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## We Say

### Training Day



**THUMBS UP** to all the law enforcement, emergency agencies and health organizations who took part in the full scale exercise Thursday. These scenarios will better prepare our responders for the real life situations they encounter every day. Exercises like this show their dedication and commitment to protecting the area's residents.

### State Fair Fare



**THUMBS UP** to the 4-Hers, parents and Extension staff for their efforts at the recent South Dakota and Nebraska state fairs. 4-H emphasizes head, heart, hands and health along with learning by doing. Once again, our young people have demonstrated a wide variety of talents and interests which will pay rewards far beyond the state fair competition.

### Leaving Town



**THUMBS DOWN** to the news this week that Father Thomas Wordekemper is leaving his position as director of Campus Ministry at Yankton's Mount Marty College in December for a post in North Dakota. For several years, Wordekemper has maintained a kind, open heart and attitude that has drawn in students to be involved with campus ministry and been a beacon of positivity that put the college in a good light. He will be greatly missed.

### Back On!



**THUMBS UP** to the return of Me-TV to Yankton's cable television menu. The retro channel vanished from local cable last fall, although it has been available by digital antennae. However, KSFY out of Sioux Falls announced it would start airing the channel on its digital lineup, and for VAST customers, that meant the channel is now part of the menu. (We are uncertain at this juncture whether it is on Midcontinent.) We professed to be quite fond of the throwback channel, which featured a lineup as diverse as "M\*A\*S\*H," "Star Trek" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" to cheesy (i.e., they aren't really as good as we remembered them being) curiosities like "Batman" and "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea." (And, of course, it still carries "Svengoolie" on Saturday nights.) The return is welcome.

## ONLINE OPINION

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

### LATEST RESULTS:

Which political party do you think can better handle immigration issues?	
Republicans.....	52%
Democrats.....	27%
Not sure/don't care.....	13%
Both can handle it equally well.....	8%
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b> .....	<b>334</b>

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 safer now than it was on Sept. 11, 2001?**

To cast your vote in the PRESS & DAKOTAN'S Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

## IN HISTORY

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Friday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2015. There are 111 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Sept. 11, 2001, America faced an unprecedented day of terror as 19 al-Qaida members hijacked four passenger jetliners, sending two of the planes smashing into New York's World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania, resulting in nearly 3,000 deaths.

**On this date:** In 1714, the forces of King Philip V of Spain overcame Catalan defenders to end the 13-month-long Siege of Barcelona during the War of the Spanish Succession.

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1857, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaughtered by Mormon militiamen aided by Paiute Indians.

In 1936, Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator.

In 1941, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon. In a speech that drew accusations of anti-Semitism, Charles A. Lindbergh told an America First rally in Des Moines, Iowa, that "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were pushing the United States toward war.

In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

In 1962, The Beatles completed their first single for EMI, "Love Me Do" and "P.S. I Love You," at EMI studios in London.

In 1974, Eastern Airlines Flight 212, a DC-9, crashed while attempting to land in Charlotte, North Carolina, killing 72 of the 82 people on board. The family drama "Little House on the Prairie" premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1984, country star Barbara Mandrell was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Nashville, Tennessee, that claimed the life of the other driver, Mark White.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds cracked career hit number 4,192 off Eric Show (rhymes with "how") of the San Diego Padres, eclipsing the record held by Ty Cobb.

In 1997, Scots voted to create their own Parliament after 290 years of union with England.

**Ten years ago:** Weeping relatives marked the fourth anniversary of 9/11 with prayers, solemn remembrances and heartfelt messages at the site where the World Trade Center collapsed. Japanese voters handed Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling coalition a landslide vic-

tory in elections for the lower house of parliament. Roger Federer blew away Andre Agassi 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-1 to capture a second straight U.S. Open and sixth Grand Slam title. Sportscaster Chris Schenkel died in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at age 82.

**Five years ago:** Speaking at the Pentagon, President Barack Obama appealed to the nation to honor the memory of the Sept. 11 victims by heaving to the values of diversity and tolerance. In New York, a morning ceremony of remembrance gave way to an afternoon of protests and counter-protests over a proposed Islamic center near ground zero. A gunman in rural eastern Kentucky killed five people before turning the shotgun on himself. Kim Clijsters won a second consecutive U.S. Open championship and third overall, easily beating Vera Zvonareva 6-2, 6-1. Actor Kevin McCarthy, 96, died in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

**One year ago:** In a joint statement, 10 Arab states promised to "do their share" to fight Islamic State militants, but NATO member Turkey refused to join in. South Korean teen Hyo-Joo Kim made history with the lowest round in a major tournament, a faultless 10-under 61 to open the Evian Championship.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Betsy Drake is 92. Former Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, is 91. Actor Earl Holliman is 87. Comedian Tom Dreesen is 76. Movie director Brian De Palma is 75. Singer-actress-dancer Lola Falana is 73. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 72. Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 70. Actor Phillip Alford is 67. Actress Amy Madigan is 65. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 62. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 62. Actor Reed Birney is 61. Singersongwriter Diane Warren is 59. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson is 58. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 58. Actor Scott Patterson is 57. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 57. Actress Roxann Dawson is 57. Actor John Hawkes is 56. Actress Anne Ramsay is 55. Actress Virginia Madsen is 54. Actress Kristy McNichol is 53. Musician-composer Moby is 50. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is 50. Business reporter Maria Bartiromo is 48. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 48. Rock musician Bart Van Der Zeeuw is 47. Actress Taraji P. Henson is 45. Actress Laura Wright is 45. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit) is 44. Blogger Markos Moulitsas is 44. Singer Brad Fischetti (LFO) is 40. Rapper Mr. Black is 38. Rock musician Jon Buckland (Coldplay) is 38. Rapper Ludacris is 38. Rock singer Ben Lee is 37. Actor Ryan Slattery is 37. Actress Ariana Richards is 36. Actress Elizabeth Henstridge is 28. Actor Tyler Hoechlin is 28. Country singer Charles Kelley (Lady Antebellum) is 34. Actress Mackenzie Aladjem is 14.

**Thought for Today:** "A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer." — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American poet and essayist (1803-1882).

## FROM THE BIBLE

*The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. John 10:3.* Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



# The Blurring: 9/11 And The Cold War

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There are moments now when I try to think back on those seemingly brighter days before 9/11 — a nightmare that occurred 14 years ago today.

But I can't bring anything to mind anymore.

It's not simply due to the passage of time, which has been both considerable and breathtakingly fast. And I still recall the terrible day itself with depressing clarity. I can also remember the longing I once attached to the memories of those times just before that terrible morning.

But it's hard now to remember such ghosts. We've grown comfortable with the prospect of constant distrust and ongoing war whose end is nowhere in sight. That's simply who we are, or what we've become.

However, that fact rings a bell for me.

I've discovered that I now blur this current, wounded post-9/11 mindset with the all-consuming Cold War mindset I grew up with for so many decades. The two have melded together into a nearly seamless collage of alarm, patriotism and suspicion.

From this distance since Sept. 11, 2001, I now see the similarities.

I see the paranoia of both times. During the Cold War, we were always fearful of the communist specter. Back in the 1940s and '50s, a destructive hysteria swept this nation as we suspected threats lurking in any dark corner of our society. So it has been since 9/11. As a nation, we're still wary of Islam and we see jihadist threats slithering everywhere. We still have lawmakers who scream about the threat of Sharia law within this country. We see the world through the prism of 9/11. So, the players may be different and the methods are altered, but the same kind of frantic anxiety is still with us.

We also share the same kind of military mentality. The Cold War was a chess match, with each move by the west countered by the east, and vice versa. It was part of the stalemate that maintained an uneasy balance of nerves for decades. Today, we still have troops on the ground

in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Middle East. We use new technologies such as drones to wage a faceless warfare, not unlike the cruise missiles we utilized in the waning days of the Cold War era. Our moves are dictated by the latest threats, which have lately included the Islamic State group. Again, there are crucial differences, but in broad brushstrokes, little has changed.

We still have enemies to oppose. Once upon a time, it was the communists: the Soviets, the Viet Cong, the "Red" Chinese — the list seemed fluid and endless. Today, it's al-Qaida, it's ISIS, it's Iran, it's North Korea and, in a nostalgic note, even Russia is trying to come back into play.

We also still live in fear. In the Cold War days, we existed with the terrifying possibility of all-out nuclear war every single day and every breath. Today, we live with different brands of fear: the threat of another 9/11-style strike, or the act of a lone-wolf terrorist or a sleeper cell stirred to action. We once were

consumed by the wholesale dread of atomic annihilation; now, it's the retail fear of a genocidal attack waged with an airplane, on a train, at a marathon race ...

And yet, we still manage to live with it. I sometimes wonder how we ever kept our sanity in the age of mutually-assured destruction. But we did, mostly by not thinking about it. In a way, that's also how we've endured since 9/11: We've come to accept the threats to our life as life itself. The fear becomes a comfortable, tolerable thing. That's the definition of living, both today and 30 years ago.

On this 9/11 anniversary, there is a grim solace in the knowledge that we've stumbled down this weary road before. The political architectures are quite different, and the people we are indoctrinated to distrust are also a different cast. But it's the same show. And we are left, again, to yearn for a peace that probably can never exist except amid constant vigilance and the promise of war as an instrument for keeping that peace. And perhaps that's something else we can think about on this sad anniversary.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Terrific Support

Desiree Johnson, Yankton

River City Domestic Violence Center and Family Connections received recently was monumental. Staff and board members of River City were overwhelmed with delight during our Family Strong event. We had a fabulous turnout as many community members attended, demonstrating their endless support.

Our eighth annual Walk A Mile In Her Shoes® event was a huge success! More than 70 men warmed all of our hearts as they marched in high heels to create awareness of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Through the many generous community pledges the walkers gathered more than \$22,000. The money raised will be used to help fund victim-center advocacy and safe haven services.

Family Connection's "Family Fun Day" gathered more than 300 members of our community to celebrate families in our community with free lunch, games, and prizes. The smile on each child's face as they played games and had fun with their families was so heartwarming to see.

We, at River City, were also very proud of the 35 "Silence Hides the Violence" 5k participants. The community of Yankton should truly be proud that so many people came together to support such an important cause on so many levels. River City would like to extend a warm thank you to all those who made our Family Strong events possible. Thank you to the numerous businesses and individuals that donated items and time to these events.

Lastly, thank you to all the courageous women who walked in heeled shoes to create awareness of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, without your dedication and support this event would not have been possible.

The impact of this community's support and generosity will touch the lives of countless individuals and families for years to come. Thank you!

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