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**OPINION**

## Archery: Yankton Hits A Bullseye

Overall, Yankton had a pretty good last week. It started (and ended) with some much-needed rain, and it also featured a revamped, rousing Ribfest that drew approximately 15,000 Saturday.

But perhaps the biggest news occurred at mid-week, when it was announced that Yankton had won the bid to host the 2015 World Youth Championships. It was the capping of a successful two-year process that will represent the biggest undertaking of this kind that this community — and perhaps South Dakota — has ever seen.

More than that, the event will showcase Yankton and South Dakota to the world.

For years, Yankton's stature in archery circles has been growing immensely, thanks in large part to the efforts of Bruce Cull, who has lured the National Field Archery Association to town and has turned the sport of archery here from a mostly unorganized recreation to a very organized and high-profile activity. This has led to national and international tournaments to come to Yankton — one of each is scheduled here later this summer — bringing with them people and dollars. Archery has become a key component to Yankton's tourism base.

But the World Youth Championships are a step up to the next level. It will draw an estimated 600 competitors from 60 countries, and the number of coaches, related personnel and fans could double that. Additionally, the biannual event is often viewed by nearly 1 billion people watching on television and the Internet.

That puts Yankton in a great position — and on the hot spot. Local organizers now have to work out the logistics of not only housing those visitors here — Mount Marty College will be utilizing its dorm space to assist, for example — but just how to get them here from regional airports. Those organizers will be working with people in Sioux Falls, Sioux City and Omaha, Nebraska, to make that process as smooth as possible.

Other activities and details will have to be figured out, as well. "This puts Yankton on a whole other level," said Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carmen Schramm. "This is way beyond anything we've ever done before. It's going to take a great deal of coordination just to get the community prepared for this event. We need to get our business community ready to deal with international visitors. We get those visitors now, but we have to be ready for the scale they will be in the community. It's going to be a huge opportunity for us."

Former Yankton mayor Nancy Wenande, who was introduced last week as the tournament's event manager, added: "We want to make sure everybody understands this is not just about Yankton. It's about the entire state."

The tournament is set for a year from now — June 8-14, 2015, to be exact — meaning Yankton organizers (as well as state officials) have that one year to make and finalize myriad plans. There should be little doubt that they are up to the task.

And Yankton itself needs to get ready. This is a major "get" for this market, and it's a call to put our best foot forward.

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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 prisoner trade that led to the release of American POW Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl?**  
No . . . . . 67%  
Yes . . . . . 21%  
Not sure/need more information . . . . . 12%  
**TOTAL VOTES CAST . . . . . 395**

*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 support raising South Dakota's fuel tax in order to fund road repairs?**  
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, June 10, the 161st day of 2014. There are 204 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On June 10, 1964, the Senate voted to limit further debate on a proposed civil rights bill, shutting off a filibuster by Southern senators. (The Civil Rights Act of 1964 went on to win congressional approval and was signed by President Lyndon Johnson.)

**On this date:** In 1692, the first official execution resulting from the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.

In 1864, the Confederate Congress authorized military service for men between the ages of 17 and 70.

In 1907, eleven men in five cars set out from the French embassy in Beijing on a race to Paris. (Prince Scipione Borghese of Italy was the first to arrive in the French capital two months later.)

In 1921, President Warren G. Harding signed into law the Budget and Accounting Act, which created the Bureau of the Budget and the General Accounting Office.

In 1934, English composer Frederick Delius, 72, died in Grez-sur-Loing, France.

In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.

In 1942, during World War II, German forces massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of Nazi official Reinhard Heydrich.

In 1944, German forces massacred 642 residents of the French village of Oradour-sur-Glane.

In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

In 1971, President Richard M. Nixon lifted a two-decades-old trade embargo on China.

In 1985, socialite Claus von Bulow was acquitted by a jury in Providence, Rhode Island, at his retrial on charges he'd tried to murder his heiress wife, Martha "Sunny" von Bulow.

In 1994, the action thriller "Speed," starring Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper and Sandra Bullock, was released by Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp.

**Ten years ago:** Singer-musician Ray Charles, known for such hits as "What'd I Say," "Georgia on My Mind" and "I Can't Stop Loving You," died in

Beverly Hills, California, at age 73.

**Five years ago:** James von Brunn, an 88-year-old white supremacist, opened fire in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., killing security guard Stephen T. Johns. (Von Brunn died at a North Carolina hospital in January 2010 while awaiting trial.) Donald Trump fired Miss California USA Carrie Prejean, who'd sparked controversy when she said gays shouldn't be allowed to marry, citing contract violations.

**One year ago:** Jury selection began in Sanford, Florida, in the trial of neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, charged with second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. (Zimmerman was acquitted.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Britain's Prince Philip is 93. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 89. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 81. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 75. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 73. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 73. Media commentator Jeff Greenfield is 71. Football Hall of Famer Dan Fouts is 63. Country singer-songwriter Thom Schuyler is 62. Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., is 61. Actor Andrew Stevens is 59. Singer Barrington Henderson is 58. Former New York Governor-turned-media commentator Eliot Spitzer is 55. Rock musician Kim Deal is 53. Singer Maxi Priest is 53. Actress Gina Gershon is 52. Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is 51. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 50. Actress Kate Flannery is 50. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 49. Rock musician Joey Santiago is 49. Actor Doug McKean is 48. Rock musician Emma Anderson is 47. Country musician Brian Hoeffel (The Deraillers) is 47. Rapper The D.O.C. is 46. Rock singer Mike Doughty is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer JoJo is 43. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Faith Evans is 41. Actor Hugh Dancy is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lemisha Grinstead (702) is 36. Actor DJ Qualls is 36. Actor Shane West is 36. Country singer Lee Brice is 35. Singer Hoku is 33. Actress Leelee Sobieski is 32. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tara Lipinski is 32. Model-actress Kate Upton is 22. Sasha Obama is 13.

**Thought for Today:** "It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious." — Corollary to "Murphy's Law."

**FROM THE BIBLE**

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis



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**The Rez Of The Story**

## More On The Sundance

**BY VINCE TWO EAGLES**

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives). This is part two of a four part series which tells Fred Zepher Junior's version of how the Ihanktowan Dakotah Sundance was reprised after many years of being forbidden on the reservation. His story begins where we left off last week: "When the stem and the Pipe are put together, it is a sacred moment in preparation for a ceremony and it is done so for the sake of the people."

"She said, 'Keep it, care for it and pass these teachings on to your children and to your grandchildren. It does not belong to just one man or one woman, but to all the people.'"

"After spending several days with the people and instructing them in the ways of the Pipe, she left. As she walked away from the village, they saw her change back into a white buffalo. As the buffalo walked away further away from the village, it rolled on the ground and got up. It did this four times and each time it rolled on the ground it changed color — it changed from white to red, to yellow and then to black. Then, it was gone."

"The white buffalo is a sacred animal and the four colors are now used in each of the seven ceremonies which accompany the Pipe. Currently, some people believe these four colors signify the four races of mankind. That is a misnomer. These four colors are used to honor the buffalo and not the four races of man. That is the story of how the Pipe came to the people."

"The Sundance is one of the seven ceremonies that came to the people through a vision. There is a story that tells how the Sundance came to the people: One day an Indian by the name of Drinks Water walked through the village when all of a sudden, he stopped. The people in the village saw what he was doing and thought he was crazy. Some men in the village approached him and as they got close to him they too looked up at the sun and started dancing. They formed a circle as they danced and after they finished with each dance they rested. This went on for four days and for four nights. Each day brought another teaching. The dancers had visions and the young were taught to respect this ceremony."

"The men purified themselves in the Sweat-



Vince TWO EAGLES

lodge each day before entering the Sundance circle and immediately after coming out of the circle. When they pierced their flesh, they inserted skewers through the pierced flesh; then they tied the skewers to a raw hide thong which was tied to a cottonwood tree. They continued to dance and pull away from the tree until the skewers broke through their flesh. They danced and fasted from food and water for four days and for four nights. That is the story of Drinks Water's version of how the Sundance came to the people.

"My dad was inspired by the Indian's struggle. He was inspired by his father David Zepher's exploits as an interpreter and advocate for the Ihanktowan Dakota in the early days of the reservation. David's Indian name was Shunka de ska sapa or Black Spotted Horse. [The Indian name Black Spotted Horse was given to Fred Zepher Sr. by his father Dave Zepher]. He was also inspired by his maternal grandfather, David Ray as well."

"He used to tell the story of the scars on his grandpa's chest. He told us, 'One day grandpa David Ray was lying on a cot outside our house because it was hot. He didn't have his shirt on and I could see two long scars on each side of his chest. I was young and I was naive. I asked grandpa David Ray, 'Grandpa, do your scars hurt? How did you get them scars?'" Grandpa said, "Chaske, (he used to call me chaske [chaske means the oldest child that is a male] when I was young I did the Sundance."

"Dad used to tell us a lot of stories about grandpa David Zepher too. I remember one story in particular. 'One day, grandpa [David Zepher] took his mother to the agency down in Greenwood, South Dakota. She owned 80 acres of good farm land and wanted to rent her land to a man she knew. When grandpa told the Boss Farmer at the Yankton agency that she wanted to lease her land to her friend, Ben Owens, the Boss Farmer said, 'She can't. We already have a farmer who wants to rent it.' Grandpa looked at the Boss Farmer and said, 'Does this land belong to you or to my grandmother?'" The Boss Farmer said, "It is her land." Grandpa said, "Okay then, she can rent it to whoever she wants to!" The Boss Farmer didn't agree with grandpa, but he had to make the lease out to Ben Owens."

Watch for part three next week.

**Kathleen Parker**

## A Farewell To Old Friends

**BY KATHLEEN PARKER**

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WASHINGTON — You know how it goes. You lose track of friends and then one day, someone gets in touch to say the friend has left us to our mortal pursuits.

Two such messages came recently within the span of a few days.

The first was an email from a stranger who knew I had been friends with John Vasconcellos, the California legislator who was a weaver of big dreams and a lampoon target of Garry Trudeau's "Doonesbury."

In many cases, his dreams became reality and are accepted wisdom and practice today. He is probably best known for his creation of a commission to study the importance of self-esteem in childhood development. Always a few steps ahead of the Zeitgeist, Vasconcellos, who was 82, was first to pose questions others hadn't thought to ask.

I got to know John while working in California for the San Jose Mercury News in the 1980s. We met when I interviewed him for a story, but we became friends in the most curious way — by telephone from our respective hospital rooms. Both confined — he for a heart attack, I was on bed rest pending childbirth — we found solace and humor in each other's company. Like the two prisoners in "The Count of Monte Cristo," we were tap-tap-tapping to see if anyone else was there. Speaking daily at length, we laughed at our mutual predicament and delved deeply into subjects both philosophical and mundane.

Eventually, we left our institutionalized lives and got busy again. Even in retirement, John continued to seek ways to make life better for the people he served. He was "wacky" in the way we all should be wacky, wearing his tender heart on sleeves that were always rolled up.

The second message came from an old friend from an earlier era, those halcyon days of graduate school when everyone was young and everything seemed possible. I detected dried tears on the other end and perhaps, too, evidence of a wake already begun.

Richard Jaeggi — Richard the Good, I always called him — had died unexpectedly at 60. An old soul and a young pilgrim, Richard was one of a core group of us in Tallahassee, Fla. — seven or eight perpetual students and a handful of unrequited lawyers — who wanted to be writers. For a couple

of years, we were inseparable. We stayed up late playing "Dictionary," reading aloud from heavy volumes weighted with meaning, watched countless sunrises, and made regular sprints to the beach to play horseshoes and consume bushels of Apalachicola Bay oysters.

One summer, we convened Sundays to rehearse a play that David, our group's elder muse, had written. We performed it only for each other, but took our roles seriously, memorizing our lines and acting earnestly before an imaginary audience.

Richard was the quiet, contemplative one, always watching and smiling as one who knows the secret. He walked everywhere because, he said, he liked to walk. Richard was without peer at "Dictionary," a game in which players compete to make up the most convincing bogus definition to some arcane word. I even remember one of his definitions — "the turned cuff on a medieval gown."

Eventually, the sun set on these golden days. Richard wandered off to Nepal with the Peace Corps; I abandoned a Ph.D. program at Florida State and headed north toward an accidental newspaper career. Though we mostly lost touch, there are no friends like those from the time when life seemed infinite and death was a poem named "Annabel Lee."

Richard's path brought him to Silver Spring, Md., where, among other pursuits, he founded the Gandhi Brigade, an organization dedicated to training young people to become 21st-century leaders, using media and the power of communication to transform the world. "Make media, not war" is their motto.

In ways large and small, Richard and John were cut from the same cloth. With their passing, we lost two powerful if humble voices. On a personal level, I've lost two friends I always meant to revisit. Therein lies a moral for us all.

What was once poetry becomes nonfiction in due course. I wish I could give old John a call and laugh about his silly heart, but he got away before I looked up. I wish I could visit Richard to remember what it was like when life was a sunrise and friends were forever. But Richard went walking again when I thought there was still plenty of time.

Such is life, alas, but the ultimate deadline reminds us that it doesn't have to be.

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**YOUR LETTERS**

**Successful Food Drive**

**Paula Keehr, Yankton Food Drive Coordinator**

On Saturday, May 10, postal customers from Yankton, Mission Hill, Utica and Gayville participated in the national Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive and donated 9,000 pounds of non-perishable food and other items to the local food pantry.

We would like to thank all of the people who donated and everyone who collected and sorted the nonperishable items. We want to thank HyVee for the plastic bags with the food drive logo, the local media for printing and airing our public service announcement, and the businesses, schools and churches that allowed us to put up the posters.

Thank you all for filling up the shelves at the local food pantries.