

‘I Have A Dream’

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we offer you the text of King's legendary "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963:

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.

But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

CASHING A CHECK

In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check which has come back marked "insufficient funds." But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check – a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice.

Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

STANDING ON THE 'WARM THRESHOLD'

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom.

We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be

satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

'VETERANS OF CREATIVE SUFFERING'

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

'LET FREEDOM RING'

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hill-tops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

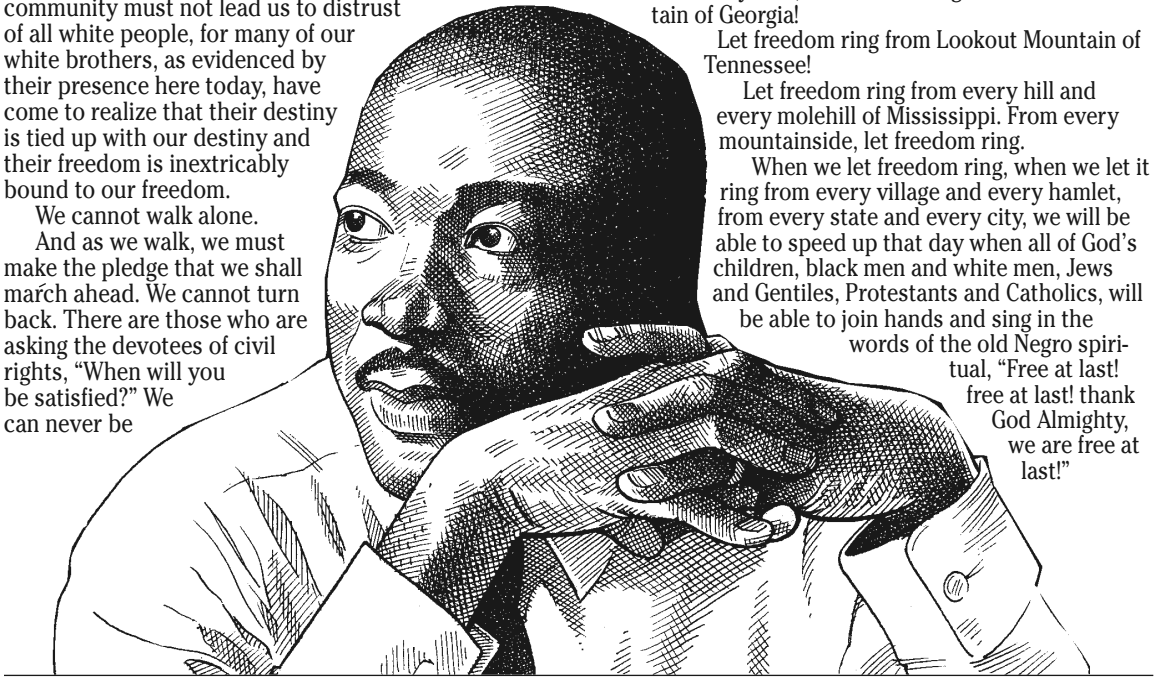
Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"



Pot Culture: 'Just Say Yes'?

BY BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

If you have kids, you most likely prayed hard that they would avoid drugs and alcohol. Once a child becomes intoxicated, childhood is over. The young person will never be the same again.

Thus, a sane society discourages substance abuse if only to protect children. A sane society does not put a happy face on inebriation.

We are not a sane society. With almost 30 million Americans currently categorized as "substance abusers," you would think that Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No" campaign, which launched in 1983, would be resurrected. But saying no is not what America in 2013 is all about. Saying yes to whatever you want to do is the rule of the day.

Washington State and Colorado have legalized the use of marijuana, and many Americans are celebrating. As Bob Dylan once sang: "Everybody must get stoned!" The usual excuses are put forth: It's a freedom issue. We can tax the drug to generate revenue. It will get the criminal element out of it.

But the truth is that legalized pot (or drugs of any kind) creates massive unintended consequences.

- In Holland, so many problems arose from pot being sold in "coffee shops" that a law banning the sale of cannabis to "foreigners" was passed. It seems the streets of Amsterdam, in particular, have become saturated with stoned people doing things outside that should be done inside.

- The Netherlands recently passed a new law, forbidding children from smoking pot *in school*. That's right, some of the urchins were getting high between classes. One teacher told the press it's hard to stop

that when pot is being sold legally across the street where hard-core drug addicts buy it and then sell it to the kids in order to get heroin money.

- In Portugal, they have legalized all drugs. The result: Drug-related homicides have increased by 40 percent. Drug overdoses are up by 30 percent.

- In Switzerland, drug-related deaths doubled and the health care system was overwhelmed after heroin was made legal in Zurich. The law was rescinded.

But here in the USA, we are now bullish on pot. Willie Nelson wrote a book glorifying the drug. Snoop Dogg says he wants to teach his kids how to smoke reefer. And the media in general see marijuana as a harmless diversion. If you are down on pot, you are decidedly uncool.

Fine with me. I'll risk the stigma. According to the federal government, 8,400 Americans begin using drugs every day, half of them under the age of 18. And 68 percent of folks who become addicted to drugs begin with marijuana. Get the picture?

Celebrate the pot culture if you want. But know that you are not helping kids by taking the high road.

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Tell China About Trade Opportunities

RAPID CITY JOURNAL (Jan. 16): Gov. Dennis Daugaard is leading another trade mission to China in April, and this time the trade delegation will be more focused on its goal of increasing exports with South Dakota's third-largest trade partner.

Daugaard recently told the editorial board that he will take 15 business leaders from the state along on the trade mission. He said the Governor's Office of Economic Development is still looking for state companies that are interested in participating in the trade trip and which are already exporting products or are export-ready.

Daugaard said that because the Chinese are so government-oriented, having a state governor on the mission lends credibility to companies that are interested in opening trade with China. "It's not a tourism trip," he said, adding that last year's visit included only one side trip to Beijing's Forbidden City.

Last year's trip was in conjunction with North Dakota's trade group, and the delegation followed their lead. This year, the South Dakota delegation is making the trip on its own and that because of contacts made in their first mission last year, they have a better idea of who to talk to on the return trip.

The visit is being timed to coincide with a China food show because of the potential for exporting South Dakota agricultural products. Daugaard said the Chinese are interested in ag imports because their agriculture industry is "unbelievably primitive."

"China has a huge demand for importing food and feed," said South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Walt Bones in a news release announcing the trade mission. "South Dakota's agriculture businesses are well positioned to supply China the products they need."

Like last year's trade mission, the trip is being funded by a federal State Trade and Export Promotion grant from the Small Business Association. Businesses that make the trip will be eligible for partial reimbursement of travel costs.

We are pleased to see South Dakota return to China to expose the world's largest nation to South Dakota-grown and made products. According to the U.S. China Business Council, South Dakota's exports to China have grown from \$20 million in 2009 to \$70 million in 2011. Despite tripling exports in just two years, South Dakota still has a long way to go to catch up with the rest of the country on trading with China. Only North Dakota and Wyoming have fewer exports with China than South Dakota.

South Dakota may have arrived late to the China trade dance, but the potential for increasing business with China is enormous - more than 30 states have exports of more than \$500 million.

South Dakota has to sell itself to the Chinese as a good trading partner, and the only place to do that is in China.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2013. There are 344 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 21, 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

On this date: In 1648, Margaret Brent went before the Maryland colonial assembly to seek two votes in that body, one for herself as a landowner, the other as the legal representative of the absent Lord Baltimore; the assembly turned her down.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners whose states had seceded from the Union resigned from the U.S. Senate.

In 1908, New York City's Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance prohibiting women from smoking in public (the measure was vetoed two weeks later by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr.).

In 1910, the Great Paris Flood began as the rain-swollen Seine River burst its banks, sending water into the French capital.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1937, Count Basie and his band recorded "One O'Clock Jump" for Decca Records (on this date in 1942, they re-recorded the song for Okeh Records).

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Conn. (However, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later.)

In 1958, Charles Starkweather, 19, killed three relatives of his 14-year-old girlfriend, Caril Ann Fugate, at her family's home in Lincoln, Neb. (Starkweather and Fugate went on a road trip which resulted in seven more slayings.)

In 1968, the Battle of Khe Sanh began during the Vietnam War. An American B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed in Greenland, killing one crew member and scattering radioactive material.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1982, convict-turned-author Jack Henry Abbott was found guilty in New York of first-degree manslaughter in the stabbing death of waiter Richard Adan in 1981. (Abbott was later sentenced to 15 years to life in prison; he committed suicide in 2002.)

In 1998, Pope John Paul II began a historic pilgrimage to Cuba. Actor Jack Lord of "Hawaii Five-O" fame died in Honolulu at age 77.

Ten years ago: The Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America's largest minority group. A powerful earthquake shook west-central Mexico, killing at least 29 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, and leaving 10,000 homeless. A gunman ambushed two U.S. defense workers in Kuwait, killing one and wounding another. Colombian rebels kidnapped an American photographer and a British reporter (Scott Dalton and Ruth Morris were freed after 11 days in captivity).

Five years ago: Democratic presidential rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama accused each other of repeatedly and deliberately distorting the truth for political gain in a highly personal debate in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

One year ago: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich stormed to an upset win in the South Carolina Republican presidential primary, dealing a sharp setback to Mitt Romney. Hundreds of angry Libyans stormed the transitional government's headquarters in the eastern city of Benghazi.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Wedgeworth is 79. World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 73. Opera singer Placido Domingo is 72. Singer Richie Havens is 72. Singer Mac Davis is 71. Actress Jill Eikenberry is 66. Country musician Jim Ibbotson (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 66. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 63. U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke is 63. Attorney General Eric Holder is 62. Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen is 60. Actor-director Robby Benson is 57. Actress Geena Davis is 57. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 50. Actress Charlotte Ross is 45. Actor John Ducey is 44. Actress Karina Lombard is 44. Rapper Levirt (B-Rock and the Biz) is 43. Rock musician Mark Trojanowski (Sister Hazel) is 43. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 41. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 40. Actor Vincent Laresca is 39. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 37. Country singer Phil Stacey is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nokio (Dru Hill) is 34. Actress Izabella Miko is 32.

Thought for Today: "It is the nature of all greatness not to be exact." — Edmund Burke, British statesman (1729-1797).

FROM THE BIBLE

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

YOUR LETTERS

Real-Life Santa

Colette Broekemeier, Yankton

I would like to thank a real life "Santa" we have in our community and let him know that the "Pay it Forward" of giving is alive and well!

A gentleman gave a young Walmart employee \$100 prior to Christmas and told her he wanted to give a gift to someone who could use it. He told her to do right by it. This young lady put a lot of thought into

what to do with that money. She called me at Autumn Winds and asked if we had a way to use it for someone who needed something that they couldn't afford. We have residents who love to have their hair done by our Beautician, but can't afford to do this very often.

This donation has made an extra special Holiday season for these residents! Thanks again to Santa and his helper and God Bless you.

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