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## The Space Station And World Peace

**THE MOSCOW TIMES (July 16):** Over the past several months, we have witnessed an almost major collapse in bilateral relations between Russia and the U.S., seemingly throwing to the wind more than 20 years of modest but quantifiable rapprochement between these powerful and once bitter enemies.

The Nobel Committee, which will award the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize in October, should look closely at the contribution each candidate makes toward the easing of tensions between Russia and the West when choosing this year's winner.

One candidate in particular has contributed more toward these ends than any other nominee: the International Space Station partnership.

This partnership, formed more than 15 years ago to facilitate the construction and operation of a \$150 billion outpost in space, represents the largest international collaborative project ever undertaken during peacetime.

Space agencies have so far refused to allow political currents to interfere with the International Space Station program. The crisis in Ukraine, however, has thrown the future of the program into question.

In response to U.S. sanctions, and a federal government order for NASA to suspend all cooperation with Roscosmos outside of the ISS program, Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin said in May that Russia was not interested in extending ISS participation beyond 2020. Roscosmos is in talks with the Russian government over the fate of ISS participation, but there are real concerns that politics will torpedo the otherwise bright future of the ISS program.

Ending Russian participation in the ISS could easily lead to a return to Cold War enmity with the very real potential of sparking an arms race in space, a scenario only narrowly avoided when the U.S. and USSR competed for glory on the final frontier.

It would also wreck one of the few examples of major international cooperation as governments burn bridge after bridge in the Ukrainian crisis.

The men and women of these national space agencies that make up the International Space Station partnership — the organizational structure established by partner agencies from 15 nations that support the football-field-sized space station — has promoted cultural understanding between all participants. NASA, European, Canadian and Japanese space officials live and work among their Russian peers in Moscow, and Roscosmos officials do the same in Houston.

Their interactions range from the mundane — arranging housing and office spaces for visiting delegations, to the extraordinary — preparing multinational teams of cosmonauts and astronauts to live and work in space through an exhaustive and collaborative training program at space centers around the world.

International space cooperation has also fostered understanding by engaging the military, scientific and industrial bases of the U.S. and Russia in a challenging, peaceful and forward looking mission, rather than pursuing purely competitive and militaristic ends.

Awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to the ISS would also encourage all governments involved to allow their space agencies to work together well into the future. With 50 nations now exploring space, the ISS also sets an exemplary standard for international cooperation, helping ensure that peaceful, civilian space efforts remain the norm.

The ISS shows that it is possible to overlook political differences and work together toward a truly global and uplifting goal: creating the framework for the human race to continue its push beyond Earth's orbit.

It is due time for the international community to make an unequivocal statement of support for the positive efforts of the U.S., Russia and their 13 partners aboard ISS during times of heightened and dangerous tension between Russia and the West.



**Writer's Block**

## My Rock 'n' Roll Lifestyle Comes To An End

**BY NATHAN JOHNSON**

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My rock 'n' roll lifestyle is coming to an end. Being a journalist in a small city usually isn't very glamorous, but I have done my best to convince people otherwise during the last 11 years when I described my job.

My "gigs" (meetings) were often at night, so I could "party" (work) late and usually sleep in unless I had an interview early the next morning.

I hung out and did collaborations (interviews) with a lot of local celebrities (elected officials, emergency response officials, business leaders, etc.). I had them all on speed dial, and we assembled some good songs (stories).

There were the highs (like the opening of the Meridian Bridge to pedestrian traffic) and the "Behind the Music" lows (like the prolonged Missouri River flooding in 2011).

This was the rock 'n' roll journalist lifestyle I led for the last 11 years.

On Friday, it will officially come to an end. I'll be starting a new job with a new employer.

I'd like to think I'm going out on a high note and not as a washed-up artist without any more tunes that people want to hear.

I really did enjoy almost — almost! — every minute of this instructive career and I hope it was evident to everyone who took the time to read my work.

It had the strange effect of making me feel like a child and an adult at the same time. I had to accept on many occasions that there are a lot of things I don't know or understand. I learned much about city and county government, the criminal justice system and the manufacturing industry, for example. It gave me a better idea of how this community and the larger world work. These constant lessons about day-to-day life from diverse perspectives made me feel like maybe I



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was qualified to call myself an adult (even though I still question those qualifications).

Many people along the way were patient teachers. They answered my questions about various topics. They gave me the confidence to continue writing. A good number of them I now count among my friends.

It's an old cliché, but only because it is so often the truth: It is the people I've dealt with in this job that I will miss the most, whether they were co-workers, sources, readers or others with whom I crossed paths.

I also genuinely appreciated the opportunity to write about the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of Yankton. Every community has those traits. But not every community is Yankton.

It's the place I've come to call home, and a community I've grown to love and appreciate for its beauty, its residents and its resilience.

Fortunately, I'll continue to reside here as I take on my duties as the communications coordinator for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

The work will be in a different genre, but I'm hopeful I'll be able to keep the beat. Fortunately, I have a lot of experience in asking questions and learning on the job. I have a feeling that will serve me well.

Perhaps the most valuable lesson I've learned from my time at the *Press & Dakotan* is this: Try to consider the perspectives of others, rather than assuming yours is the only one that matters. Even if you ultimately disagree with people, it is important to consider their viewpoints. Once you stop actively engaging with the ideas of others, it's easy to forget their humanity - and our collective capacity for fallibility. A humble heart and mind makes for the strongest heart and mind. I've seen this proven time and again during the last decade.

With that, I look forward to growing stronger, wiser and happier with all of you in the years to come. I am optimistic that the best of times is still ahead for this part of the world that we call home.

## Candidate Misses The Bus

**BY LEONARD PITTS JR.**

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It's a revealing video. Not in the sense of physical nakedness. No, what is naked in that clip is a kind of political opportunism that has become all too common.

Our scene is a roadside in Oracle, Ariz., where protesters have gathered. Word is, a busload of children from Central America is about to pass through, en route to a local shelter. People are there to shout at the bus.

Among them: Adam Kwasman, a tea party candidate for Congress. On the video, run by KPNX, a Phoenix TV station, Kwasman is seen inveighing against the flood of unaccompanied minors now showing up on the nation's southern border when someone whispers to him and he abruptly cuts his spiel short. It seems the bus is coming.

Kwasman hustles out to the road to protest this incursion and, more importantly, to be seen protesting it. He tweets out a picture of a yellow school bus, telling a reporter afterward, "I was able to actually see some of the children in the buses and the fear on their faces."

But these immigrant children are not frightened. They are also not immigrants. Rather, they turn out to be American kids bound for summer camp, giggling and using their cell-phones to take pictures of the demonstrators and the media horde. A chagrined Kwasman is forced to apologize. The rumored bus full of migrant children never arrives.

It's funny, yes. But that incident last week is also sad for what it says about the state of American politics.

Assume the bus had been the "right" one. You're still left with the reality that a bunch of adults — one a candidate for Congress — thought it a good idea to interdict a bunch of children who had just survived a long and terrifying journey from Central America, arrived alone in a strange land and been taken into custody — and yell at them to go back "to Mexico." In English.

What they wanted to happen hardly speaks better of those people than what actually did. But it is part and parcel of what now passes for political discourse in this country. And rather



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than elevate that discourse, our "leaders" routinely coarsen it.

Which is, I suppose, easier than actually confronting a problem.

How long has Congress been content to do nothing on immigration reform? President Bush pushed a reasonable plan in 2006, only to see it shot down by his own party out of a thinly veiled calculation that a measure offering even the slightest hope to Spanish-speaking peoples would not play well with the base. Despite declaring immigration reform a second-term priority, President Obama has been unable to get action out of a Congress more interested in kneecapping him than in doing any work.

You can only kick the can down the road for so long before you run out of road. Children are showing up at our border like foundlings left on a doorstep. Yet our putative leaders still cannot grapple seriously with the problem. Rather than getting to work on solutions that balance compassion with the need to protect our borders, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) claims this is happening because Obama "has been promising amnesty" (he hasn't) while Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-Ga.) says the kids are carrying the Ebola virus (they aren't). Now, there goes candidate Kwasman, yelling at the wrong bus. If elected, he'll fit right in.

No, the president is not blameless. Warned of a surge of unaccompanied minors showing up at the border two years ago by Texas Gov. Rick Perry, he apparently did nothing. Now we have a reported 57,000 children intercepted since October. That failure is troubling and if it exacts a political price, so be it.

But ultimately it's these acts of political gamesmanship that are most galling. What kind of human being looks at a humanitarian crisis and thinks: phoo op? So OK, if they won't offer a solution, I will!

Let's keep the kids. Deport Congress instead.

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**YOUR LETTERS**

**Speechless**

**Randy Gleich, Yankton**

I was speechless recently when I found out that the Yankton County Commission gave \$50,000 (free taxpayers money) to the Mead Building Restoration Project but is unable to find the money for storm sirens out by the lake.

On top of that, a consideration was made to

impose a property tax to fund the yearly operation of the building to the tune of \$50,000-\$80,000 a year.

This storm siren issue has been going on for years, and yet, there's no money, not in the budget, and other endless excuses.

When it comes to protecting their electorate, apparently it is a second issue to them.

**FROM THE BIBLE**

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:29. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis