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OPINION

Ethanol Faces A Changing Future

Are we entering the “post-ethanol” era?

An article in Tuesday's *Press & Dakotan* may have inferred as much to some people. It noted that voters in Iowa, where the first-in-the-nation presidential caucus will be held in a few weeks, are no longer clinging to a candidate's stand on ethanol as a litmus test for their electoral preferences. In fact, the candidate who, according to some polls, currently leads the Republican field in Iowa, Ted Cruz, has been outspoken in his opposition to the government mandate to blend corn-based ethanol into the nation's fuel supply. As the article noted, this might have been a fatal stand as recently as four years ago, but it seems to be having little impact this time around.

And if ethanol can't be a political difference-maker in Iowa, what does that say for its additive's future?

Once upon a time, ethanol was seen as the ideal product for rural America. Blending ethanol into the nation's fuel supply could help Americans reduce their reliance on foreign oil by stretching the supply and curbing the overall consumption. Utilizing corn for the production of ethanol could allow part of the nation's large harvest to be diverted to renewable energy, thus shoring up corn prices elsewhere. And ethanol was advertised as being cleaner burning than straight fossil fuels, thereby having environmental benefits. Thus, ethanol addressed several issues at once. It was perfect.

But that bright promise has been attacked by shadows in recent years.

Ethanol has numerous critics, and not just because of the renewable energy mandate. Hunger advocates criticize the diversion of corn to energy use when it could instead by used to feed people in need. Even environmental proponents who once championed ethanol are now questioning its benefits. Ethanol has also been hurt by circumstance. Automobiles are now more fuel-efficient, which has led to an overall drop in energy consumption in this country. Also, as you may have noticed, gasoline prices are very low, which virtually negates any cost savings once enjoyed with ethanol-blended fuel. Another development, as Tuesday's article noted, is that, in Iowa, there are fewer small farmers raising corn as big farming operations produce the crop; thus, fewer people in Iowa are actually involved in corn production.

Despite all that, however, it would be premature to write off the muscle and potential of ethanol.

The ethanol industry still has considerable value and clout. According to the Farm Futures website, the USDA is seeing a “significant jump” in ethanol exports to China thanks to trade junkets that have cultivated these markets. And U.S. motorists are still consuming it, too, which means they are using ethanol. According to Ethanol Producer.com, it's expected that ethanol consumption will rise from 905,000 barrels a day this year to 918,000 barrels a day in 2016. So, that doesn't look like an industry in decline, by any means.

Still, one gets the sense that the business of ethanol is at a crossroads. It will not vanish for it has far too many uses, but the landscape in which it operates is changing. How the industry changes with it and promotes its territory will be key to ethanol's future — and by extension, crop producers who benefit from it.

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IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 2015. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 30, 1940, California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened.

On this date: In 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1865, author Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India.

In 1905, the Franz Lehár operetta “The Merry Widow” premiered in Vienna.

In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which lasted nearly seven decades before dissolving in Dec. 1991.

In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first “sit-down” strike at the General Motors Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Michigan. (The strike lasted until Feb. 11, 1937.)

In 1954, Olympic gold medal runner Malvin G. Whitfield became the first black recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award for amateur athletes.

In 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was inaugurated for his first term as president of the Philippines.

In 1979, Broadway composer Richard Rodgers died in New York at age 77.

In 1989, a Northwest Airlines DC-10, which had been the target of a telephoned threat, flew safely from Paris to Detroit with 22 passengers amid extra-tight security.

In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees. (John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

In 1999, former Beattle George Harrison fought off a knife-wielding intruder who'd broken into his mansion west of London and stabbed him in the chest. (Michael Abram was later acquitted of attempted murder by reason of insanity.)

In 2006, Iraqis awoke to news that Saddam Hussein had been hanged; victims of his three decades of autocratic rule took to the streets to celebrate.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, unhappy with Congress for not permanently extending the USA Patriot Act, signed a bill renewing the anti-terrorism law for a few weeks. Tropical Storm Zeta formed in the eastern Atlantic Ocean; it was the 27th storm of a record-breaking hurricane season.

Five years ago: Republican Lisa

Murkowski was officially named winner of Alaska's U.S. Senate race following a period of legal fights and limbo that had lasted longer than the write-in campaign she waged to keep her job. Former Israel President Moshe Katsav was convicted of raping an employee when he was a Cabinet minister (he is serving a seven-year sentence). Top-ranked Connecticut's record 90-game winning streak in women's basketball ended when No. 9 Stanford outplayed the Huskies in a 71-59 victory at Maples Pavilion. Bobby Farrell, 61, of the pop-disco group Boney M, died while on tour in St. Petersburg, Russia. Veteran U.S. diplomat Barry Zorthian, 90, died in Washington.

One year ago: President Vladimir Putin's chief political foe, Alexei Navalny, was convicted along with his brother, Oleg, in a fraud case widely seen as a vendetta by the Kremlin, triggering one of Russia's boldest anti-government demonstrations in years. Luise Rainer, a star of cinema's golden era who won back-to-back Oscars but then walked away from a glittering Hollywood career, died in London at age 104.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Joseph Bologna is 81. Actor Russ Tamblyn is 81. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Sandy Koufax is 80. Actor Jack Riley is 80. Folk singer Noel Paul Stookey is 78. TV director James Burrows is 75. Actor Fred Ward is 73. Singer-musician Michael Nesmith is 73. Actress Concetta Tomei is 70. Singer Patti Smith is 69. Rock singer-musician Jeff Lynne is 68. TV personality Meredith Vieira is 62. Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph is 60. Actress Patricia Kalember is 59. Country singer Suzy Bogguss is 59. “Today” show co-host Matt Lauer is 58. Actress-comedian Tracey Ullman is 56. Rock musician Rob Hotchkiss is 55. Radio-TV commentator Sean Hannity is 54. Sprinter Ben Johnson is 54. Actor George Newbern is 52. Movie director Bennett Miller (Film: “Foxcatcher”) is 49. Singer Jay Kay (Jamiroquai) is 46. Rock musician Byron McMackin (Pennywise) is 46. Actress Meredith Monroe is 46. Actor Daniel Sunjata is 44. Actress Maureen Flannigan is 43. Actor Jason Behr is 42. Gaffer Tiger Woods is 40. TV personality-broder Laila Ali is 38. Actress Lucy Punch is 38. Singer-actor Tyrese Gibson is 37. Actress Eliza Dushku is 35. Rock musician Tim Lopez (Plain White T's) is 35. Actress Kristin Kreuk is 33. Folk-rock singer-musician Wesley Schultz (The Lumineers) is 33. NBA player LeBron James is 31. Pop-rock singer Ellie Goulding is 29. Pop-rock musician Jamie Follese (Hot Chelle Rae) is 24.

Thought for Today: “The meek shall inherit the earth — if that's all right with you.” — Author unknown.

FROM THE BIBLE

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” Exodus 3:11. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poor Choices

Sheila Wek, Freeman

I am sending this email regarding a photo on the front page of the Nov. 2 issue of the *Press & Dakotan*. The photo I am referring to is of two kids “burying their friend in a corn pit” as is stated in the caption. The only visible part of the child being buried is his

mouth, nose and eyes. His friends are sprinkling more corn over him. He could easily inhale kernels of corn and choke.

First of all, I cannot believe why the United Way would use a corn pit as a fun activity for Halloween. Secondly, I cannot believe that the *Press and Dakotan* would print the photo. We live in a farming community and we teach our children to stay away from and

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BY TIM GIANO (NANWICA KCUI)

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Baum followed that editorial with another. He wrote, “The whites, by law of conquest, by justice of civilization, are masters of the American continent, and the best safety of the frontier settlements will be secured by the total annihilation of the few remaining Indians. Why not annihilation? Their glory has fled, their spirit is broken, their manhood effaced; better that they die than live the miserable wretches that they are.”

Fifty years later, another man set out to “annihilate” a race of people. Adolf Hitler did manage to exterminate 6 million Jews before the roof caved in on him. Hitler also wrote a book called “Mein Kampf.” In the book he wrote, “Was there any form of filth or profligacy, particularly in cultural life, without at least one Jew involved in it? If you cut even cautiously into such an abscess, you found, like a maggot in a rotting body — often dazzled by the sudden light — a Kike.”

There is no difference in their message. Both called for the genocidal extermination of a race of people.

Then why is L. Frank Baum so loved while Hitler so eternally hated? Suppose the book “Mein Kampf” was actually a children's book

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