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**OPINION**

## A Trade Deal Everyone Hates?

Rarely have many of us seen so much hatred across such a broad spectrum of political thought as the amount of animus currently directed toward the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership, a 12-nation pact that could either open up new markets to America's goods (especially for agricultural products) or gut the economic foundation from millions of working Americans. It all depends on who you listen to or read.

Many Democrats hate it and many Republicans hate it. Many liberals hate it and many conservatives hate it. Many Barack Obama supporters hate it and many Obama haters REALLY hate it. Unions hate it. Environmentalists hate it. On this opinion page, columnists as diverse as the liberal Robert Reich and the conservative Michelle Malkin hate it.

As such, the deal is hung up in limbo. A displaced workers' aid portion of TPP was rejected resoundingly by the U.S. House last Friday by a vote of 302-126. At least 140 Democrats — including, ultimately, former speaker Nancy Pelosi — bucked the president in opposing the bill. The House then approved a fast-track measure for the pact, but without the aid deal, the bill will not proceed to the White House. (Obama is seeking fast-track authority to negotiate such deals, which means he would be able to hammer out trade deals and present them to Congress for an up-or-down vote.)

Getting a grasp on this has been difficult for casual observers. We see Democrats and Republicans aligning with unusual bedfellows on the matter. Obama has been working with Speaker of the House John Boehner (R), Rep. Paul Ryan (R) and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to push the measure, while opponents from all over the ideological spectrum have been finding their own reasons to coexist on a common ground.

Very few people know the full scope of TPP, the details of which were negotiated in secret. The deal would encompass 40 percent of global economic activity, and according to *The New Yorker*, it is "less a traditional trade deal than a comprehensive economic treaty and, at least for the United States, a strategic hedge against the vast and growing weight of Chinese regional influence."

But enough details of the secretive pact have been leaked to mobilize opposition.

One of the culprits in this current showdown is the ghosts of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), originally proposed by Republican Ronald Reagan but ultimately passed by Democrat Bill Clinton 20 years ago. This bill opened up trade markets in Canada and Mexico, but is widely seen to have led to hundreds of thousands of jobs leaving this country and hurting wages in the process. (It could theoretically be argued that this impacted Yankton when it lost its Aalf's plant in the late 1990s.) While TPP isn't really the same thing as NAFTA, it is close enough to draw the ire of unions and lawmakers from several industrial states.

Despite Friday's stunning rejection, there is still some belief that TPP will ultimately be passed in some form, but more input is sought. For the White House and TPP's allies, there appears to be no choice in the matter. It's time to put the cards on the table or risk losing the whole game.

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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:

**How far do you plan to travel on your summer vacation?**

0-100 miles.....	29%
More than 1,000 miles.....	23%
101-500 miles.....	21%
501-1,000 miles.....	14%
Not sure.....	13%
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST.....</b>	<b>240</b>

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 think the U.S. and its allies are losing the fight against the Islamic State (ISIS)?**  
To cast your vote in the **PRESS & DAKOTAN'S** Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

## IN HISTORY

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Tuesday, June 16, the 167th day of 2015. There are 198 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On June 16, 1955, members of Argentina's military bombarded the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires in a failed attempt to assassinate President Juan Domingo Peron and his Cabinet, causing hundreds of civilian deaths, the same day Peron was excommunicated by Pope Pius XII for expelling two bishops from his country (however, the ban was effectively lifted in 1963).

**On this date:** In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in Lochleven Castle in Scotland. (She escaped almost a year later but ended up imprisoned again.)

In 1858, accepting the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

In 1911, IBM had its beginnings as the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. was incorporated in New York State.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signature. (The Act was later struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.) The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was founded as President Roosevelt signed the Banking Act of 1933.

In 1943, comedian Charles Chaplin, 54, married his fourth wife, 18-year-old Oona O'Neill, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, in Carpinteria, California.

In 1944, George Stinney, a 14-year-old black youth, became the youngest person to die in the electric chair as the state of South Carolina executed him for the murders of two white girls, Betty June Binnicker, 11, and Mary Emma Thames, 7.

In 1955, the Disney animated feature "Lady and the Tramp" had its world premiere in Chicago.

In 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, 26, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6; she spent 71 hours in flight, circling the Earth 48 times before returning safely.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties.

In 1987, a jury in New York acquitted Bernhard Goetz of attempted murder in the subway shooting of four youths he said were going to rob him; however, Goetz was convicted of illegal weapons possession. (In 1996, a civil jury ordered Goetz to pay \$43 million to one of the persons he'd shot.)

In 1999, Vice President Al Gore formal-

ly opened his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. Kathleen Ann Sallah, a fugitive member of the Symbionese Liberation Army, was captured in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she had made a new life under the name Sara Jane Olson. Thabo Mbeki took the oath as president of South Africa, succeeding Nelson Mandela.

**Ten years ago:** On the eve of Iran's presidential election, President George W. Bush said the voting was designed to keep power in the hands of a few rulers "through an electoral process that ignores the basic requirements of democracy." European Union leaders put on hold plans to unite their 25 nations under a single constitution. Masked gunmen took dozens of toddlers hostage at an international school in Siem Reap, Cambodia, killing a 3-year-old Canadian boy before they were overpowered by the police.

**Five years ago:** After meeting with President Barack Obama at the White House, BP Chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg announced the oil giant was establishing a \$20 billion claim fund and suspending dividends as he insisted, "We care about the small people." Movie director Ronald Neame ("The Poseidon Adventure") died in Los Angeles at age 99.

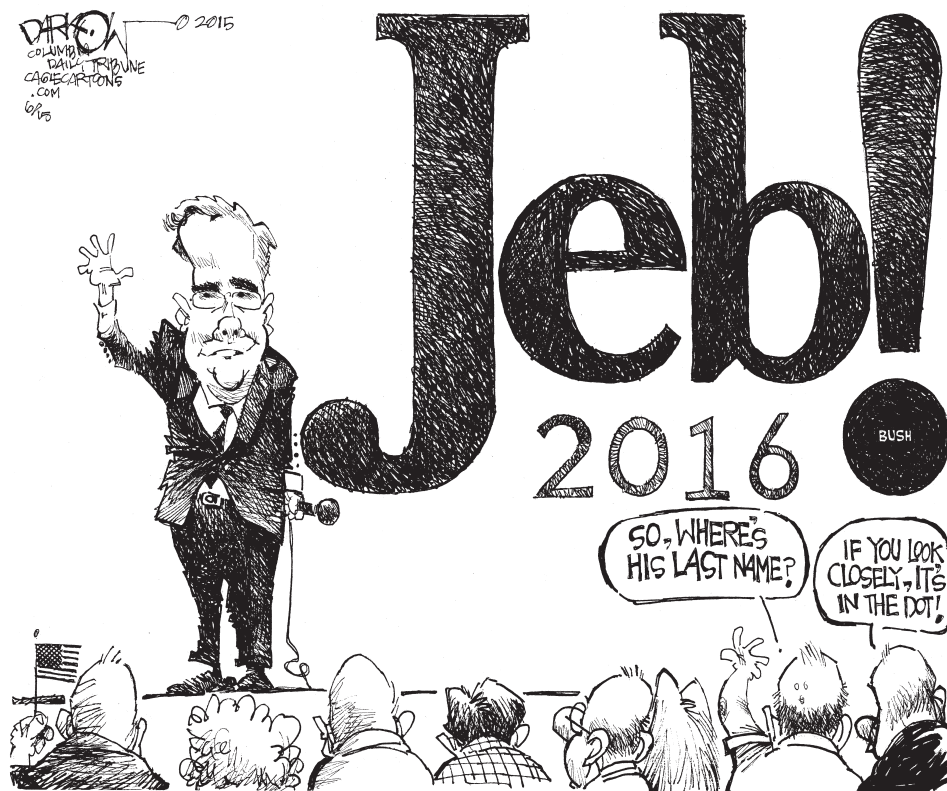
**One year ago:** President Barack Obama notified Congress that up to 275 troops could be sent to Iraq to provide support and security for U.S. personnel and the American Embassy in Baghdad. A divided Supreme Court sided with gun control groups and the Obama administration, ruling that the federal government can strictly enforce laws that ban a "straw purchaser from buying a gun for someone else."

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Bill Cobbs is 81. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 77. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 77. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Levert is 73. Actress Joan Van Ark is 72. Actor Geoff Pierson is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Smith (The Stylistics) is 65. Boxing Hall of Famer Roberto Duran is 64. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 63. Actress Laurie Metcalf is 60. Actor Arnold Voslo is 53. Model-actress Jenny Shimizu is 48. Actor James Patrick Stuart is 47. Rapper MC Ren is 46. Actor Clifton Collins Jr. is 45. Golfer Phil Mickelson is 45. Actor John Cho is 43. Actor Eddie Cibrian is 42. Actor Fred Koehler is 40. Actress China Shavers is 38. Actress Sibel Kekilli is 35. Actress Missy Peregrym is 33. Actress Olivia Hack is 32. Singer Diana Degarmo (TV: "American Idol") is 28. Pop-rock musician Ian Keaggy (Hot Chelle) is 28.

**Thought for Today:** "I have never in my life learned anything from any man who agreed with me." — Dudley Field Malone, American attorney (1882-1950).

## FROM THE BIBLE

*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14.* Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



## The Rez Of The Story

# On Father's Day

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives), This month will mark another pause for remembering, recognizing and even perhaps, honoring our fathers. I thought it might be fun to do a little FATHER thing of my own. This week's column represents a compilation of friends' and relatives' fathers I saw and/or heard stories about over the years. Hope you enjoy it.



Vince  
TWO EAGLES

F is for the fun our fathers showed us in that game of catch, that extra hard push at the swing, introducing us to the lawn mower, explaining the importance of eagle feathers at the pow-wow and why we couldn't drop one on the ground while dancing.

A is for another opportunity to show us how to be good, decent men and women. Another opportunity to be together going over homework that's due tomorrow. Another opportunity to go camping, fishing or hunting and to respect the old ways — the ways of our ancestors and their culture.

T is for teaching me how to do many things like how to build a sweat lodge from the ground up — what willows to use, what rocks to choose to heat up. How to love stories about my history. How to respect and manage resources. How to listen with my ears and not my mouth and to pay attention to the times when it is appropriate to speak up and not be afraid to and to the times when it is far more prudent to just be quiet and listen. How to ride my bike with no training wheels. How to care for my horse, love it, feed it, ride and train it. Thank you, father, for teaching me the courage to weather the rough times and to accept and celebrate the not-so-rough times. How to grow the eyes to see into the future. How to be a good farmer, rancher, police officer, honorable statesman — a good provider for my family.

H is for the humility you lived your life with. How to be an ikche-wichasha (common man) — never thinking myself better than any one else and that no matter how bad things get sometimes, to never think of myself any less than anyone else. How to be a giver and not a taker. How to wonder at the natural

world in awe and have deep respect for all living things and to think about we are all related. To have the strength of my convictions and to state my case carefully and honestly. How to be a hero by simply doing what's right not just what is convenient. The humility of self-sacrifice.

E is for everyone's pop, dad, ah-teh (father) who serves as a shining example by their own honorable conduct. For everyone's dad who serves as an inspiration. For everyone's pop who showed us the value of being in service to others in need. For everyone's father who provided your family with protection, a place to sleep, to eat and to live out of harms way while giving your mother the home she needs to nest properly — to raise a growing family in comfort, security and safety.

R is for the respect and responsibility you showed me as your child and how to respect and be responsible toward my fellow human beings and all life. How to respect myself by you believing in me. How to respect and be a responsible neighbor. For the respect and love you showed my mother, brothers and sisters.

You also taught me to be a good warrior but just as importantly, a good peacemaker, for which I am thankful. How to seek to be in good relationship with all things. But most importantly, I will build on what you taught me and apply these valuable lessons to my own efforts at fatherhood.

Finally, you showed me many things about being a good, decent human being in a world that would have you be otherwise sometimes. I saw you stand in the face of danger, bigotry and severe poverty without so much as a blink in your eye, and for that, I will be eternally grateful and will remember you always — not just in June of every year. May my children and grandchildren recall my efforts to be an example for them to follow and may they talk about me with fondness and love. May they forgive my mistakes and see that my heart and mind are full, thanks in large part to my Dad, Pop, Ah-teh, my FATHER.

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### fooling The Rubes

**Florence K. Thompson, EdS., Caputa**  
*It's easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled.* — Mark Twain

The Delphi Technique is a deceptive, manipulative and unethical group dynamics method which exploits human social instincts in order to coerce people into a pre-ordained group "consensus." Smiley-faced, flattering, "facilitators" control the proceedings, herding participants into ever-changing small groups, which must come up with a consensus solution to severely limited questions, on a sticky-note. These notes then become "data" which is supposedly tabulated by other facilitators and which will be later, lauded by politicians. Groups are stacked with "friendlylies" who come up with ideas to support the hidden agenda. This process produces "buy-in" or "ownership" from trusting participants, who are tricked into believing that they had real input, leading them to agree wholeheartedly with the group's rigged consensus.

"Some people are talking about things they're not supposed to," warned the facilitator over the microphone at a recent Rapid City meeting of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Education Funding. An unauthorized sticky-note with a divergent opinion was immediately snatched off the display board by an angry facilitator.

The purposes of this elaborate subterfuge are clear. It co-opts participating legislators, educators and bureaucrats while marginalizing the opposition. It bypasses the constitutional representative process and enables the ramrodding of omnibus Task Force bills through the Legislature without proper debate or amendments.

Through clever "message control" and pub-

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lic relations (also taxpayer funded), everyone is led to believe that the new "Program" is a spontaneous, original product of their fellow South Dakotans, when, in fact, it is the same socialist, cookie-cutter program in every state. This Delphi Technique was used to produce South Dakota's Public Safety Reform, Juvenile Justice Reform, Common Core State Standards, etc.

So there's bad news and there's good news. The bad news is: we're being bamboozled .... big-time! The good news is: this Delphi Technique appears to be the only current trick in the bamboozlers' book. Once people wise up to this taxpayer-funded con game and resist it, it will lose its power.

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