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We Say

Great Program



THUMBS UP to the Yankton Drug Court program, which held another graduation this week. This program, which began in 2013, offers substance offenders an alternative to prison sentences. Those accepted into the program must remain clean and sober, attend addiction meetings, maintain employment and volunteer at the Banquet, among other things. One of its mottos is, "Change your thinking, change your life," and the program offers those involved a second chance at a better life. For taxpayers, it's a bargain: It was noted that the savings from having the three people who graduated Wednesday go through the program rather than go to prison was more than \$600,000. If such a program can create more productive people and save taxpayers money, it can be counted as a true success.

Great Legacy



THUMBS DOWN to the passing of Wayne S. Knutson, who built up the University of South Dakota Fine Arts program and whose name is adorned to the school's main theatre. He died this week at age 89. Anyone who attended or is familiar with USD has probably encountered Knutson, either in person or by the legacy he created at the Vermillion school, where he arrived in 1952. He created a terrific program that flourishes to this day. His works were honored when he earned the USD Student Association's first Best Teacher award in 1968. He was also the first South Dakota professor to receive the title "University Distinguished Professor" from the Board of Regents. Knutson may be gone, but his legacy will carry on for generations to come.

Study Time



THUMBS UP to all college students and educators preparing for finals this week. It is no easy task to develop or prepare for these monstrous exams, which pack a semester's worth of learning into a giant expectation. Good luck with the task of cramming as much information as possible into your brain and attempting to retain at least a fraction of it after you leave.

Getting Testy



On the other hand, **THUMBS DOWN** to the concept of finals week. Monstrous exams that pack a semester's worth of learning into a giant expectation is really nothing short of fruitless. The most students actually learn from this week is how to cram as much information as possible into your brain and attempt to retain at least a fraction of it after they leave for the real world. Hopefully, a more practical method of measuring student knowledge can someday be developed.

ONLINE OPINION

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the Press & Dakotan's Web site are as follows:

LATEST RESULTS:

Should all Muslims in the U.S. be required to register and carry special identification?
No.....61%
Yes.....34%
Not sure.....5%
TOTAL VOTES CAST.....368

The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.

CURRENT QUESTION:

Do you support Donald Trump's proposal to temporarily bar non-American Muslims from entering the United States?
To cast your vote in the PRESS & DAKOTAN'S Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2015. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 11, 1844, the first experimental use of an inhaled anesthetic in dentistry took place as Dr. Horace Wells of Hartford, Connecticut, under the influence of nitrous oxide, had a colleague extract one of his teeth.

On this date: In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires announced they had thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson; his brother, Prince Albert, became King George VI.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1964, Che Guevara addressed the United Nations; in his speech, the Argentine revolutionary declared that "the final hour of colonialism has struck." Singer-songwriter Sam Cooke was shot to death by a motel manager in Los Angeles; he was 33.

In 1972, Apollo 17's lunar module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; during three extravehicular activities (EVAs), they became the last two men to date to step onto the lunar surface.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed legislation creating a \$16 billion environmental "superfund" to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps. "Magnum P.I.," starring Tom Selleck, premiered on CBS.

In 1994, leaders of 34 Western Hemisphere nations signed a free-trade declaration in Miami.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

In 2008, Bernie Madoff was arrested, accused of running a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme. (Madoff is serving a 150-year federal prison sentence.)

Ten years ago: Thousands of drunk-and-white youths, angered by reports that youths of Lebanese descent had assaulted two lifeguards, attacked police

and people they believed were Arab immigrants at a beach in Sydney, Australia; young men of Arab descent retaliated in several Sydney suburbs, fighting with police and smashing cars. Explosions ripped through a major fuel depot north of London, injuring 43 people; the cause of the blasts was later found to be accidental. Paramount Pictures announced it was buying independent film studio DreamWorks SKG Inc.

Five years ago: The eldest son of disgraced financier Bernard Madoff, 46-year-old Mark Madoff, hanged himself in his Manhattan apartment on the second anniversary of his father's arrest. A U.N. conference in Cancun, Mexico, adopted a modest climate deal. Auburn quarterback Cam Newton won the Heisman Trophy.

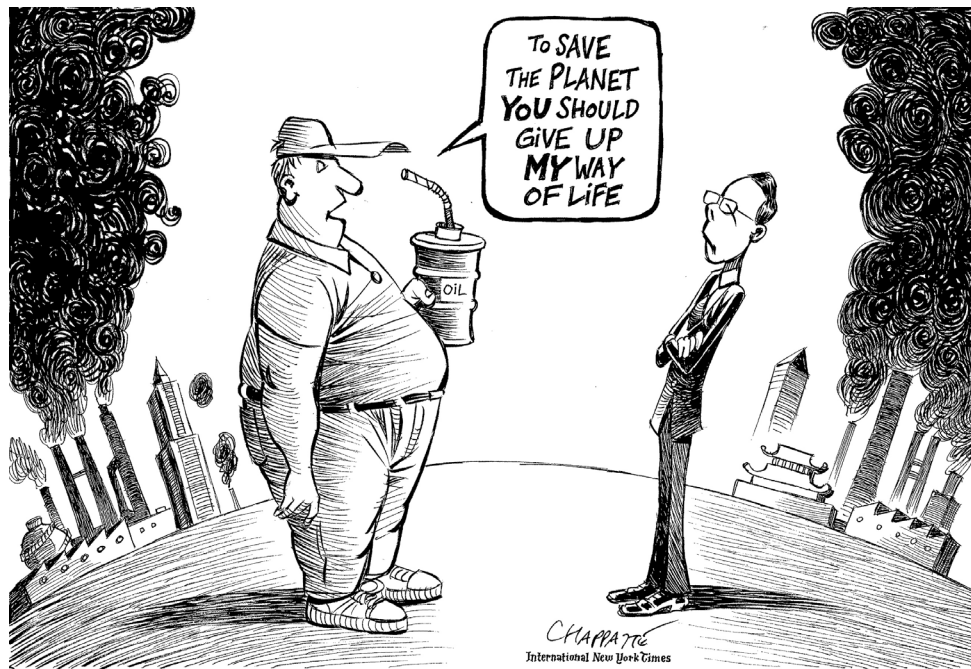
One year ago: CIA Director John Brennan, responding to a U.S. Senate torture report, acknowledged that "abhorrent tactics" were used on terror detainees but said it was "unknown and unknowable" whether the harsh treatment yielded crucial intelligence that could have been gained in any other way. An outbreak of the mumps, a highly contagious illness more typically associated with children, continued to spread throughout the National Hockey League.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 85. Actress Rita Moreno is 84. Former California state lawmaker Tom Hayden is 78. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 75. Actress Donna Mills is 75. U.S. Ambassador to China, former Sen. Max Baucus, is 74. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is 72. Singer Brenda Lee is 71. Actress Lynda Day George is 71. Music producer Tony Brown is 69. Actress Teri Garr is 68. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 63. Actress Bess Armstrong is 62. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 61. Rock musician Mike Mesaros (The Smithereens) is 58. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Mötley Crüe) is 57. Rock musician Darryl Jones (The Rolling Stones) is 54. Actor Ben Browder is 53. Singer-musician Justin Currie (Del Amitri) is 51. Rock musician David Schools (Hard Working Americans, Gov't Mule, Widespread Panic) is 51. Actor Gary Dourdan is 49. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique is 48. Actor Max Martini is 46. Rapper-actor Mos Def is 42. Actor Rider Strong is 36. Actress Xosha Roquemore is 31. Actress Karla Souza is 29. Actress Hailee Steinfeld is 19.

Thought for Today: "Every man has his dignity. I'm willing to forget mine, but at my own discretion and not when someone else tells me to." — Denis Diderot, French philosopher (1713-1784).

FROM THE BIBLE

Before I form you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



There Aren't Any 'Trump Republicans'

BY MICHAEL REAGAN

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"You can't be a Trump Republican and a Ronald Reagan Republican."

That's the tweet I sent to Jeb Bush the other day, when virtually the entire planet was united in bashing Donald Trump's call for a temporary ban on Muslim immigration to the USA.

I also tweeted another obvious truth, "If the Republican Party doesn't dump Donald Trump, the American people will."

Trump's outrageous "Muslims Keep Out" plan — apparently his policy answer to last week's terrorist attack in San Bernardino — is an embarrassment to our country and what it stands for.

It's also a serious threat to the Republican Party, because it's being used by Hillary, Democrat hacks in Congress and the Big Liberal Media to smear the GOP as the party of bigots and idiots.

Completely shutting down Muslim immigration is the latest — and probably the worst — idea in a series of awful ideas that Trump throws out whenever he feels he's not getting enough media attention.

He launched his political career by promising he'd "solve" the immigration problem by rounding up 11 million Hispanics and other illegals and tossing them out of the country.

Now he's attacking 1.2 billion Muslims. Who will be his next target? Three billion Asians?

Trump is awful — for America and for the Republican Party. But we've known that for months.

What bothers me even more than the stupid things the billionaire says, however, are the cheers I hear from the crowds at his packed events.

I know those hardcore Trump Yahoos are not all Republicans or conservatives. But when they go nuts over something as idiotic as Trump's plan to keep out Muslims, it's scary to me — very scary.

Someone needs to tell the Trump Yahoos we're not in a war against the world's 1.2 billion Muslims.

We're in a war against radical Islam and the barbaric terrorists who've decided that their 8th Century interpretation of their religion



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gives them the duty to declare a bloody holy war on Western Civilization.

By the way, most Muslims are at war against the radical Islamists, too, mainly because they're the ones who are getting killed by ISIS in the biggest numbers.

Many Trump Yahoos are just as confused about what conservatism really is.

If one more person comes up to me and says, "I loved your father and I'm supporting Donald Trump," I may hit him.

Trump is nothing like my father. My father united people. That's why he won elections. Trump doesn't unite anyone but confused white people.

Republicans are always the minority party. The only way we ever win a general election is by bringing people together — Ronald Reagan Democrats and conservative Latinos, blacks, Asians and Muslims.

Yes, there are conservative Muslims. Or at least there were. In 2000, nearly 80 percent of American Muslims voted for George W. Bush.

If the Republican Party nominates Donald Trump, it's certain that Hillary will become the next president and we'll all lose.

Trump is in the process of killing what's left of my father's GOP. He spends most of his time throwing people off the Republican bus, not inviting them on it.

The GOP has to find a way to stop Trump. It has to nominate a real Republican, a real conservative, who can unite the party around its core principles and show the country that Republicans are nothing like the Donald.

If the Party of Lincoln can't dump Trump and go back to its conservative roots, by next fall we'll be hearing my father say from his grave, "I didn't leave the Republican Party, they left me."

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Lessons In Childhood?

BY KELLY HERTZ

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I confess to being intrigued by a new fad since the moment I first saw its label: adult coloring books.

And yes, this is exactly what it sounds like. This activity allows adults to color in books for hours, just like they did when they were kids. I've read that these coloring books help grown-ups reduce stress by allowing their busy, multi-tasking minds to wrap around this carefree creative process. And coloring also gives adults that luxury of feeling like a kid again and letting their otherwise regimented imaginations roam freely for a change. (The Yankton Community Library is offering some adult coloring sessions at the end of the month, so you have that chance to find out for yourself.)

Something that allows adults to reconnect with long-ago childhood pursuits is a nice idea — and apparently a popular one, as adult coloring books have been turning up on bestseller lists.

However, I think the process shouldn't be aimed solely at adults: Perhaps some current children should get in touch with what it is to be a kid, too.

I suppose what follows tends to fall in line with the kind of generational indictment that older generations have long indulged in doing to their children — and I'm pretty sure kids today are tired of hearing such critiques, just as my generation was. But so be it.

Anyway, the concept of childhood play seems somewhat different now than it used to be. The things that kids found irresistible back when many of us were younger are being more successfully resisted now.

This seemed clear to me last week after the area was covered with a beautiful blanket of snow. It came from a wet, heavy snowfall: The state climatologist estimated that it was an almost perfect 1:10 ratio, meaning 1 inch of precipitation equaled 10 inches of snow. So, we were draped in a sticky snow that was made to order for creating snowmen, snowballs, snow forts and whatever else you wanted to pack together.

But as I drove around town during and just

after the storm, I saw very little evidence of such things being constructed in yards, open lots or wherever kids might perpetrate such works.

When I was a kid, that lack of industry would have been virtually unimaginable.

Maybe that root word — imagine — is what's generally lacking these days.

This newspaper ran an article earlier this week about the advantages of playtime for babies. One of the suggestions included being sure that kids have access to non-tech toys that don't, in effect, "think" for them. Letting kids think, play and explore for themselves promotes creativity and opens up a lot of possibilities. While this was advice for parents with babies, the same could hold true for older children as well, for playtime can always serve a developmental or relaxing purpose.

Consider that fact amid all the technological gadgets and computerized distractions that fill up our lives — both young and old — today. These things can literally begin to think for us if we let them, and that sedentary practice doesn't promote creative exploration or growth.

So, perhaps that's why you don't see nearly as many snowmen or snow forts during the winter. And I have the feeling that, when you do, a lot of them are created or supervised by adults ...

OK, I may be drawing too broad of a conclusion on this and it could be a bit unfair. I know there are kids who do activities like build snowmen, color in coloring books or actually read books for entertainment. More power to them. But there just doesn't seem to be as many as there once were back in the days when computers weren't enveloping our lives, video games were unheard of and communicating with friends didn't require a smartphone and nimble texting thumbs.

Coloring books and snowmen may not change the course of humanity, but they could create some surprising magic for kids who are otherwise too preoccupied with other things to take notice of the great opportunities that could be found in the simplest, battery-free places.

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