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**OPINION | OTHER THOUGHTS**

## Foley's Murder And Militants' Evil

**RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER (Aug. 21):** Those who serve as foreign correspondents in dangerous places are often asked: "Why would you put yourself in harm's way?"

The answer typically is that the life gets in one's blood, and the excitement produces an adrenaline rush. Some correspondents spend virtually their entire working lives overseas, dodging bullets and chemical weapons and guerrilla fighters.

James Foley, a freelance photojournalist, lived that kind of life after growing up in the small town of Rochester, N.H.

Foley now has become the latest journalist targeted by militants, this time the Islamic State, an offshoot of al-Qaida. A video posted Wednesday showed Foley being beheaded, and a knife-wielding fighter promised that more American captives would die because of U.S. strikes on Islamic fighters in northern Iraq.

Life means little to these militants who slay children, women, aid workers and journalists. They kill for revenge and indiscriminately. James Foley was not a soldier in the field against them. He was doing his very dangerous job.

Americans know such work is risky, from the World Wars and Vietnam and Iraq and Afghanistan where journalists have been at risk in the midst of combat. But in early 2002, a Wall Street Journal reporter, Daniel Pearl, was kidnapped by Pakistani militants and killed on camera while on assignment in Pakistan. Like Foley, Pearl was no stranger to the hazards of his profession.

But Pearl's murder showed that militants behind a particular ideology were willing to take any step, commit any act, to make their point. Foreign correspondents will carry on, because that is what they do. James Foley's work showed the suffering that comes with war. In death, he showed the Islamic State's evil to the world.

**THE VIEWS PAGE**

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**ON THIS DATE**

**By The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, August 25, the 237th day of 2014. There are 128 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlights in History:** On August 25, 1944, during World War II, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation. Romania declared war on former ally Germany.

**On this date:** In 1718, hundreds of French colonists arrived in Louisiana, with some settling in present-day New Orleans.

In 1825, Uruguay declared independence from Brazil.

In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior.

In 1921, the United States signed a peace treaty with Germany.

In 1943, U.S.-led Allied troops liberated New Georgia in the Solomon Islands from Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure providing pensions for former U.S. presidents and their widows.

In 1960, opening ceremonies were held for the Summer Olympics in Rome.

In 1967, George Lincoln Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi Party, was shot to death in the parking lot of a shopping center in Arlington, Virginia; former party member John Patler was later convicted of the killing.

In 1980, the Broadway musical "42nd Street" opened. (Producer David Merrick stunned the cast and audience during the curtain call by announcing that the show's director, Gower Champion, had died earlier that day.)

In 1981, the U.S. spacecraft Voyager 2 came within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the ringed planet.

In 1984, author Truman Capote was found dead in a Los Angeles mansion; he was 59.

In 1989, Voyager 2 made its closest approach to Neptune, its final planetary target.

**Ten years ago:** An Army investigation found that 27 people attached to an intelligence unit at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad either approved or participated in the abuse of Iraqi prisoners. David Hicks, an Australian cowboy who'd converted to Islam and allegedly fought for the Taliban in Afghanistan, went before a U.S. military commission at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base and pleaded not guilty to war crimes charges. (Hicks pleaded guilty in March 2007 to providing material support for terrorism, a deal which got him out of the U.S. base in Cuba, and he was freed by the end of that year.)

**Five years ago:**

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the liberal lion of the U.S. Senate, died at age 77 in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, after a battle with a brain tumor. President Barack Obama announced he wanted to keep Ben Bernanke on as Fed chairman. South Korea's first rocket, the Naro-1, blasted off into space but ended up falling back to Earth. A judge in Los Angeles sentenced Chris Brown to five years' probation and six months' community labor for beating his girlfriend Rihanna.

**One year ago:** Syria agreed to a U.N. investigation into an alleged chemical weapons attack outside Damascus — a deal a senior White House official dismissed as "too late to be credible," saying the United States had "very little doubt" President Bashar Assad's forces used such weapons. Tokyo beat Chula Vista, California, 6-4 to win the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Sixteen-year-old New Zealander Lydia Ko succeeded in defending her title at the Canadian Women's Open with a five-stroke victory over Karine Icher.

**Today's Birthdays:** Game show host Monty Hall is 93. Actor Sean Connery is 84. Actor Page Johnson is 84. TV personality Regis Philbin is 83. Actor Tom Skerritt is 81. Jazz musician Wayne Shorter is 81. Movie director Hugh Hudson is 78. Author Frederick Forsyth is 76. Actor David Canary is 76. Movie director John Badham is 75. Filmmaker Marshall Brickman is 75. Rhythm-and-blues singer Walter Williams (The O'Jays) is 72. Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal is 72. Actor Anthony Heald is 70. Rock musician Danny Smythe is 66. Rock singer-actor Gene Simmons is 65. Actor John Savage is 65. Country singer-musician Henry Paul (Outlaws; Blackhawk) is 65. Rock singer Rob Halford is 63. Rock musician Geoff Downes (Asia) is 62. Rock singer Elvis Costello is 60. Movie director Tim Burton is 56. Actor Christian LeBlanc is 56. Actress Ashley Crow is 54. Actress Ally Walker is 53. Country singer Billy Ray Cyrus is 53. Actress Joanne Whalley is 53. Rock musician Vivian Campbell (Def Leppard) is 52. Actor Blair Underwood is 50. Actor Robert Maschio is 48. Rap DJ Terminator X (Public Enemy) is 48. Alternative country singer Jeff Tweedy (Wilco) is 47. Actor David Alan Basche is 46. Television chef Rachael Ray is 46. Actor Cameron Mathison is 45. Country singer Jo Dee Messina is 44. Model Claudia Schiffer is 44. Country singer Brice Long is 43. Actor Eric Millegan is 40. Actor Jonathan Togo is 37. Actor Kel Mitchell is 36. Actress Rachel Bilson is 33. Actress Blake Lively is 27. Actor Josh Fitter is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "Failure is the condition that gives success its flavor." — Truman Capote (1924-1984).

**FROM THE BIBLE**

And he rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt. Matthew 2:14. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

**YOUR LETTERS**

**Goodwill Camping**

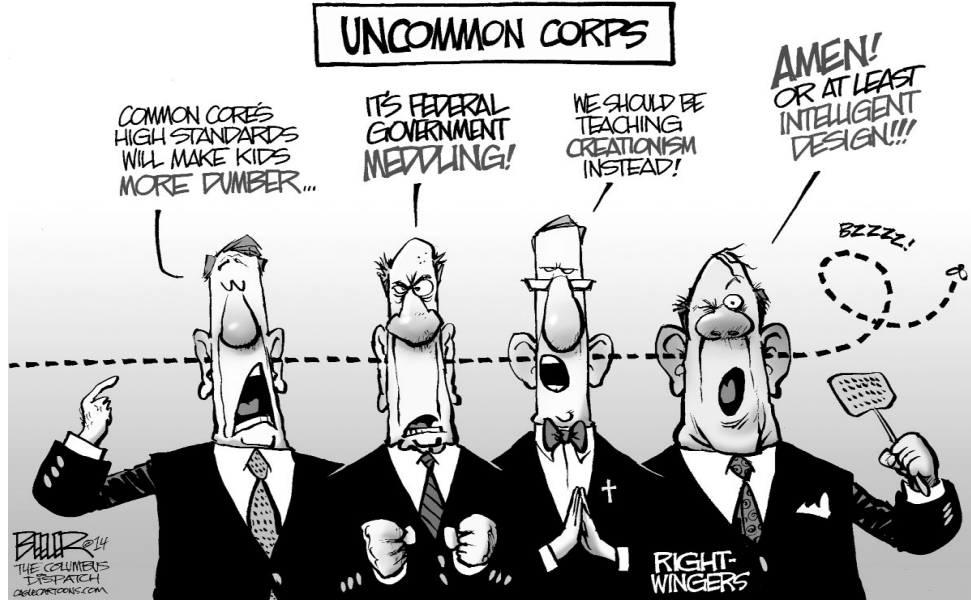
**John Hantla, Sioux City, Iowa**  
*President/CEO, Goodwill of the Great Plains*

Goodwill of the Great Plains wants to take this opportunity to thank the people of Yankton for shopping at your local Goodwill store. Your support of the Goodwill of the Great Plains Dollar Donate program helped send a deserving child from Mitchell to Camp Goodwill, a 100-acre rustic camp located near South Sioux City, Nebraska.

For 87 years, Camp Goodwill has been serving children between 8 and 12 years old, giving

them a week-long camping experience that provides recreation, education and positive role modeling in a beautiful setting. The results speak for themselves. One 12-year old girl wrote, "I was so excited to learn how to start a campfire and I was the first one in my family to ever go to camp!"

Thanks to your support, Goodwill of the Great Plains was able to offer a rewarding camp experience to this young lady and many others. We appreciate your support and look forward to offering this opportunity each summer to the Yankton community.



**Capitol Notebook**

## How A S.D. Senator Led Congress To Labor Day

**BY BOB MERCER**

State Capitol Bureau

**PIERRE** — Remember James Kyle? He was South Dakota's most improbable U.S. senator. Officially an Independent, he served his first term with the Democrats and his second with the Republicans.

During that first term, Kyle sponsored the federal law in 1894 creating a new national holiday.

His legislation designated the first Monday of September as Labor Day.

Seven years later, Kyle was dead. So too, the Independent movement that first elected him.

At a memorial service in the U.S. Senate the next spring, the man who succeeded him noted Kyle's accomplishment of enshrining Labor Day on the nation's calendar.

"For all time will this day be recognized and observed by the laborer and his friends," said U.S. Sen. Alfred Kittredge.

"Labor never had a better friend than Senator Kyle, and no one better understood its needs or extended a more sympathetic and helping hand," Kittredge continued.

What made James Henderson Kyle such an improbable winner of a U.S. Senate seat?

Kyle was the minister at Plymouth Congregational Church in Aberdeen and finance officer for Yankton College in 1890 when, at a Fourth of July gathering at Aberdeen, he was asked for a speech.

That led the Independents — a true third party at that time and second only to Republicans in political strength in many parts of South Dakota — to nominate Kyle for election to the state Senate.

He won a desk in the Legislature and headed to Pierre for the January start of the 1891 legislative session.

In those days the state's senators and representatives in the Legislature decided who

got South Dakota's two seats in the U.S. Senate.

After South Dakota achieved statehood in 1889, the Legislature selected the original pair: A temporary two-year term for Gideon Moody of Deadwood and a full six-year term for Richard Pettigrew of Sioux Falls. Both were Republicans.

Legislators at the 1891 session, with Kyle among them, needed to choose someone for a full six-year term for the seat Moody held.

Republicans had one more state senator than Democrats and Independents combined. But in the state House, Democrats and Independents had one more seat than did Republicans.

Republicans initially offered Moody again. He couldn't break through.

The three sides deadlocked for a month, voting six days a week each noon and conducting two ballots most days.

After 27 days and 40 ballots, and many other candidacies that faltered, the decisive tally on Feb. 16 gave Kyle 74 votes, while the Republican replacement candidate, Thomas Sterling, drew 56.

Kyle and Sterling didn't emerge as popular candidates until late.

Kyle won after a shift of at least 10 votes from Democratic candidate Bartlett Tripp over the weekend.

Kyle then aligned with the Democratic caucus in the U.S. Senate in his first term.

He ran for re-election in 1897, again as an Independent. Republican legislators gave him the second term. He then aligned with the Republican caucus in the U.S. Senate.

Kyle died on July 1, 1901, in Aberdeen. He was 47. Friends claimed he was more of a Republican.

Labor Day seems proof of his real allegiance.



Bob MERCER

## Another Jihadi Serial Killer

**BY MICHELLE MALKIN**

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For two bloody months, an armed jihadist serial killer ran loose across the country. At least four innocent men died this spring and summer as acts of "vengeance" on behalf of aggrieved Muslims, the self-confessed murderer has now proclaimed. Have you heard about this horror? Probably not.

The usual suspects who decry hate crimes and gun violence haven't uttered a peep. Why? Like O.J.'s glove: If the narrative don't fit, you must acquit. The admitted killer will be cast as just another "lone wolf" whose familiar grievances and blood-thirsty Islamic invocations mean nothing.

I say: Enough with the whitewashing. Meet Ali Muhammad Brown. His homicidal Islamic terror spree took him from coast to coast. The 29-year-old career thug admitted to killing Leroy Henderson in Seattle in April; Ahmed Said and Dwone Anderson-Young in Seattle on June 1; and college student Brendan Tevlin, 19, in Essex County, New Jersey, on June 25. Tevlin was gunned down in his family Jeep on his way home from a friend's house. Ballistics and other evidence linked all the victims to Muhammad Brown. Police apprehended him last month hiding in an encampment near the Watchung Mountains of West Orange, New Jersey.

While he was on the run, he disguised himself in a Muslim keffiyeh. He carried a notebook with jihadist scribbles and advice on evading detection. I obtained the latest charging documents filed in Washington state, which detail the defiant domestic terrorist's motives.

Muhammad Brown told investigators that Tevlin's slaying was a "just kill." The devout Islamic adherent proclaimed: "My mission is vengeance. For the lives, millions of lives are lost every day." Echoing jihadist Fort Hood mass killer Nidal Hasan, Muhammad Brown cited Muslim deaths in "Iraq, Syria (and) Afghanistan" as the catalysts for his one-man Islamic terror campaign. "All these lives are taken every single day by America, by this government. So a life for a life."

When a detective asked him to clarify whether all four murders were "done for vengeance for the actions of the United States in the Middle East," Muhammad Brown stated unequivocally: "Yes." He added that he was "just doing (his) small part."

Seattle's left-wing mayor, Ed Murray, rushed to issue a statement — which might as well have sported an insipid "Coexist" bumper sticker across the page — asserting that Muhammad Brown's seething, deadly hatred did "not reflect the values of Muslims." But the fact is Ali Muhammad Brown has plenty of company. Seattle alone has been a long-festering hotbed of

anti-American, anti-Semitic jihadism.

In 2011, a Muslim terror ring led by Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif and Wali Mujahid plotted "to kill officers and employees of the Department of Defense who worked at the (Military Entrance Processing Stations) located in the Federal Center South building in Seattle, Washington, and to kill other persons assisting such officers and employees in the performance of their duties" using "fully-automatic weapons pistols and fragmentation grenades."

In 2007, Seattle jihadist James Ujaama pleaded guilty to terrorism charges related to his plan to establish a terror-training ground in Bly, Oregon. He had previously pleaded guilty to aiding the Taliban.

In 2006, Everett, Washington Islamic revenge-seeker Naveed Haq shot six innocent women and killed one at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle building while spewing anti-Israel hatred and Muslim diatribes.

In 2002, James Ujaama's mosque leader, Abdul Raheem Al Arshad Ali of the radical Dar-us-Salaam mosque in Seattle's Central District, was first arrested on illegal weapons charges. He had provided arms to fellow Seattle-area Muslim cleric, Semi Osman. The ethnic Lebanese born in Sierra Leone had served in a naval reserve fueling unit based in Tacoma, Washington. Osman had access to fuel trucks similar to the type used by al-Qaida in the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers, which killed 19 U.S. airmen and wounded nearly 400 other Americans. Osman later pleaded guilty to illegal weapons possession.

Another militant Seattle jihadist, Muslim convert Ruben Shumpert (aka Amir Abdul Muhaimin) was arrested after an FBI raid in 2004 for his role in a terror-financing scheme. He skipped out on his sentencing hearing and turned up in Somalia, where he was killed fighting the U.S. military. Terror group al-Shabaab hailed Muhaimin as a martyr.

Which brings us back to Ali Muhammad Brown, who had been arrested 10 years ago as part of Muhaimin's suspected terror-financing ring. A decade later, despite being on the feds' radar screen, four innocent men are dead at Muhammad Brown's hand.

These homegrown Muslim haters don't want to coexist. They want to kill and help fund and train other Islamic killers. They are living and working among us, embedded in local mosques and inside our military. Where are our political leaders? Making Kumbaya excuses, sitting on the sidelines and golfing while homegrown and global jihad burn.

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