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OPINION OTHER VIEWS

Army Loosens Up On Tattoo Trend

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE (April 14): A year after tightening its policy on tattoos, the U.S. Army has nimbly backtracked. Soldiers are still prohibited from having tattoos above the neckline, but there will be no limit to the number or size of tattoos hidden by a uniform.

As an estimated 40 percent of young people have tattoos, the change should immediately help with recruiting and retention — and that's a good thing. It also shows Army leaders to be responsive to complaints in the ranks.

In April 2014, the Army adopted a policy that banned "full-sleeve" tattoos, the elaborate designs that run the length of an arm. Further, it said that new recruits could have no more than four tattoos up to the size of their hand. Soldiers who already had tattoos in violation of the policy could keep them, but they had to be documented with photographs to ensure they didn't obtain others.

Soldiers, officers and recruiters protested. Tattoos, long a part of military culture, have become increasingly mainstream. A *Wall Street Journal*/NBC poll last year showed the number of households in which at least one person had a tattoo doubled since 1999. And since the Department of Defense estimates that 70 percent of young people don't qualify for military service, for reasons ranging from obesity to lack of a high school diploma, the restrictions meant even more people were rejected.

The new policy still prohibits tattoos with racist or vulgar art. But size will no longer matter, and a single ring tattoo is allowed on the hand. "Society is changing its view of tattoos, and I think we need to change along with it," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno said at a news conference last week. But don't stop for doughnuts after getting fresh ink. The Army's fitness standards, for now, will remain the same.

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IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 16, the 106th day of 2015. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

April 16, 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine in the Baltic Sea torpedoed and sank the MV Goya, which Germany was using to transport civilian refugees and wounded soldiers; it's estimated that up to 7000 people died. U.S. troops reached Nuremberg. U.S. forces invaded the Japanese island of Ie Shima (ee-eh shee-mah). In his first speech to Congress, President Harry S. Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On this date: In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Virginia, for his inauguration in New York.

In 1879, Bernadette Soubirous, who'd described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers, France.

In 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chaplin was born in London.

In 1912, American aviator Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel, leaving Dover, England, and arriving near Calais, France, in 59 minutes.

In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on NBC's Blue Network.

In 1940, Major League Baseball's first (and, to date, only) opening day no-hitter took place as Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians pitched a no-no against the Chicago White Sox, 1-0, at Comiskey Park.

In 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the High Flyer, exploded the following day (the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people). Financier Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse, "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon with astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr. and Ken Mattingly on board.

In 1986, dispelling rumors he was dead, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi appeared on television to condemn the U.S. raid on his country and to say that Libyans were "ready to die" defending their nation.

In 1991, Sir David Lean, who had

directed "The Bridge on the River Kwai," "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Doctor Zhivago" (and who was the first husband of actress Kay Walsh) died in London at age 83.

In 2007, in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, student Seung-hui Cho (sung-wee joh) killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

Ten years ago: Maria Ruzicka, the founder of a humanitarian group to aid civilian casualties in Iraq, was killed in a car bombing in Baghdad. Cardinals meeting at the Vatican destroyed the late Pope John Paul II's ring and seal to formally end his reign. Authorities in Hillsborough County, Florida, found the body of missing 13-year-old Sarah Michelle Lunde. (A suspect, David Lee Onstott, was later convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.) Actress Kay Walsh (the second wife of director David Lean) died in London at age 93 (some sources reported 90).

Five years ago: The U.S. government accused Wall Street's most powerful firm of fraud, saying Goldman Sachs & Co. had sold mortgage investments without telling buyers the securities were crafted with input from a client who was betting on them to fail. (In July 2010, Goldman agreed to pay \$550 million in a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but did not admit wrongdoing.)

One year ago: More than 300 people, mostly students, died when a South Korean ferry, the Sewol, sank while en route from Incheon to the resort island of Jeju; 172 people survived.

Today's Birthdays: Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI is 88. Actor Peter Mark Richman is 88. Singer Bobby Vinton is 80. Denmark's Queen Margrethe II is 75. Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 68. Ann Romney is 66. NFL coach Bill Belichick is 63. Rock singer and former politician Peter Garrett is 62. Actress Ellen Barkin is 61. Rock musician Jason Scheff (Chicago) is 53. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 52. Rock singer David Pinner (Soul Asylum) is 51. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 50. Actor Jon Cryer is 50. Rock musician Dan Rieser is 49. Actor Peter Billingsley is 44. Actor Lukas Haas is 39. Figure skater Midori Nagasu is 22.

Thought for Today: "The only graceful way to accept an insult is to ignore it; if you can't ignore it, top it; if you can't top it, laugh at it; if you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved." — Russell Lynes, American writer (1910-1991).

FROM THE BIBLE

[Jesus] said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." Mark 2:27-28. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bridge Work

Dan Flyger, Freeman

Nearly every spring for about as long as I can remember, we would drive down to Yankton, visit Gurney's, and then cross the bridge to say we had gone to Nebraska, turn around and come back.

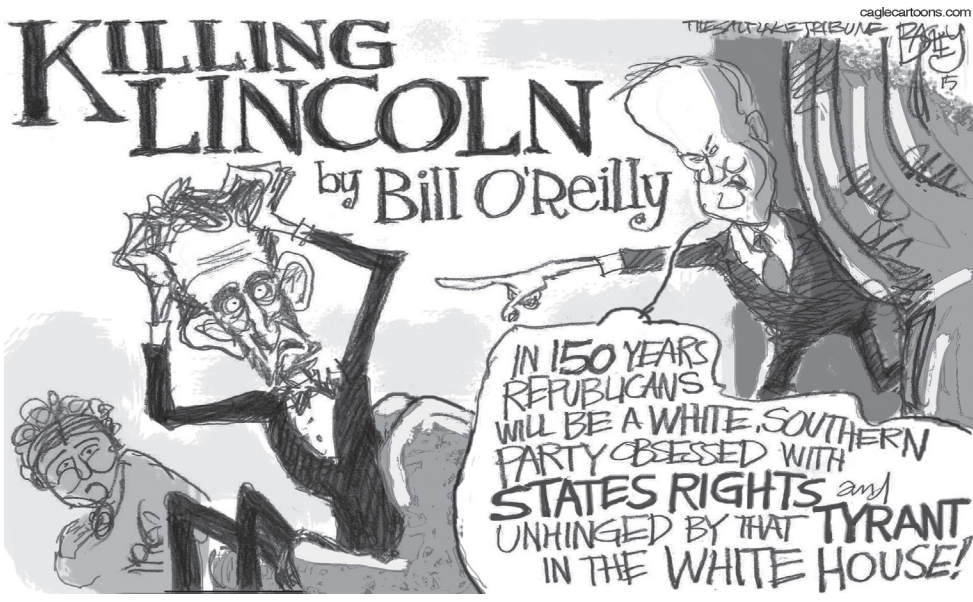
On Easter Sunday our family walked to Nebraska for the first time. I was one who opposed the building of a new bridge because I didn't want to see the old bridge go. I am glad it has been saved and we enjoyed a lovely stroll over to Nebraska and back. I do, have one question and one complaint.

First, could someone tell us what is the meaning of all the padlocks we saw attached to the

bridge in various places?

Now for my complaint. Years ago we would cross the bridge and there was a sign that stated where the state line is. Could someone please put a sign and or paint a line on the bridge to show where the state line is? We spend buckets of money to promote tourism in this state, surely a little money could be spent so I could have my picture taken with one leg in Nebraska and the other in the Great state of South Dakota.

I jokingly told my children that if I had a heart attack while crossing the bridge, to make sure they pushed me on so I'd collapse on the South Dakota side of the line and I could die in the state and county where I was born. The problem is: Where is that line?



Kindle's Korner

A Runaway Success!

BY DR. WAYNE KINDLE

Yankton School District

A few months ago, United Way of Yankton approached the Yankton School District about sponsoring a Girls on the Run program at our elementary schools. We agreed to pilot the program at both Lincoln Elementary School and Beadle Elementary School.

Girls on the Run program involves girls in grades 3-5 who participate in a 10-12 week after school program. Throughout the program the girls make new friends, build their self-confidence and celebrate the great things that make them who they are as individuals.

The program encourages positive emotional, social, mental, and physical development. They are able to discuss their own beliefs about experiences and challenges they may face at this age. The girls learn and develop strategies that will help them with challenges and experiences as they move through life.

There are currently 15 girls involved at Lincoln Elementary School and 16 girls involved at Beadle Elementary School. In addition, there are six volunteers from each school who help with the program. A special "thank you" to these volunteers!

Next school year, we will expand the program to Webster Elementary School and Stewart Elementary School. We wish to thank United Way of Yankton and all who donate. This is a wonderful program for these young girls

STUDENT RECOGNITION NIGHTS

The Yankton School District cordially invites the public to attend any of the following student recognition nights:

- Athletic Awards (YHS Main Theater) Monday, April 27 (6:30 p.m.)
- Fine Arts Awards (YHS Main Theater) Thursday, April 30 (6:30 p.m.)
- Fine Arts Hall of Fame Social (YHS Commons) Thursday, April 30 (6:30 p.m.)
- Fine Arts Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (YHS Main Theater) Thursday, April 30 7:15 p.m.
- Academic Awards Night (YHS Main Theater) Tuesday, May 5 (6:30 p.m.)

YANKTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

- Graduation is set for Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m. at the Yankton High School Gymnasium
- Baccalaureate, sponsored by the Yankton Ministerial Association, is Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the Yankton High School Theater
- General Information: Class Colors — Red and Black; Class Flower — Hydrangea; Cap & Gown Color — Black; Tassel Color — Red, Black and White

Class Motto: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once and a while, you could miss it." — "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

FACT OR FICTION

Fiction: Advanced Placement (A.P.)/Dual Credit Courses at Yankton High School cost taxpayers a lot of extra money offering these

All Things Archery

Tourney Prep On Target

BY NANCY WENANDE

WAYC Tournament Manager

WOWZA! During the first two weeks of volunteer registration for the World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC), June 6-14, we filled more than 200 shifts. The response from the community is appreciated.

We still have several hundred shifts to fill but I expect to gradually fill those as people figure out their work schedules and child activity schedules. We are allowing all ages to come out and volunteer and request a parent accompany those 12 and under. Remember, all of the shifts posted online at yankton2015wayc.org under the Registration/Volunteer Registration tabs require NO ARCHERY KNOWLEDGE! We will have training sessions prior to the tournament so everyone is comfortable with their job duties and responsibilities.

I have been fielding several calls and e-mails with generous people offering to host archers in their homes. At this time, we have adequate housing through our Yankton hotels, Lewis & Clark Resort and Mount Marty College. We will put out the call to the community should the situation change.

We currently have 54 teams registered with 502 archers and 155 coaches and support staff. Registration doesn't close until May 10 so we have a while to wait before we can report final numbers to the sponsors and community.

We are currently recruiting businesses and individuals to invest in the tournament through donations, sponsorships or in-kind services. It is exciting to mention several new sponsors that will join First Dakota as tournament sponsors: Chesterman Coke-a-Cola (Beverage Sponsor), Gerstner Oil (Fuel Sponsor), TransCanada (Opening and Closing Ceremony Sponsor), 5 Star Communications, Riverfront Broadcasting and the *Press & Dakotan* (media sponsors).

We would also like to thank the businesses that have challenged their peers to invest in this community event: Larry Ness (First Dakota), Ross Den Herder (Den Herder Law Offices) and Steve Slowey (Slowey Construction).



While cash is incredibly important to the success of this event, the committee is also looking for donations of items to put in the archers gift bags and items to give away during our "County Fair" final celebration on Sunday, June 14. The donated items for the fair can be any quantity but we request that they be either small in size or consumable (candy, drinks, etc.). Keep in mind that the prizes the youth win must fit in their suitcases.

FIRST DAKOTA CLASSIC

So much community support is being focused on the WAYC that I wanted to draw attention to a smaller event that is taking place in Yankton April 18-19.

This weekend more than 300 archers will travel to Yankton for the annual First Dakota Classic. This event utilizes the Center's incredible indoor range with shooting distances ranging from 20 yards to 60 yards. The event features an archery trade show and is free and open to the public. Stop out and watch the world's top professional archers compete for a chance to win \$1 million and join us Saturday night as 150-plus people of all ages shoot off for \$10,000.

I appreciate all the citizens reaching out with donations, questions and support. Contact me any time at nwenande@neyac.org or 605-660-0438. You also can check out many of the tournament details at www.yankton2015wayc.org. This event is about community and doing what we can to show the world that we are capable of hosting a world-class event in rural America. Yankton has everything we need to make ourselves the premium location for archers around the world. YANKTON ROCKS!