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OPINION

Nominees Sought For Citizen Of The Year

The Citizen of the Year award honors more than a person (or persons) for the work they've done for Yankton. It also says a lot about who we are as a community, because it says something about what we hold up as important to the betterment of this place many people call

home.

We are once again seeking nominations for this award — the 45th such honor to be bestowed, sponsored and chosen by a collection of civic groups and the *Press & Dakotian*.

The list of past winners, which is presented here, reveals an admirable group of individuals and couples who devoted so much energy to the people of this town. They have come from all walks of life and have been vigorously active in this community on many fronts. They have helped the young and the old; they have assisted those in need; they have been there when the people of this town needed something done.

They have, by their tireless works, made Yankton a better place in many different ways.

We all know people who can fit that bill.

Indeed, most of us probably know someone who has been chosen for the Citizen of the Year award — and we know why they won it.

They are examples to us all.

And now we seek another.

Send us your nominations. You can send them to:

- Citizen of the Year, c/o Yankton Press & Dakotian, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078;

- email them to news@yankton.net

- or drop them by the *Press & Dakotian* office.

The deadline for submitting a nomination is Friday, Nov. 28. The winner(s) will be chosen in December and announced at a later date.

Past Citizens Of The Year

1970.....	Carl Youngworth
1971.....	Joe Vinatieri
1972.....	Jeff Scott
1973.....	Freeman Otto
1974.....	George Bauer
1975.....	Harold Levinger
1976.....	C.B. McVay
1977.....	Chan Gurney
1978.....	Dorothy Jencks
1979.....	Lucy and J. Laiten Weed
1980.....	Irene Scott
1981.....	Sister Jerome Schmitt
1982.....	Laddie Cimpl
1983.....	T.H. Sattler
1984.....	Elizabeth Remp
1985.....	Mary Alice Halverson
1986.....	Don Dendinger
1987.....	Bessi Burgi
1988.....	Don Peterson
1989.....	Frank Yaggie
1990.....	Willis Stanage
1991.....	Wynn Speece
1992.....	Don Bierle
1993.....	Hod Nielsen
1994.....	Millie Wootton
1995.....	Tom Merrill
1996.....	Ted Blakey
1997.....	Bob Karolevitz
1998.....	Gladys Woolm
1999.....	Dr. Ken Halverson
2000.....	Sister Jacquelyn Ernster
2001.....	Don and Dores Allan
2002.....	Beulah Larson
2003.....	Ken Jones
2004.....	Arietta Tisher
2005.....	Larry and Kathy Hintgen
2006.....	Don and Peg Schiedel
2007.....	Jim Black
2008.....	Pauline Rhoades
2009.....	Jack and Margaret Lyons
2010.....	Myrtle Andersen
2011.....	Thomas and Jo Stanage
2012.....	Brooks and Vi Ranney
2013.....	Don and Pam Kettering

THE VIEWS PAGE

The **PRESS & DAKOTAN** Views page provides a forum for open discussion of issues and interests affecting our readers. Initialed editorials represent the opinion of the writer, but not necessarily that of the **PRESS & DAKOTAN**. Bylined columns represent the view of the author. We welcome letters to the editor on current topics. Questions regarding the Views page should be directed to Kelly Hertz at views@yankton.net.

ON THIS DATE

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 5, the 309th day of 2014. There are 56 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 5, 1914, Britain and France declared war against the Ottoman Empire; Britain also annexed Cyprus.

On this date: In 1605, the "Gunpowder Plot" failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.

In 1781, the Continental Congress elected John Hanson of Maryland its chairman, giving him the title of "President of the United States in Congress Assembled."

In 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony defied the law by attempting to cast a vote for President Ulysses S. Grant. (Anthony was convicted by a judge and fined \$100, but she never paid the fine.)

In 1912, Democrat Woodrow Wilson was elected president, defeating Progressive Party candidate Theodore Roosevelt, incumbent Republican William Howard Taft and Socialist Eugene V. Debs.

In 1938, Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings" and "Essay for Orchestra" made their world debuts on the NBC Blue radio network as they were performed by the NBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office as he defeated Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.

In 1964, NASA launched Mariner 3, which was supposed to fly by Mars, but the spacecraft failed to reach its destination.

In 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Democratic Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and American Independent candidate George C. Wallace.

In 1974, Democrat Ella T. Grasso was elected governor of Connecticut, becoming the first woman to win a gubernatorial office without succeeding her husband.

In 1989, death claimed pianist Vladimir Horowitz in New York at age 86 and singer-songwriter Barry Sadler in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, at age 49.

In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane, the Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was shot to death at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair was convicted of the slaying in federal court.)

In 1994, former President Ronald

Reagan disclosed he had Alzheimer's disease.

Ten years ago: The Kremlin announced that Russia had given final approval to the Kyoto Protocol on global warming. In a surprise reversal, the Chilean army for the first time assumed institutional responsibility for widespread human rights violations during the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet.

Five years ago: A shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead; Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

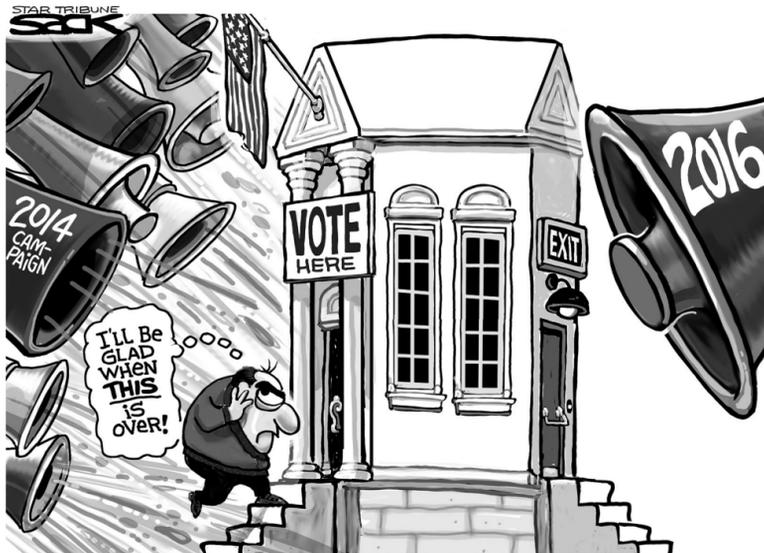
One year ago: Republican Gov. Chris Christie won a resounding re-election victory in Democratic-leaning New Jersey, while Democrat Terry McAuliffe prevailed in Virginia's gubernatorial contest. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford acknowledged for the first time that he had smoked crack "probably a year ago" when he was in a "drunken stupor," but he refused to resign despite immense pressure to step aside as leader of Canada's largest city. India launched its first spacecraft bound for Mars; the Martian Orbiter Mission, or MOM, reached the red planet in Sept. 2014.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Chris Robinson is 76. Actress Elke Sommer is 74. Singer Art Garfunkel is 73. Actor-playwright Sam Shepard is 71. Singer Peter Ono is 67. TV personality Kris Jenner is 59. Actor Nestor Serrano is 59. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique is 56. Actor Robert Patrick is 56. Singer Bryan Adams is 55. Actress Tilda Swinton is 54. Actor Michael Gaston is 52. Actress Tatum O'Neal is 51. Actress Andrea McArdle is 51. Rock singer Angelo Moore (Fishbone) is 49. Actress Judy Reyes is 47. Actor Seth Gilliam (TV: "Teen Wolf") is 46. Rock musician Mark Hunter (James) is 46. Actor Sam Rockwell is 46. Country singers Jennifer and Heather Kinley (The Kinleys) are 44. Actor Corin Nemec is 43. Rock musician Jonny Greenwood (Radiohead) is 43. Country singer-musician Ryan Adams is 40. Actor Sam Page is 38. Actor Jeremy Lelliott is 32. Actress Annet Mahendru (TV: "The Americans") is 29. Rock musician Kevin Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 27. Actor Landon Gimenez (TV: "Resurrection") is 11.

Thought for Today: "The line of least resistance was always the most difficult line in the long run." — Peter Cheyney, English author (1896-1951).

FROM THE BIBLE

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken in pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him. Luke 20:18. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis



An Election Day Carol

BY ROBERT B. REICH

Tribune Content Agency

In the early hours of Election Day, before dawn reached the nation's capital, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy was suddenly awakened by someone standing next to his bed.

"Get out of here or I'll call the cops!" the justice shouted.

"Don't get bent out of shape," said the ghost-like figure.

"Who are you?" demanded Kennedy.

"I am the Ghost of Election Day Past."

"Heavens!" cried the justice. "Why are you here?"

The ghost didn't answer but beckoned the justice to follow him.

He led Kennedy to Sacramento, California, the city where he grew up. The day was Election Day 1957, the first time the youthful Anthony ever voted.

"I look so happy," the justice said, his eyes welling up with tears. "Everyone does."

"It was a time when people were eager to vote, a time when Election Day was a joyful occasion," said the ghost. "A time before all the corruption."

"What corruption?" asked Kennedy worriedly.

The ghost glowered at the justice. "The corruption brought on by your decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission," the ghost snapped. "You wrote the opinion that four of your fellow justices joined. It opened the floodgates to big money in elections."

"I don't understand," the justice cried.

"You decided that corporations are people under the First Amendment, and that independent campaign expenditures, even when made by giant corporations, don't give rise to corruption or even the appearance of corruption," the ghost said. "How could you have been so naive?"

The ghost suddenly vanished, and the justice was back in his bed, trembling. He tried to calm himself. "Just a bad dream," he said. Moments later another ghost arrived.

"Who are you?" Kennedy pleaded.

"I am Election Day Present," said the apparition, "and you must come with me."

The ghost led the justice to a television set where he was forced to watch five straight hours of negative political advertising.

"Please stop! I can't bear it!" cried the justice. "Who is responsible for this?"

"No one knows. They don't have to identify themselves," said the ghost. "You wrote in Citizens United that Congress would pass a law requiring disclosure of the sources of all campaign funds. But of course, it didn't."

"But I ... I ... thought ..." the justice stammered.



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The ghost towered over Kennedy. "You should have known!" he shouted, and then vanished as suddenly as the first ghost, leaving the justice back in his bed.

"Oh help," Kennedy groaned. "I'm having a very bad night."

Moments later, two apparitions appeared.

They appeared very old.

"Who are you?" the justice cried, pulling his blanket over his head.

"We are Election Day Future," said the two in unison. "Come with us."

"Must I?" whispered the justice.

The ghosts nodded their heads and led the justice into a palatial room in which a dozen people were loudly partying.

"Who are these people?" Kennedy asked.

"The billionaires who now own America. They make all the decisions."

"What ... happened?" the justice asked meekly.

"Citizens' United allowed a few giant corporations, Wall Street banks and very wealthy people to buy American democracy. And once they bought it, there was no longer any need for Election Day. That's why they party every year on this day."

"Oh, no," said the justice, and he began to weep.

"By the way," said the ghosts in unison, "let us introduce ourselves. Charles and David Koch." They shook the justice's hand, and then vanished.

Justice Kennedy was back in his bed, just as the morning light was beginning to peep through the curtains.

It was Election Day 2014. The justice was overwhelmed with relief and joy. He put on his best suit and went to vote.

"Hello!" he happily shouted to everyone he saw at the polling place. "Isn't Election Day wonderful?"

Then Justice Kennedy hurried to his office in the Supreme Court building where he met with his law clerks.

"I've made a very important decision," he said. "I'm going to join with the four dissenters to Citizens United, and we're going to reverse that horrific case."

His clerks had never seen the justice so happy.

"I want each of you to take the rest of the day off, and be sure to vote!" he beamed. Then he headed for the door and clicked his heels before leaving for home. "Happy Election Day!" he shouted.

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YOUR LETTERS

You're On Your Own

John Vlasak, Central Point, Ore.

Vulnerable to horrific attacks by radical Islam, we must recognize the danger of Islamic radicals without condemning the millions of well-intentioned Muslims. As a Green Beret Sergeant in Vietnam, I know the horrors of war, but this new enemy is like none I could have imagined.

Recently, I listened to news of a terrorist plot to bomb subways in New York and an Islamic radical beheaded a woman in Oklahoma. Unknown numbers of this savage, cowardly, growing enemy are within our homeland. They are clearly at war with us, yet our government won't declare it. These terrorists plan to rape, bomb and sever heads. Their objective is to incite terror, their hatred so impassioned that to die in the act of killing Americans is both justifiable and honorable.

Certainly our anti-gun element will criticize

me, but I suggest this readership take my lead in arming your family. Mine has discussed emergency scenarios and how to respond. We are acquiring concealed weapons permits and shoot on a regular basis. We have developed a level of confidence and skill to react swiftly, enhancing our survival. Keep informed, alert and proactive, as YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN!

Shame On You!

Nancy Washburn, Yankton

On Monday, Oct. 27, my 91-year-old sister fell while walking on her sidewalk. She lives at 105 E. Fifth St. Four cars passed her and did not stop to help — two on Fifth St. and two in the alley. There's no way they could have missed seeing her, unless they were blind, in which case they shouldn't have been driving. They didn't even dial 911 for her.

Shame on you!

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