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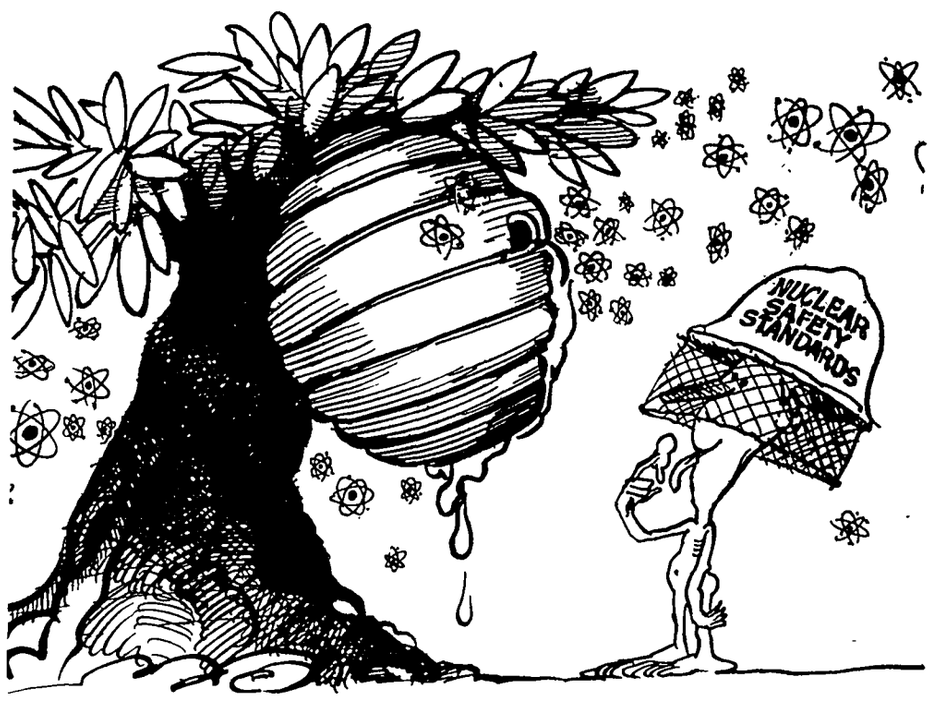
Better Check With The Vets

Governors of the states involved in the Old West Regional Commission are planning a session with higher education authorities in hopes of presenting a united front so far as a regional veterinary college is concerned. The states included are Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota

The governors, James Exon among them, note that the creation of a college will not be possible without the support of those in the academic community Should legislators in each of the states whose approval must be obtained be faced with something less than a unified request, defeat would be sure, the Norfolk Daily News said

What shoud be required for approval by legislators is an indication from the practitioners of veterinary medicine in the states involved So far, they have not been in evidence when there was talk of the urgent need for such a facility

It is too easy to dismiss their views as those of a special interest group who would benefit from maintaining the status quo in veterinary medicine m the states involved They are capable, however, of looking on the matter objectively as much as are political figures and academicians



The Emperor's Clothes

Nuclear trial by propaganda

By H Peter Metzger

(Editor's note Peter Metzger Rocky Mountain News Science editor and author of the following article has been a critic of atmospheric nuclear weapons testing since 1960 In New York Times magazine articles in 1970 and 1971 he reported on underground nuclear explosions in Colorado and on the construction of homes in Grand Junction on radioactive mine tailings His 1972 book

The Atomic Establishment,' was the first serious treatment of the shortcomings of the former U S Atomic Energy Commission)

No electric utility company argues that nuclear power is uneconomic

Even Public Service Co of Colorado which has its coal-fired plants located near the big surface deposits of coal in Wyoming, will pay far less for nuclear power than for coal-generated power

According to the company's April figures, Public Service pays 5.3 mills per kilowatt for coal and only 1.7 mills for its nuclear fuel The small amount of oil used by the utility costs 29 2 mills per kilowatt

Capital costs to build nuclear plants are higher than conventional power plants but nuclear s relative economic advantage still prevails Recent figures (the 1975 third quarter) for the generation of electricity by 30 leading utilities, including all costs is 33 5 mills per kilowatt for oil 17 5 mills for coal and 12 3 mills for nuclear

Why then, has a handful of scientists become nuclear critics? Some of the older scientists like Berkeley s John Gofman who once took part in the big nuclear oversell of the 1950s might be motivated by a desire to rectify what they now perceive as their own errors

But in the main, the middle-aged critics have been radicalized by a single bad experience, either with the old Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) or with the nuclear industry from which they may have received a patronizing response to a legitimate concern

"Take the sad case of Dr Henry Kendall said Forbes Magazine After making his complaint, 'The AEC, in effect told him to go jump in the lake Yet it was Kendall s objections that finally caused the AEC to improve its reactor safety backup systems But Kendall "was so soured by the experience, that he became a propagandist against nuclear development It was Kendall in fact, who got Ralph Nader interested in the subject

Not unexpectedly, the motivation of the younger zealots has little to do with nuclear energy itself, but rather with the quasi-religious personal life style changes than can be found in virtually every area of American life

For example, the reasons for the much publicized defection of three General Electric nuclear engineers in California recently are diffuse and have nothing whatever to do with any special hazard or problem or example of incompetence which they might have discovered by virtue of their special position as insiders in nuclear industry

One quit GE because of the "uncertainty "of the" human factor " another 'because of the American decision to sell nuclear reactors abroad, and the third because India had exploded an atomic bomb All are members of the quasi-religious Creative Initiative Foundation which teaches that since plutonium is manmade and not God-made it is evil

So it appears that the great nuclear debate boils down to the question of which side can manipulate propaganda, petitions and the press the best, and the winner will be decided at the poll

Sensitive to the storm of misinformation on the nuclear question and mindful of the mistakes of the past, more and more scientists are including that trial by propaganda is a bad way to handle such a complex and important issue

But more importantly, the scientists believe a moratorium on nuclear power plants would increase the dependence of the United States upon coal our only alternative fuel And the use of coal is a far more hazardous way to generate electric power shortages which would, in turn create unmanageable social problems that would dwarf the risks associated with building more nuclear plants

Most scientists believe that our society must accept the risks of nuclear power generation in any case Actually, it's a no-win situation, because with oil and natural gas running out energy will never again be as safe, cheap and available as it has been for the last hundred years.

Although coal and nuclear fuel both carry more risks than oil or gas, only the most improbable hazards of the nuclear option have been publicized But not a single study has supported the nuclear critics' claim that the absence of nuclear power can be compensated for over time by conservation and the use of solar or wind energy

In response to recent efforts to ban nuclear power plants in California and other states, the relative risks of nuclear energy and coal have been subjected to detailed analysis and the results are overwhelmingly in favor of nuclear

The kind of nuclear accident dramatized by Ralph Nader and the anti-nuclear movement is a catastrophic leak of radioactivity from any one of a hundred operating nuclear power plants which would kill a thousand or more persons. Such a leak is possible, but it is probable only once in a million years It is about as likely as a meteor striking a U S population center and causing the same number of deaths

On the other hand, a National Academy of Sciences estimate of the number of deaths that would occur as the result of the operation of 100 coal-fired generating plants of the same capacity ranges from a certainty of 200 per year to as high as 10,000 a year

These deaths would be caused mainly by pollution, but also from smaller but more frequent accidents directly related to the power plants as well as from the mining, processing and transportation of the coal to the plants Considering the factors associated with nuclear power and coal-generated power, electricity produced by nuclear energy is about 500 times safer than the same amount of energy from coal

AS TIME GOES BY

Woman charged

FORTY YEARS AGO
-1936-

Mary Taylor was charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of her husband, Otha, in a complaint filed by Deputy County Attorney Vantine James...American playwright Eugene O'Neill, author of "Strange Interlude" and "Emperor Jones", was named the inner of the Nobel Prize for literature...There were 114 World War veterans gathered at the Building for the formation of the Last Man's Club...Auburn had no trouble with the Nebraska City footballers, demolishing the squad 51-7 at Auburn.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
-1951-

Miss Jo Don McKinnon of Alvo was crowned Nebraska City Apple Bowl Queen by Irma Ganzel of Dunbar, the [illegible] queen...Harry Wolf was elected president of the Last Man's Club .Lincoln Cathedral drubbed Alvo, 59-12, in the Apple Bowl ..Republican Governor Earl Warren of California announced he was a candidate for President...Phil Lightbody, Ralph Peterson, Lyle Bennett and Dean Lyon, all of Nebraska City, were named to the All-Southeast Conference eleven first team. Pioneers named to the second team were Dale Stukenholtz, Bob Thiesfeld and Jerry Hall.

TEN YEARS AGO
-1966-

The Nebraska City School district opened bids on the sale of $230,000 in school bonds.. The News-Press observed its 112th milestone and started its 113th year...Terry Braye, Jerry Wirth and Joe Zimmerer were the top three students selected for the Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Week annual crowning. .Mr and Mrs Bernard Gress and daughter, Linda, received the Otoe County Soil and Water Conservation picture award...Mrs Lester Kinnison, chairman, reported that Savings Stamp sales at St. Mary's grade school totaled $14.30.

SAFETY VALVE

"...hospital bazaar..."

EDITOR, News-Press:May we take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in our recent Community Bazaar for St. Mary's Hospital

Without the complete cooperation of so many fine people, we would not have reached, and surpassed, our goal. It is a most gratifying experience to work on a project that will provide equipment for our community's hospital, and everyone who attended the bazaar was sharing the feeling of pride in doing something worth-while for our hospital.

The equipment that will be purchased will provide an avenue for making available the finest care for those patients who will need it. Let's begin now to plan toward next year's bazaar to make it even bigger and better!

St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary
Judy Rowe & Clio Merkel
Bazaar Co-Chairmen

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 14, the 319th day of 1976. There are 47 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed the Philippine Islands a commonwealth and pledged full independence by 1946.

In 1775, American troops commanded by Benedict Arnold invaded Canada's province of Quebec.

In 1856, James Buchanan was elected the 15th president of the United States.

Today's birthdays: Britain's Prince Charles is 28. King Hussein of Jordan is 41 Heiress Barbara Hutton is 64.

Thought for today: "These days nothing is impossible, except some people," anonymous.



Don Oakley

Cities are slow to clean up

By Don Oakley

Last July, the federal Environmental Protection Agency told New York City and some 100 other Eastern Seaboard municipalities that they had until 1981 to stop dumping crud in the ocean

Since 1924, these municipalities have been barging millions of tons of sewage sludge a year out to a point about 12 miles off New York Harbor, turning the area into a veritable dead sea.

It is a very real question whether the cities will be able to meet even this liberal deadline set by the EPA. One estimate is that it will take more than $500 million to develop landfill sites or alternative disposal methods, New York City, for one, is already complaining that its current fiscal straits make it impossible to spend any money on the phaseout.

Meanwhile, nature began taking a bit of revenge this summer when pollution forced the closing of Long Island beaches.

The fact is that our cities, which can do no more than their citizens give them the mandate and the means to do, trail well behind industry in the matter of cleaning up pollutionn.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported, for example, that the worst polluters of the Mississippi River are not private companies but the communities along it In the Baton Rouge area, Exxon Corp. alone has spend $40 million to clean up its refinery operations and the EPA says that other companies are doing almost as well.

The EPA is finding it much tougher to move against local politicians than against business executives. "You can shut down a plant," says one EPA regional officer, "but how can you shut down a city?"

The basic problem, of course, is money. Even though the federal government subsidizes 75 per cent of the cost of building treatment plants, inflation harried and tax-burdened local citizens have been reluctant to approve the levies and bonds and usage charges needed to pick up the other 25 per cent.

It will get worse. The EPA estimates that meeting the requirements of the law nationwide will cost the federal government $105 billion and the cities $35 billion

Even when the treatment plants are built, the costs of running and maintaining them will cause fiscal problems for many local governments.

Thus the probability is that we will increasingly look to Washington to pay more and more of the cost of achieving a clean environment — even though the federal government has no money except what it takes from the people in the form of taxes, or creates by running the inflationary printing presses overtime even as we all bemoan the steady growth of big government.

Berry's World



"... and, men, ANOTHER reason why we've GOT to win this game is, if we don't, they're gonna sue me for MALPRACTICE!"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont — THE BUCK ENDS HERE

A tribute to Budge

Ivan D.E. Beaumont

One of the best things about this job called newspapering, is we get to meet the most interesting and nicest people.

Today, we'd like to take a few moments to tell you about a young man from Nebraska City, who has more desire and courage than anyone we've known.



Budge...when he was a defensive back for the Huskers.

We're talking about Budge Porter, 21, the son of Mr and Mrs Mort Porter and grandson of Mr and Mrs Grove Porter.

Last April his six-foot, one inch frame stretched over 185 pounds of muscular speed and strength.

During a football scrimmage at Nebraska, Budge sustained a broken neck in a tackle.

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He's been through a lot, but invariably flashes a smile and warm greeting to his many well wishers from the wheelchair that has taken the place of those once strong and speedy legs.

Talk about determination! He's all football. "If I had to do it all over again, I'd play football just like I did."

Budge was hospitalized in Lincoln for surgery and initial treatment after the accident. Later he began spinal therapy in Denver and last summer he entered the Rehab. Center at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha.

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You've seen him around. He has attended a number of Nebraska football games and has also been at Hayward Park in Nebraska City He's making a comeback all on his own and with the warm wishes of all of us.

At Immanuel he has a six-hour training program and says that the mental therapy drains him more The things we take for granted in self-care have to be relearned because of the paralysis

The miracle of his improvement is a tribute to his courage from the time when he had little or no feeling and could move only from side to side in a bed to the now active wheelchair days.

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His mail is encouraging words from many. They include NU Athletic Director Bob Devaney, Coach Tom Osborne, NU Sports Information Director Don Bryant, Guy Ingles, former Husker star, Kyle Rote, Jr., of the Dallas Tornado Soccer club, Ray Hildebrand of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Husker Coaching staff, NU President Duward Varner, from physicians, alumni association, and many, many personal letters and cards from young people and adults, all of them friends.

Budge has the determination and that's bolstered with hundreds of best wishes for his recovery.

Perhaps most important is his outlook. In his own words, he wants to return to the University, but he plans to wait awhile. . . he wants to walk when he returns.

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The young speak —

Students from three schools in Nebraska City were recognized last week by the Optimist club during Youth Appreciation Week and they "paid" their dues by telling of plans for the future.

The students introduced themselves and told of their plans, all of which meant one thing — they want more education or training in their careers.

The Optimist club was pleased. The purpose of the youth week is to stir the interest of students to make their mark in the world.

The students are Doug Rose, School for the Visually Handicapped; Janet Harney and Bill Harris, Nebraska City Lourdes and Scott Simms, Dave Ailes, Jim Neil, Joni Yost, Lori Stortenbecker, Joyce Stoll and Todd Dawson. Marv Penning of Farmers Bank is the Youth Chairman for the Optimist club.

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Gone With The Wind —

Olivia de Havilland wanted no part of the two-part television presentation of Gone With The Wind. She felt the commercials detracted from the quality of the film.

The Civil War story has been unique Its gross receipts set all kinds of records and that was when movies cost 12 cents. The film was made in 1939 and according to the Nielsen ratings the other day, the show got more attention than any other program during the two nights.

We took two daughters to the film a number of years ago when Sid Metcalf screened it at the Pioneer Theater so this time we flipped to another channel

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The handbook —

We've just finished thumbing through the 12-page handbook issued to students going out for wrestling and for their parents.

Coach Paul Stevenson has set down some organizational rules that are well worth reading. He points to such things as sports, grades and oh, no .a car

It's well worth reading If you don't have a youngster in the sport and would like to read it, call Coach Stevenson .or let us know and we'll loan you our copy.

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The march to Washington —

There were a number of droopy chins around Senior High when the Music Parents organization voted against sending the NCHS band to the inaugural parade January 20 in Washington, D.C

There were several opinions on the pros and cons of the trip, including plans to buy new uniforms and apparently when the vote was taken the moms and dads decided new uniforms were more important

We wonder if the decision might been changed had President Ford been returned to office.

No matter Things could change, for all we know

About all we know of bands and trips comes from parents who have accompanied the bandsmen. Some had a big time and enjoyed every minute Others said they were pooped and they'd never go again

We're in the minority, but we think the trip would be worthwhile and a whale of a lot more important than going to a bowl game. .even if the whole show is for a Democrat



Dr. Lamb

Keeping up with balance

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I would like to know something about equilibrium. What causes it and what can be done about it? My husband's equilibrium went off and be was out of work for two weeks and then it seemed to get better Now if he puts his head back to look up, he said it feels like he will fall off balance and this happened over a year ago, but this still happens

He runs a Gradall which does a lot of bouncing Could this have anything to do with this?

DEAR READER — Balance is much more complicated than you may realize It involves the ear, the eyes, position sense and the brain

A common cause for lack of balance is some abnormality of the tiny balance canals of the ears (semi-circular canals), called the labyrinth These can be affected by poor circulation, toxic reaction as from drugs, infections such as respiratory illnesses that inflame the canals (labyrinthitis) Unusual stimulation in sensitive people may cause motion sickness directly related to the canals Your husband may have had inflammation of the canals and this sometimes takes months for all the effects to disappear

Beyond that there is the reaction of the body to its own position. You perceive your position through your eyes and through a nerve network that causes your brain to be conscious of the position of your foot, hand or other parts of the body It is so automatic you never realize it is happening

Certain diseases or defects can alter the relaying of this information from the muscles, joints and eyes leading to confusion of position sense and loss of equilibrium

Damage to the complex switchboard in your brain can also cause problems in equilibrium This runs the gamut of disease of the circulation to tumors and other neurological problems

Your husband should have a careful examination The history of loss of balance when he tilts his head back at least raises the question of whether or not he is getting adequate circulation to the brain. I would suggest an examination by a neurologist

There are four main arteries to the brain The two carotid arteries pass along each side beside the jugular vein of the throat and the two vertebral arteries pass up the spinal column and into the base of the skull When there is insufficient blood flow through the vertebral arteries tilting the head backward may compromise the blood flow through these arteries These two arteries supply the parts of the brain associated with balance Of course your husband may not have this problem at all and it may be that he just still has sensitive ear canals but it is important to have good evaluation of the problem

The two carotid arteries and the two vertebral arteries all connect together like a great traffic circle under the brain This enables normal circulation to the brain even when one artery may be obstructed However unusual head positions may kink still another artery and cause symptoms

For more information about circulation to the brain I am sending you The Health Letter number 2-5, Strokes. Cerebral Vascular Accident-Cerebral Thrombosis. Others who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing Address your letter to me in care of this newspaper P O Box 1551. Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

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News in Brief

SAN GABRIEL, Calif. (AP) — For a few dizzy years in the late 1950s, Americans went wild over Hula Hoops, buying 20 million of them and gyrating their hips, necks, and other movable body parts to keep the toys spinning. The craze ended abruptly. But unlike most novelty items, the Hula Hoop has survived as a fixture in the toy store — largely because of shrewd promotion by its marketers. "While it lasted, the Hoop was a new synonym for the word fad," says Ira Lander, who directs the National Hula Hoop Championships for Wham-O Manufacturing Corp. Lander said the championships have had a lot to do with keeping the Hoop alive.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

"O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" (Matthew 14:31)

PRAYER: Dear God, help us to trust Your promises, knowing that faith brings peace while doubts thrive in darkness and unrest. Amen.