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OPINION OTHER VIEWS

Actually, We DO Need More Welders

BLOOMBERG VIEW: Marco Rubio has done America a great service by offending its chin-scratchers and navel-gazers. "Welders make more money than philosophers," the senator declared at last week's Republican debate. "We need more welders and less philosophers."

Fact-checkers pointed to the data showing that philosophy professors earn more than welders. But it's hard to find work as a philosophy professor, and, in any event, Rubio's essential point is correct: Many jobs for skilled tradespeople pay more than those requiring academic credentials. There just aren't enough qualified workers to fill them.

Rather than give this shortage the attention it deserves, presidential candidates in both parties have focused on reducing — or in Sen. Bernie Sanders's case, eliminating — the cost of college and its debt burdens. But what about people who don't want to go to college?

Many skills that are essential to a high-performing economy — and that garner middle-class wages — aren't taught in college. Welding is just one example. Carpenters, electricians, ironworkers, machinists, masons, mechanics, steamfitters, plasterers, plumbers, technicians of every kind, and many other skilled tradespeople earn incomes that often exceed those for white-collar jobs.

An 18-year-old who spends four years as an apprentice plumber might earn \$100,000 or more during that span, and avoid paying as much for college. After the apprenticeship, a young plumber can make \$50,000 a year, with the prospect of steady income growth: Master plumbers can earn \$100,000 to \$200,000.

The typical college graduate makes about \$60,000 at the peak of his or her career, and is likely to pay about \$3,000 a year in loans. And of course, many young people who start college, especially community college, never finish.

Too often, high school students are unaware of these facts and uninformed about training programs in the trades. The shortage of welders alone is expected to be nearly 300,000 by 2020.

To fill this need and improve the prospects of millions of young people, guidance counselors and teachers need to shift their thinking about the skilled trades. Rubio hasn't detailed how he would go about expanding vocational training and, unfortunately for voters, the debate moderators didn't ask. Next time, they should — and not just of Rubio.

IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2015. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 19, 1915, labor activist Joe Hill was executed by firing squad in Utah for the murders of Salt Lake City grocer John Morrison and his son, Arling.

On this date: In 1794, the United States and Britain signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange Township, Ohio.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.

In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles y a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1924, movie producer Thomas H. Ince died after celebrating his 42nd birthday aboard the yacht of newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst. (The exact circumstances of Ince's death remain a mystery.)

In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1955, the first issue of National Review, created by William F. Buckley Jr., was published.

In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made the second manned landing on the moon.

In 1975, the film "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," starring Jack Nicholson, was released by United Artists.

In 1985, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva. Actor Stepin Fetchit, whose on-screen persona of a shuffling, no-account character generated much controversy, died in Woodland Hills, California, at age 83.

In 1990, the pop duo Milli Vanilli were stripped of their Grammy Award because other singers had lent their voices to the "Girl You Know It's True" album.

In 1995, the animated film "Toy Story," a Buena Vista Pictures release, had its world premiere in Hollywood. The video of the new Beatles single "Free as a Bird" aired on ABC-TV.

Ten years ago: Two dozen Iraqi men, women and children in Haditha were killed by U.S. Marines after a Marine was killed by a roadside bomb. (Eight Marines were initially charged in the case; one was acquitted and six others had their cases dropped. The squad leader, Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, received a general discharge under honorable conditions after pleading guilty to negligent dereliction of duty.) President George W. Bush arrived in Beijing for talks with Chinese leaders. For the first time in 58 years, Indians legally walked into Pakistan after a landmark decision to temporarily open

divided Kashmir's heavily militarized border following a major earthquake. Tropical Storm Gamma deluged the coast of Central America.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, attending a NATO summit in Lisbon, Portugal, won an agreement to build a missile shield over Europe, a victory that risked further aggravating Russia. Twenty-nine miners were killed by a methane explosion in a southern New Zealand coal mine.

One year ago: Defying Congress, President Barack Obama ordered sweeping changes in U.S. immigration policy possibly affecting as many as 5 million living illegally in the U.S. Authorities in Honduras discovered the buried bodies of Maria Jose Alvarado, Miss Honduras 2014, and her sister, Sofia, six days after they had disappeared. (Sofia Alvarado's boyfriend, Plutarco Antonio Ruiz, is accused of the slayings.) Film and theater director Mike Nichols, 83, died in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Young is 96. Talk show host Larry King is 82. Former General Electric chief executive Jack Welch is 80. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 79. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 77. Singer Pete Moore (Smokey Robinson and the Miracles) is 76. Former Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 76. Actor Dan Haggerty is 74. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson is 74. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 73. Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad is 66. Actor Robert Beltran is 62. Actress Kathleen Quinlan is 61. Actress Glynnis O'Connor is 60. Broadcast journalist Ann Curry is 59. Former NASA astronaut Eileen Collins is 59. Actress Allison Janney is 56. Rock musician Matt Sorum (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver) is 55. Actress Meg Ryan is 54. Actress-director Jodie Foster is 53. Actress Terry Farrell is 52. TV chef Rocco DiSpirito is 49. Actor Jason Scott Lee is 49. Olympic gold medal runner Gail Devers is 49. Actress Erika Alexander is 46. Rock musician Travis McNabb is 46. Singer Tony Rich is 44. Actress Sandrine Holt is 43. Country singer Jason Albert (Heartland) is 42. Country singer Billy Currington is 42. Dancer-choreographer Savion Glover is 42. Country musician Chad Jeffers is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tanika Scott (Xscape) is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lil' Mo is 38. Olympic gold medal gymnast Kerri Strug is 38. Actor Reid Scott is 38. Actress Katherine Kelly (TV: "Mr. Selfridge") is 36. Neo-soul musician Brown Lollar is 33. Actor Adam Driver is 32. Actress Samantha Futerman is 28. Rapper Tyga is 26.

Thought for Today: "You can always tell gifted and highly intelligent people as they always turn to the past. Any young person who knows anything that happened before 1980, or 1990, or 2000 for that matter, is immediately someone who is intelligent, probably creative, maybe a writer. Nobody who is drawn to the past and learning about the past is not gifted." — Mike Nichols (1931-2014).

FROM THE BIBLE

Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Luke 17:17-18. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

152 Years Later, The Gettysburg Address Endures

On Nov. 19, 1863, a ceremony was held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to commemorate a new national cemetery for the fallen of the devastating Civil War still under way. Just four months earlier, the peaceful Pennsylvania field had been the approximate site of horrific carnage and great heroism in what will be known forever as the Battle of Gettysburg.

President Abraham Lincoln was asked to offer some remarks, and his speech was very brief — just 278 words. Reportedly, Lincoln himself didn't think much of it, and the audience's hesitant reaction (according to one crowd member: "There was a pause between the closing of the address and the applause because the people expected more ...") seemed to confirm his assessment.

According to the National Park Service website, the *Chicago Times* was

withering in its criticism: "The cheek of every American must tingle with shame as he reads the silly flat and dishwatery [sic.] remarks of the man who has to be pointed out as the President of the United States. ... Is Mr. Lincoln less refined than a savage? ... It was a perversion of history so flagrant that the most extended charity cannot view it as otherwise than willful."

Added the *London Times*: "The ceremony was rendered ludicrous by some of the sallies of that poor President Lincoln. Anything more dull and commonplace it would not be easy to produce."

But such jeers have been overwhelmed by the accolades of history, which align with the reaction of the *Chicago Tribune*: "The dedicatory remarks by President Lincoln will live among the annals of the war."



Kindle's Korner

Yankton Boasts Six Presidential Scholars

BY DR. WAYNE KINDLE

Yankton School District

Six of the 25 South Dakota seniors nominated as U.S. Presidential Scholars are from Yankton High School!

The U.S. Presidential Scholars recognition program was established in 1964, by executive order of the president to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars and be honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations to Yankton High School seniors Joseph Kelly, Andrew Pietz, Cody Perakslis, Danielle Gillis, Talitha Greaver and Hannah Williams.

We are very proud of their academic excellence, leadership, school involvement and service.



Dr. Wayne
KINDLE

YSD PARTNERS WITH YANKTON CO. 4-H CLUB

Yankton County 4-H Club has partnered with the YSD to host Junk Drawer Robotics. This is an opportunity for elementary students in grades 4-5 to participate in an after-school program focusing on Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM). Students will learn how to build a marshmallow catapult, a clipmobile and more!

This program began at Beadle Elementary School Nov. 12.

A special thanks to the Junk Drawer Robotics Educators — Lauren Hollenbeck and Stephanie Siebrandt from Yankton County 4-H.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BUCKS FOOTBALL AND YHS CHOIR

The Yankton Bucks won the 11AA Football Championships in the Dakota Dome on Nov. 13. The Bucks have won back to back championships in 11AA Football.

We were also honored to have our very own YHS Choir selected by the South Dakota High School Activities Association to sing the National Anthem at the 11AA Football Championships in the DakotaDome.

Congratulations to our students involved in both activities for representing the community of Yankton and the Yankton School District in first-class fashion! Your hard work and dedication were evident.

Thank you to our students, parents, staff and community members for cheering on the Bucks! There was a sea of red and no doubt about Yankton Pride!

COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES STUDY

The Yankton School District has hired the TSP Firm from Sioux Falls to conduct a Comprehensive Facilities Study.

The areas included in the study are:

- Facility enhancements and upgrades
- School safety and transportation logistics at each site
- The infrastructure of the building considering the age of the building
- ADA accessibility
- Space utilization
- Athletic facilities and fine arts area
- Academic needs (libraries, technology, etc.)
- Census projections and space needs

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great Benefit!

Kyle, Lisa, Marissa, Jordan and Abby Kuipers, Yankton

Thank you so much to everyone who planned, attended, and/or donated raffle items, food or money to our "Kicking Cancer

- City demographic movement
- Potential new facility site needs
- CTE facility needs (portion of program located at the RTEC facility)
- Crane-Youngworth Field and Williams Track

The TSP firm has begun their work. As the process continues there will be opportunity for public input, as well as staff engagement and discussion. The Comprehensive Facilities Study has an anticipated timeline of completion, as well as recommendations to be made at the April School Board Meeting.

YSD STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

A special School Board Meeting was held on Oct. 8 at the YHS Theater. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public an overview of the successes we have had with our short-term goals in the YSD 5-Year Strategic Plan 2014-2019 and to address some of our 3- to 5-year goals.

Below is a link providing the same information presented at the public meeting. Thank you for your continued support of the Yankton School District (<http://www.ytd.k12.sd.us/strategicplan>).

KINDLE'S MONTHLY COFFEE — COMMUNITY MEMBERS — PARENTS

On Nov. 4, we held our first Kindle's Coffee at Stewart Elementary School. I have done this the last two years and we had a respectable turnout for the morning coffees. The coffee time is open to anybody who wishes to come and visit, whether you have children in school or not, you are welcome to attend.

The superintendent will provide a 10-minute update on the Yankton School District. The building principal will give a 10 minute overview of their school. There will be 15 minutes of Q/A, followed by a tour of the building for those interested. Along with coffee, there will be rolls/donuts served.

The following are dates/times/locations for upcoming Kindle Coffees:

- Nov. 23 — 9-9:45 a.m.: Lincoln Elementary School
- Dec. 1 — 9-9:45 a.m.: Beadle Elementary School
- Dec. 22 — 9-9:45 a.m.: Webster Elementary School
- Jan. 11 — 9-9:45: Yankton Middle School

PRESENTATIONS

As superintendent, I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/organization. I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings. I would also come to your facility or meeting place.

Since taking my new position as superintendent, I have spoken to several groups throughout our community and have hosted groups at our Administration Building. Please feel free to contact me at 665-3998 to arrange a time to visit.

Let's continue to have a great year!

Henry Ford stated, "Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success."

Dr. Wayne Kindle is superintendent of the Yankton