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VIEWPOINT

Hope for homeowners?

By Don Oakley

Each year the average price of a new or existing house creeps higher by a few thousand dollars, placing homeownership beyond the reach of more and more Americans particularly young couples just starting out

No end to housing inflation is in sight, and nobody seems to have any good ideas on how to stop it or even slow it down But if you can't lick inflation, there are ways of working around it, and housing and banking industry people, as well as government officials are coming up with a number of ideas aimed at giving would-be homebuyers at least a toehold in the housing market

One alternative mortgage' plan being talked about by financial institution loan officers would let homebuyers pay only the interest on their mortgage for the first five years of a loan to keep monthly payments as low as possible in the beginning Payments would jump in the fifth year, but in the meantime the family's income would presumably also have increased

A similar plan, which is already being experimented with by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, allows homebuyers to start payments on FHA mortgages at a lower than normal level, then gradually increase them for 10 years before levelling off

Yet another approach is contained in legislation that has been introduced in Congress by Sen Edward Brooke, R-Mass Under this proposal, a future homebuyer could accumulate up to $10,000 toward a downpayment on a home in an Individual Housing Account Taxes on the interest earned by the account would be deferred until the home it was used to buy was eventually sold

This is similar to the tax-deferred Individual Retirement Accounts workers without company pensions are now permitted to build, except that it is designed for the early years of life rather than the later years

According to the president of one savings and loan company in Washington, testifying on the proposal before the Senate Banking Committee, the Individual Housing Account 'is one of the most powerful incentives I can imagine for thrift and homeownership "

None of these ideas would make homeownership any less expensive in the long run, but they do hold out the promise of making it more possible for more people

AS TIME GOES BY

Barge departs

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

A barge built by J.F Sweany for use by his sand company was the first barge to be launched from Nebraska City for the 1937 navigational season Dan Hill, head of the Nebraska City Safety Council, said bicycles should be licensed the same as any other vehicle using streets and highways Three men, convicted of killing policemen in three separate incidents, were executed in the electric chair of the remodelled Cook County (Ill) death chamber in Chicago

A citrus worker whose skin was turned black by a rare disease was given a 1 - in - 100 chance to survive, according to one of the specialists studying the case

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

Mayor Victor Bremer ordered all non-essential Nebraska City businesses and industries closed and issued an urgent appeal for men to work on the spongy Iowa levees Col Delbert Freeman, officer in charge of the NC area for the U.S Engineers, had asked for more manpower The Fifth Army workers had set up camp at Hayward Park Coach Bud Wilkinson signed a 1 year contract with the University of Oklahoma The First Street bridge and James Fish Market were nearly submerged

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

A sunburst locust was dedicated to the late Joy Morton, son of J Sterling Morton and founder of the City Library in Nebraska City Carol Ann Hutchens was named one of the 10 president's scholars to receive a four year scholarship to Creighton University in Omaha The legislature passed four bills designed to remedy an annexation dilemma in first class cities The theme of the Junior-Senior Prom at the Nebraska City Senior High was "Mardi Gras" George Mann, Jr , took first place in the intermediate division of the Nebraska City Lions Club

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1 29 TEV)

PRAYER Heavenly Father, grant us forgiveness of our sins through the sacrifice of Thy Son In the name of Him who went to the cross for us Amen





Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Those gorgeous tulips . . .

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — It is impossible to be anti-Washington in the spring — provided, of course, that one is here to savor the season

Only the most calloused cynic could resist the charms of the nation's capital in April, a month of promises fulfilled in glowing color

Potomac fever, the city's chronic and crippling disease, is in temporary remission, supplanted for a few short weeks by the more benign strains of spring fever

Politics and government may alienate the soul; cherry blossoms and daffodils restore it Public trust in spring is absolute, because it is invariably rewarded The crocus has no credibility gap

This year, the season's blessings seem more munificent than ever the long and bitter winter brought a useful reminder that acts of nature are not subject to the suasion of lobbyists, the pleadings of special interests Only the slow turning of the earth brings relief from winter's taxing cold

It is pointless to prat about politics when the tulips beckon, nodding so politely in the gentle breeze The burning issues of public policy which so transfix us here will still be simmering in the heat of summer, so why not let them stew by themselves awhile?

Congress, with rare but welcome taste, has fled town for a 10-day "non-legislative work period " In another era, before language inflated like the dollar, they would have called it the Easter recess.

President Carter and his family, similarly inspired but less defensive about their public image, likewise departed for a weekend vacation in Georgia

A wise move, this exodus of the movers and shakers There is no way they could compete with the drama of spring.

Act I, which introduced the tiny crocus, golden forsythia and shimmering pink cherry blossoms, has ended now, to universal applause We are well into Act II, featuring a chorus of daffodils, tulips and flowering shrubs In another week or so, Act III will open in a blaze of azaleas

Government workers, blinking like moles befuddled by the sun, are lunching once more in Lafayette Park, displacing the usual derelicts and assorted protestors who use the square as their staging area for verbal assaults on the White House just across Pennsylvania Avenue.

Tourists are everywhere, ooohing and aahing, snapping photos as fast as they can. They do not trust the evidence of their eyes, they must capture the city's glory on film to prove its existence

We natives (anyone who has lived in Washington more than a year qualifies as a "native" in this city of transients) grumble about the traffic jams, the crowding of our favorite watering holes, the proliferation of out-of-state license tags in precious parking spaces

But we are secretly pleased, proud of our treasrues and eager to share them.

You wanted to see the House in session? Don't feel disappointed, they never do much anyhow. Why don't you take a drive down the Potomac River to Mount Vernon instead? The view is spectacular

The President? He's out of town right now. But take a look at the White House lawn. Aren't the magnolias magnificent?

Those tulips by the Tidal Basin? Gorgeous, just gorgeous. And did you know we have them because of Lady Bird Johnson's beautification program? "I see an America where city streets are lined with trees and city courts are filled with flowers." That's what old Lyndon said back in 1966. He didn't do so well on Viet Nam or the Great Society, but he understood about springtime in Washington

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 17, the 107th day of 1977. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history·

On this date in 1521, the Diet at Worms, Germany excommunicated Martin Luther from the Roman Catholic Church after the former monk had refused to admit to charges of heresy.

Five years ago: The Soviet Union protested to Washington that four of its merchant ships had been hit in American air attacks against the North Vietnamese port of Haiphong.

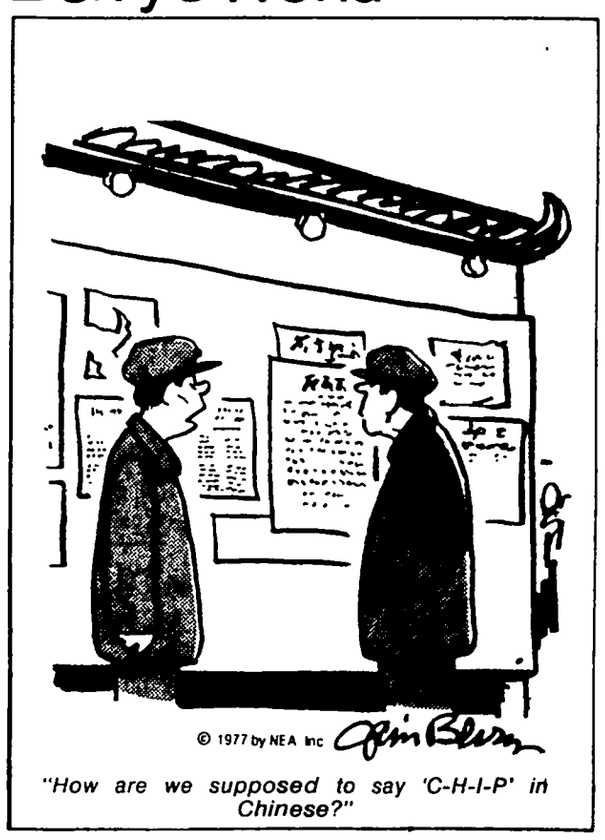
One year ago· President Constantine Carmanlis of Greece proposed a non-aggression pact with Turkey and peaceful settlement of disputes between the two countries

Today's birthdays: Writer Thornton Wilder is 80 years old. Newscaster Harry Reasoner is 54.

Thought for today· The only way to amuse some people is to slip and fall on an icy pavement — Ed Howe, American journalist' 1853-1937.

Patkin is already lining up off-season dates and may make two Long Island appearances next January prior to the annual New York Baseball Writers show Jan. 30.

Berry's World



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"How are we supposed to say 'C-H-I-P' in Chinese?"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Fights are dangerous

The Dunbar Review —

The fight fan went to work the next day with bandages on his ears. The guys at the shop asked what happened.

"Well, it's like this," George said. "I was watching that TV show on the fight between Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazier and my wife was standing nearby doing the ironing. She left for a moment and right in the middle of the seventh round, the blamed phone rang. I grabbed the hot iron and put it to my ear, thinking I had the phone in my hand."

"But what happened to the other ear?" the men asked.

"I hadn't any more than hung up when the guy called again."

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The Eagles dinner —

When the gals at the Eagles lodge put steaks on the stove they didn't realize how much their cooking was appreciated. Over 400 Eagles and guests showed up for the dinner.

So we don't miss anyone, everything was good, the salad, the potatoes, the coffee and oh, yes...thanks Linda and Judy for those de-e-e-licious buns and butter.

The Eagles auxiliary did all the work. Special guests were rescue squadsmen and their spouses. The Eagles have hosted the squadsmen every year at a dinner party and this year they tossed in Don Kennell and the Western Spirits

It was great It was too much, but we all enjoyed it

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Congratulations —

to Kathy Glover, Chuck Ramold, Dave Patton and Steve Guthals on their FFA awards. Their parents are Mr and Mrs Joe Glover, Mr and Mrs Don Ramold, Mr and Mrs Loren Patton and Mr and Mrs Keith Guthals

With the end of the school term rapidly approaching, we hope there will be a whole lot of other students to be recognized for their accomplishments

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The Optimist magazine tells about a woman from northern Wisconsin who has an amazing collection of cacti, each one a beautiful specimen.

A friend asked how she managed to be so successful in caring for them

"It's simple," she replied. "I bought the first cactus plant in El Paso, Tex., so I subscribed to the El Paso newspaper and whenever I read that it has rained there, I water my plants "

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Good luck to Judy —

Mrs Judith Huebner, the News-Press circulation manager for a year and a half, has resigned to become a circulation supervisor for the Lincoln Journal

We wish Judy good luck in her new work She has four growing and active children and she has been a busy mother and worker She will continue to reside in her hometown, Nebraska City Her parents are Mr and Mrs Dayton Arthur

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The circulation manager at the News-Press has one of the most interesting assignments — teach boys and girls how to run a business

We depend heavily on the U.S. Postal Service and our mail customers, but our carriers are trained as Little Merchants. We wholesale papers to them and they retail them.

Each carrier runs his own business, has a bond-savings account, conducts sales campaigns directed by the circulation department and is responsible to his customers. We think it's good experience for the boys and girls. We'd all probably be surprised if we knew how many bikes, room furniture, games and other things were bought with the profits of the carrier boys and girls.

We're pretty proud of our Little Merchants.

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Tearing up the track —

That crunch-crunch you've been hearing is the heavy equipment tearing up Hayward park to make room for a new grade school.

Much of the sod has already been stripped, the asphalt torn up and next will come the bleachers. The football field will be moved to a site next to Senior High.

Meanwhile, a track of some sorts has been built at the high school and the athletes (boys and girls) are going through their practice events "on dirt" we heard a couple say Wasn't too long ago that dirt or cinder was the track

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The plaque —

The Wormy Applewood Plaque goes this week to Alan King's television show which pointed out all the negative things in life.

Up to this point in life we were convinced life insurance was for retirement in golden years. Now, Mr King has convinced us that the "survivors" are the widows and they're on the dance floors in Europe whooping it up

For his negative approach to life — we suggest kerosene for his gas tank — we award our famous plaque (The worm is pregnant)

Next week. The male menopause, or .if you don't use it, you'll lose it



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Heart disease facts

DEAR DR LAMB — Our doctor told us my husband has coronary artery disease and our cardiologist said ischemic heart disease We can't find it in our medical book so we are wondering if you could explain it. He said nothing about diet or activity, or if my husband may die suddenly, soon or live for years

Don't sign my name so I can keep the knowledge from him if necessary

DEAR READER — I never give anyone's name in my column but a good part of your husband's management of his medical problem will depend upon his actions so he must know what his problem is and what he can do about it. In my experience patients do much better if they know what their problems are and why they should follow certain programs for their health

Both diagnostic terms refer to the same condition Your husband has fatty-cholesterol deposits in the arteries to his heart muscle This is a common disease in our society These deposits tend to block the artery and when the artery is blocked enough it limits the amount of blood that can flow through it. The lack of blood to the heart muscle is called ischemic heart disease

This is the common process in the arteries of the heart that can lead to heart attacks. chest pain from the heart or in some instances important irregularities of the heart

I am sending you The Health Letter number 2-10 Heart Attack, Myocardial Infarction, Angina Pectoris, to give you a better understanding of this problem Others who want this information can send 50 cents with a long, stamped self-addressed envelope for it

The disease is unpredictable I have had patients with heart attacks who have lived active useful lives for 20 years after a serious attack Both President Johnson and Eisenhower lived for many years after their first attack Johnson had his first attack while Senate Majority Leader and Eisenhower during his first term in office So you can see that many people live many years after such an attack and may lead rather busy lives

On the other hand the first symptom of the disease in some cases is to drop dead That is pretty final About half of the people who have an attack don't make it to the hospital for adequate treatment. This is why a preventive program to prevent heart attacks is so important It is too late to start a preventive program when the first symptom is sudden death

The reason your doctors didn't say much about what to expect is the unpredictable nature of the disease — from living years without trouble to dropping dead the next day You can do a lot to prevent heart attacks The most important two things are to eliminate or prevent obesity and eliminate cigarette smoking entirely

Beyond that you can alter the diet to decrease the fat intake particularly the saturated fat intake and cholesterol intake The diet is quite important in the management program A sensible physical activity program approved by the patient's doctor for his case is also useful

(Because of the volume of mail Dr Lamb cannot answer your letters personally but he will answer representative letters of general interest in his column Write to him in care of this newspaper P O Box 1551 Radio City Station New York NY 10019)

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN

CRUFONs follow celestial discs

CBers use radios to track UFOs

By Ink Dipper

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Ink Dipper, KYZ-3916, is the editor of The CB Times-Journal.)

Do little green men in flying saucers listen to our CB conversations? No one will probably ever know But this much is certain — a small band of CBers are using their two-way radios to follow unidentified flying objects.

The Citizens Radio UFO Network (CRUFON), an offshoot of the private International UFO Registry, is a loosely formed group of UFO enthusiasts who use their CBs to track the paths of the elusive flying saucers

D. William Hauck, North American director of IUFOR, says that CBs have become an important instrument in UFO hunting, especially in rural areas.

"CBs have proven very useful in several instances One case was in Pennsylvania A UFO sighting was made about 4 a m. and seen as a nocturnal (night) light.

"Two truckers sighted it, and the UFO was followed all the way into New York state By the time it reached the state line the UFO had become a daylight disk, which is one of the only occurrences I can think of where a UFO has been seen in nocturnal light and followed through to daylight," Hauck says

Considering that most people buy CBs to keep up with highway patrol radar units, the fledgling CRUFON is a unique use for the radios

People who operate on a CRUFON alert passing along information on the whereabouts of a UFO, don t use their radios too differently, though than the trucker keeping an eye out for radar When a UFO is spotted, the CBer puts out a call, telling what's in sight and how it's moving

Other CBers can then look for it and verify the sighting There is no specialized code, though some items have been added to the standard 10-code A 10-DD for instance, is a sighting of a daylight disk

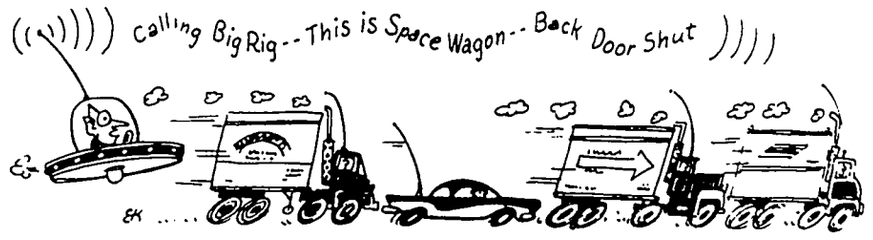
Once the sighting has been made and, hopefully, verified, CRUFON members use a toll-free telephone number to report their information to IUFOR The information is fed into a computer, which already has data on about 80 - 000 UFO sightings from all over the world

The organization also has computer analysis of photographs to determine if they are real or fake

Sighting information and photographs will be used in future studies of UFOs.

Hauck hopes that CRUFON will grow as more CBers become aware of it Membership is free and members are under no obligation They receive an identification card and information about CRUFON techniques A directory of members is planned so people will know who in their range shares a common interest in CBing and hunting UFOs

For more information write to CRUFON, P O. Box 1004, Hammond Ind 46325.



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