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## OPINION OTHER VIEWS

# Robbing Consumers Of Food Information

**PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE (May 22):** The World Trade Organization said (last week) the U.S. violates international trade pacts by requiring "country of origin" labels on packages of meat. Although the practice benefits consumers, who deserve to know where their beef and pork come from, it's likely to end because of pressure from Canada and Mexico.

Two days later, the House Agriculture Committee voted 38-6 to repeal the law that puts such labels on meat. It's the start of an ironic capitulation in a month when President Barack Obama said, "No trade agreement is going to force us to change our laws."

The president made the statement at Nike headquarters May 6 in a speech about the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The WTO decision is not related to that proposed agreement but was in response to long-standing complaints from Mexico and Canada that the U.S. labeling requirements unfairly hurt their sales. American meat processors despise the rules, too, saying they require segregation of imported animals and onerous record-keeping.

Increasingly health-conscious consumers, however, rightly look to labels for assurance of quality, and they trust products made, grown and raised in the United States.

Two years ago, a *Consumer Reports* study showed 78 percent of Americans prefer to buy U.S. products, and 60 percent prefer to do so even if they cost more. Labels become even more important when it comes to produce and meat, which, unlike a pair of imported socks, has the potential to kill you if carrying E. coli or mad cow disease.

Emboldened by the WTO ruling, Mexico and Canada vow to retaliate economically if the U.S. doesn't change its label policy. Ontario says it will impose punitive tariffs on 38 products including wine, orange juice, cereal and — horrors — ketchup.

This summons a platitude: With friends like this, who needs enemies? Cooler heads would find compromise, but with American meat processors also clamoring for change, new labels are likely coming, even though consumers are right to have a beef with that.

## P&D LETTER POLICY

The **PRESS & DAKOTAN** invites its readers to write letters to the editor. We ask that a few simple guidelines be followed:

- Please limit letters to 300 words or less. Letters should deal with a single subject, be of general interest and state a specific point of view. Letters are edited with brevity, clarity and newspaper style in mind.

- In the sense of fairness and professionalism, the **PRESS & DAKOTAN** will accept no letters attacking private individuals or businesses.

- Specific individuals or entities addressed in letters may be given the opportunity to read the letter prior to publication and be allowed to answer the letter in the same issue.

- Only signed letters with writer's full name, address and daytime phone number for verification will be accepted. Please mail to: Letters, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078, drop off at 319 Walnut in Yankton, fax to 665-1721 or email us at kelly.hertz@yankton.net/.

## IN HISTORY

### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 28, the 148th day of 2015. There are 217 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On May 28, 1945, the novel "Brideshead Revisited" by Evelyn Waugh was published in London by Chapman & Hall.

**On this date:** In 1533, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn valid.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was organized in San Francisco.

In 1912, the Senate Commerce Committee issued its report on the Titanic disaster that cited a "state of absolute unpreparedness," improperly tested safety equipment and an "indifference to danger" as some of the causes of an "unnecessary tragedy."

In 1929, the first all-color talking picture, "On with the Show!," produced by Warner Bros., opened in New York.

In 1934, the Dionne quintuplets — Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne — were born to Elzire Dionne at the family farm in Ontario, Canada.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could begin crossing the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California. Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of Britain.

In 1940, during World War II, the Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces.

In 1959, the U.S. Army launched Able, a rhesus monkey, and Baker, a squirrel monkey, aboard a Jupiter missile for a suborbital flight which both primates survived.

In 1961, Amnesty International had its beginnings with the publication of an article in the British newspaper *The Observer*, "The Forgotten Prisoners."

In 1977, 165 people were killed when fire raced through the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Kentucky.

In 1985, David Jacobson, director of the American University Hospital in Beirut, Lebanon, was abducted by pro-Iranian kidnappers (he was freed 17 months later).

In 1998, comic actor Phil Hartman of "Saturday Night Live" and "NewsRadio" fame was shot to death at his home in Encino, California, by his wife, Brynn, who then killed herself.

**Ten years ago:** Two bombs exploded about 15 minutes apart in a crowded market in the Christian-dominated Indonesian town of Tentena, killing at least 22 people and wounding 40.

**Five years ago:** President Barack Obama visited Grand Isle, Louisiana,

where he personally confronted the spreading damage wrought by the crude gushing into the Gulf of Mexico from the BP blowout — and the bitter anger rising onshore. Suspected Islamist militants attacked two mosques packed with hundreds of worshippers from a minority sect in eastern Pakistan; at least 93 people were killed and dozens wounded. Gary Coleman, the former child star of the 1970s TV sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes," died at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo two days after suffering a brain hemorrhage; he was 42.

**One year ago:** Seeking to redefine America's foreign policy for a postwar era, President Barack Obama told West Point graduates the United States remained the only nation with the capacity to lead on the world stage but argued it would be a mistake to channel that power into unrestrained military adventures. Maya Angelou, 86, a Renaissance woman who survived the harshest of childhoods to become a force on stage, screen and the printed page, died in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**Today's Birthdays:** Rockabilly singer-musician Sonny Burgess is 86. Actress Carroll Baker is 84. Producer-director Irwin Winkler is 84. Actor John Karlen is 82. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Jerry West is 77. Actress Beth Howland is 74. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is 71. Singer Gladys Knight is 71. Actress-director Sondra Locke is 71. Singer Billy Vera is 71. Singer John Fogerty is 70. Country musician Jerry Douglas (Alison Krauss and Union Station) is 59. Actor Louis Mustillo is 57. U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., is 55. Actor Brandon Cruz (TV: "The Courtship of Eddie's Father") is 53. Country singer Phil Vassar is 51. Actress Christa Miller is 51. Singer-musician Chris Ballew (Presidents of the USA) is 50. Rapper Chubb Rock is 47. Singer Kylie Minogue is 47. Actor Justin Kirk is 46. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is 44. Olympic gold medal figure skater Ekaterina Gordeeva is 44. Television personality Elisabeth Hasselbeck is 38. Actor Jake Johnson (TV: "New Girl") is 37. Actor Jesse Bradford is 36. Actress Monica Keena is 36. Actress Alexa Davalos is 33. Actress Megalyn Echikunwoke is 33. Pop singer Colbie Caillat is 30. Actress Carey Mulligan is 30. Actor Joseph Cross is 29.

**Thought for Today:** "Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage." — Maya Angelou (1928-2014).

## FROM THE BIBLE

*The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. Luke 16:22.* Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Connections

#### The Connections Board, Yankton

Connections, a local not-for-profit corporation is dedicated to providing social activities to adults with developmental disabilities in the Yankton area.

Our board and the greater than 120 adults we serve would like to thank the United Way, Yankton Bowl (Jim Palmer) and

The Center (Christy Hauer) for their generous financial and facility contributions. Without their generosity and willingness to help, the dances, socials, dinners and bowling opportunities provided would not be possible.

Thank you for assisting us in serving those with developmental disabilities in the Yankton area.



## Writer's Block

# A True Yankton 'Citizen'

BY JIM VAN OSDEL

For the Press & Dakotan

As proofreaders at the *Press and Dakotan* in the early 1960s, we often had some spare time to read other newspapers from the area which were placed in racks at our table. One of my favorites was the Mitchell paper which carried regular columns by their regional news editor, Les Helgeland.

Helgeland had the ability to infuse a great sense of humor into his reporting. When asked by his editor to cover the Alcoholics Anonymous convention, he came back to the paper with a story and with a picture of the new officers. The editor did not take to the idea right away but, in recognition of the large convention in town, the next day the paper carried a picture of the new AA "officers," a picture of four empty chairs.

So I was delighted when the *P&D* publisher hired Helgeland as his new executive editor. But the new editor was a tough task master. And he drove himself just as hard, arriving at the office by 6:30 or 7 a.m. and circulation (numbers of subscribers) continued to increase.

One of the reasons for the increased number of subscribers was the fact that Helgeland knew what his readers wanted to read. He was a conservative and the editorial pages of the *Press and Dakotan* reflected that vein.

But the *P&D* once carried a letter to the editor from Dick Kneip, then Democrat governor of South Dakota. Kneip wrote to express his appreciation to Helgeland and the Yankton daily for printing editorials on the editorial page and for not "editorializing" in stories on other pages, as did larger dailies of the time, according to Kneip.

Kneip appreciated the abilities and achievements of the conservative editor and appointed Les Helgeland to serve as the S.D. Bicentennial committee chair in 1974. And the current GM dealer in Yankton at the time, Louie Wudel, also appreciated him and loaned Helgeland a new Chevy to drive as the Bicentennial chairman.

When sports reporters were sent to cover football or basketball games, the new editor insisted they return with pictures of the cheerleaders. He said that the parents and grandparents of the cheerleaders would buy extra copies to share. Circulation continued to rise.

It was a routine for Les Helgeland to put his editorial page "to bed" by 9:30 a.m. (we were an afternoon paper at that time) and then inform his staff he would be out of office for the rest of the day. He liked to visit area towns, including Freeman, where many of the residents subscribed to the Mitchell paper.

He would call on the community banker who would then take the newsmen to coffee and then

# Sanders' Foul Socialist Odor

BY MICHELLE MALKIN

Creators.com

Socialist genius Bernie Sanders has figured out what's really ailing America.

Our store shelves have too many different

brands of deodorant and sneakers.

Just look at all those horrible, fully

stocked aisles at Target and Walgreens

and Wal-Mart and Payless and DSW

and Dick's Sporting Goods. It's a

national nightmare! If only consumers

had fewer choices in the free market,

fewer entrepreneurs offering a wide

variety of products and fewer workers

manufacturing goods people wanted,

Sanders believes, we could end child-

hood hunger.

Nobody parodies the far left better

than far-leftists themselves.

In an interview with financial jour-

nalist John Harwood on Tuesday, Sand-

ers detailed his grievances with an

overabundance of antiperspirants and

footwear. "You don't necessarily need a choice

of 23 underarm spray deodorants or of 18 different

pairs of sneakers when children are hungry in

this country. I don't think the media appreciates

the kind of stress that ordinary Americans are

working on."

Try to suppress a snicker: Sanders, Decider

of Your Sanitary and Footwear Needs, is casting

himself as the Everyman in touch with "ordinary

Americans" to contrast his campaign with Hillary

"my Beltway lobbyist and foreign agent opera-

tor Sid Blumenthal is just a friend I talk to for

advice" Clinton.

Blech. By the looks of the 2016 Democratic

presidential field, liberals really do practice the

anti-choice principles they preach.

At Caracas-on-the-Green Mountains, every