**Dissecting Da Vinci**

A book review

Ginnie gave me the book, “Leonardo Da Vinci” by Walter Isaacson for Christmas. It’s a large, heavy, pretty book. But don’t let the size fool you. Its pages are of high-quality, thick, satin paper because of all the artwork. Of the 600 pages, the last 100 or so are index and notes, etc. My arms soon became tired from holding the book. It’s probably not a book you would take on an airplane.

Then Ginnie started reading it also, and there was a conflict as to who was going to get to read it and when. I solved the problem by ordering the book on Kindle. Ginnie snarked that the artwork wouldn’t be near the quality on Kindle. I demonstrated to her how on Kindle I could “zoom up” or “spread apart” a picture, say for example “Mona Lisa’s” eyeball, and study Da Vinci’s brush strokes. She was soon asking to see such-and-such a picture on Kindle. Thus, the Twenty-First-Century debate as to which is superior, Kindle or “real” books, ended in a draw, for us anyway. While waiting to have our car lubed, I was able to whip out my smart phone and continue to read Da Vinci, the smart phone having tracked the last page read on Kindle. Ginnie was quite jealous. Shows-to-go-you.

What can I say about Da Vinci except read the book and become enlightened. He was a self-educated, illegitimate child whose genius rivals that of Einstein, Michelangelo and Steve Jobs all rolled into one. As a child, a bird flew into his crib and flapped its tail, perhaps signifying the touch of a muse. To say he was a Renaissance Man, combining art, science, medicine, mathematics, astronomy, you-name-it, doesn’t do him justice. Not only did he paint the most famous pieces of art in the world—the “Mona Lisa” and the “Last Supper”—but he swam underwater to see such-and-such a picture on Kindle. Thus, the Twenty-First-Century debate as to which is superior, Kindle or “real” books, ended in a draw, for us anyway. While awaiting to have our car lubed, I was able to whip out my smart phone and continue to read Da Vinci, the smart phone having tracked the last page read on Kindle. Ginnie was quite jealous. Shows-to-go-you.

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Rainbolt family holding benefit to offset son’s final expenses

FORT MADISON - A benefit is being planned for expenses related to the death of Dakota Rainbolt on March 3, 2018 at the Fort Madison Eagles, 4822 Avenue O, from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. As part of the benefit a $10 raffle is being held for a quarter side of beef from Dave’s Old Fashioned Meats. Contact Gary’s Trading Post at 319-561-1132 for more information or tickets.

Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7

FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy.

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Da Vinci applied intellect to his imagination

centenarian who died, Leonardo promptly disected the corpse and discovered atherosclerosis. He wondered why the sky was blue and how fossils came to be on moun-tain tops. He studied the flow of blood through the heart and discovered what made heart valves open and close. (I al-ways figured heart valves operated like sluice gates. Nope.) Heart valves open and close due to eddies in the blood. He was not in a hurry. His paint-ings took years. “Mona Lisa,” who originally had eyebrows, took 16 years to paint, and then he still wasn’t finished. By the way, the reason Mona Lisa’s eyes seem to follow the viewer around the room are because Leon-ard painted her right pupil larger than the left. He discovered that sound and light travel in waves, as do emotions. He craved education for the sake of education and, being left handed, he wrote from the right hand of the page to the left in mirror script. He used drawing to help him think. Leonardo had a sense of humor. When he was painting “The Last Supper,” the Duke of Milan was on his case to hurry up and finish it. Leonardo politely told the Duke to back off, or his face might wind up as the face of Judas.

In the words of the author, Walter Isaacson, “What made Leonardo a genius, what set him apart from people who are merely extraordinari-ly smart, was creativi-ty, the ability to apply imagination to intellect.” He “tried to know all there was to know about everything that could be known.” The reason we know all this is because of paper and Da Vinci’s copious notes that are still being discovered today. Would he approve of the Kindle, that may not be around ten years from now? Once again Isaacson states, “The willingness to surrender preconceptions was key to his creativity.” Have a good story? Call Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or find him on Face Book. Curt’s sto-ries are also read on 106.3 FM in Farmington.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Exchange of Proposals
DATE: MONDAY,
February 26, 2018
LOCATION:
2530 255th Street,
Montrose, IA 52639
AGENDA
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M.
10:00 a.m. Exchange of Initial Proposals with Sec-
ondary Roads Union
Closed Session to follow: Negotiating sessions are ex-
empt from Chapter 21 Open Meetings
CONVENING TIME:
12:00 P.M.
12:00 p.m. Exchange of Initial Proposals with Ad-
ministrative Union
Closed Session to follow: Negotiating sessions are ex-
empt from Chapter 21 Open Meetings

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY,
February 27, 2018
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
2530 255th Street,
Montrose, IA 52639
AGENDA
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
9:01 a.m. Public Hearing
to Approve FY19 County
Budget
Consider Approval of
Resolution Approving FY19
County Budget
Consider Approval of
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Board Minutes
Consider Approval of
Claims
Public Input
Consider Approval to Re-
place Class III Maintenance
Position in Secondary Roads
Consider Approval of Res-
olution Removing Mobile
Homes from Tax System
Consider Approval of Tax
Abatement Resolution
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etee Reports
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Celebrate 8Teen!

Thank you to all of our customers who helped us reduce our environmental footprint in 2017!

Great River Regional Waste Authority is looking forward to continuing our efforts to manage our environmental footprint and help educate our communities on ways to help in 2018!

Things to remember in 2018 when recycling:

- Please do not place plastic bags in recycling bins.
- Rinse & Clean all food jars and cans before placing in recycling bins.
- Flatten boxes for better storage and volume reduction. *Empty all boxes before recycling.
- Place all recyclable products loose in bins.
- Do not recycle wrapping paper.

Properly dispose of all electronics and household hazardous waste. Click Here for more guidance!

For your convenience:

- Convenient Drop-Off Locations in 10 cities
- Curbside Recycling Bins are available at our Ft. Madison and Keokuk locations
- HHW Collection Available by appointment during regular business hours at our Ft. Madison and Keokuk locations

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Iowa Lottery WINNING NUMBERS

Lotto Drawings

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Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.