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Something Big

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THUMBS UP to Jacob Fokken, who submitted the winning entry in Onward Yankton's "Big Idea" contest. Fokken accepted the \$10,000 check during Monday's presentation and press conference at Meridian Bridge Plaza. Fokken suggested making Yankton an entrepreneurial hub, particularly for young people. The rest of the 508 entries will be compiled for possible action by area businesses and organizations. While Fokken carted of the \$10,000

prize, the Yankton region has also won thanks to the creativity and energy arising from the Big Idea promotion.

Blessings

described the moment as incredible and truly a blessing

A THUMBS UP on the quick response to the recent derailment in Yankton County. Last Saturday morning, a 98-car freight train, primarily carrying ethanol, derailed between Scotland and Lesterville. Fire crews who had recently been trained to deal with ethanol fires responded and let the ensuing fire burn itself out rather than dumping water on it which would've exacerbated the situation. Response from other crews and the railroad

was just as swift and wider problems were avoided.

Yogi



No.

Not sure

Berra, who left us this week at age 90. The legendary New York Yankee catcher was a throwback to another time in more ways than one: He was gritty and un-glamorous, but he got the job done. Since his death, people have, first and foremost, celebrated the wonderful "Yogi-isms" that have been attributed to him

THUMBS DOWN to the passing of baseball great Yogi

through the years - plain-spoken, seemingly naïve bits of wisdom that are as humorous as they are true. Not surprisingly, a robust canon of whimsical sayings has also been attributed to him that he didn't really say at all, but that legacy is bound to live forever through the Internet. But in this space today, let us offer another testament about the guy: He was a .285 career hitter with 358 career home runs (against just 414 strikeouts), a 10-time World Series champion, an 18-time All-Star, a three-time American League MVP and a Baseball Hall of Famer. And yeah, he said some funny stuff, too. However, let's not overlook the fact Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra was also one of the greatest catchers to ever play the game.

ONLINE OPINION

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

LATEST RESULTS:

The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions

Would you consider voting for a Muslim for president?

curate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.

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squirming in the American soul, that carried Obama to the White House in 2008. All cast themselves as outsiders, even the maverick veteran Sanders. The fact that it boosts them in the polls — Sanders to a lesser extent — says a lot about the mood of the country at the moment.

Right now, Trump seems to be the leader of this pack. The billionaire non-politician still maintains a healthy lead in the Republican presidential field. His every utterance generates headlines and, more importantly, responses from other Republicans. His brashness has pushed the dialogue to the wall, and as a result, other candidates are now more willing to "go there" - wherever "there" happens to be on any given day — rather than carefully parse their stands on issues.

Trump sets that pace despite missteps that might have derailed other candidates. He currently seems to be immune to such political land mines.

This is basically the 2008 Obama phenomenon all over again.

Clearly, Trump and Obama are two very different kinds of people, but in a way, they are exactly the same kind of candidate.

Both men came into their presidential runs as outsiders. Obama was the freshman senator from Illinois; a young, black scholar who brought a fresh approach that challenged party insiders and energized a younger demographic. Trump is a political iconoclast, hell-bent on running his campaign his way. His war of words with Fox News is emblematic of his role as an anti-establishment politician.

Yeah, the media love this kind of stuff. When Obama began picking up momentum early in the 2008 campaign, his every move became news. Meanwhile, Trump serves up good television, to be sure. Some people listen) near min speak the plain truth about the ills that face this country; others watch to see what crazy thing he'll utter next that will tick people off. Obama's strength was and is his oratory. Listening to his soaring speeches was like a watching a gospel television program. He was an apostle of hope in a hopeless political system. Trump is, literally, a reality TV candidate. People know his character and his brashness, more so than they know about his views, which often come off as vague anyway.



Trump: The New Obama?



Kelly HERTZ

In a lot of ways, both candidates represent what modern politics has become. They both capture media attention and, thus, the eyeballs of the American masses. They both exude an energy that wins hearts and opens pocketbooks (although, as Trump proudly

points out, he doesn't need it). They both lead with their styles, which are integral to their overall perception.

But there are also vast differences. Obama was the more serious politician, while Trump comes off more as a Howard Beal-type candidate who's mad as hell and isn't going to take it anymore. Obama can be tactful to the point of being achingly professorial; 'm not sure Trump can even spell tactful.

Ultimately, being the flavor of the moment can only get you so far. The key is how they adjust once the fever cools and the tailwinds turn against

you There was a moment in early 2008, right after the Iowa caucuses, when it felt like Obama was going to zoom away with the Democratic nomination early. But reality, as ever, interceded and he was pushed all the way to the June primary in South Dakota (i.e., one of the very few times our primary really mattered) before he could secure the nomination. In an interview I did with him right before the primary, Obama told me that the prolonged process made him a better candidate, which the years since have seemingly validated.

I'm not sure I see the same kind of ability to adjust in Trump. Instead, he tends to rationalize adversity away. For instance, he vows to put up a wall on the border with Mexico, but in response to criticism, insists that Hispanics will love him. This is the kind of disconnected approach that has a lot of other Republicans worried.

So, how long can Trump last? Conventional wisdom tells me that he is a plurality king, and once the field is winnowed down and he faces only one or two other candidates, the opposition (and the establishment) will coalesce against him.

On the other hand, conventional wisdom also told me the 2008 Obama tidal wave wouldn't last either. Seven years on, I believe I may have been mistaken. I do know this: All candidates — and especially guys like Obama and Trump, who cast themselves as agents of change — are only as strong as their supporters make them. And the voters right now really do want change, which attaches an asterisk to conventional wisdom. Since Trump has already lasted longer and gotten further than I dreamed he could, I will definitely wait and see on this one.









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CURRENT OUESTION:

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Do you support a proposed tax levy in Yankton County to help pay for road and repairs bridge repairs and maintenance?

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

IN HISTORY

Yes, if the person is qualified ..

TOTAL VOTES CAST

By The Associated Press Today is Friday, September 25, the 268th day of 2015. There are 97 days left

Today's Highlight in History: On September 25, 1890, President Benjamin Harrison signed a measure establishing Sequoia National Park. On this date: In 1513, Spanish ex-

plorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean.

In 1690, one of the earliest American newspapers, Publick Occurrences, published its first — and last — edition in Boston. In 1775, American Revolutionary War

hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal. (Allen was released by the British in 1778.)

In 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo. Colorado, during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1932, the Spanish region of Cata-lonia received a Charter of Autonomy (however, the Charter was revoked by Francisco Franco at the end of the Spanish Civil War). In 1957, nine black students who'd

been forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's

101st Airborne Division. In 1965, the first installment of "In Cold Blood," Truman Capote's account of the 1959 murders of the Clutter family in Holcomb, Kansas, appeared in The New Yorker. (The work was published in book

In 1974, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Tommy John underwent an experimental graft reconstruction of the ulnar collateral igament in the elbow of his throwing arm

to repair a career-ending injury; the pro-cedure, which proved successful, is now referred to as "Tommy John surgery." In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego Diego.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton pulled open the door of Central High School in Little Rock. Arkansas, as he welcomed nine blacks who'd faced hate-filled mobs 40 years earlier.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush wrapped up a three-day trip designed to convey hands-on leadership during the Gulf Coast hurricanes, promising to act on military leaders' request for

FROM THE BIBLE

For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sacrificed. Hebrews 10:14. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When There's HOPE ...

Karen Edler, Yankton

Team HOPE

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a national search-and-rescue strategy. A

U.S. military helicopter crashed in Afghan

istan, killing all five American crew mem-

Los Angeles at age 82.

bers. Actor-comedian Don Adams died in

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, in his weekly radio and Internet

address, said the Republicans' plan to

were to retake the House in November

was no more than "an echo of a disas-

trous decade we can't afford to relive."

Three crew members, including American

astronaut Tracy Caldwell-Dyson, touched

down safely, although a day late, in Ka-zakhstan aboard their Soyuz capsule fol-

lowing a six-month stay aboard the Inter-

national Space Station. One year ago: Attorney General Eric Holder announced his resignation.

President Barack Obama, in a sober as-

sessment of international efforts to stem

a deadly Ebola outbreak, warned a high-

level United Nations gathering that there was a "significant gap" between what had

been offered so far and what was actu-

ally needed to stem the health crises in

West Africa. Derek Jeter capped his Yan-

kee Stadium farewell with a game-winning

single in the bottom of the ninth inning to

give New York a 6-5 victory over the Bal-

timore Orioles. Today's Birthdays: Broadcast jour-

nalist Barbara Walters is 86. Folk singer Ian Tyson is 82. Former Defense Secre-

tary Robert Gates is 72. Actor Josh Taylor

is 72. Actor Robert Walden is 72. Actor

producer Michael Douglas is 71. Model Cheryl Tiegs is 68. Actress Mimi Kennedy

is 67. Movie director Pedro Almodovar is 66. Actor-director Anson Williams is

Hall of Famer Bob McAdoo is 64. Polka bandleader Jimmy Sturr is 64. Actor Colin Friels is 63. Actor Michael Madsen is 57.

Actress Heather Locklear is 54. Actress Aida Turturro is 53. Actor Tate Donovan is

52. TV personality Keely Shaye Smith is 52. Basketball Hall of Famer Scottie Pip-

pen is 50. Actor Jason Flemyng is 49. Ac-

tor Will Smith is 47. Actor Hal Sparks is 46. Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones is 46. Rock

musician Mike Luce (Drowning Pool) is

44. Actress Bridgette Wilson-Sampras is 42. Actress Clea DuVall is 38. Actor Rob-

bie Jones is 38. Actor Joel David Moore

is 38. Actor Chris Owen is 35. Rapper T. I. is 35. Actor Van Hansis is 34. Actor Lee

Norris is 34. Actor/rapper Donald Glover

(AKA Childish Gambino) is 32. Actor Zach Woods (TV: "Silicon Valley"; "The

Office") is 31. Singer Diana Ortiz (Dream)

is 30. Actor Jordan Gavaris (TV: "Orphan

Black") is 26. Olympic silver medal figure skater Mao Asada is 25. Actress Emmy

English physicist (1820-1893).

Thought for Today: "It is as fatal as it is cowardly to blink (at) facts because they are not to our taste." — John Tyndall,

Clarke is 24

Actor Mark Hamill is 64. Basketball

slash taxes and cut spending if the GOP

In a couple weeks, the symbolic color of pink reminds us that it is once again Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It reminds us of the evil disease that takes so much from so many people. It leaves behind many physical and emotional scars, and unfortunately, takes many lives each year. The public display of pink suggests different things to different people. Some see it as a sign of strength and courage, others see it as empathy, and for others it symbolizes the importance of scheduling that yearly physical and mammogram.

Too many times, the different types of cancer aren't socially recognized as significantly as Breast Cancer. So please, let's not get so wrapped up in the campaign of "pink," but rather remember that cancer is cancer, and no matter what type it is, every day of every month should be a reminder of the importance of good health, yearly physicals and preventative measures.

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There are so many individuals, young and old, fighting hard against this horrific disease. Some fight so terribly hard, but sadly lose the strength to continue. Let's dedicate every single month to all cancer survivors, the fighters, and especially to the memory of those that have lost the fight.

To celebrate all who have been affected by cancer, Team HOPE and the Pink Ladies have joined forces to bring you the "1st Annual Team HOPE & Pink Ladies 'Paint the Park Pink' 5K Family Walk". The event is Saturday, Sept. 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the base of the walking bridge behind the old Farm Credit building. The cost is free. I encourage cancer survivors, their families, and families of those that have lost the fight against cancer to join us. This walk is for you. To the community, please come show your support.

On a closing note, for ourselves, our daughters, moms, sisters, and friends, please put down your pink bagel and make that call. If you are unable to pay for an exam, please call me (605-857-0133) and Team HOPE will assist you.

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