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Quibbles 'n' Bits

Kudos to Lincoln protesters, businesses

Applause goes to the 10 Lincolnites and UNL students who traveled to Nevada over Spring Break to protest nuclear weapons testing.

All 10 were arrested on trespassing charges.

The formal protest, sponsored by the anti-nuclear group American Peace Test out of Las Vegas, has been an annual event in the area since 1988.

Unofficial protests -- those not sponsored by American Peace Test -- have been going on at the Nevada Test Site since it was opened in 1951, 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

Last year, 13 Lincolnites and UNL students attended "Reclaim the Test Site II."

It's commendable and important that a contingent from Lincoln returned to the test site to protest this year.

During large protests, like those sponsored by American Peace Test, the U.S. Department of Energy hires about 100 extra security officers to make arrests. Each of those officers and guards must undergo 16 weeks of specialized training before the event.

Last year, the government spent more than \$1.25 million in law enforcement salaries -- not including food and housing -- for the 10-day event.

If nothing else, that price tag should make the government pay attention.

And with thousands of people returning year after year to the doorstep of the test site, eventually someone may realize that protesters are serious about their efforts to end nuclear testing.

• Also deserving of accolades are the Nebraska Recycling Center and the following downtown businesses: Barrymore's, The Bistro, Brittany's, The Cornhusker, Duffy's Tavern, Elleven, Julio's, Lincoln University Club, P.O. Pears, Spigot and W.C.'s.

All are participating in a nine-month, experimental bottle recycling project to begin in May.

The project began with a \$35,000 grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Control to the city of Lincoln, as part of the litter-reduction and recycling program.

With luck, the next nine months will prove making the project permanent economically feasible for more businesses to participate.

Even if it proves an economic burden, the price would be worth the effort of getting more businesses involved in recycling.

-- Amy Edwards
for the Daily Nebraskan



Linguists warm up for season

Remedial Baseball Talk II is punishment for non-versed fans

S lats Grobnik said: "Don't you think it's time we started warming up? The big day is almost here."

I'm ready anytime you are.
"Then let's go. Chuck it in there."
OK. How do you think they're going to do?

"Well, it depends."
On what?
"The pitching. 'Cause pitching is 90 percent of the game."

Very good. And what kind of starting pitcher do we need?
"Someone who can keep us in it for seven innings."

Of course, but there will be days when the starters don't what?
"When they just don't have it."
And what does that lead to?

"They get shelled. An early shower."
Exactly. Then what will we need?
"Strong middle relief."

And they do what?
"Keep us in it until the late innings."
While we do what?
"Chip away at their lead."

Excellent. Then what must we have?
"Gotta have a stopper to come out of the bullpen and shut 'em down."
By throwing what?
"Throwing smoke."

But there is more to winning than pitching. It helps if you can put together a what?
"Put together a big inning."
And to do that, someone must what?
"Hit one out of here. With a couple of guys on."

How true. But there are days when the game is close and a big inning doesn't happen. And how does one run look?
"One run can look very big."
And how do you get it?
"You gotta find ways to manufacture a run."

Precisely. And what are these ways?
"The hit and run. The bunt. The stolen base."
And remember the walk. Because sometimes a walk is what?
"Sometimes a walk is as good as a base hit."

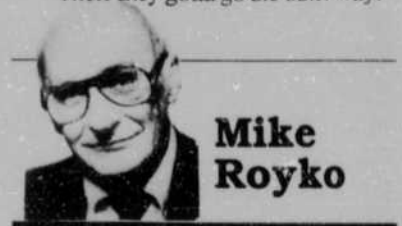
But if your pitcher is giving up walks, what terrible thing can the walks do to you?
"The base on walks can kill you."
And if a walk or an error leads to a run early in the game, what can that run eventually do?
"It can come back and haunt you."

You're on a roll. Now, speaking of the stolen base. Most stolen bases are stolen on whom?
"The pitcher."
For failing to do what?
"Throw over there and keep 'em close."

Good. But there are times when a base is stolen when it shouldn't have been. Why?
"Because a good throw would have had 'em."
Right. Let us return to hitting. What should our hitters do with the slider away?
"Lay off it."
But if they can't resist?
"Then they gotta go the other way."

And what must they never do with it?
"Try and pull it."
You're amazing. And when they see a hanging curve, what should the do?
"Jump all over it."
And what will they hit?
"A liner."
What kind of a liner?
"A screaming liner. By the way, you said 'hit.' You shoulda said 'ripped.' See, a screaming liner is always ripped."

I stand corrected.
"Yeah, ripped. If it's ripped down the line, it can kick up the chalk. And that's when it's a game of inches."
I'm aware of that.
"You didn't say so. Or when it curves foul at the last minute. That's a game of inches, too. You forgot to ask me anything about baseball being a game of inches."
I was going to get to it being a game of inches.
"Yeah? Well maybe I should be warmin' you up."
Can we go on?
"Wing it in."
All right. Now, even if you play well, there is something that you've got to get. What is it?
"You got to get the breaks."
True. But there is something to remember about the breaks.
"You gotta remember that it's a long season. And over the season, the breaks have a way of evening out."
Very insightful. Now, what about that rookie? Can he do it?
"He's got all the tools."
And what could he be?



Mike Royko

"He could be a good one."
And what does he come to do?
"He comes to play."
Very good. And what does he give you?
"He gives you 110 percent."

Of course, we won't know until he's been where?
"Around the league once or twice, and the pitchers get a good look at 'em."
You're on the mark. Now, tell me about injuries.
"Injuries are part of the game. And so are errors. You didn't ask me about errors being part of the game."

I was going to say that.
"That's what you say."
Can we continue?
"Where were we?"
Injuries. What do you need in the event of injuries?
"A strong bench."

In other words, a guy who can come in and what?
"Come in and do the job. Hey, how come you ain't asked me about what you do if a guy is digging in on your pitcher? About how you gotta send him a message by brushing him back?"
That was next.
"Or what happens if the pitch gets away and hits 'em? You didn't ask me what can happen then."
Well, what can happen?
"The hitter charges the mound. And then you get a bench-clearing brawl. Jeez, you don't remember a bench-clearing brawl, and you're asking me the questions? And you didn't even ask me where a pitcher ain't supposed to go before he throws a pitch."

To the men's room?
"Nah, he ain't supposed to go to his mouth. Or the umpire will think he's loading it up. Throwing a wet one. And you ain't asked me about an outfielder missing a what?"
Uh, missing breakfast?
"Nope. Missing the cutoff man. You know, I don't think you're ready for the opener. And you didn't ask me what a bloop single will look like."
Hmmm, it will look unsightly?
"Dummy. In the box score, it'll look like a line drive."
Uh, it's been a short spring training.
"Yeah, and you're on the bubble."
The what?
"That's it. You're being sent down."
To where?
"To Remedial Baseball Talk II."

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Smoker lights up at Krugerud

Kurt Krugerud, you have gone too far. You violated my (and a lot of other people's) space in your spiteful attack on smokers (DN, April 6), particularly in advocating rude and violent (cigarette-load) behavior.

You've "decided cigarettes have got to go." Sorry, Kurt, that ain't your decision. You can decide whether YOU will smoke or not, you can decide if YOU wish to cohabit with a smoker or not, and that's about it. You will not dictate my behavior.

I'm sorry that you had a bad experience, but apparently you set yourself up for it. DON'T take it out on ME.

You can decide if smoking is allowed on your real estate. Only I will make that decision as concerns my property. Public space we must share.

Did you comprehend that, "SHARE?" That does NOT mean that, just in case my smoke might get near you, I can't smoke. It means that I will do what I please in MY share of this public space, and you do what you please in yours. EXAMPLE: Say we are in a public building that has two rooms. That means my cigarettes and I stay out of the one you're in, IF, and only if, you and your befouling

stenches stay out of the room I am in. Fair is fair. You made it apparent that you don't enjoy cigarette smoke. OK. I'll respect your dislikes if you respect mine. You don't like one of my smells -- know you that I damn well don't like some of yours. The chemical stench of deodorants, aftershave, perfumes, hair sprays, the putrid reeks of chewing gum, sweat, toe fungi and intestinal gas are all extremely offensive to me.

Why do vile, snotty, self-righteous non-smokers like you think that when we have to share ONE PUBLIC AREA that the smokers have to leave it? "Share" doesn't mean that things must be YOUR way, 100 percent of the time! I won't mind leaving, half the time, if you get the hell out of the other half.

I think people like you DID notice the protests, but didn't care -- because you don't realize that if YOU have rights, then we ALL do.

Don't try to "save MY life," you overbearing totalitarian! Fact is, I purely don't want to live in a world controlled by you.

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