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## Time For A **Fresh Look**

LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR (Aug. 4) It's smart for the city to study the financial impact of allowing beer to be sold at University of Nebraska-Lincoln basketball games at the Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Mayor Chris Beutler announced that the topic would be included in a study that will compare the finances of Lincoln's arena with similar operations around the country.

The Pinnacle Bank Arena is generating more than enough money to pay off its loan, but because of tight local rules on what revenue can be used to cover operational expenses the arena's books showed red ink until the Joint Public Agency shifted funds. Arena manager Tom Lorenz estimated that beer sales might

bring in an additional \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year. Around the country it's becoming increasingly common for alcohol to be sold at college athletic events. Alcohol sales boost

revenue and also help put more fans in the seats. In fact the NU regents already allow booze to be sold at UNO basketball and hockey games. Beer has been sold at Creighton University basketball games for more than a decade without problems. About half the universities that rank in the top 20 for attendance

In a first, this year beer, wine and spirits were sold at the inaugu-

ral College Football Playoff title game at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. The NU athletic department, however, historically has been opposed to alcohol sales. The Bob Devaney Sport Center was not even equipped to serve alcohol at its concession stands, and vendors had no training for alcohol sales.

Sensible rules are key to preventing overconsumption from ruining the game experience for Husker fans.

Fans can be limited to purchase of two drinks at a time, for example. Alcohol sales can be cut off before the end of the game to curtail consumption.

The Journal Star editorial board two years ago suggested that the NU regents should consider the possibility of allowing beer sales at

Reporting by Journal Star staffers showed that the sale of beer at college basketball games could be handled in a responsible way that did not detract from their appeal as family-friendly entertainment.

The study by the Venue Solutions Group based in Tennessee will enable discussion of pros and cons of alcohol sales to proceed on a

Once the information has been gathered, we hope that NU officials take advantage of the opportunity to take a fresh look at the

#### OUR LETTER POLICY

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## IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, August 13, the 225th day of 2015. There are 140 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Au-

gust 13, 1961, East Germany sealed off the border between Berlin's eastern and western sectors; within days, the Communist authorities began building a wall that would stand for the next 28 years.
On this date: In 1624, King Louis XIII

of France appointed Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.

In 1792, French revolutionaries imprisoned the royal family. In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London at age 90. In 1923, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was

again elected Speaker of Turkey's Grand Assembly. In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l

Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut. In 1946, author H.G. Wells, 79, died

in London.
In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo 1. The Central African Republic became totally independent of French rule.

In 1979. Lou Brock of the St. Louis Cardinals became the 14th player in major league baseball history to reach the 3,000th career hit plateau as his team

defeated the Chicago Cubs, 3-2. In 1981, in a ceremony at his California ranch, President Ronald Reagan signed a historic package of tax and budget reductions.
In 1989, searchers in Ethiopia found

the wreckage of a plane which had disappeared almost a week earlier while carrying Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 other people — there were no survivors. In 1995, Baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle died at a Dallas hospital of

rapidly spreading liver cancer; he was 63.
Ten years ago: The Pentagon said for

the second time since the Iraq war began that it was replacing body armor for U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, citing a need for better protection. Former New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange died in Auckland at age 63.

Five years ago: Weighing in for the first time on a controversy gripping New York City and the nation, President Barack Obama endorsed allowing a mosque near ground zero, telling a White House dinner celebrating the Islamic holy month of Ramadan that the country's founding principles demanded no less. Veteran NBC newsman Edwin Newman died in

Oxford, England, at age 91.

One year ago: Six people — including Associated Press video journalist Simone Camilli — were killed when leftover ordnance believed to have been dropped in an Israeli airstrike blew up in the Gaza Strip. Brazilian presidential candidate Eduardo Campos died when the small plane that was carrying him and several cam-paign officials plunged into a residential

neighborhood in the port city of Santos.

Today's Birthdays: Former Cuban President Fidel Castro is 89. Actor Pat Harrington is 86. Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 82. Actor Kevin Tighe is 71. Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen is 69. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 67. High wire aerialist Philippe Petit is 66. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Clarke is 66. Golf Hall of Famer Betsy King is 60. Movie director Paul Greengrass is 60. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 56. TV weatherman Sam Champion is 54. Actress Dawnn (correct) Lewis is 54. Actor John Slattery is 53. Actress Debi Mazar is 51. Actress Quinn Cummings is 48. Actress Seana Kofoed is 45. Country singer Andy Griggs is 42. Actor Gregory Fitoussi is 39. Country musician Mike Melancon (Emerson Drive) is 37. Actress Kathryn Fiore is 36. Pop-rock singer James Morrison is 31. Actress Lennon Stella is 16.

Thought for Today: "People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges." — Joseph Fort Newton, American clergyman (1876-1950).

## FROM THE BIBLE

Rejoice in the Lord always. Philippians 4:4. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

# The Meaning Of Trump

BY KATHLEEN PARKER

Washington Post Writers Group

WASHINGTON — It is perhaps time to stop wondering what The Donald's got that the others ain't got.

What he's got is conservative America's number, which has less to do with policy or political purity than with an evolutionary tic that's been developing for decades.

It also has little to do with social issues, other candidates might note, though some values voters may also like Trump. Nor is it exclusively the economy, stupid – that cannonball of wisdom forever shackled to James Carville's name.

Indeed, Trump's fans may have Kathleen revealed themselves to be ABDs (All But Democrats), since Trump himself **PARKER** is an ABD. But for his recent conversions – pro-life with exceptions, walls make good immigration policy, and repeal-and-replace Obamacare "with something terrific!" – he would be giving Hillary Clinton a primary run for her money (and possibly some of his).

As recently as Tuesday, he wasn't jumping on the anti-Planned Parenthood bandwagon, though he did say that no funding should go to abortion, which is pretty safe since such federal abortion funding is already disallowed under current law.

What Trump primarily has is a manner of speaking. (And how.) His many outbursts, insults and invectives are by now familiar enough to be boring – and not at all the point. The point is what he said to Fox News' Megyn Kelly during the first debate when she asked about disparaging remarks he has made about women and whether he has the temperament to be president.

Trump, who frequently reminds us that he's a very busy man, said he didn't have time for such political correctness. Huh?

It was a fair question in my book - and probably to most women. It was not a "politically correct" question, as Trump insisted, nor do his intemperate words measure up to the kind of serious scrutiny that true political correctness does. An insult is not the same as stifling ideas or political thought, as has been the rage – if I may use that word in the absence of a "safe zone" – on many college campuses and, often, wherever bureaucrats gather.

But mention PC to a constituency that despises an increasingly alien (PC correction: unfamiliar) country whose core principles are routinely ridiculed by popular culture – and who perceive illegal immigrants (PC correction: undocumented workers) as receiving greater deference than hardworking Americans barely scraping by - and you, my friend, are a hero.

The fact that Trump has emerged not only unscathed but triumphant after his subsequent and disgusting remarks about Kelly, whom he described post-debate as having "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever," speaks trumpets and

trombones to critics' shakers, scrapers and cowbells.

Trumpists, like Honey Badger, don't care. Come to think of it, Trump is Honey Badger. (Footnote: Honey Badger was a YouTube sensation a few years ago that many un-PC types found hilarious, if also profane and revolting. Not for children.)

Attempting to cover his posterior, Trump says he was thinking of Kelly's nose when he said "wherever." Really. We all have wherever/whatever moments, but "nose" isn't one of those words that sends us foraging for misplaced vocabulary.

Rather than apologize, which would be as foreign to Trump as a woman his age, he's insisting that Kelly apologize to him. Classic narcissism. Trump is like the murderer who blames the victim for being home when he was burglarizing the victim's house.

Meanwhile, Trump tweeted (no wonder he's so busy) that Fox News President Roger Ailes had called him and smoothed things over. How perfectly ... practical. For her part, Kelly announced on "The Kelly File" Monday night that she wouldn't be responding to Trump's taunts and she certainly wouldn't apologize for doing her job.

In a political arena lacking same, that's what classy looks like.

Perhaps now, as Kelly suggested, we can move on, but do people really want to? Trump is the quintessential partisan divider whom people feel obligated to denounce but love to watch. Ailes knows that 24 million viewers tuned into the debate not to delve deeply into Scott Walker's biblical psyche but because Trump would be there. Trump, of course,

knows this, too. After so much history that would destroy anyone else's candidacy, it's hard to imagine what would cause Trump's fans to abandon him. My own unscientific surveys turn up a consistent refrain: "I would never vote for him, but I like the way he stirs things up.

Polling reflects that the second part of that sentence is probably true. And I'm no longer sure I believe the first part.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Highway Funding and Taxes** Joe Vig, Yankton

There seems to be continued negativism over the recent action by Yankton's county commissioners on trying to solve our county's road issues. Although I've thanked and congratulated a couple of them in person, I'd like to add my public gratitude for taking the bold steps of providing solutions. The same would hold true for our state government and the increased funding sources they've implemented, so thank you, Gov. Daugaard, Sens. Vehle and White, and others.

Roads cost money, pure and simple. As an example, one lane mile of interstate highway requires 38,000 tons of aggregate. That's not cheap. Since our Federal Government has continued to drag its feet on this important issue (re: the recent "extension" of our present Highway Bill for a few months, rather than passing a new long-term, robust highway bill), it is refreshing to see that our state and county have stepped up to the plate. There "ain't no free lunch" and without an increase in our fuel taxes, our Highway Trust Fund will be drained. Our present 18.4 cent federal tax is now 22 years old and our Congress — both Republicans and Democrats — are afraid to enact an increase in this outdated tax level, which even the American Truckers Association has endorsed.

Thank you again, county commissioners, for these progressive steps and making tough decisions, one of the reasons for which you were elected.

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