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VIEWPOINT

Revolutionary postscripts

Nicaragua and its erstwhile strongman have at last parted company, but the individual who perhaps contributed more than any other to that denouement is not around for the celebrations

Pedro Joaquin Chamorro Cardenal, editor of the newspaper La Prensa and for long years the most tenaciously outspoken opponent of the Somoza dictatorship, was murdered in January of 1978

The responsibility for his death is still not precisely fixed, and may never be But at the time, it was widely believed to be the work of Somoza's agents If so, the crime turned out to be not a paralyzing blow to the opposition but a boomerang for the regime

Chamorro's death and the attendant publicity transformed the Nicaraguan situation from just another case of Latin American domestic unrest into a regional and then world issue From then on, Somoza was on the defensive and his overthrow progressed more swiftly than even the Sandinista rebels who accomplished it might previously have believed possible

The life of its editor was not, however the only cost to La Prensa of the Nicaraguan civil war In a final destructive spasm before their surrender, Somoza's troops demolished the paper's presses and offices

That was not to be the end of La Prensa, however, any more than Chomorro's death silenced his opposition The Chomorro family, observing that the paper's most important asset — its staff — is still largely intact, already is arranging to resume publication

Pending rebuilding of La Prensa s own plant, they expect to publish on borrowed equipment — rented from Novidades, the former Somoza family newspaper

That is a businesslike form of poetic justice that newspaperman Chomorro would surely have appreciated

Not for publication

Washington journalists traditionally have abided by an informal guideline that limits the free "hospitality" they properly can accept from an outsider to whatever you can eat or drink at one sitting — a meal or a round of drinks

But John B Connally the former Texas governor and treasury secretary now running for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination has never been accused of being a small-time operator

The Connally campaign organization devised a scheme to invite three or four at a time, several dozen journalists and their spouses to spend a weekend at Connally's Picosa Ranch near San Antonio Texas

But many of those invited declined the opportunity to partake of five meals a steady flow of drinks and a choice of swimming tennis skeet-shooting or horseback riding — as well as some informal political chatter

Because the plan generated little more than unfavorable publicity and criticism of Connally and his guests, the campaign s communications director Julian Read, won't even disclose the names of those who accepted the invitations.

AS TIME GOES BY

Levy is set

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1939—

A rainstorm brought cool weather to Nebraska City to end the most recent heat wave during which temperatures above 100 were recorded Dr William J Mayo co founder of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minn died of an ulcer at his Rochester home .100 head of hogs and 40 cattle were sold at the Nebraska City Sales Pavilion Scotland Yard opened a campaign to guard against threats of new terrorism attributed to the Irish Republican Army

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

The Otoe county board gave Chairman Robert Wilson authority to initiate court proceedings, if necessary, in the property valuation squabble between Douglas and outstate counties Company A National Guardsmen prepared for two week's of summer field training at Camp Ripley in Minnesota-

Police Chief Clarence Iversen was improving after a month in the hospital with an injured back

TEN YEARS AGO
—1969—

The annual sidewalk bazaar was held in Nebraska City offering sale items on the street to the thousands attending the annual event-

Salaries of Otoe county courthouse clerks and deputies went up five .percent The Nebraska City National Guard Company A returned from a two-week training camp at Camp Riley, Minnesota Sen Edward Kennedy lost his driver's license for one year in connection with his plea of guilty in leaving the scene of a fatal automobile accident.

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SAFETY VALVE

"...down the drain..."

EDITOR, News-Press I have a clipping with the headline "Price too high."

Some weeks ago we talked about the near bankruptcy of the high school in Rockford, Ill., second city A special bond issue was needed to rescue interscholastic sports and other extracurricular activities.

The guess was made that Omaha voters in similar circumstances would retain their programs.

We learn that Rockford felt differently By a 2-1 margin voters refused to raise their own taxes Football, basketball, music, art and other added projects went down the drain at five schools.

MARY A. GARDNER



Heater on refrigerator?

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS — I've been shopping around for a refrigerator-freezer Some models have "switchable heaters" to eliminate condensation on the outside of the cabinet One model I liked had a cabinet-heating provision without a switch The salesperson told me a switchable heater isn't necessary. Which type is best?

DEAR READER — Refrigerator-freezers generally have some provision to heat the areas around their doors, preventing condensation when the air is humid

A switchable heater uses extra energy when it's turned on. Nevertheless, a model with that kind of heater may still use less energy than the "hot tube" variety, which warms the cabinet with the exhaust that runs off the appliance's condenser

You can always turn off the switchable heater when the weather isn't humid

The trouble with "hot tube" models is they always circulate heat, and some of it seeps back into the refrigerator space Thus, the refrigerator has to use additional energy to maintain proper temperatures.

DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS — I'm curious about TV commercials for cooking oils that claim the products fry "almost grease free" Do any of them do that?

DEAR READER — Our food technologists were curious too, so they fried egg rolls in 37 different fats and oils All the products fried the food "almost grease free." Wesson and Crisco oils — which have made the "almost grease free" claim in their advertising — performed about the same as the other products

Generally, foods that are more absorbent — breaded veal cutlets, for example — tend to come out greasier than less absorbent foods, such as egg rolls In addition, foods absorb less grease if they're fried when the oil is hot — ideally, about 375 degrees

DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS — I would like to make tapes from my record collection Should I use an open-reel tape deck or can a cassette do the job?

DEAR READER — Tests of both types of recording devices show the extra quality of an open reel deck is an advantage only with very demanding recording jobs — for instance, live music For taping records, a good cassette deck yields results virtually indistinguishable from the original

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DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS — My new car's engine is knocking What can I do about it?

DEAR READER — First try switching to a different brand of the same grade gasoline If the knock persists, take your car to the dealer or a competent mechanic to find out if the engine is in tune

You'll find detailed information on engine knock in Consumer Reports' annual April auto issue. It also contains evaluations of 101 1979 model cars and repair records of 162 models. (To order, send $1 to: From Consumer Reports, F9041, Box 9000, Orangeburg, N.Y. 10962.)

If your car is in tune and the changing of gasoline brands doesn't work, ask the mechanic to retard the ignition timing no more than two or three degrees. That may help reduce or eliminate engine knock in a new car without increasing emissions.

PSYCHOLOGY TODAY

Conversational politics

By the Editors of Psychology Today

Members of powerful groups dominate conversations just the way they dominate politics In U S society, the winners in what experts are coming to call "conversational politics" are usually men

Spontaneous conversations in a variety of settings around a university yielded important clues about this phenomenon to sociologists Candace West and Donald Zimmerman at the University of California at Santa Barbara With permission, they recorded and analyzed people talking in such places as a coffee shop, a drugstore and in campus apartments

Males interrupt females much more often than they interrupt other males, the researchers found In fact, males interrupt females more than females interrupt anyone

Those patterns were similar to those West and Zimmerman had observed between parents and children in a doctor's waiting room Parents interrupted children much more often than the children interrupted their parents

After other work West and Zimmerman concluded that interruptions reflect and assert power differences, with the more powerful conversational partner interrupting the less powerful one more frequently

Women also "work" harder in conversations than men According to sociologists Pamela Fishman, women put more effort into keeping the conversation going, even though they have less control over what it is about

She placed tape recorders in the homes of three couples and, with their consent recorded over 50 hours of naturally occurring conversations

The couples all said they were "liberated" from traditional sex-role stereotypes and women initiated 62 percent of the topics in the conversations But, their topics withered Topics they introduced were taken up in further conversation only 36 percent of the time

By contrast, topics men introduced were carried on 96 percent of the time The men squashed topics by not responding, or by responding with "umhum" or grunts

Such hidden power plays in conversations might be summarized in the following conversation.

She "You know, studies of conversations show that women usually pick up subjects men raise, but men ignore most of the subjects that women try to raise"

He "I saw a great movie last night."

Psychologists used to think that conversational habits like interrupting and dominating the conversation were part of the personality of an individual Occasionally, they were viewed as characteristics of a particular personality type. Obsessive-compulsives, for example, were thought to be particularly ferocious monologuists. The new view suggests that such habits may be a product of the environment as well as the person They can emerge in virtually anyone under particular conditions and in certain roles

Doctors, for example, question patients, rather than vice versa, older people interrupt younger ones; subordinates pursue topics raised by bosses more often than the reverse.

Women's relative lack of power may even be reflected in their speech patterns Several linguists have found that women more frequently use certain words rarely used by men, such as "mauve" They make more frequent use of "empty" adjectives such as "divine" or "lovely" They tend to use a questioning intonation at the end of a declarative statement, such as "The entrance is over there?" And they tend to use hypercorrect grammar and excessively polite speech

The way such patterns reflect a poverty of power was confirmed in another experiment Boston University psychologists Faye Crosby, and Linda Nyquist studied the speech of police personnel and people who came into a station house with various kinds of inquiries.

The people who came in tended to use the patterns of "women's" language more often than the police, regardless of whether they were male or female. In short, "women's" language is not inherently female.

Conversational politics, together with body language and speech, may lie at the heart of the way humans maintain roles, relationships and even the feelings that go with them Understanding the rules may be an important first step toward helping people change them.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

"(Jesus) welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and cured those who were in need of healing."
(Luke 9:11 NEB)

PRAYER Great Physician, we need Your guidance as we touch other people's lives today, May we bring healing and not hurt. Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont — THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Don't forget Art

No more prayers—

The little boy had been praying for a new bike to no avail and informed his mom there would be no more prayers.

"Why?" asked his mother

"It doesn't do any good," the youngster said. "Art isn't listening."

"Art who?" asked the mother.

"Why you know; Art in Heaven!"

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The wishbone—

Diane Lukowski, who soon will be Mrs Russ Baxter, rural Plattsmouth, and will be leaving the News-Press, discovered a large wishbone when she cleaned out a desk drawer

We had several suggestions on what to do with a large wishbone, but Diane thought it might have some meaning since it was neatly tucked away in the desk.

So, the wishbone was moved. ..from Diane's desk to mine.

Please folks. . pick up your wishbone.....

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The Otoe volunteers—

The Otoe volunteer fire department hopes to acquire a 250-gallon pumper for town use.

Gary Eisenhauer and Stan Boldt briefed us on the new addition the other night. The village has made a bid on a used pumper now in Humboldt.

The three vehicles now housed in the nice steel and insulated building on Otoe's main street are used in town and rural service.

We commend the Otoe volunteers for looking and planning ahead for their community

P S. The annual Otoe barbecue will be held in September, according to the Rev John Ashcraft of Otoe. (He wanted to get in a "plug").

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The NC department—

Larry Wiles' report on the history of the NC fire department included an item that the second steam engine owned by the town was purchased in 1884 and the Button steamer is still owned by the Department today.

The Button machine was purchased from the company in Waterford, N.Y., for $2,800. It pumped 400 gallons of water a minute It was named the "H.F. Cady" who was mayor of the town.

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So — truthful—

The rather large woman stepped on the scales not knowing they were out of order.

The indicator stopped at 75 pounds.

A little boy standing by watched her intently

"Whattya know!" he exclaimed. "She's hollow!"

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Congratulations—

...to Lynda Ohrt, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Ohrt, who was selected queen of the Fremont County, Ia., fair. . to Marvin Giittinger, the new grand knight of the Knights of Columbus to Joe McCormick for winning first in his class at the four-state horseshoe tournament hosted by Nebraska City to the Lofte Theater near Weeping Water for a successful performance for 175 people on the opening night performance of "Oliver"

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Mrs Sherstad—

Boys and girls in Nebraska City lost a friend with the death of Mrs Florence J. Sherstad.

She probably attended more boys and girls ball games at Steinhart park than anyone we know She loved children, loved the sport and rarely missed a game. A few years ago the Jaycees gave her special recognition as a No. 1 fan.

She didn't like all that fussin' over just going to ball games, but accepted graciously and returned to her seat in the bleachers, while the other fans applauded her dedication.

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The Good News —

Jimmy Rowe, 14-year-old son of Mr and Mrs Harold Rowe of Nebraska City, was featured in the current issue of Hot Sands, the publication of the Tangier Shrine

Jimmy was pictured as a teen-age disco performer behind his turntable Jimmy has a brittle bone disease and has had 40 broken bones and has had surgery numerous times

Let those strong legs dance so the weak legs can walk, Jimmy says from his wheelchair

News in Brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Benjamin R Civiletti's nomination to be attorney general drew fire from Hispanics but no public opposition from members of the Senate Judiciary Committee as the panel ended three days of confirmation hearings today.

The committee meets again next Tuesday and an aide said the chairman, Sen. Edward M Kennedy, D-Mass., hopes to send Civiletti's nomination to the Senate floor before the chamber begins a month-long recess Aug. 3

CANNES, France (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization has vowed to step up attacks on Israel to avenge its assassinated war minister But the French police reported no leads to the two killers.

Zuhair Mohsen, 43, died Thursday at Pasteur Hospital in nearby Nice. He had been in a coma for 36 hours, since he was hit in the head by a .32 caliber bullet fired just before midnight Tuesday as he was entering his rented apartment in this French Riviera resort. The hospital said he never regained consciouness.

A watchman at the apartment house said the two assassins were a sportily dressed European about 20 years old and a small, mustachioed man who appeared to be an Arab.

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — State Sen. Ernest Chambers of Omaha said Thursday he has asked for further information on an investigation into the death of a prisoner at the Buffalo County Jail last weekend.

The body of Robert Freeman, 24, of Omaha was found Sunday morning, hanging by his coveralls in his cell. Freeman had been held for Illinois authorities for parole violation.

The State Patrol conducted an investigation into the death. Chambers, chairman of a special legislative committee reviewing law enforcement, said "whenever I see a death in jail I'm very concerned."



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Dizziness is a symptom

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am a 70-year-old woman and I've been having constant dizziness for a year now. My doctor says it's vertigo. He has prescribed a series of medicine but nothing helps me. I haven't been to see him now for four months.

He did say I have poor circulation and low blood pressure, also hardening of the arteries. I don't know much about hardening of the arteries. Is it the same as cholesterol? My doctor is very busy and so I wish you would tell me how I can help myself. I sleep well and don't feel dizzy when I lie down. When I sit up or walk around I get very dizzy.

DEAR READER — Dizziness or vertigo is a symptom. True vertigo means that you have an illusion of motion. You think that objects around you are moving when they're not or else you feel like you're moving when you're not. This is in contrast to plain dizziness which may be associated with faintness or the feeling of an impending faint.

Faintness with associated dizziness is usually associated with an inadequate blood flow to the brain. A mild form of this is the dizzy sensation a person may feel when he stands up quickly after having been lying down. Some of these conditions can be helped. If you are really having dizziness because of inadequate adjustment to your circulation when you stand up, it's possible that pressure garments on the lower part of your body might prevent blood pooling in your legs when you stand up and help relieve your dizziness.

Real vertigo can be caused by disorders of the eyes which cause a disturbance in visual reference to your surrounding or it can be caused by a disturbance in the nerves that come from your legs, arms and body to give you body position sense and, finally, it can be caused by disorders in the small balance canals in your ears The input from these three sources must be integrated in your brain which means that if you have a disorder within the brain, it too can cause vertigo

To give you a better concept of dizziness, I'm sending you The Health Letter number 9-10, Dizziness And Vertigo Other readers who want this issue can send 75 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

Now I think the best thing for you to do is to ask for a consultation with a specialist in neurology If you were younger, I would suggest you see an ear, nose and throat specialist and you may need to as well. The neurologist may be able to pinpoint the difference between dizziness and vertigo in your case and decide what would be the best procedure for you

Yes, if you do have poor circulation to the brain from hardening of the arteries, that is related to cholesterol. Hardening of the arteries is just a general term and it includes the accumulation of fatty-cholesterol particles in the arteries that cause obstruction to blood flow.

Berry's World



This here mixture of gasoline an' ten percent alcohol will never sell. It tastes awful."