through 1985.

Today's birthdays: Actor Tony Curtis is 54 years old. Former Federal Budget Director Bert Lance is 48. Poet Allen Ginsberg is 53.

Thought for today: A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house — the Bible.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Dealing with oily hair

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I have this problem with the hair on my head. My hair gets so oily I must shampoo every morning just to keep the grease away.

I've tried every shampoo I can get my hands on, especially those for oily hair.

Can you recommend some type of drink which can be taken internally that will cut down on this oil in my hair?

DEAR READER — There are a few medical conditions that contribute to excess oiliness of the skin. Most of these are associated with other symptoms which you didn't mention so I think it's unlikely that you have anything more than just an excessive production of oil.

If you have other skin problems, it might be worth checking in with your doctor just to be sure that you don't have any underlying cause for most of your problems.

For most people the simple excess formation of skin oils that results in oily hair is best treated by just frequently washing the hair. Once a day is not too much for an individual with such a problem. In many people with truly excessive amounts of oil, washing the hair twice a day is perfectly all right.

Ordinarily, blow drying of the hair is hard on it because it eliminates oils that are in the hair shaft and are important to the texture of the hair itself. But in a person who has truly excessive amounts of oil, blow drying the hair might not be a bad idea.

I'm sending you The Health Letter number 12-6, Hair Care, to give you an overall appreciation of the factors that affect your hair and how to take care of it 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 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

One of the factors that contributes to oily hair is an oily skin, specifically the forehead. The oils from the forehead are quickly picked up by the hair, especially with certain hair styles, and the next thing you know you have oily hair again.

Another source of oil is if you use oily hand lotions Any of the oil that's left on the hand gets in the hair if you have the habit of rubbing your hand through your hair at some point during the day.

You should also avoid adding any oily or greasy applications to your face if you're trying to keep the oil out of your hair

I'm sorry that there isn't a drink or some medicine that you could take that would immediately solve your problem There isn't Your problem is not caused by something you eat nor is it caused by lack of something that you need to eat. It's not a vitamin deficiency.

There are some shampoos that contain chemicals that are particularly effective in cleansing the hair of oil. These are mentioned in The Health Letter that I'm sending you.

Berry's World

