

Tobin's Take On World Events

BY TOBIN BARNES

Admittedly, I have absolutely no background or expertise to discuss the following. But then, when has that ever stopped me? Nevertheless, I am, as are most of you, a very interested observer of the world scene, and I, like you, have my opinions. So here they come.

But yet I hope I won't appear as presumptuous here as Alfonso the Wise, who said, "If I had been present at creation, I would have given some useful hints." Let's just say I have a few modest proposals to throw out there. And I'll qualify my assumptions much as Bette Midler did with, "I never know how much of what I say is true."

Anyway, this on-going, never-ending War on Terror has me concerned. How about you? Now we've got underwear bombers in addition to shoe bombers and the potential carry-on snack and soft drink bombers. Travel life has become painfully circumscribed as well as too often tedious.

Here's the War on Terror situation: We're going to have to have more things scanned and prohibited and, it looks like, revealed: our underwear and even what's under our underwear.

As for my personal whole-body scan, I say to any potential TSA screener, "Hey, Buddy, knock yourself out." I don't care. It's either that or our coming to accept losing a plane every once in a while. And most of us cringed mightily during the Russian roulette scenes in the movie "Deer Hunter."

Because the underwear bomber allegedly got his instructions in Yemen, our counter-terrorism efforts are now focusing on that 13th century backwater. Holy-moly, how many of these self-troubled trouble spots are we going to have to attack, bomb, mop up, rebuild and hand hold? There's a never-ending supply out there.

I read the other day that there are some ninety countries in the world with unstable, Rube Goldberg-type governments, and a goodly number of them are Muslim. Countries with unstable governments, Muslim or not, are jam-packed with unstable, rightfully restless people who are clawing for solutions—perfect breeding grounds in the Muslim countries, if not elsewhere, for more terrorists.

And these terrorists are religiously inclined to use the ultimate weapons, not only nuclear but self-immolation. In their pinched, myopic, fundamentalist worldview, everything, from babies to old ladies, is fair game



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if it's in the name of Allah. Amen.

Of course, all religions have had their crackpots who have been willing to reek mayhem on society whether society needed it or not, but these are the crackpots we're dealing with right now. And few times has western civilization had to deal with people intent on destroying themselves and the general vicinity to make a point.

Patriotism to the point of heroics is one thing, but single-minded dedication to self-destruction is a whole nother ballgame rarely played in the West. How do you stop suicidal fanatics, especially these suicidal fanatics who think God wills what they do? The obvious answer is "Sometimes you don't." It's the nasty reality of the current predicament. Suicide attacks are potent and will necessarily take their toll.

And what about the Muslim religious leaders? We often hear that Islam is a religion of peace. So why don't we hear the outrage from the mullahs against these perversions of their beliefs? Wouldn't muslim protests for peaceful avenues help the situation, even somewhat? Well, maybe the outrage is there, but as far as can be discerned in the West, it seems to be on the back burner.

So there's the situation as I humbly see it. No revelations, of course, no burning bushes, but I wanted to lay the ground work for my modest proposals.

And here's the first one: We need to change our current approach to remedy this mess and get on top of it from a position of strength, rather than guessing where the next trouble spot is going to be. Yeah, that's right. Change the entire strategy.

Instead of invading these trouble-spots and expending young lives and borrowed treasure, we need to fight this war from outside these places, not in them. Uh huh, stay out of these cesspools and battle terrorism from outside the borders of these countries. In other words, we need to stay out of other people's nasty back alleys.

"I'll explain this preposterous notion next time.

Tobin's website: <http://tobin.barnes.blogspot.com>

Tobin Barnes, a high school English teacher, gets his skewed viewpoints of life from staring too much at Crow Peak, which looms above his home a few miles outside Spearfish.

Nice Gesture Does No Harm To Cars

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I am a valet at a local country club in Wisconsin. As you well know, it gets very cold here in the winter months, and that leads to my question. As a favor to the members who choose to valet park with me, I like to warm up their cars before they leave. I let the cars run anywhere from two to 15 minutes, depending on how long they take to get ready to leave, get their coats, finish conversations, etc. So my question is: Am I doing any damage to these automobiles? Would they be better off next winter driving away in ice-cold cars? — John

RAY: You're not harming their cars, John. The only harm you're doing is wasting gasoline. And since they're all paying exorbitant dues to belong to a country club, they're probably not worried about gas money.

TOM: In the old days, when cars were carbureted, you COULD do harm by warming up a car for too long. In warm-up mode, a carburetor would pour lots of gasoline into the cylinders, and the excess gasoline could run down into the crankcase and dilute the



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oil. And the rich mixture could ruin the catalytic converter, too.

RAY: But modern cars meter their gasoline into the cylinders so precisely, with the help of computers, that they can idle for days without a problem. This was proven in Princeton University's famous "Police Cars in Front of Dunkin' Donuts" study from 2003. And 2004. And 2005.

TOM: So, in terms of the cars themselves, you're doing no harm. And I'm sure your customers appreciate getting into a warm car and having heat immediately.

RAY: The only other downside is the extra pollution created by these long warm-ups. But I'd deal with that on a case-by-case basis. Now that you know who the good tipplers are, John, next winter, make sure THOSE cars get warmed up. And balance out that extra pollution by not warming up the cars of the lousy tipplers. In fact, you can turn on their electric seat coolers.

Wait! Don't buy another car without the mechanic's checklist that's included in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car. Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." It will help you get a good used car and avoid the clunkers. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

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SCHOLASTICS

MMC FALL GRADUATES

Mount Marty College in Yankton and Watertown, S.D. released the names graduates for the Fall, 2009 semester. Area graduates that have successfully completed the requirements of their selected degree programs are:

MBA - Christy Hauer, Master of Business Administration, Mission Hill; Chad Jensen, Master of Business Administration, Yankton; Abby Koller, Master of Business Administration, Yankton; and, Lara Russell, Master of Business Administration, Yankton

Bachelor of Arts - Katie Eversole, Criminal Justice, Tabor; Jessica Albers, Business Administration, Yankton; Nicole Finkral, English, Yankton; Jennifer Lucht, Elementary and Special Education, Yankton; Curtis Roth, Business Administration, Yankton; Ryu MiSeon, Interdisciplinary Studies, Yankton; Tara Sutura, Human Service, Yankton; and, Travis Wagner, Business Administration, Yankton.

Bachelor of Nursing - Britney Williams, Nursing, Yankton

Associates Degree - Matthew Fox, Business Administration, Yankton

UNL SALUTES GRADUATES

December 2009 graduates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources were honored Dec. 18 at the Salute to Graduates. Joshua Bies of Yankton was among the honorees.

SCHOOL OF MINES DEAN'S LIST

Four hundred and fifty students qualified for the Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, undergraduate students must earn a grade point average of 3.50 or higher for the semester, carry 12 or more credit hours and not have any "F" or "Incomplete" grades.

The following students from the area were named to the Dean's List at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology for the fall 2009 semester: Yankton: Tessanna Bauer, chemistry; Jarrett Grenner, computer science; Brandon Eisenbraun, mechanical engineering; Zachary King, electrical engineering; Michael Neilson, chemical engineering; and Jordan Schild, science.

Mission Hill: Mark Braunesreither, chemical engineering; Dustin Scheuffele, mechanical engineering; Utica: Nathaniel Hicks, mechanical engineering

BON HOMME HONOR ROLLS

Middle School 2nd Quarter Merit Roll (A+ and A)

8th Grade: Austin Kaul, Kelsey Sutura, Alexandra Viocek

7th Grade: Nicholas Jelsma, Elizabeth Kubal, Duncan Stoeber

6th Grade: Allison Carda, Maddison Hajek, Kohl Kubal, Morgan Rothschild, Shannon Sedlacek

'A' Honor Roll

8th Grade: Shania Denton, Sarah Heusinkveld, Lexie Ludens, Autumn Ramsdell

7th Grade: Andrew Roland, Carly Sternhagen

6th Grade: Allie Adams, Wesley Genant, Michelle Sestak

'B' Honor Roll

8th Grade: Dakota Bodden, Hannah Buchholz, Samantha Crews, Joseph Jaeger, Courtney Jaqua, Kayla Kloucek, Mariah Kostal, Alexi

Malatara, Caitlin McLouth, Michael Mesman, William Minow, Vanessa Navratil, Tyra Patzloff, Emily Pechous, Christine Pinkelman, Shawna Rezac, Danielle Tycz, David Tycz, Scott Van Winkle

7th Grade: Brendan Bares, Jonathan Barrett, Cole Cahoy, Lucas Crownover, Karl Fiedler, Chelsey Hisek, Rodney Holman, Kelsey Hovorka, Katlyn Kniffen, Elizabeth Mitzel, Ami Navratil, Karen Olson, Jaclyn Rothschild, Megan Schmidt, Madison Schwartz, Wyatt Stepka, Brooke Van Gerpen, Hunter Young

6th Grade: Alexander Caba, Courtney Eddy, Alan Haataja, Jr., Benjamin Hajek, Annie Hoerth, Danielle Johnson, Tyler Kaul, Carter Mecham, Justin Ringkob, Rebecca Roberson, Veronica Sanders, Paige Schuurmans

2nd Quarter High School Merit Roll (All grades of A+ and A)

Seniors: Caitlin Jelsma, Wesley Kloucek

Juniors: Elin Lantz, Peter Ruppelt

Freshmen: Lincoln Stoeber

'A' Honor Roll

Seniors: Bradley Chahak, Zachary Frank, Sara Holec, Robbie Jelsma, Marshall Kniffen, Danielle Kriz, Leah Nedved, Trisha Oliver, Jennifer Pechous, Michael Ruppelt, Cassandra Schuurmans, David Sestak, Laura Slama, Dylan Stoeber, Heidi Tjeerdsma, Marcus Tjeerdsma

Juniors: Cody Burbach, Camille Hajek, Nathan Kloucek, Gina Ludens, Amanda Putnam, Lance Ranek, Brad Rokusek, Tad Schuurmans, Brittany Tycz, Taylor Van Gerpen, Douglas Vanecek, Antonia Wachholtz

Sophomores: Kayli Adams, Sara Burbach, Ashley Holec, Shelby Jelsma, Dane Kubal, Emily Roberson, Eric Ruppelt, Jennifer Sip, Nathan Sutura, Scott Ulmer

Freshmen: Dustin Cuka, Tanner Hajek, Les Jelsma, Elizabeth Karge, Karlee Kozak, Thomas Mitzel, Alec Weber

'B' Honor Roll

Seniors: Aaron Best, Hoang Do, Abby Einrem, Alexandra Garness, Austin Hamre, David Ludens, Matthew Peed, Paul Raysby, Alyssa Sterrett, Joseph Sykora, Daniel Veliek

Juniors: Whitney Boese, Ian Dunham, Jamie Etta, Tennille Hixon, Max Hulgard, Katelyn Koch, Jay Kriz, Timothy Mesman, Concece Strong, Chad Sykora, Jared Van Winkle, Jacklyn Wieseler

Sophomores: Garrett Bentzen, Jacob Jaeger, Shaden Jones, Sarah Mann, Travis McDonald, Kelsey Mesman, Loren Pinkelman, Brittny Rezac, Anna Robertson, Tara Ronke, Brady Rothschild, Kayla Rothschild, Breeanna Souhrada, Raquel Sutura, Jessica Viocek

Freshmen: Grace Eben, Daniel Jelsma, Jody Kriz, Kodi Larson, Michael Massey, Mitchell Merkwon, Blasé Vanecek, Jacob Wubben

High School 1st Semester Merit Roll (All grades of A+ and A)

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DRURY DEAN'S LIST

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Earning a spot on Drury University's Dean's List is a significant accomplishment; it means a student earned a grade point average of 3.6 or greater (on a 4-point scale) while carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours at Drury, a top10 Midwestern university, according to US News & World Report.

In the fall 2009 semester, the following area students made the Dean's list for the day school: Vermillion: Samuel Brodeen McBride and David Andrew Rosacker

ISU ANNOUNCES GRADUATES

AMES, Iowa — At Iowa State University's winter commencement ceremonies, 1,560 students received degrees. Iowa State awarded 1,218 undergraduate degrees, 240 master's degrees, and 102 doctor of philosophy degrees.

From our area were: Anthony Vernon Howard, BS, Management, Dakota Dunes; Andre Renard Harness Jr., BS, Finance, Dakota Dunes; and, Wilber Yaote Lio, MS, Materials Science and Engineering, Vermillion

MMC TO HOST FINANCIAL AID CHAT NIGHTS

Mount Marty College financial aid and admission professionals will conduct free chat nights to assist students and parents with the financial aid

process. Sessions will be held January 19-20, 2010, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The goal of these chats is to support and guide students and their parents through the financial aid process.

Counselors from the Financial Aid and Admissions Offices will be available to provide information on the financial aid process, guidelines on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), information on financial aid sources and types of aid, how to complete the FAFSA, tips on scholarship searches, and information about scholarships at Mount Marty College. Admissions Counselors will also be on hand to answer questions about college planning and admissions.

"As students are challenged to meet the financial commitments of going to college during these difficult economic times, we are offering a unique opportunity for students to receive assistance with financial aid. Our goal with this program is to help students find financial resources amongst the plethora of financial aid options to assist them to attend Mount Marty. We aim to provide a quality, affordable private education. We can assist students interested in attending Mount Marty through our scholarships, grants and federal programs," according to Brandi DeFries, V.P. for Enrollment Management at Mount Marty.

For more information about Financial Aid Chat Nights, call the Mount Marty College Admissions Office at 800-658-4552. Those interested in participating in these chats can do so online at www.mmtc.edu or call toll-free at 800-658-4552 during the scheduled times. Scholarship Deadline Nears

February 1st is the deadline for several scholarships available to first-year students at Mount Marty College. Several competitive scholarships available for students who plan to attend in the Fall 2010 term. Students with a minimum of a 2.6 ACT or a 3.5 high school GPA will have the opportunity to vie for Mount Marty's most prestigious scholarships with the top award being full-tuition.

The scholarships include:

- Presidential Scholarship — up to full tuition
- Dean's Scholarship — up to \$10,000
- Trustee Scholarship — up to \$9000
- Benedictine Scholarship — up to \$8000
- Catholic Leadership Awards — varying amounts

In order to be eligible to compete in Mount Marty's Academic Scholarship Days, the student must be admitted to Mount Marty and submit a cover page, essay, and letter of recommendation two weeks prior to the date of the event. Interested students will also have the opportunity to audition or interview for talent scholarships on this day in the areas of band, choir, theatre and art.

For complete details and an application visit www.mmtc.edu and click on the Scholarship Days link.

Scholarship Day Slated For Feb. 11

The best and the brightest of Mount Marty's prospective Fall 2010 class are invited to the Mount Marty College campus on Thursday, February 11, to compete in the annual Scholarship Day.

Students with a minimum of a 26 ACT or a 3.5 high school GPA will have the opportunity to vie for Mount Marty's most prestigious scholarships, which range from up to \$8,000 to the top scholarship of full-tuition. The top presidential scholarship represents \$65,000 over four years of college.

In order to be eligible to compete, the student must be admitted to Mount Marty and submit a cover page, essay and letter of recommendation two weeks prior to Scholarship Day. Interested students will also have the opportunity to audition for talent scholarships on this day in the areas of band, choir and theatre. Mount Marty College also hosts a Talent Scholarship Day on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Talent Scholarship Day allows stu-

dents to compete with an on-campus audition for scholarships in the area of band, choir, theatre and art.

"Scholarship Day was a great experience! I highly recommend that anyone who is eligible and considering Mount Marty College participate as it assisted me [in affording] to attend Mount Marty," advised Micaela Rausch, the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship for Fall 2008.

For more information about Scholarship Day, please contact the Admissions Office at 800-658-4552.

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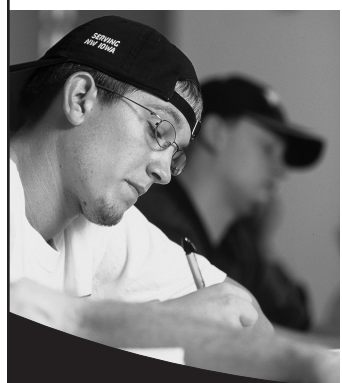
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Discovery Days Preschool is currently accepting students for enrollment.

Currently there are two sessions being held, and if the need arises a third session will be started.

A Tuesday-Thursday morning class is for three and four year olds and a M-F afternoon class for four and five year olds are in session now. If needed a M-W-F morning session will be added for four and five year olds.

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