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OPINION

Yankton's Place On The Archery Stage

How good of a job did Yankton really do in hosting the World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) last summer? That answer was delivered last week. It was announced that Yankton has been awarded a pair of world archery tournaments. The Community will host the World Indoor Championships in 2018 and the World Field Championships in 2020.

That stands as a strong affirmation of the job local archery officials and this entire community performed in pulling off the WAYC in June. If international officials had not been impressed by Yankton, it would have been easy for them to send these tournaments elsewhere, to point to Yankton's relatively small size as such venues go — if you recall, Yankton beat out Mexico City to land the WAYC — to dismiss its bids.

But the fact that archery officials came back to Yankton with not one but two world events says something.

Yankton is an impressive place for an archery tournament. And as local officials noted during a press conference Friday, the archery world knows what Yankton is all about now.

The next step is get keep getting that word out around the region, which could help draw even more people to this community.

Speaking of which, the two upcoming world tournaments could provide a jolt to local tourism because, unlike the WAYC held here this past summer, the next two tournaments will be held in non-tourist seasons. The 2018 Indoor Tournament will be held in February, which is a terribly slow month in terms of lodgings and general tourism activity. The 2020 Field Championships will be held in September, which is part of the so-called shoulder season for tourism when numbers drop off from the summer months.

The 2018 tournament also puts a spotlight on the fact that Yankton has one of the finest indoor archery facilities anywhere, with its 90-meter indoor range being one of the few in the world.

But what else persuaded world archery officials — and this is very important to remember and says a lot about the Yankton area — is the wholehearted support that was shown by the community for the WAYC. There was a great army of volunteers who worked for free, which is something that is almost unheard of at some other major venues. Also, the activities that were arranged for the young WAYC participants also sent a message that local organizers were looking out for the athletes and other participants in a way that many other sites do not. It could be argued that this was Yankton's small-town personality coming through and serving as a big plus.

Yankton has become a major player in the archery world, and that is due to the hard work of National Field Archery Association president Bruce Cull and his staff. But without the community itself supporting these ventures, that standing might not be what it is now.

Archery has become a major selling point for this town. It's been a group effort that has made it so. We have no doubts that spirit will continue.

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ONLINE OPINION

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

LATEST RESULTS:

Do you think the Minnesota Vikings will make the playoffs?

Yes.....	35%
No.....	33%
I don't care.....	32%

TOTAL VOTES CAST266

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 think Donald Trump will be the Republican presidential nominee?
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 Tuesday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2015. There are nine days left in the year. This is the first full day of winter.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 22, 1965, "Doctor Zhivago," David Lean's epic film adaptation of the Boris Pasternak novel starring Omar Sharif and Julie Christie, had its world premiere in New York.

On this date: In 1775, Esek Hopkins was appointed the commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy.

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1910, a fire lasting more than 26 hours broke out at the Chicago Union Stock Yards; 21 firefighters were killed in the collapse of a burning building.

In 1937, the first, center tube of the Lincoln Tunnel connecting New York City and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River was opened to traffic. (The second tube opened in 1945, the third in 1957.)

In 1940, author Nathanael West, 37, and his wife, Eileen McKenney, 27, were killed in a car crash in El Centro, California, while en route to the funeral of F. Scott Fitzgerald, who had died the day before.

In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected a German demand for surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply.

In 1968, Julie Nixon married David Eisenhower in a private ceremony in New York.

In 1977, three dozen people were killed when a 250-foot-high grain elevator at the Continental Grain Company plant in Westwego, Louisiana, exploded.

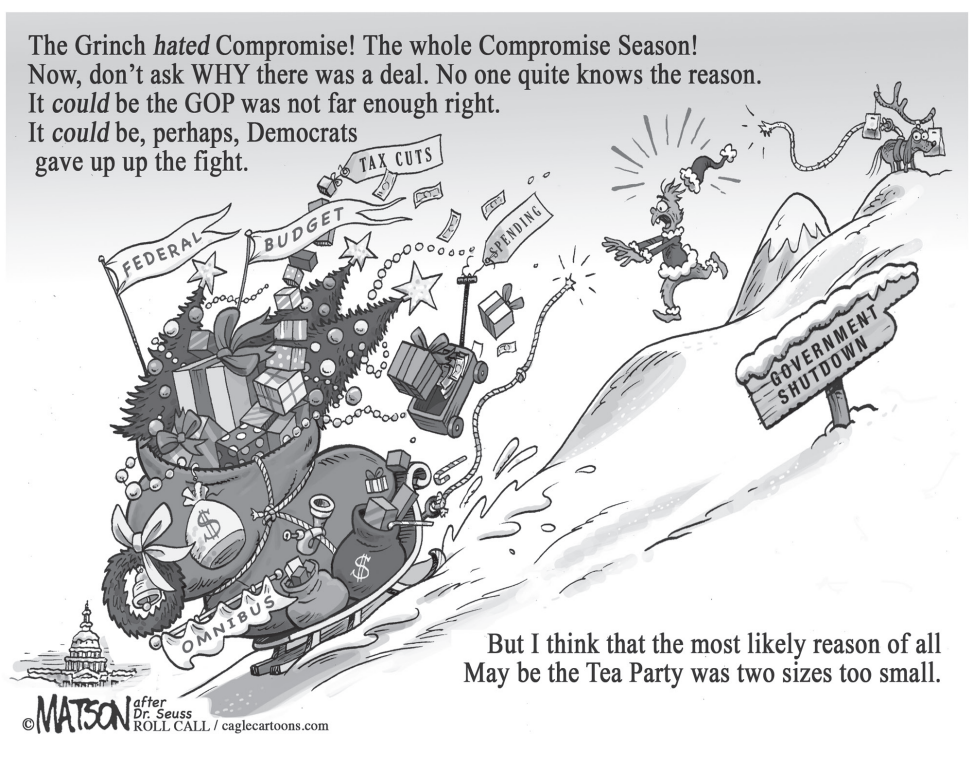
In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising. Playwright Samuel Beckett died in Paris at age 83.

In 1990, 21 sailors returning from shore leave to the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga drowned off Haifa when the Israeli ferry they were traveling on capsized. Lech Walesa took the oath of office as Poland's first popularly elected president.

In 1995, actress Butterfly McQueen, who'd played the scatterbrained slave Prissy in "Gone with the Wind," died in Augusta, Georgia, at age 84.

FROM THE BIBLE

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14.* Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



The Rez Of The Story

Some Final Thoughts On Boarding Schools

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives), The tale of "The Boarding School Experience" that has unfolded over the past three weeks is a cautionary one because of the sensitive nature of the subject material. It is a tale of two cultures at odds with one another because of diametrically opposed ideology and ways of life. It is a tale of one culture's intent to destroy and eradicate the other. Sadly, it is a tale that tends to disturb because it is a tale of non-fiction. Finally, it is a tale that necessarily will continue to be told as the ending has not yet happened and so I offer this epilogue.

Obviously these schools were not designed to nurture and so the abuse experienced and witnessed was carried back home to be handed down from generation to generation. I have observed over the years that often one time victims became present time offenders.

It has been estimated (according to the film "Our Spirits Don't Speak English") that in 1492 as many as 15 million indigenous people lived in what was to become the United States. By the end of the 19th century the population was 250 thousand — many of our people perishing because of our exposure to infectious diseases encountered in our contacts with Europeans. We had no way of fighting these diseases having not developed the antibodies necessary for our body's immune systems to function effectively. Genocide became the fate of many others who were simply "in the way."

The pain and trauma of these experiences are being masked or covered up by alcoholism, drug abuse or other addictions as a means to cope with the intergenerational trauma experienced several generations hence from the initial suffering of those who were there.

Gayle Ross: "Indian people are resilient and in spite of the abuses there were success sto-

ries. One of them was 'Bright Path.' In following the path of his life, his achievements, shown like no other athlete in history, the world knew him as Jim Thorpe.

"In the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden, Jim Thorpe (a Sac and Fox Indian from Oklahoma) and a student at Carlisle Indian School, became the only man in history to win gold medals in both the decathlon and pentathlon."

In 1950 Jim Thorpe was voted as the "greatest athlete and football player of the first half of the 20th century." His achievements athletically, has inspired whole generations of Native people and stands as both a reminder of our capabilities and as a beacon of hope to our people to forge ahead and to embrace success in all aspects of life.

Because of the academic skills learned in these boarding schools, particularly reading and writing English, we Natives can better communicate with each other as we develop ways to effectively reconstruct our political, economic and social systems as well as participate in the dominant society's opportunities for higher education [and economic self-sufficiency].

"In the 1950's Indian people began to seek higher education. Today there are 32 Tribal Colleges in the United States controlled by Indian administrators and educators blending the Indian way with education" — Gayle Ross.

While it is definitely time to move ahead in our adaptation and development as a people nevertheless we cannot sweep the past under a rug and ignore its lessons. We must face our history squarely with the courage of truth and the conviction of purpose and place so that the past and present will have meaning and the future deliver to us all peace and justice in our individual and community lives. "We shall overcome" is more than a self full filling prediction, it is our destiny.

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Vince TWO EAGLES

Capitol Notebook

Dear Santa: Excuse Me While I Kiss This Cookie

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Christmas week brings so many joys, especially for folks who love sweet treats, rich meats, aged cheeses and hot drinks.

The bakers and the cooks, the generations-old family recipes, the real butter.

The unexpected delights, such as a true fruitcake, so packed with nuts and dates and preserved cherries and pineapple you have to lean hard on the butcher knife to cut a slice.

The best fruitcake I've ever had — and no, this is not a joke — arrived at our house a few days ago.

The homemade gift came from our friend Cheryl, after a casual conversation at a Christmas party on a few nights before.

That's where we learned her significant other's mother was the fruitcake-fundraiser for his school's music program when he was a boy back in Iowa.

The delivery truck from a regional fruitcake factory would pull up to his dad's appliance store and unload the school's order — his mom's order — for the season.

Those fruitcakes sounded nothing like the loaf Cheryl gave us. But oh they sold.

When I find one in a store — that is, when I remember to look — I buy a boxed fruitcake for my wife, Ellen. Her father bought her mother a fruitcake each Christmas.

This is a benefit that advancing middle age brings. You know what each of you likes. You know what is important to each other.

If you're lucky and spoiled, your wife's baking gets only better and better, year upon year.

Her feet ache a lot this time of year. She is baking many nights of the week, producing cookies for friends and co-workers and family and freezer.



Bob MERCER

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