



# Learning From History

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History is one of our greatest teachers. It's just too bad so many of our young people think history started with the death of Princess Di or the birth of the iPhone.

I was painfully reminded of America's historical illiteracy and the failure of our educational system last week while golfing with a few strangers in Burbank, Calif.

One of the young men in my foursome was about 30 and ran a restaurant in Los Angeles. When I told him in passing that I was going to be flying to Normandy, France, the next morning to raise a flag at an American cemetery there, his awful education betrayed him.

"Why would there be an American cemetery at Normandy?" he asked. I thought he was kidding me, but he wasn't. "Why?" I asked. "Did you ever see 'Saving Private Ryan'?"

"No." "Did you ever see 'The Longest Day'?" "No." "Do you remember the Second World War?" "I knew there was a war." "Do you know anything about D-Day?" He looked at me like, "Huh?" I was shocked — and blunt. "You don't know why there'd be an American cemetery at Normandy? You're proof the education system of this country sucks."

After my golf outing, I flew to Normandy for the weekend. I had the honor of raising the flag over the American cemetery at Normandy on Sunday and visiting the small town of Sainte-Mere-Eglise, which became the first French town liberated from the Germans in World War II.

U.S. airborne troops captured the tiny town before dawn on June 6, 1944, to prevent German troops from using roads to attack Americans landing at Utah and Omaha beaches.

(For those who know their World War II history only from the movies, the airdrop at Sainte-Mere-Eglise is shown in "The Longest Day" and features Red Buttons as paratrooper John Steele, who played dead after his parachute got hung up on the church steeple.)

It was great to visit little Sainte-Mere-Eglise and its 1,600 people. I met some of the few remaining 90-something sol-



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diers who fought at Normandy and I talked to elderly French people who remember when hundreds of brave young Americans dropped from the sky to liberate their town.

But I was disappointed to learn that our government seems to have forgotten about marking the anniversary of D-Day.

In fact, the Obama administration is doing so little this year that the French government is pulling out of the annual event and the American honor guard is being forced to pay its own airfare to Normandy.

As for the 2014 anniversary, the last major 10-year celebration that will include surviving veterans of D-Day, it also is being neglected by the Obama administration.

President Clinton nominated someone to be in charge of the 1994 anniversary two years in advance. But as of this date, no one has been nominated to be in charge of the 70th anniversary of D-Day in 2014.

I'm sure President Obama will eventually find time between his never-ending campaigning and his serial golf outings to choose someone to oversee the 2014 D-Day anniversary events in Normandy.

But it was embarrassing for me to go the Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mere-Eglise and be asked why "my government" doesn't care about the D-Day anniversaries.

The people of Sainte-Mere-Eglise love Americans because America saved them. They will never forget D-Day. They still have a dummy of an American paratrooper hanging from their church steeple.

What happened at D-Day wasn't just a movie. It was history.

If we don't talk about it, if we don't teach it, if we don't honor its anniversary, if we don't tell guys like my young golf buddy why what happened there was so important, it might as well have never happened.

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# When Hope Is All You Have

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There is almost nothing better than hope. It's really one of the most vital elements of our existence, the thing that makes the trials of life worth bearing sometimes.

Just ask three families in Cleveland today how important hope really is.

Ask the family of Amanda Berry, who disappeared 10 years ago last month at age 17. She emerged this week from the hellish prison in which she had spent the last decade.

Ask the families of Georgina DeJesus, who vanished in 2004 at age 14, and Michele Knight, who disappeared at age 20 in 2002, about hope. DeJesus and Knight were saved, along with Berry, Monday in one of the most extraordinary turns in the history of kidnapping cases.

They had been missing for so long and presumed dead by most people. All that was certifiably alive about them, as far as anybody truly knew, was the hope nurtured by some family members that these girls were still possibly breathing.

Hope can be a wonderful thing, but it can also create cold and cruel situations.

Hope is something that Louwana Miller, Berry's mother, clung to after her daughter disappeared. She never gave up believing, according to various news accounts. She even appeared on a nationally syndicated television show in 2004 to discuss her daughter's plight with a psychic and to put words to her feelings of hope. However, the psychic bluntly told the distraught mother, "She's not alive, honey. Your daughter's not the kind who wouldn't call."

Miller died in 2006 of heart-related issues. She never lived to see her daughter's return. She never saw her hope rewarded.

Yes, hope is essential — more so, I could argue, than faith or confidence, which are based on the firm belief that things will work out. Hope is a different sort of alchemy. Maybe it's a prayer in a hurricane of insurmountable odds, a lifeline in a sea of troubles, a beacon in a night of doubt. Sometimes, hope is all we have in the world.

What we saw this week was something all too rare: Hope winning out over probability and cold pragmatism. A vast majority of these stories don't have happy end-



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ings. It's not too often that we even bother to stay focused long enough to remember the missing. In fact, it's not to often that we ever hear of such tales in the first place: I'd never heard of these missing Cleveland cases until Monday night.

According to TruTV, which essentially bases its business model on knowing such details, about 2,300 Americans are reported missing each day. On any given day, there are about 100,000 active missing person cases in this country — and many more that are inactive. Some of these cases are resolved when the missing person, usually a juvenile, is found with a family member. But the longer a person is missing, the less likely that person will be found alive. It's a simple but hard truth.

When someone goes missing for an extended period of time, we tend to draw our own tragic conclusions and move on. We dismiss it because, frankly, we play the odds. When we do, we leave it to the families and friends of the missing to cling to hope — to pray for something in the ether of nothingness. What else can they really do?

So, the case in Cleveland is a rare cause to celebrate. It also stokes anew the embers of hope carried by too many other, faceless people tied to thousands of other missing-person cases across the country.

At some point, someone may suggest to you that the events in Cleveland this week actually serve as a cruel trick on other families of missing souls because it raises the false sense of hope of another happy ending. After all, for every Berry, Elizabeth Smart (who went missing for nine months in 2002-2003) or Jaycee Dugard (who disappeared in 1981 and was found 18 years later), there are thousands of blanks that are never filled with good resolutions, or with any closure at all.

But ultimately, who are we to dispense such judgments? I'd rather hold on to some slender tether of hope than surrender to the despair of hopelessness. I'd do it because, sometimes, hope perseveres. Not every time; in fact, barely ever. But there is always a chance, and that's all these families want. In lieu of their loved ones being at their side — in lieu of actual answers — that's all they really have when the world turns hopeless.

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tion: The Yankton County Government Center where we held our noon gathering, Mayor Nancy Wenande and the city commission for the proclamation and all in the community who joined us.

I also wish to mention Pastor Jeff Mantz and First Assembly of God Church for hosting the breakfast this year and the committee members Pastors Bob Cappel, Jon Cooke, Tracy Headley, Mark Lichter, Lance Lindgren, Jeff Mantz and Rodney Veldhuizen for their time and involvement.

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### Chill In The Air



their field work and get ready for another year of what they hope is a successful, if not banner, harvest.

### Tornado Detour



month period from May 2012 to April 2013 saw a marked reduction in tornado activity nationwide. How long this can last is problematic at this point, but it is a good perk spawned by the latest period of extreme weather.

### A Clean Success



back home which provided continuity for the clean-up. Smith is one of the longest serving rangers with the Missouri National Recreational River and has seen both the record high and record low flows on the river. For the record, this year's clean-up collected 6,660 pounds — 3.33 tons — of material. Smith isn't resting on his laurels, as he has added clean-ups at Ponca, Neb.; Niobrara, Neb.; and Vermillion this year.

### Everlasting



vided the narration. The performance was delayed from its original date because of a change in MMC choral directors. However, Sunday's concert showed the commissioned work was well worth the wait.

## ONLINE OPINION

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

### LATEST RESULTS:

**Do you approve of the job performance of the Yankton County Commission?**  
Yes ..... 44%  
No ..... 44%  
Not sure ..... 12%  
**TOTAL VOTES CAST ..... 224**

*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 approve of the job performance of the Yankton school board?**

To vote in the *Press & Dakotan's* Internet poll, log on to our website at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

## TODAY IN HISTORY

### By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 10, the 130th day of 2013. There are 235 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On May 10, 1863, during the Civil War, Confederate Lt. Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson died of pneumonia, a complication resulting from being hit by friendly fire eight days earlier during the Battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia.

**On this date:** In 1774, Louis XVI acceded to the throne of France.

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N.Y.

In 1865, Union forces captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Irwinville, Ga.

In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

In 1913, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution calling upon all federal officials, from the president on down, to wear a white carnation the following day in observance of Mother's Day.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was given the job of FBI director.

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, parachuted into Scotland on what he claimed was a peace mission. (Hess ended up serving a life sentence at Spandau prison until 1987, when he apparently committed suicide.)

In 1963, the Rolling Stones recorded their first single for Decca Records in London, covering Chuck Berry's "Come On" (which ended up being redone) and "I Want to Be Loved" by Willie Dixon.

In 1973, the New York Knicks won the NBA Finals, defeating the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 5, 102-93.

In 1984, the International Court of Justice said the United States should halt any actions to blockade Nicaragua's ports (the U.S. had already said it would not recognize World Court jurisdiction on this issue).

In 1993, members of the Senate Armed Services Committee visited the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia for a hearing on the issue of homosexuals in the military; most of the sailors who spoke said they favored keeping the ban on gays. At least 188 workers were killed in a doll factory fire in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Ten years ago:** The leader of Iraq's largest Shiite Muslim group, Ayatollah Mohammad Baqir al-Hakim, returned triumphantly to his U.S.-occupied homeland

after two decades in Iranian exile. *The New York Times* announced on its website that one of its reporters, Jayson Blair, had "committed frequent acts of journalistic fraud."

**Five years ago:** Barack Obama erased Hillary Rodham Clinton's once-imposing lead among Democratic superdelegates as he added endorsements from Utah, Ohio and the Virgin Islands. A tornado in Picher, Okla., killed at least seven people. Jenna Bush married Henry Hager, the son of a Virginia Republican party official, at the Bush family ranch in Crawford, Texas.

**One year ago:** Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney apologized for "stupid" high school pranks that might have gone too far and moved quickly to stamp out any notion that he'd bullied schoolmates because they were gay. JPMorgan Chase said it had lost \$2 billion in six weeks in a trading portfolio designed to hedge against risks the company took with its own money. In Syria, twin suicide car bombs exploded outside a military intelligence building, killing 55 people. Carroll Shelby, 89, the legendary car designer, died in Dallas.

**Today's Birthdays:** Author Bel Kaufman ("Up the Down Staircase") is 102. Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 80. Rhythm-and-blues singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 75. TV-radio personality Gary Owens is 74. Actor David Clennon is 70. Writer-producer-director Jim Abrahams is 69. Singer Donovan is 67. Singer Dave Mason is 67. Actor Bruce Penhall is 56. Former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., is 55. Actress Victoria Rowell is 54. Rock singer Bono (U2) is 53. Rock musician Danny Carey (Tool) is 52. Actor Darryl M. Bell is 50. Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks is 50. Model Linda Evangelista is 48. Rapper Young MC is 46. Actor Erik Palladino is 45. Rock singer Richard Patrick (Filter) is 45. Actor Lenny Venito is 44. Actor-singer Todd Lowe is 41. Country musician David Wallace (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 41. Actress Andrea Anders is 38. Race car driver Helio Castroneves is 38. Rock musician Jesse Vest is 36. Actor Kenan Thompson is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jason Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 33. Rock musician Joey Zehr (The Click Five) is 30. Singer Ashley Poole (Dream) is 28. Actress Odette Annable is 28. Actress Lauren Potter is 23. Olympic gold medal swimmer Missy Franklin is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." — William James, American psychologist and philosopher (1842-1910).

## FROM THE BIBLE

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