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## We Say

### Hall of Famer



**THUMBS UP** to retired Yankton banker Denny Everson for his selection to the South Dakota Hall of Fame. The nine inductees for 2015 will be recognized at the Sept. 12 banquet at Cedar Shores resort at Chamberlain. Everson was selected in the Agriculture category, notably for his key role in founding the South Dakota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (SDARL) organization. The training program, launched in 2000, offers seminars and travel to participants during a two-year cycle. Around 250 new leaders have graduated from the program. Everson is also recognized for his work with innovative agriculture financing and for testifying on agricultural issues before congressional committees. Everson told the *Press & Dakotan* he looks for the SDARL to make lasting contributions. "SDARL is my legacy to the state of South Dakota. It's one of the greatest experiences of my life," he said.

### The Right Call



**THUMBS UP** to the decision by the Rockin' Ribfest committee to suspend and ultimately cancel the remainder of the festival last Saturday. The event at Memorial Park had a big crowd on hand and was just getting ready for its 6 p.m. performance by Go Figure when the skies turned dark and lightning flashed in the west. With the radar looking ominous and weather warnings popping up around the area, the decision was to suspend Ribfest until 9 p.m., when the headline act, Hairball, would take the stage. With that the stage was shut down and many people either left the park or took shelter in the area. Unfortunately, the weather outlook did not improve, and the officials wisely decided not to cancel the rest of Ribfest rather than risk life or limb. In hindsight, not much happened in Yankton, so the show could have gone on — knowing what is known now. But the call at the time was the right one.

### Losses



Wow, Thursday was a tough day for losing some well-known people, so a **THUMBS DOWN** sadly goes out to the passings of: long-time actor Christopher Lee, 93, known now for his work in the "Star Wars" and "Lord of the Rings" franchises, but a man who put British horror films on the map in the 1950s at Hammer studios; jazz legend Ornette Coleman, 85, a visionary artist who pioneered the "free jazz" movement who ranks with some of jazz's all-time greats; British actor Ron Moody, 91, who played Fagin in the 1968 film "Oliver!" and had a long and distinguished film and TV career; and yes, even Dusty Rhodes, 69, the flamboyant and charismatic professional wrestler (whose real name was Virgil Runnels) who was still kicking and head-butting when the sports reached its greatest fame in the 1990s. All these souls will be missed, and will make for a somber weekend for many fans.

## ONLINE OPINION

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the Press & Dakotan's Web site are as follows:

### LATEST RESULTS:

Would you support doing away with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)?  
No.....55%  
Yes.....37%  
Not sure.....8%  
**TOTAL VOTES CAST .....307**

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:

**How far do you plan to travel on your summer vacation?**  
To cast your vote in the **PRESS & DAKOTAN'S** Internet poll, log on to our website at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

## IN HISTORY

### By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2015. There are 202 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On June 12, 1965, the British government announced that The Beatles would each be made an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace later in the year; the selection sparked criticism, with some MBEs returning their medals in protest.

**On this date:** In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1920, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Warren G. Harding for president on the tenth ballot; Calvin Coolidge was nominated for vice president.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Republican national convention in Cleveland. (Coolidge had become president in 1923 upon the sudden death of Warren G. Harding.)

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, received a diary for her 13th birthday, less than a month before she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.

In 1956, the Flag of the United States Army was officially adopted under an executive order signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.) One of Hollywood's most notoriously expensive productions, "Cleopatra," starring Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and Rex Harrison, opened in New York.

In 1964, South African black nationalist Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison along with seven other people, including Walter Sisulu, for committing sabotage against the apartheid regime (all were eventually released, Mandela in 1990).

In 1967, the Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia*, struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1975, an Indian court found Prime Minister Indira Gandhi guilty of electoral corruption and barred her from holding office for six years; Gandhi rejected calls for her to resign.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

In 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slashed to death outside her Los Angeles home. (O.J. Simpson was later acquitted of the killings)

in a criminal trial, but was eventually held liable in a civil action.) Boeing's new 777 jetliner went on its first test flight.

**Ten years ago:** Vice President Dick Cheney, reacting to a growing chorus of calls to close the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, told Fox News Channel there were no plans to do so. American-educated professor and women's rights activist Massouma al-Mubarak was named Kuwait's first female Cabinet minister. At the LPGA Championship, Annika Sorenstam closed with a 1-over 73 for a three-shot victory over Michelle Wie, who shot a 69 to finish second.

**Five years ago:** A French fishing vessel rescued 16-year-old Abby Sunderland from her crippled sailboat in the turbulent southern Indian Ocean, ending the California teen's attempt to sail around the world solo. Ethnic riots wracked southern Kyrgyzstan, forcing thousands of Uzbeks to flee as their homes. Daniel Nava hit the first pitch he saw as a big leaguer for a grand slam — only the second player to do it — leading the Boston Red Sox to a 10-2 rout of the Philadelphia Phillies.

**One year ago:** During a tightly controlled tour of a converted warehouse at Port Hueneme, California, a government official said the number of migrant children housed at the facility after they were caught entering the country illegally could more than triple to 575 by the following week. The World Cup opened in Brazil with the home team beating Croatia, 3-1, after a funky opening ceremony featuring Jennifer Lopez and dancers dressed as trees.

**Today's Birthdays:** Banker/philanthropist David Rockefeller is 100. Former President George H.W. Bush is 91. Singer Vic Damone is 87. Songwriter Richard M. Sherman is 87. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 85. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 74. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 74. Singer Roy Harper is 74. Pop singer Len Barry is 73. Actor Roger Aaron Brown is 66. Rock singer-musician John Wetton (Asia, King Crimson) is 66. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 64. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 63. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burnette is 62. Actor Timothy Busfield is 58. Singer Meredith Brooks is 57. Actress Jenilee Harrison is 57. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 56. Rapper Grandmaster Dee (Whodini) is 53. Actor Paul Schulz is 53. Actress Paula Marshall is 51. Actress Frances O'Connor is 48. Actor Rick Hoffman is 45. Actor Jason Mewes is 41. Actor Michael Muhney is 40. Blues musician Kenny Wayne Shepherd is 38. Actor Wil Horneff is 36. Singer Robyn is 36. Actor Dave Franco is 30. Actor Luke Youngblood is 29. Country singer Chris Young is 30. Rap group MC Jay are 26. Actor Ryan Reynolds is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "Adventure is not outside man; it is within." — George Eliot, English novelist (1819-1880).

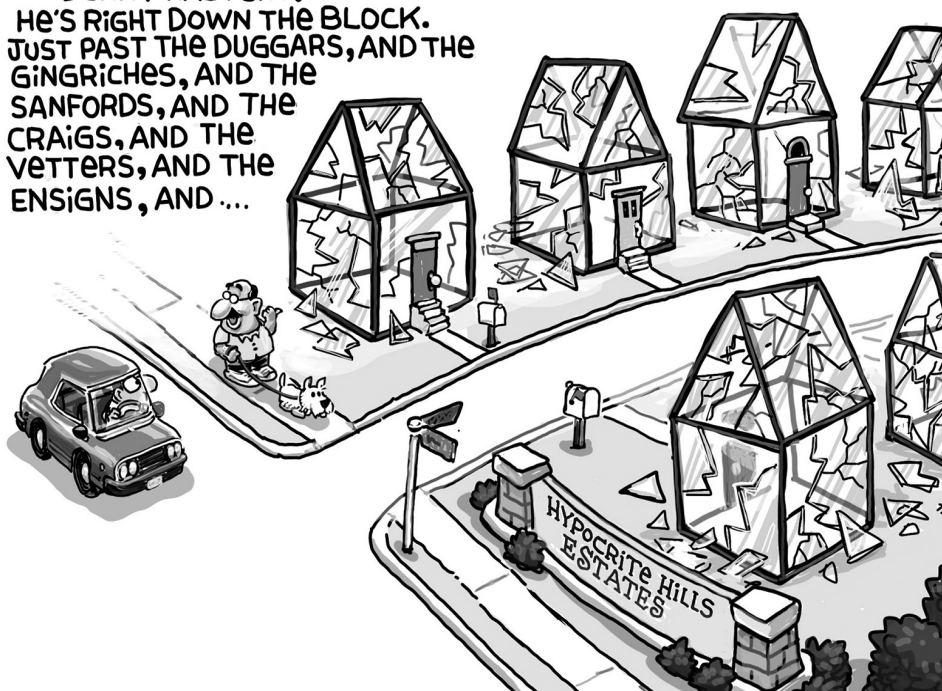
## FROM THE BIBLE

*The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding with steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Exodus 34:6-7.* Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

STAR TRIBUNE (agleCartoons.com)

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**DENNY HASTER? HE'S RIGHT DOWN THE BLOCK. JUST PAST THE DUGGARS, AND THE GINGRICHES, AND THE SANFORDS, AND THE CRAIGS, AND THE VETTERS, AND THE ENSIGNS, AND ...**



# Hello, Yankton; Meet Yankton

BY KELLY HERTZ  
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The World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) currently in town are providing an extra, unforeseen but, when you think about it, not really surprising benefit.

The tournament has not only brought the world to Yankton, which is a wonderful thing for this community, but it has also introduced some people in Yankton to parts of this town they probably didn't even know existed.

There was a great local crowd at the WAYC opening ceremonies Sunday on Easton Field behind the National Field Archery Association headquarters on E. Highway 50. And for some locals — a few of whom may have even been at Sunday's ceremony — almost none of that previous sentence made any connection until they reached the "Highway 50" part.

For these people, the archery center has been little more than "that building" behind the old Mexican restaurant on the east end of town where people apparently engage in archery or some such activity. Despite all that's gone on there the last few years and despite the considerable coverage provided by the local media, the place has been a void for them. They were probably aware of its existence, but little more than that — and they'd certainly never gotten a look at the place.

What they discovered this week is a terrific, sprawling, world-class (literally) archery complex that can host a global championship. And we have access to it 52 weeks a year. (The complex has become even better with the addition of First Dakota Field, which I saw for the first time Sunday. It's a great addition to the facility, creating one of those "This is in Yankton?" moments when you see it.)

There are some marvelous things in Yankton that not even some Yankton people know about or appreciate.

The Mead building is another case in point — in fact, it's could serve as the poster child for things people in Yankton might never dream to put on a poster about Yankton because they aren't aware of what it really is.

Mead was for decades part of the Human Services Center campus, a forbidding complex of buildings that were physically detached from the mainstream reality of Yankton. Mead

is a hauntingly elegant place, a ghost from a lost, dark era in the history of mental health care — oddly grand and sadly neglected. But it's now being revived, plucked from oblivion to become the cultural center and museum that its magnificent architecture demands it to be. And yet, few people realized such a place existed in their midst, and some people still

don't appreciate what kind of a building this could be. If you get a chance to see it, do so and prepared to be shocked by the fact that such a place was always here and was nearly demolished.

There are other facets of Yankton that would surprise some of the people who live here.

If you've never been to Bishop Marty Chapel — especially for Vespers — you have no idea about its reverential aura and beauty.

If you've never been inside the Cramer-Kenyon Heritage Home, you are depriving yourself of a wonderful insight into Yankton's stately past.

If you've never been to the top deck of Meridian Bridge, you're missing out on one of the greatest views of the Missouri River you will ever find.

Many people here don't even know that the Missouri River is actually the Missouri National Recreation River, a national park at our doorstep.

If you've never been to the Lewis and Clark Welcome Center above Gavins Point Dam, you are not getting a true appreciation of how important and impressive that earthen structure really is.

If you've never been to the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, or the Corps campgrounds, you won't see what other people see that makes them want to come here each summer ...

And there's a lot more — some of which I'm probably not even aware of myself.

There's a tendency in the Midwest to sell ourselves short, to see ourselves as anything other than an attractive destination with something to offer the world.

Perhaps in Yankton, at least, we're just too close to see it sometimes.

This week, the world is seeing what Yankton has to offer — and maybe, that will help Yankton finally start to see it, too.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Wise Words

#### Fernande Bitsos, Yankton

In his column "The Caretakers of Our Democracy" (*Press & Dakotan*, June 4), William Kerr brought back memories of my youth during World War II when the American troops landed in the French Protectorate of Morocco in November 1942. I was not quite 13 years old, but will never forget. They were our "liberators" from the German Nazi regime.

I watch them on my way to or coming home from the Lyceum (high school), in their jeeps or GMCs toward Algeria, Tunisia, Syria/Lebanon and Egypt to meet Gen. Patton, British General Montgomery...and to defeat German Gen. Rommel.

I hope the column by Mr. Kerr, a World War II veteran, will be read by those so-called Americans with the privilege and honor to vote, but yet, do not give a damn, but whine, complain or criticize rather than using their "citizen ballot."

Before arriving to the United States, one month short of my birthday (my Dad had to "allow" me to leave), I remember him asking if I would decide to become an American citizen. I asked why. Because, he said, if you do ... do not ever forget to vote! I never did forget. I have been proudly an American for 61 years

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and missed voting only once when I lived in Arizona and was not yet registered. While in the Peace Corps, I voted again by diplomatic mail.

Voters are what this country is all about, not the Congress, nor the Senate, and "Heaven forbids, not the Koch Brothers. I wasn't born here but I love my adopting country called the United States of America. I ask my compatriots, as Mr. Kerr wrote: Use your right, pay attention to what is spread by political contenders, listen to what is tried to be taken away from you.

Thank you, Mr. Kerr. We need more like you.

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