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VIEWPOINT

CLASSROOM VIOLENCE

The president of the National Education Association is stumping the nation calling attention to the increasingly serious problem of violence in the classrooms

John Ryor, a high school math teacher at Battle Creek, Mich., said in Omaha that violence has become a major reason for teachers to leave the profession, the Omaha World-Herald said.

He said 50,000 violent acts ranging from fights to murders were reported during the 1976-76 year

Ryor said that in his opinion, the fact the family isn't the same social unit it once was is a factor in the hostile climate.

"I also believe that television has had a lot to do with it," he said. "The constant violence on television has had some debilitating effect on the youngster It provides an unreal atmosphere of murders and rapes and where solutions are made within the hour "

Ryor urges isolation, counseling and psychological help for students who cause trouble and disrupt studies

He said that a crime in a school should be prosecuted the same as one which occurs elsewhere.

Ryor has underscored a growing problem for the nation.

With more and more homes where both parents are working, there is less supervision of children.

The soaring divorce rate has resulted in more one-parent households

At the same time, Ryor emphasized that a teacher can't teach and be a police officer, too.

Reasonable disciplinary measures are going to have to be permitted in our schools If we are going to give the schools more and more responsibility for raising our children, the teachers are going to have to get and apply disciplinary tools.

Even so, teachers can't do it all and shouldn't be expected to substitute for parents. The parents are going to have to unlearn some of the permissive pap of the 1960s and give the teachers a hand



AS TIME GOES BY

Route voted on

FORTY YEARS AGO
— 1937 —

The Nebraska City Planning Board by a majority vote recommended to the city commission that Fifth Corso be used as the route for Nebraska Highway 2. .Police charged Stephan Matijah, 18, with stabbing his mother, Maria, to death because she destroyed his flute in an incident in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia Governor Roy Cochran signed eight bills, including measures which created a state prison farm in Genoa and imposed stiffer penalties on drunk drivers Work resumed at the Hershey Chocolate Plant in Hershey, Penn following the end of a week-old strike by members of the United Chocolate Workers

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

Nebraska City Utilities strengthened the levee at its river-front power plant in preparation for the record-high water expected Mrs Nerva G Butterfield observed her 92nd birthday at Brock Citizens prepared to leave McPaul, Iowa, Percival farmer Coleman Sheldon reported, because the privately built levees north of Plum Creek were feared weakening The federal government took nominal possession of the steel industry to prevent a strike

TEN YEARS AGO
— 1967 —

The widow of Wirt Morton, son of Carl Morton and grandson of J. Sterling Morton, donated a picnic shelter to the State of Nebraska for Arbor Lodge State Park "Mawkish" proved the undoing for Otoe County's spelling champ, Jean Stilwell, in the Midwest Spelling Bee at the Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha. .Mrs Suzette Morton Zurcher, great-granddaughter of J. Sterling Morton, planned to be the featured speaker at the Arbor Day ceremonies. . .Steve Bryant, son of Mr and Mrs Carl Bryant, enrolled in auto mechanics school at the Universal Trades School in Omaha.

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SAFETY VALVE

"...thanks to all..."

EDITOR, News-Press. The committee for Budge Porter Night wishes to thank all who helped in any way to make Budge Porter Night the wonderful success that it was; to the businesses, organizations and individuals who made donations, to those who provided manpower and to those who simply joined in to have a good time

We are grateful

What began as a desire of a few people to in some way honor Budge for the courage he has displayed this past year grew into a committee of nine and very quickly into a combined effort involving many hundred friends The wonderful spirit of love and cooperation was a common bond for all those who took part in any way

After our initial plans were announced, news of Budge Porter Night spread to as far away as California, Washington, D C , Florida, Arizona and Texas

BUDGE PORTER NIGHT COMMITTEE
Carline Moles,
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Les Long.

News in Brief

MIAMI (AP) — A man who says he was denied promotion and training by Sears Roebuck & Co because he is not black or female has filed a discrimination suit against the giant retail chain "Every time I asked for a promotion, I was told that Sears had an 'affirmative action program' and that blacks and women would be promoted and transferred ahead of men," said Raymond Turner, 30. The suit alleging racial and sexual discrimination was filed Thursday in federal court here.



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Government of the people?

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Countless nationwide surveys conducted in the past five years have shown that the vast majority of the American people are cynical, distrustful and suspicious of the federal government which is supposed to represent their interests,

A typical public opinion poll, taken last year, shows that citizen alienation has reached the point where two-thirds of those questioned agree with the statement: "People like me don't have any say about what the government does."

Those same respondents, by a margin of almost 3-1, say they believe "that the government in Washington is pretty much run by a few big interests" rather than "for the benefit of all the people "

At a time when most citizens believe they have no voice whatever in shaping the federal decisions which directly affect their lives, a little-noticed bill in Congress with the unwieldy title of "The Public Participation in Federal Agency Proceedings Act of 1977" may be an idea whose time has come.

Co-sponsored by Sens. Edward M Kennedy, D-Mass , and Charles McC Mathias, R-Md., that measure would allocate $10 million in federal funds annually to reimburse concerned citizens, their lawyers and their expert witnesses for the time and effort required to fully participate in the policy-making process

The funds would pay for the expenses incurred by senior citizens, community groups, consumers, the poor and other segments of society which traditionally have been unrepresented in rulemaking, ratemaking and licensing procedures conducted by government departments and regulatory agencies

It's no surprise that the legislation is opposed by the special interest groups which for decades have been able to get what they want from government agencies by marshaling large, well-financed and often unopposed teams of lawyers, "experts" and "consultants" to argue their case

The most outspoken critics of the bill have been the nuclear power industry and public utilities Typical of their attitude was the approach taken during hearings on similar legislation last year by William H Cuddy, a Hartford, Conn , lawyer

Appearing as a spokesman for the Northeast Utilities System, a holding company whose subsidiaries provide electric and gas service in Connecticut and Massachusetts, Cuddy said he had never participated in a regulatory agency proceeding in which a citizen group had made "any significant contribution to what I would regard as the overall good."

This year, George Gleason, executive vice president of the American Nuclear Energy Council, said he feared that the federal reimbursement probably would go to "very wealthy groups backed by multimillionaire philanthropists."

Unstated in those arguments was the distaste the nation's power companies have developed for citizen groups which challenge their proposed rate increases and the hostility the country's nuclear energy establishment has for members of the public who discover geologic fault lines in the earth directly beneath proposed sites for nuclear power plants.

The more sophisticated industry critics of the legislation argue that it would unnecessarily complicate and delay ratemaking and rulemaking proceedings, but numerous federal judges and regulatory agency commissioners have testified that participation by citizen groups often enhances and speeds up the process.

Some of the country's most active citizen, consumer and environmental organizations already are participants in the process But the cost of participating in a regulatory agency proceeding often is $100,000 or more, and those groups have only limited resources to draw upon

The time has come to open the doors even wider, destroying what Kennedy describes as the popular image of "government decisions always made in Washington by faceless bureaucrats canting legal mumbo-jumbo and following arcane procedures."



It's Possible!

Something great

By Robert Schuller

"Dr Schuller, I'm really not interested in success," said a minister who was attending our Institute for Successful Church Leadership

Surprised by his frankness I asked, "Are you interested in failure?" "No," he replied, "I don't care about success or failure

"But you seem to be very interested in success, Dr Schuller," he continued "Apparently you are trying to prove something to yourself or somebody else I don't need to prove anything to anybody!"

"It's not a question of proving anything," I explained "It's wanting your life to count for something great!"

"In everything you do, put God first and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success " (Proverbs 3 6)

Reverend Schuller pastor of the Garden Grove, Calif Community Church can be seen weekly on his nationally syndicated TV program Hour of Power

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would " Matthew 28 6 (Jerusalem Bible)

PRAYER Our Father, help us to experience anew this Easter season the glorious realization that ours is a risen Lord whose kingdom is forever Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

It was the only way

In a rut —

A new family in the neighborhood in a city overslept and the six-year-old missed his bus. Mother, though late for work, said she'd drive the little fella if he'd direct her.

Well, they drove here, turned there and this went on for about 20 minutes. Mom got a little disgusted when they finally pulled up in front of the school building — it was only a short distance from their home.

"Why did you direct me over such a long route when the school isn't really that far away?" she asked the little guy.

"That's the way the school bus goes, Mom," he explained. "It's the only way I know."

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Today's children —

This is the part of the job we all like — congratulating students on their accomplishments.

Deanna Hall, daughter of Mr and Mrs Duane Hall, won the county spelling contest for the seventh and eighth grade division. She will compete in the Midwest Spelling Bee April 30.

Danny Thomson, son of Mr and Mrs Dean Thomson, Palmyra, won the fifth and sixth grade championship. The other winners were listed in the Sunday News-Press

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The county agent —

We're gonna miss Marv Hoffman as the county agent this summer at the Otoe County Fair

Marv is retiring this summer, but we'll bet he will still be around the boys and girls in the 4-H and FFA programs that he enjoys so much.

The News-Press has enjoyed his cooperation the past 20 years in helping us keep up to date on farm news in this area. Marv has always been a good and reliable source of information concerning farm reports.

We wish him an enjoyable retirement and since we know Marv pretty well, we're confident that it won't be a leisurely retirement because he is an active man.

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Congratulations also to Julie Brockhaus, and Denise Davis (hello there, again) on their selections to Girls State sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary.

Their parents are Mr and Mrs Jim Brockhaus and Mr and Mrs W. F. Davis. Alternates are Pam Fielder and Kim Harding. Their parents are Mr and Mrs Carl Fielder and Mrs Marlene Rhoades.

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Long hair —

Coach Jerry Joy at Peru State was interviewing a boy for an athletic scholarship and asked about his shoulder-length hair.

"Jesus had long hair," the young man explained.

Coach Joy took the recruit to the swimming pool and stood there with his charge and said:

"Okay, buster, let's see you walk on water."

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Mutual aid —

An organizational structure for mutual aid has been set up for communities in southeast Nebraska much like the system that has been in service for many years by fire departments.

A funny thing happened at the meeting. No one knew much about why they were meeting and after several months and several meetings, there still was no mutual aid established.

Well, they had another meeting and this time, rescue squadsman Loy Jones of Auburn got up and unloaded both barrels and repeated the story of the nonsense meetings.

When he got through and the dust had settled, the Southeast Nebraska Mutual Aid Association was established.

We congratulate the Auburn man for being outspoken. He turned what apparently was a dry, drab and uninteresting rescue meeting into an organizational session mixed with enthusiasm. It is hoped 15 towns will be involved in the structure

You'll hear more about this. Hopefully the crews are never put into service. If and when they are, it will be for a tragedy, the kind that no one likes.

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The attorney —

Deputy County Attorney Randy Rhemeier glared at the witness on the stand and asked.

"You mean to tell me you were 35 feet from the accident scene? Just how far can you clearly see?"

"Well, sir," Lyman Ballard, the mayor of Douglas said, "when I awoke this morning, I could clearly see the sun and I reckon that's about 90 million miles from here "

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 10, the 100th day of 1977 There are 265 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1790, Congress passed the nation's first patent law

In 1829, William Booth, the English religious leader who founded the Salvation Army, was born

In 1945, the Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald, Germany was liberated by American soldiers

In 1965, it was disclosed that the U.S. atomic submarine "Thresher" had failed to surface after making a deep dive in the North Atlantic The 129 crewmen were listed as dead

In 1961, the former Nazi, Adolf Eichmann, was put on trial as a war criminal in an Israeli court in Jerusalem

Today's birthday Former ambassador Clare Boothe Luce is 74 years old

Thought for today. Experience is the name an older man gives to his mistakes — anonymous



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Vitamin reduces wallet

DEAR DR LAMB — A large number of my friends are taking vitamin E They claim it slows the physical aging process I have read that excess vitamin E will raise the blood pressure and that anyone with a tendency toward high blood pressure should not take E Any comments?

DEAR READER — I doubt taking vitamin E will do anything but lighten your wallet.

There are studies that show some animals lived longer when given vitamin E than matched controls not receiving vitamin E There is also some work on cell cultures indicating vitamin E fed to cells prolongs cell life

Neither of these experiments can be applied to normal man Why? Because our metabolic system is different from rats and other animals Remember we belong to the small group of animals that cannot make vitamin C from any carbohydrate source We can t digest cellulose either We are different.

As a result we have no clinical picture of any disability caused by vitamin E deficiency By contrast if you don't get vitamin C you get scurvy Deficiency of vitamin D causes ricketts and so on for all other vitamins essential to our own metabolic system While we need vitamin C and most animals don't it is true we don't need additional vitamin E and many animals do

So a prolongation of lifespan in animals with vitamin E isn't going to tell us much about its use in man Cell cultures are artificial environments quite different from our normal body and such studies have limited applications A good scientist does not make the mistake of applying such observations in special situations to man and life as a whole He limits his conclusions to the established facts.

Vitamin E is widespread in our normal foods Anyone eating a half-way balanced diet will have plenty of vitamin E for whatever purpose it serves Additional amounts will not improve health It will not prevent heart attacks or enable you to live longer Things are not that simple

On the other hand I don't think a reasonable amount of vitamin E added to your daily routine will cause high blood pressure or hurt your health Won't do you any good won't do you any harm

I am sending you The Health Letter number 4-12 to give you more complete information on how vitamin E works Others who want this information can send 50 cents for it with a long stamped self-addressed envelope for mailing. Just write to me in care of this newspaper P O Box 1551 Radio City Station. New York NY 10019

DEAR DR LAMB — I am worried about how contagious emphysema is Doctors say I have symptoms of emphysema I am 84 years old and have a tired-out feeling

If it is contagious will it affect friends who stop in to see me?

DEAR READER — Stop worrying Emphysema itself is not contagious If you had tuberculosis with emphysema the tuberculosis might be but that is not the case or your doctor would have told you so and treated you differently

Emphysema is a condition involving the inability of the lungs to empty out the old air The lack of oxygen exchange decreases the available energy It is not contagious and I hope you continue to have your friends stop in so you can enjoy them

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Easter — the final passage is love

By David Poling

Easter is the ultimate celebration of life Even those not committed to the Christian message of Easter feel excited and joyful over the world's new springtime Creation seems to have found a new chorus to sing in the sunny arrival of flowers, green leaves, and the invitation to be outdoors

The celebration of our world deeply affected Aldo Leopold His lifetime was spent in the claims of forestry, conservation and wild-life management. His enduring memorial is that beautiful wilderness kingdom of nearly three million acres in southwestern New Mexico — now called the Gila Wilderness. Through nearly a half century he spoke and wrote and argued for the preservation of these miles of mountains and rushing streams and sheltering forests He wanted the future to know what the past had felt and prized. Leopold was once asked how he could persevere so tenaciously and at last, victoriously (in Congress) in a project that others were unable to complete "That's easy," he once said "No one loved it as much as I did "

Love is the driving force of creation Christians believe, with St. Paul, that "love never ends faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love " And people within the Christian church believe that God is love and can be known in a loving, lasting way Last summer, Olympic swimmer John Nabor won almost every medal in sight at Montreal. At the end of his participation, he admitted to reporters that all he really wanted to do was to return to California and complete his studies at USC

Nabor acknowledged that it was personally satisfying to win gold medals, to be Number One, but actually he had no yearning to promote personal stardom, to commercialize his celebrity status Yes, there would be an afternoon when he got home, back to the old neighborhood and invited his friends over to see all the medals and awards "and everyone can have a look at them. But the important thing in life, to me, is that win, lose or draw, God love me " And that surely was one of the gracious statements of the summer Olympics, knowing and praising God's love

The Easter message of God's love revealed in the resurrection of Christ is the hopeful sign of final, joyful passage for millions of people. Faith does not rest on some thoughtful theory or clever argument it is fulfilled in the loving life of Jesus and his triumph over death and the grave John wrote that God so loved the world that He sent His son Love is central to the universe and through the celebrations of Easter becomes a reminder that God's power is everywhere known and most vividly displayed in the Risen Lord

(David Poling's beautiful book, "They Walked With Christ has eight color drawings of Biblical personalities suitable for framing For your copy send only $2.25 to "They Walked With Christ " P O Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N Y 10019)

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PASSAGES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE