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OPINION | WE SAY

No-Shows



THUMBS DOWN to the lack of interest shown by the Yankton community in the Yankton School District's \$2.8 million design build project, which will address environmental concerns, life safety issues and outdated equipment in the district's buildings. School officials held a meeting this week to discuss the project with the public, but canceled the event due to lack of attendance (one person did show up later and received information). The design build project will be further examined at the Nov. 12 school board meeting.

New Digs



THUMBS UP to the new possibilities ahead for Yankton's Heartland Humane Society. The organization has signed papers to purchase the former Yankton Motor Company building and will officially take ownership today (Friday). The facility represents a huge increase in size compared to the humane society's current home and should allow for the care of many more animals than is now possible. We wish the Heartland Humane Society luck as it figures out all the opportunities ahead of them, and we hope to cover more successes in the future.

SNAP Judgment



THUMBS DOWN to the thousands of veterans who will lose Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits today (Friday) when the temporary boost provided by the Recovery Act ends. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, approximately 900,000 veterans nationwide lived in households that relied on SNAP to provide food for their families during any given month in 2011. In Nebraska, the estimated annual number from 2009 to 2011 was 7,600 veterans. The figure for South Dakota was 4,300. The CBPP points out that, with the boost from the Recovery Act, SNAP benefits will average less than \$1.40 per person per meal in fiscal year 2014.

The Dark Season



THUMBS DOWN to the official arrival of "the dark season," as Daylight Saving Time officially comes to an end at 2 a.m. this Sunday. In some ancient cultures, the first day of November, which is a cross-quarter day in astronomical terms, was often seen as the start of the brutal winter season, a season shrouded in long nights and unknown fates. So, the time change maybe one of the last reminders of that long-ago time of dread. It reminds us that the days are shortening and winter is awakening. On the plus side, we DO get an extra hour of sleep out of the deal So, don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour this Saturday night, and hold onto the thought that the longer days of springtime are just 16 weeks away.

ONLINE OPINION

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the Press & Dakotan's Web site are as follows:
LATEST RESULTS:
Do you think Bo Pelini will return as Nebraska's football coach in 2014?
No 50%
No sure/don't care 31%
Yes 10%
TOTAL VOTES CAST 343
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. is prepared to deal with a major cyberattack?
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 Friday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 2013. There are 60 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 1, 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C. to assassinate President Harry S. Truman. The attempt failed, and one of the pair was killed, along with a White House police officer.
On this date: In 1512, Michelangelo finished painting the ceiling of the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.
In 1765, the Stamp Act went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists.
In 1861, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln named Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan General-in-Chief of the Union armies, succeeding Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott.
In 1870, the United States Weather Bureau made its first meteorological observations.
In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.
In 1944, "Harvey," a comedy by Mary Chase about a man and his friend, an invisible six-foot-tall rabbit, opened on Broadway.
In 1949, an Eastern Airlines DC-4 collided in midair with a Lockheed P-38 fighter plane near Washington National Airport, killing all 55 people aboard the DC-4 and seriously injuring the pilot of the P-38.
In 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, code-named "Ivy Mike," at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands.
In 1968, the Motion Picture Association of America unveiled its new voluntary film rating system: G for general, M for mature (later changed to GP, then PG), R for restricted and X (later changed to NC-17) for adults only.
In 1973, following the "Saturday Night Massacre," Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork appointed Leon Jaworski to be the new Watergate special prosecutor, succeeding Archibald Cox.
In 1979, former first lady Mamie Eisenhower died in Washington, D.C. at age 82.
In 1989, East Germany reopened its border with Czechoslovakia, prompting tens of thousands of refugees to flee to the West.
Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean stirred controversy within his party by telling the Des Moines Register he wanted to be "the candidate for guys with Confederate flags in their pickup trucks." (The former Vermont governor explained that he intended to encourage the return of Southern voters who had abandoned the Democrats for decades but were disaffected with the Republicans.)
Five years ago: Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain plunged through the final weekend of their marathon race for the White House; McCain poked fun at his campaign's financial shortcomings and his reputation as a political maverick in an appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live." Machinists union members ratified a new contract with The Boeing Co., ending an eight-week strike.
One year ago: President Barack Obama returned to the campaign trail, after canceling campaign appearances to focus on Superstorm Sandy. Motorists in the New York City area and in New Jersey faced a second day of enormous lines at gas stations; many stations were still shut down in the aftermath of the storm because they didn't have gasoline or were without power to run the pumps. Five days before the election, figures were released showing that new unemployment claims were down, worker productivity was up, auto sales and retail sales were rising and consumer confidence was at the highest level since a year before Obama took office.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Betsy Palmer is 87. Golfer Gary Player is 78. Country singer Bill Anderson is 78. Actress Barbara Bosson is 74. Actor Robert Foxworth is 72. Actress Marcia Wallace is 71. Magazine publisher Larry Flynt is 71. Country singer-humorist Kinky Friedman is 69. Actress Jeannie Berlin is 64. Music producer David Foster is 64. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald Khalis Bell (Kool and the Gang) is 62. Country singer-songwriter-producer Keith Stegall is 59. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 56. Actress Rachel Ticotin is 55. Rock musician Eddie MacDonal (The Alarm) is 54. Rock singer Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 51. Pop singer-musician Mags Furuholmen (aha) is 51. Rock musician Rick Allen (Def Leppard) is 50. Country singer "Big Kenny" Alphin (Big and Rich) is 50. Singer Sophie B. Hawkins is 49. Rapper Willie D (Geto Boys) is 47. Country musician Dale Wallace (Emerson Drive) is 44. Actress Toni Collette is 41. Actress/talk show host Jenny McCarthy is 41. Rock musician Andrew Gonzales is 41. Actor David Berman is 40. Actress Aishwarya Rai is 40. Rock singer Bo Bice ("American Idol") is 38. Actor Matt Jones is 32. Actor Penn Badgley is 27. Actor Max Burkholder is 16. Actor-musician Alex Wolff is 16.
Thought for Today: "God give me strength to face a fact though it slay me." — Thomas Huxley, English biologist (1825-1895).

FROM THE BIBLE

He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will deliver us again. 2 Corinthians 1:10. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis



Kelly Hertz

A History By Design

BY KELLY HERTZ
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Here's a warning: Saturday's front page of the Press & Dakotan is probably going to look rather strange. That's because it's 2013, and you'll be seeing it from that perspective.

But if it were about 100 years ago, you probably wouldn't think twice about it.

When the plans for this Saturday's state 125th anniversary gala in Yankton began formulating just a few weeks ago (which really wasn't enough time, but that's the hand the community was hurriedly dealt), the idea was proposed for us to do a "throwback" front page that would mimic what the Press & Dakotan looked like when South Dakota entered the union in 1889. We chose not to go that far back because a) we don't have any papers from that era on hand to study (although we could get them off microfilm at the library); and b) I've seen what the paper looked like in 1889 and it was terribly drab as per the very plain, gray standards employed back then. The bound volumes we DO have go back to 1906 or so, but we chose 1911 because the design started to modify somewhat by then and, to be honest, the volumes we have before that year are in fragile shape and we're hesitant to open them up. (Or, if you want us to rationalize, we chose 1911 because that was the 50th anniversary year of Dakota Territory, which has precious little to do with the statehood thing, but it IS a reason.)

I've done retro page designs before, and it's surprisingly complicated. Going back to recreate an old format requires the designer to set aside his/her notions of spatial architecture and copy flow. It means rethinking every aesthetic step that you would otherwise do instinctively.

Designing newspaper pages is an art form, and that's no exaggeration. There are people who devote their lives to it, and there are organizations, such as the Society of News Design, dedicated to studying and sharing these visions with other designers, for whom such projects are fascinating and addictive.

Besides showcasing visions and tastes, page design also depicts the history of a newspaper. The designs were what they were back in whatever age you point to mostly (but not completely) because of the technology on hand. As that technology evolved and expanded, so too did the look of newspapers.

When this newspaper was born as a weekly in

1861, the front page was virtually gray. There was no art, and what passed for headlines were generally confined to single columns and small type. As printing became more sophisticated and fonts more varied, the headlines grew. The ability to reproduce artwork, mostly likely around 1900 or so, revolutionized newspapers, which evolved dramatically in the following decades. Headlines eventually spilled across several columns, even entire pages, and became much bolder, and islands of images finally broke up the gray seas. More aggressive but modular designs (meaning the story holes could be moved around like a puzzle and still fit) came into vogue. The ability to print color came about in the 1960s, then exploded dramatically in the 1980s and 1990s with digital advances. And this doesn't even touch on the impact of USA Today, whose stark corporate packaging influenced so many newspaper designs — for better and for worse — for many years.

Now, I can go to the Newseum website and see how papers around the world are being built, and it's often very intriguing (especially in foreign papers, which seem quite vibrant compared to the relatively conservative U.S. products). There is a lot of non-modular, free-flowing work being done — looking almost like magazines, at times — and I've been trying to learn how to design like that. This means I've been working to undo a lot of my thinking patterns developed over many years of modular experience.

And that brings me back to Saturday's Press & Dakotan — and to 1911.

As I write this, I know generally know what that front page will look like, but I have no idea yet how I'll get there. Technologically, it will be quite simple. But in terms of thinking out the page, figuring out how things will flow and how much it can or will bear a resemblance to the newspapers of about a century ago (for instance, there's going to be a bar code on it for single-copy sales and the price is going to remain 75 cents; there's no getting around those realities), it's going to be a challenge. It will be like forcing a portrait painter to instead do a landscape, or to tell a surrealist to do a piece of realism.

No matter what, it will be an interesting exercise in history, and I hope it somehow complements the rest of Saturday's festivities. We shall see.

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Michael Reagan

United Against Obamacare

BY MICHAEL REAGAN
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Dear Mr. President, Thank you, thank you — sort of. You have been able to do something my father was never able to do — bring my sister Patti and me together politically.

You remember my rebellious sister Patti Davis? The liberal activist?

Maybe you saw her in Playboy in 1994. Or read one of many good books, or seen her latest, "The Blue Hour," which is a ghost story.

But really she's most famous for publicly falling out with her father over his conservative politics. Patti's almost as liberal as you are, Mr. President.

We disagreed on my father's presidency. We disagree on abortion. We disagree on gay marriage. We disagree on guns.

Heck, we've disagreed on every big and little political issue in the last 20 years.

But now, thanks to you and that train wreck of yours called the Affordable Care Act, Patti and I have been brought together.

She and I are both asking the same question about Obamacare:

Why are we losing our private health insurance when you promised over and over that we could keep it?

Patti generated some publicity for herself (and her latest book) last week when she tweeted what millions of other Americans would like to know: "Could the president" - i.e, you, Mr. Obama - "please explain why I and others are losing our health ins. plans? Wasn't supposed to happen!" Poor Patti.

Now she knows what it feels like when you and your soul mates in Washington dump one of your sweeping, coercive, bureaucratic, socialist government programs on the rest of us.

She's feeling the same pain as hundreds of thousands of people in Florida and Pennsylvania who've been dropped by their insurance companies.

Or those employees at companies like IBM that have decided to drop their company-provided health coverage and have their workers get coverage through state marketplaces.

YOUR LETTERS

HOPE Floats

Karen Frick-Edler, Yankton

On behalf of Team HOPE, I would like to thank everyone for the donations, time, support and combined efforts of so many people to make the second annual Team HOPE Cancer Benefit a great success. It is such a blessed and humbling feeling to know that family, friends, neighbors, and complete strangers can join together for one single and worthy cause.

I would like to thank everyone personally, but that is nearly impossible, so a big heartwarming thank you to anyone and everyone who participated in any way! To Bob's Candy, Schwann's, Menno Grocery Store, the Vaiths, Joe's Substation, and the members of the Lesterville Community Hall that made it possible to serve such a wonderful meal.

To those that returned their prize money back to Team HOPE, thank you so much for your generosity.

To Trev's Corner for hosting the Street dance and to the many people who came out and supported Team HOPE.

A very special thank you to the Team HOPE committee for their continued dedication. Without the combined efforts of all of you, there wouldn't have been such a grand turnout.

Team HOPE is dedicated to all those who've lost the fight against cancer and to those who won't quit. Join Team HOPE in our mission to help those families affected by cancer. Going forward, it is the goal of Team HOPE to continue to help individuals and families affected by cancer.

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