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Give us back our police

They sat in the dusk with candles under a grape arbor in the small neat back yard and listened quietly to one another Just over the fence, a small group of black and white children, playing together, moved down the concrete alley

The tales were not of places they had been and things they had done They were serious, hushed, flat-toned tales of murder in the neighborhood, of a shooting and of theft

It was a Denver backyard but it could be anywhere in our big cities All of us know the undercurrent of alarm, the same sense of helpless resignation and danger, that such talk stirs It cries out for the police to cure But they seem tragically unable to solve it

More police patrols? Well, a few more cars can swing through It s a big city, though, and after a few nights of driving through, perhaps stopping a kid or two, the police move on to another park of their precinct where things are stirring

There is no one we can turn to, really, no one we know

The men and women in those police cars are strangers to us, now people we only meet when we are snarling mad over a traffic ticket or in shock over a crime.

Their work pattern breaks their living style into shifts of mornings afternoons and midnights So we seldom see them even if they live down the street. They become friends with one another like newspaper reporters who often find the company of outsiders boring and flat.

Little by little they have been withdrawn from the neighborhoods they are supposed to protect. The automobile has taken them away from the sidewalks The two-man patrolling has given them a partner instead of relying on friends in the homes and businesses around them

The police car gives immense mobility But it also makes the police remote and anonymous and spreads them too thin

Most neighborhood crimes are local — not some known and clever felon plying the rooftops for treasure but simply wayward children of a failed family Know the neighborhood and you know the troublemakers. Ride in a car and how can you know the neighborhood?

In some cities, police are instructed to control any situation they find on the street This makes them agressive and hostile unwilling to tolerate any backtalk They are dealing with a generation of young people who feel driven to speak up for their rights The combination is explosive

For a policeman, the stress is heavy and he pays a terrible toll in suicide, illness, stomach trouble and divorce

Perhaps, then, it is time to re-think the deployment of police Perhaps it is time to break off the military-like training to downplay the scout cars and begin to buy policemen homes in the neighborhoods at city expense Install them and their families in every section of town Give them the neighborhood as their own turf. Let them work the hours they need to among people they know who look to them for help The man who knows the neighborhood can deal with its problems with skill and understanding

City hall, give us back our policemen again. We need them

And then, in those moments around dusk, when tales of crime seem to spin us deep in a morbid spiral of fear, we will have someone to call who can help us

AS TIME GOES BY

Sisson dies

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

Retired Methodist minister Dr Fletcher M Sisson died at his home following an illness of less than two weeks.....The Apple Harvest Festival committee and the Chamber of Commerce board said the celebration would be a two-day celebration beginning October 8. Ruth Jones, Miss Nebraska, was selected by the judges as one of the 15 semi-finalists in the Miss America contest. ...Grain men reported the county's corn crop as 70 per cent safe from frost and said it would be 85 per cent safe by the end of September

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

E W Meisinger, formerly of Tecumseh, came to Nebraska City as operator of the Standard service station at 11th Street and First Corso The Jaycees voted to sponsor the Omaha - Nebraska City Missouri River motorboat marathon . .Stan Musial recorded his 2,000th hit The local chapter of the Future Farmers of America made plans to buy a heifer, set up a grass variety test plot and sent about 25 boys to Kansas City for a convention, according to S B. Sorensen, the group's director

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

Mid-States Grain made application to the U.S Corps of Engineers for permission to construct a barge mooring and loading facility along the Missouri River at Nebraska City. .Bob Lange was elected president of the Toastmasters Club .Cheryl Gude, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Gude, Nebraska City, was a senior at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital of Nursing in Lincoln Mrs Woolsey Davis gave a travelogue of her trip to Europe and showed slides at the Opti-Mrs Club meeting. .Susan Roth was appointed to third messenger to replace Carol Rashleigh at the Job's Daughter Bethel 14 meeting.

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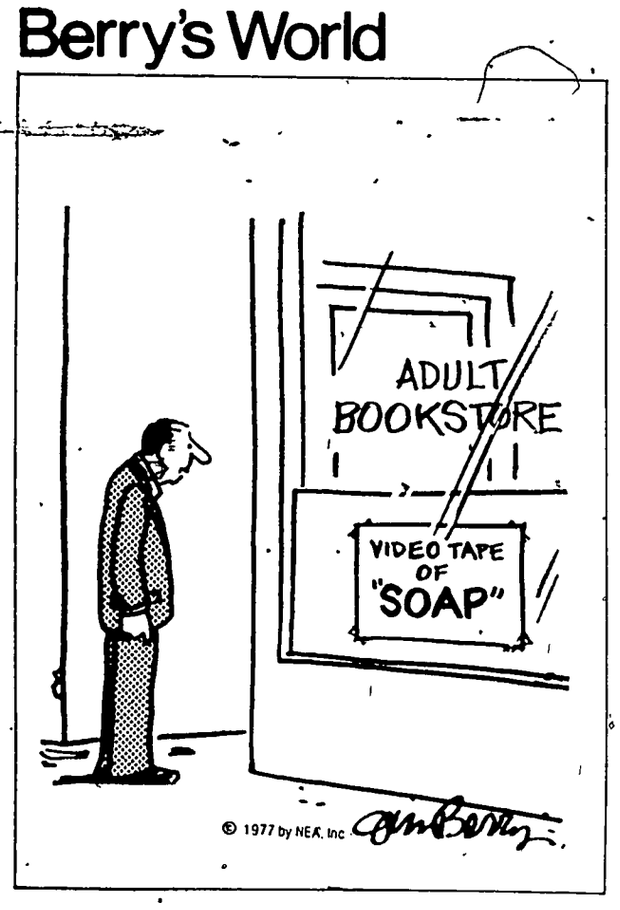
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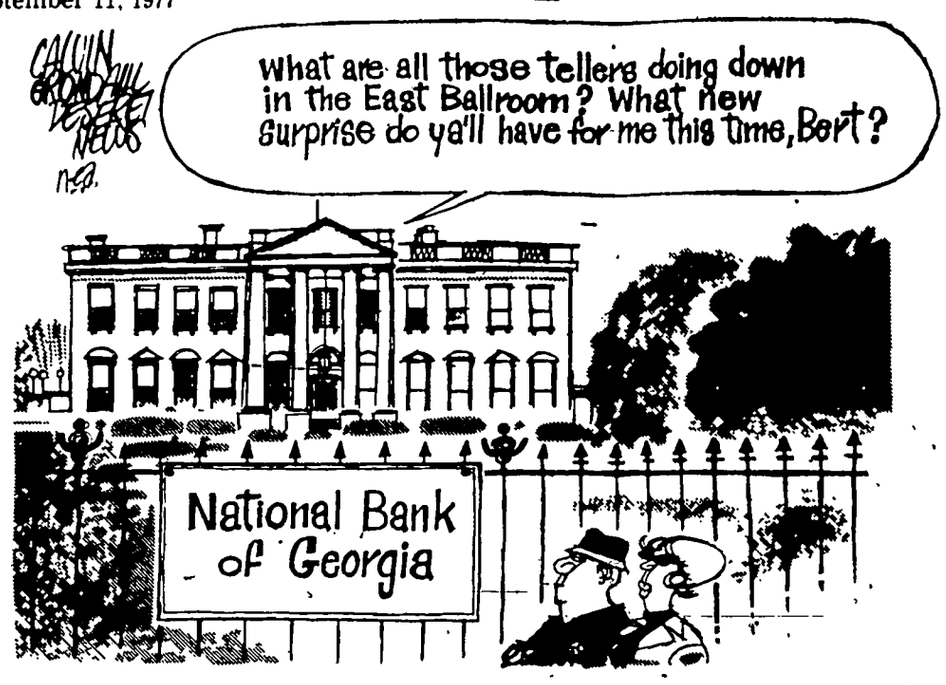
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Berry's World







Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Campaign law consensus

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Three times during the 1970s Congress has amended the law governing the financing of campaigns for federal office — and on each occasion the changes have generated an emotional response of extraordinary intensity

The attack from the left side of the political spectrum has been led by former Sen Eugene J McCarthy D-Minn , embittered by revisions which he believes represent a major attack on the Bill of Rights and an example of political repression

On the right the American Conservative Union has been equally virulent in criticizing the statute, alternately describing it as so repressive that it is "a blow to civil liberties" or so ineffective that it "has been reduced to an unworkable heap '

But now there is evidence that the people most directly affected the candidates for seats in the House and Senate, not only can live with the law but also believe it has brought significant benefits to the political process

Those conclusions emerge from an in-depth nationwide survey financed by the Federal Election Commission and conducted by two polling firms, Decision Making Information of Santa Ana, Calif and Hart Research Associates of Washington

The commission obviously has a vested interest in promoting support for the law because it was created by a series of 1974 amendments, and repeal or radical modification of the statute could lead to abolition of the agency or diminution of its authority

But the two survey research organizations — politically balanced because one serves Republicans exclusively and the other works only for Democrats — are among the most highly regarded in their field. There is good reason to rely upon the integrity of their work

The survey, conducted earlier this year is based on the views of 850 campaign managers and candidates in the 1976 contests for seats in Congress The respondents included Republicans, Democrats and independents, liberals and conservatives, incumbents and challengers, winners and losers

When asked for their overall reaction to the law, those questioned divided with surprising precision While 36 per cent believed it helped the campaign process, an identical number believed it hurt and 24 per cent suggested it made little difference

But the respondents concluded overwhelmingly, by a margin of better than 3-1, that the new law helped reduce the influence of "fat cats" in political fund-raising They also agreed, by a 2-1 margin, that it helped reduce illegal campaign activity

The most frequently cited benefit of the law was the requirement that contributions be recorded and fully disclosed to the public. The most often voiced complaint was that too many financial reports must be completed and filed.

But detailed reporting is the price to be paid for public disclosure — and full disclosure is perhaps the single most powerful antidote for back-room illegality and under-the-table corruption in politics.

Despite the repeated complaints about excessive paperwork and red tape, only 11 per cent of those surveyed said their campaigns had to pay for professional assistance from an accountant, while 6 per cent had a paid treasurer All of the others either didn't require such services or relied upon volunteers

The current version of the law does have some major flaws — notably its prejudice against independents and minor party candidates, and its bias toward the political action committees organized by special interest groups in general and labor unions in particular

But it's both amazing and gratifying that in 1971, 1974 and 1976, Congress virtually revolutionized the process of financing campaigns for federal office without seriously damaging the nation's proud heritage of democratic representation.

Tennessee, Maryland, Georgia lead the way

States initiate special channel

By Ink Dipper

The glimmering of an idea that has been most rewarding in three states could be a real bright star in all 50 states if it could be put together

No one knows for sure which state of the three started first Tennessee, Maryland and Georgia use Channel One as a tourist advisory channel, Welcome centers of the three states have base stations. If you want help, or need advice, just tune in Channel One and give a "Breaker Breaker" in any of these states and you'll get an answer

Having heard about the service, it's natural curiosity to know how it works Driving down through Tennessee, near Chatanooga, and looking for Rossville, Georgia, it became apparent that advice on direction was needed Channel One did the trick

'We call it our HOT line," Commissioner Tom Jackson told us later HOT line means, incidentally, Helping Out Tourists. "Since there are approximately 45 million tourists annually in Tennessee, we try to be as helpful as we can Giving directions, as we were able to accommodate you, is what the HOT line is there for "

Jackson is in charge of the Tennessee Tourist Development agency The purpose of the agency is to get people to stay in Tennessee longer than they may have planned The HOT line serves to guide them to hotels and motels, tell the CBer where he can find spots of interest, or just direct him to his destination

Tennessee even monitors Channel 19 periodically; according to Jackson, to advise on questions that come in on the truckers' channel for specific information or for help in highway emergencies

'Most of our requests are non-event oriented," he said. "They're generally concerning location of historic sites, directions to hotels, motels and campgrounds, and recreational areas for boating and fishing "

We got excited about it because it seems that a network on Channel One could be developed from coast-to-coast by all the states It would be a constant travelers' advisory Everyone would know that Channel One was the place to go for information. Channel One is a clean channel, so it would take some pressure off 19 It is really the modern method of handling the most common problem in traveling: becoming somewhat disoriented and needing advice from a local person.

Tennessee is also doing another interesting thing The state is obviously proud of its tourist attractions. So, in order to supplement its welcome centers services to CBers, it has also called upon private industry to get into the act. Opryland, in Nashville, Libertyland, in Memphis, Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce, in Gatlinburg, and Lookout Mountain, in Chatanooga, have been asked to put in base stations, too.

Opryland is, of course, a great family entertainment park. Gatlinburg, in the heart of the Smokie Mountains, a National Park, is also a big ski resort area Lookout Mountain, along with Chicamauga Battlefield, are enormous tourist attractions. And, Libertyland, in the western part of the state, is meaningful to everyone in the Midwest.

The addition of these spots, monitoring Channel One, and giving advisories, will fill in any holes that might exist for tourists entering the state but out of range of the eight official welcome centers

Maryland and Georgia have virtually the same system and for the same reasons.

If your state doesn't offer this service, a letter to your governor might start the ball rolling and begin the nationwide development of a network that would help all CBers.

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'Ink Dipper'



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

They do it in Nebraska City

Overheard.....

.....at the morning coffee session in the Friendship Room at Otoe County National Bank between Dr. M.B. De Jarnette, a chiropractor and Dr. Rod Koerber, M.D.

"Dr. Koerber, I feel terrible. What's wrong with me?"

"Ummmmm, let's see....Do you drink much alcohol?"

"Never touch the stuff," Major said.

"Do you smoke?" Koerber questioned.

"Certainly not!"

"Do you stay up late at night?"

"No!" the blustery De Jarnette snorted.

"Well, tell me. Do you have sharp pains in your head?"

"Yes! Yes! That's it exactly. What's wrong with me?"

"Your halo is on too tight," Dr. Koerber answered.

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Equal nations —

The Nebraska Oil Jobber printed this on a comparison of the U.S. and Russia.

"Russia has more territory than the U.S., a larger population, a greater number of natural resources and the Soviet Union has had over 50 years to put into practice a completely socialistic system. Yet for us to equal their way of life, we in the U.S. would have to...

"Cut our paychecks by 75 percent.

"Move 60 million back to the farm.

"Abandon two-thirds of our steel making.

"Tear up 14 of every 15 miles of highway.

"Tear up two-thirds of our railroad tracks.

"Knock down 70 per cent of our houses.

"Rip out nine-tenths of our telephones.

"Junk 19 out of every 20 automobiles.

"Destroy 40 million TV sets.

"Then all we would have to do to be equal is to find a free-enterprise country that would sell us wheat on credit to keep us from starving "

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She shakes like jelly —

The Nebraska State Fair was fine, the exhibits and displays outstanding, the horsemanship a marvel and the midway.....well, there's always the side show.

We were standing in front of one of the shows watching a "demonstration" of the next performance and admiring the quality of the material.

(Now, this is the truth):

The hawker pointed to Millie in the crowd and asked if she had her ticket to see the show. She shook her head "no" and the next thing I knew we were "guests" of the hootchie - kootchie.

"C'om," she said as she tugged at my arm, "you're always talking Now let's go in together."

And away we went.

Don Mason was chicken. He said he preferred the roller coaster ride.

P.S. The show was fine, the black comedian amusing and the girls. ...well, I'll never tell Don about 'em

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The plaque —

Today's Wormy Applewood Plaque goes to the Alabama State Patrol

Newspapers carried the story the other day on the pending divorce of Gov. Wallace and his attractive wife, Cornelia

The First Lady admitted to tapping the governor's phone because she wanted to find out who was spreading rumors about her. One of the rumors was that she had been sleeping with every officer on the Alabama patrol

The Wormy Applewood Plaque goes to the Alabama State Patrol chief and his staff for what must have resulted in a unique recruiting program

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To Neal Martin —

George Johnson, 1512 Fifth Corso, said he never worked so hard on anything in his life as he did for the 30 minutes it took to land a 28-pound Buffalo using a 15-pound test line And he enjoyed every minute of it

He pulled the fish from the Auburn lake. Understand there's a big "cat" in the lake and when he is caught, the rule is the fisherman must release him:....dunno about that.

Hey, Neal....did I ever tell you about the time I took the family fishing for Bluegill at Lake Jacoma near Independence, Mo.?

It was during a weekend visit to an old Navy buddy We decided to take both families, plus his dad on the venture. That was when I learned about the "true" fisherman.

The old gentleman insisted that I go to this certain place and get Australian - Gray Crickets. I agreed, and then fussed because they cost 4 cents apiece The fish were biting, so much in fact that I couldn't keep up with the pole handling job of the children

Finally the crew dwindled down to my Navy friend, and his dad and me just we three sitting on the bank with poles and a jar of Australian Gray Crickets

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The Bluegill were hitting. We were having a lot of fun when I noticed that other fishermen along the bank started edging toward us, and boaters pulled in closer to our area.

"Whattya using for bait?" one of the fishermen called to us

"Worms," returned the old gentleman next to me

Later....another fisherman "Whattya using for bait?"

"Doughballs," the old gentleman answered. (I was having so much fun I could have cared less)

We averaged 1 fish every 3 minutes for 6 hours of the weekend.

That's a true story Neal .and if you don't believe it, you can ask the old gentleman who was sitting beside me.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, September 11th, the 254th day of 1977. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history :

On this date in 1609, the explorer Henry Hudson discovered the island of Manhattan.

On this date.

In 1677, Maine passed the first law against liquor in the American colonies.

In 1777, forces under General George Washington were defeated by the British in the battle of Brandywine near Wilmington, Delaware.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the battle of Lake Champlain in the war of 1812

In 1850, the "Swedish Nightingale," Jenny Lind, gave her first concert in the United States at Castle Garden in New York City.

In 1963, 86 years of segregation ended at the University of South Cerolina with the enrollment of three blacks.

In 1971, former Soviet Premier Nikita Krushchev died of a heart attack at the age of 77.

Ten years ago: New York City's school teachers went out on strike, in defiance of a court order.

Five years ago: Secretary of State Henry Kissinger met with Soviet officials in Moscow

One year ago: An airliner hijacked by Croatian separatists landed in Paris after a flight from New York. The hijackers surrendered and were charged with air piracy.

Today's birthdays: President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines is 60 years old Tom Landry, coach of the Dallas Cowboys, is 53 years old.

Thought for today: We live by encouragement and die without it — Actress Celeste Holm

News in Brief

BOSTON (AP) — Some of the city's prominent residents may find pictures of themselves on wanted posters along with the amount of delinquent property taxes they owe. The city is planning to put the pictures of tax delinquents on wanted posters in various public spots.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Life with one kidney

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR LAMB — I had my right kidney taken out when I was in my early 20s I have lived a very normal life but now I'm in my late 60s and am feeling very old and tired

Please, doctor will you give us who have only one kidney some advice as to how one should live? How one should eat? Exercise etc ?

DEAR READER — I suspect your feeling has nothing to do with just having one kidney Nature gave us redundant systems, more than we need for good health The two kidneys are a good example of this A person can lead a completely normal life with one good functioning kidney

My advice is the same I offer to anyone else in your age group Eat a good healthy balanced diet that doesn t provide an excess of calories one limited in its fat content particularly saturated fat content and cholesterol Exercise sensibly For many people that means regular good walks Avoid bad habits which includes cigarettes and excess amounts of coffee tea colas and alcohol

Feeling old and tired is not always a medical problem It is often related to psychological factors One of these is a lack of goals As people get older and are no longer striving to progress in a career field, or make enough money to send the kids to school or pay for a home the goals that stimulated the person are gone Life is a lot like love — the chase is often the most interesting part

You need to be sure you don t have a medical problem such as unrecognized anemia or diabetes or any number of medical problems associated with fatigue Still about 80 per cent of patients complaining of fatigue have no physical illness I am sending you the Health Letter number 9-6 Fatigue Feeling Tired and Weary to give you a better concept of what makes people feel that way and what to do about it Others who want this information can send 50 cents with a long stamped self-addressed envelope for it to P O Box 1551 Radio City Station New York N Y 10019

Personal fulfillment is also important Do you have friends and loved ones and do you get a full measure of satisfaction out of such relationships If not seek out people and situations where you get involved in other people s lives Boredom is an important factor in fatigue

Have you had a change in scenery? It is important for people to have a change in pace and scenery that helps prevent the boredom that saps your energy

Are you physically active? Just slowly sinking into a state of inactivity leads to fatigue Your body gets stale and the inactivity makes you feel tired After a day at the office with little physical activity no matter how much busy work and stress may be involved a person feels tired and good physical exercise is often the key to renewed energy

There is a lot people can do about their energy level that can help them to avoid feeling old and tired before their time

Dr Lamb answers representative letters of general interest in his column

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53 5 RSV)

PRAYER: O God, we thank Thee for showing us through the cross of Thy Son the wonders of Thy love. Help us take up our cross and follow Jesus. Amen.