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OPINION | OUR VIEW

Ice Jams And Modern Times

There's a familiar phrase that people like to toss out to introduce a reference to the past — "back in the day." Its implied specificity refers, in fact, to a more general time when situations were quite unlike current circumstances.

We point this out because, "back in the day," this might have been a more worrisome time for the Yankton vicinity in regards to the river.

During a teleconference with reporters last week, officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said they were keeping an eye on ice jams along the Missouri River. They pointed to one near Ponca, Neb., for example, that might potentially cause some issues.

There was a time when Missouri River towns like Yankton lived in dread of the specter of ice jams. Before the dams were built, these jams could be unpredictable menaces that could form temporary dams and create rising waters behind them.

Yankton knows all about this historically. For instance, the momentous Great Flood of 1881 was created by an ice jam downstream that caused flood waters to rise almost up to Second St. The flood also destroyed the small river settlement of Green Island, and it crushed a significant portion of the riverboat fleet that was based here. Another epic flood in 1916, again created by an ice gorge, swamped the lowlands from Yankton to Vermillion.

We can now, of course, thanks to the series of dams along the Missouri. We can regulate the discharges from the dams in order to possibly break up any flows. Higher discharges from the dams can massage an ice jam by keeping the water flowing at a brisk pace with the hopes of gently breaking the blockage up.

This is now just part of the Corps' daily operation. "Back in the day," with no dams and no Corps to regulate the flow, we had to instead nervously watch and wait to see what the river was going to do.

The threats posed by ice jams and ice floes along the river haven't completely disappeared. Such a blockage in the right spots can still cause the river to pool up and perhaps inundate low-lying land. So, that possibility has not been completely eradicated.

However, it certainly has been reduced from what it once was.

This is one of the things about river management that we take for granted now, mostly because we have the luxury to do so. But we really shouldn't. This ice jam news from last week was merely a reminder of how far we have come from "the day" when had no control and we were always at the mercy of that dark, unpredictable river that we still rely on.

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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 support the Common Core standards for public schools?
No 51%
Yes 30%
Not sure 19%
TOTAL VOTES CAST 213
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:

Would you support state or municipal restrictions on e-cigarettes?
To vote in the *Press & Dakotan's* Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

ON THIS DATE

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2014. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 14, 1964, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, in a brief televised address, thanked Americans for their condolences and messages of support following the assassination of her husband, President John F. Kennedy, nearly two months earlier.

On this date: In 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1814, the Treaty of Kiel ended hostilities between Denmark and Sweden, with Denmark agreeing to cede Norway to Sweden, something Norway refused to accept.

In 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" had its world premiere in Rome.

In 1914, Ford Motor Co. greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing an endless chain to pull each chassis along at its Highland Park plant.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator."

In 1954, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were married at San Francisco City Hall. (The marriage, however, lasted only about nine months.)

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, "Segregation today, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever!" — a view Wallace later repudiated. Sylvia Plath's novel "The Bell Jar" was published in London under the pen name "Victoria Lucas," less than a month before Plath committed suicide.

In 1969, 27 people aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, off Hawaii, were killed when a rocket warhead exploded, setting off a fire and additional explosions.

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

In 1989, President Ronald Reagan delivered his 331st and final weekly White House radio address, telling listeners, "Believe me, Saturdays will never seem the same. I'll miss you."

In 1994, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord to stop aiming missiles at any nation; the leaders joined Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk in signing an accord to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.

Ten years ago: Former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow pleaded

guilty to conspiracy as he accepted a ten-year prison sentence. (He was actually sentenced to six years and was released in Dec. 2011.) J.P. Morgan Chase and Co. struck a deal to buy Bank One Corp. for \$58 billion. A female Palestinian suicide bomber killed three Israeli soldiers and a private security guard at a Gaza crossing. U.N. officials announced that Libya had ratified the nuclear test ban treaty. President George W. Bush unveiled a plan to send astronauts to the moon, Mars and beyond. Death claimed actress Uta Hagen in New York at age 84 and actor Ron O'Neal in Los Angeles at age 66.

Five years ago: Freshly returned from a tour of war zones and global hotspots, Vice President-elect Joe Biden told President-elect Barack Obama that "things are going to get tougher" in Afghanistan. A French court acquitted six doctors and pharmacists in the deaths of at least 114 people who'd contracted brain-dead destroying Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease after being treated with tainted human growth hormones. Actor Ricardo Montalban died in Los Angeles at age 88.

One year ago: Lance Armstrong ended a decade of denial by confessing to Oprah Winfrey that he'd used performance-enhancing drugs to win the Tour de France. Veteran stage and film actor Conrad Bain, 89, died in Livermore, Calif.

Today's Birthdays: Blues singer Clarence Carter is 78. Singer Jack Jones is 76. Singer-songwriter Allen Toussaint is 76. Former NAACP Chairman Julian Bond is 74. Actress Faye Dunaway is 73. Actress Holland Taylor is 71. Actor Carl Weathers is 66. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 66. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 65. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Maureen Dowd is 62. Rock singer Geoff Tate (Queensryche) is 55. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 51. Actor Mark Addy is 50. Fox News Channel anchorman Shepard Smith is 50. Rapper Slick Rick is 49. Actor Dan Schneider is 48. Actress Emily Watson is 47. Actor-comedian Tom Rhodes is 47. Rock musician Zakk Wylde (Ozzy Osbourne Band) is 47. Rapper-actor LL Cool J is 46. Actor Jason Bateman is 45. Rock singer-musician Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters) is 45. Actor Kevin Durand is 40. Actress Jordan Ladd is 39. Retrosoul singer-songwriter Marc Broussard is 32. Rock singer-musician Caleb Followill (Kings of Leon) is 32. Actor Zach Gilford is 32. Rock musician Joe Guese (The Click Five) is 31. Actor Jonathan Osser is 25.

Thought for Today: "If you limit your actions in life to things that nobody can possibly find fault with, you will not do much." — Charles Lutwidge Dodgson ("Lewis Carroll"), English author (1832-1898).

FROM THE BIBLE

Even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. Isaiah 46:4.
Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis



Declaring Independence

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives),
The French writer known as Nicolas Chamfort who lived between 1741 and 1794 once wrote: "Nature never said to me: Do not be poor; still less did she say: Be rich; her cry to me was always: Be independent."

Wikipedia defines independence as "...the state of a country, nation or state in which its population exercises self-government or sovereignty. Independence refers to freedom. Freedom of speech and expression, freedom of movement, freedom to do whatever you wish, all can be termed as independence. Nations that are ruled by some other nation are slaves and have to bear the domination and subjugation of the nation which rules them ..."

The First International Treaty Council of the Western Hemisphere was organized in June 1974 in Ocheti Sakowin (Seven Council Fires) territory in a portion of which is recognized as the territory of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. There were 97 Native nations from both North and South America represented at that gathering.

The "Declaration" calls for the need to address treaty issues at the international level, i.e., the United Nations. Other political and historical issues are included as well and it makes for a serious statement of Indian affairs particularly the need for independence of our respective Native nations.

What does it mean to be independent? Being independent doesn't necessarily mean isolationism though political autonomy does suggest a certain exclusiveness. In this time of economic uncertainty around the world, it is far better to seek partnership and joint effort wherever possible while maintaining our respective sovereign status.

Most Indian reservations are heavily dependent upon the federal dollar to meet the needs of tribal members — all the way from weatherization of tribal member's homes to providing a health care delivery system through the Indian Health service which administers 49 hospitals and 492 outpatient facilities

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across the nation. These facilities need to be taken over and administered by tribes so that we can take charge of our own health care.

Being independent suggests that tribes continue to develop ways to empower themselves. The continued dependence on the federal dollar for our health care severely compromises our independence because the federal bureaucracy itself eats up better than 80 cents of every appropriated dollar. Where's the sense in that?

Insisting on a nation-to-nation relationship with the U.S. because of our international relationship through our treaties will go a long ways toward not only "declaring independence" but prompting tribes to practice independence. Rather than spending 20 cents on the dollar, why not appropriate needed revenues on a nation-to-nation basis and spend the whole dollar where it should be spent: at the service delivery level and not at the administrative level?

Eventually, tribes will need to assume full responsibility for delivering their own health care without the federal government red tape and built-in self-preservationist's practices rampant throughout the Indian Health Service. Just taking it one step at a time toward complete independence, I think, will inherently improve our chances of adequately meeting our health care needs, both in quality and quantity.

Tribes or Native nations making their own decisions about other aspects of life — including, but not limited to law enforcement, judicial services, economic development, land use, housing, governance, government and educational initiatives, all in sustainable ways — gives true meaning to a "Declaration of Independence."

Submitting ourselves to a continued exclusive diet of federal assistance will ensure our continued "dependence" on the U.S. government and not "independence." This means that the control of our life ways as Indian people is in jeopardy. Our right and responsibility to be self-sufficient is given over to bureaucratic priority, which by its very nature ignores people priority.

And now you know the rez of the story. Doksha (later) ...

A Small-Government Paradox

BY LEONARD PITTS JR.

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Marlise Munoz was 33 when she died.
She was at home when she collapsed from an apparent blood clot in her lungs. It was an hour or more before her husband, Erick, found her. He says doctors pronounced her brain dead, though John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, citing privacy concerns, has declined to confirm that diagnosis.

It is, at any rate, nearly a month and a half since this happened, yet Marlise remains hooked up to life support. Her mother wants her removed. Her father wants her removed. Her husband wants her removed. He says his wife — like him, a paramedic — specifically said she never wanted to be kept alive by artificial means.

But the hospital has refused the family's requests, citing a Texas law that prohibits taking a pregnant woman off life support. And Marlise, the doctors found, was 14 weeks along.

As it happens, this family's plight is the inverse of another that has recently transfixed the nation. Marlise's family wants her removed from life support, but the family of 13-year-old Jahi McMath fought to keep her attached. McMath was declared brain dead by a hospital in Oakland, Calif., after complications from surgery to remove her tonsils. This triggered a legal struggle that was resolved last week when the hospital released Jahi to the coroner and the coroner released her to her mother's custody. Jahi is now receiving "treatment" at an undisclosed facility and her family says her condition is improving.

It seems unlikely. The cessation of neurological function is not some "technical" death. Experts say in such cases, the brain liquefies, which would seem to be about as dead as you can get. So one suspects Jahi's family is simply seeing what it needs to see.

That said, who can blame them? Who among us has the right to foreclose their prayers or the wisdom to draw some hard and fast line beyond which faith becomes foolishness and steadfastness an excuse to ignore reality? Who among us in the same situation would want somebody to

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substitute their judgment for ours — particularly if that somebody was some politician who'd never met us or our loved one?

This is what makes the situation in Texas particularly galling. Why is the state — not a doctor, not a faith leader, but the state — interposing itself in one of the most wrenching and intimate moral choices a family can ever make? What gives it the right?

There is a political paradox here. Texas, of course, is a very red state. As such, it prides itself on small government. The idea that citizenry functions best under the least government interference is an article of faith and the prime directive of the Republican Party.

But the state's interference in this family drama highlights the loophole in that ethos. Its advocates want small government when it comes to regulating firearms, the environment, education, business and taxes. But when it comes to regulating your personal morality, the same people suddenly want government to be the opposite of small. They want it big enough to peek over your shoulder, the better to ensure your choices line up with its ideas of right and wrong.

Thus it is no accident the party of small government is also the party of anti-gay legislation and trans-vaginal ultrasounds. Or that, in making the most anguished decision of his life, Erick Munoz finds himself saddled with help he did not ask for and does not need.

His father-in-law, Ernest Machado, told *The New York Times* the state has made his daughter "a host for a fetus." Indeed. In seeking to protect a life not yet viable outside the womb, it has reduced its mother to a thing, and robbed her family of its right to say a dignified and proper farewell.

And that paradox glows like neon. Sometimes small government isn't nearly small enough.

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YOUR LETTERS

A Special Gift

Glenna Andersen, Yankton

On Dec. 12, I came home to find a large Christmas bag of gifts along with a letter explaining it. I was to open one each day and on Christmas Day there would be two gifts to open.

As I went to Rapid City that weekend, my first gift was to be opened out there along with the second one.

"Curiosity has got me," someone said. "It must be some of your friends."
But no, that wasn't the case.

I have called every organization I can think of. All I know is that it was a taller younger person than I who delivered it. My grandson happened to be here that day and answered the door.

As I sit here this very cold morning with my coffee, I am having one of the cookies (actually three of the) — one of the many gifts I received. I am thinking of whom ever did this and I wish to thank them, you will be blessed in many ways.

Good health and happiness to you all in the new year!