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## OPINION | OTHER THOUGHTS

# Trucking Rules Needed For Safety

From the June 11 *New Britain (Connecticut) Herald*: At the same time that Congress is considering whether to relax work rules for freight haulers, a truck driver's lack of sleep is being blamed for the highway crash that injured comedian Tracy Morgan and killed Connecticut resident James "Jimmy Mack" McNair. Wal-Mart trucker Kevin Roper apparently failed to slow for traffic ahead on the New Jersey Turnpike and then swerved to avoid a crash.

Instead, his rig smashed into the back of Morgan's chauffeured limo bus, killing comedian McNair and injuring Morgan and three others.

Authorities said that Roper hadn't slept for more than 24 hours before the accident.

This comes at a time when a proposed change to federal regulations would effectively let drivers put in as many as 82 hours a week behind the wheel.

The change is backed by the trucking industry and opposed by safety advocates and the Obama administration.

An amendment that passed the Senate Appropriations Committee, sponsored by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, would repeal a requirement that drivers take a 34-hour break, including no driving from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. on two consecutive days.

"This regulation dumps concentrated amounts of commercial traffic onto the highway system at 5:01 a.m. Monday, when people are trying to get to their offices and their businesses ... and deliver children to schools," says Phil Byrd, chairman of the American Trucking Associations.

The senator and trucking industry officials said it is safer for truckers to drive at night when there is less traffic.

Those who oppose the change point out that nearly 4,000 people die in large truck crashes each year, and driver fatigue is a leading factor, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Do you want to share the road with a tired trucker? We didn't think so.

## ON THIS DATE

### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 19, the 170th day of 2014. There are 195 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On June 19, 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the U.S. Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster. Hours later, a twin-engine plane carrying Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Birch Bayh, D-Ind., crashed near Springfield, Massachusetts. Kennedy was seriously injured, Bayh and his wife, Marvella, less so, but two people, including the pilot, were killed.

**On this date:** In 1764, Jose Gervasio Artigas, considered the father of Uruguayan independence, was born in Montevideo.

In 1864, during the Civil War, the Confederate sloop-of-war *CSS Alabama* was sunk by the *USS Kearsarge* (also a sloop-of-war) off Cherbourg, France.

In 1865, Union troops commanded by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free, an event celebrated to this day as Juneteenth.

In 1910, the first-ever Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Wash. (The idea for the observance is credited to Sonora Louise Smart Dodd.)

In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created; it replaced the Federal Radio Commission.

In 1938, four dozen people were killed when a railroad bridge in Montana collapsed, sending a train known as the Olympian hurtling into Custer Creek.

In 1944, during World War II, the two-day Battle of the Philippine Sea began, resulting in a decisive victory for the Americans over the Japanese.

In 1953, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York.

In 1964, a groundbreaking ceremony took place in Concord, California, for the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, with President Lyndon B. Johnson presiding.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes, blamed for at least 122 deaths, made landfall over the Florida Panhandle.

In 1986, University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure. Artificial heart recipient Murray P. Haydon died in Louisville, Kentucky, after 16 months on the manmade pump.

In 1999, author Stephen King was seriously injured when he was struck by a van driven by Bryan Smith in North Lovell, Maine. Britain's Prince Edward married commoner Sophie

Rhys-Jones (rees johnz) in Windsor, England.

**Ten years ago:** The U.S. military stepped up its campaign against militant leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, launching an airstrike that pulverized a suspected hideout in Fallujah. President George W. Bush told Americans in his weekly radio address that the economy was growing stronger and more jobs were being created despite Democrats' claim he'd presided over a downturn for the country.

**Five years ago:** *New York Times* reporter David S. Rohde and Afghan reporter Tahir Ludin escaped from militant captors after more than seven months in captivity in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Texas billionaire R. Allen Stanford was indicted and jailed on charges his international banking empire was really just a Ponzi scheme built on lies, bluster and bribery. (Stanford was sentenced to 110 years in prison after being convicted of bilking investors in a \$7.2 billion scheme that involved the sale of fraudulent certificates of deposits.)

**One year ago:** Afghan President Hamid Karzai suspended talks with the United States on a new security deal to protest the way his government was left out of initial peace negotiations with the Taliban. President Barack Obama, speaking in front of Berlin's Brandenburg Gate, pledged to cut deployed U.S. nuclear weapons by one-third if Cold War foe Russia did the same. Actor James Gandolfini, 51, died while vacationing in Rome. Country singer Slim Whitman, 90, died in Orange Park, Florida.

**Today's Birthdays:** Pop singer Tommy DeVito (The Four Seasons) is 86. Actress Gena Rowlands is 84. Hall of Fame race car driver Shirley Muldowney is 74. Singer Spanky McFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 72. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is 69. Author Salman Rushdie is 67. Actress Phyllicia Rashad is 66. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 64. Musician Larry Dunn is 61. Actress Kathleen Turner is 60. Country singer Doug Stone is 58. Singer Mark DeBarge is 55. Singer-dancer Paula Abdul is 52. Actor Andy Lauer is 51. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 50. Actress Mia Sara is 47. Rock musician Brian "Head" Welch is 44. Actor Jean Dujardin is 42. Actress Robin Tunney is 42. Actor Pompey Robinson is 40. Actress Bumper Montgomery is 39. Alt-country singer-musician Scott Avett (The Avett Brothers) is 38. Actor Ryan Hurst is 38. Actress Zoe Saldana is 36. Actress Lauren Lee Smith is 34. Rapper Macklemore (Macklemore and Ryan Lewis) is 31. Actor Paul Dano is 30. Actor Atticus Shaffer is 16.

**Thought for Today:** "To seek fulfillment is to invite frustration." — Jiddu Krishnamurti, Indian author and philosopher (1895-1986).

## FROM THE BIBLE

Count it all joy. James 1:2. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

## YOUR LETTERS

### Brookings Players Love Visiting Yankton

Bill Kratz, Brookings  
The Brookings Outlaws U14 fastpitch team would like to thank YGSA and the Yankton community for the great tournament they put on the weekend of June 14-15!

We have been coming down for four years now, and each year we have had a great time. The tournament had its share of rain again this year, but the tournament workers did an awesome job getting the fields

in great shape each day.

We travel to many tournaments every year, and many of them would let the rain ruin the weekend but it seems Yankton always pulls it together and makes it work.

At the start of our season each year, when we decide our tournaments, we let the players choose one that they want, and it always seems to be Yankton. This year, we had five teams travel from Brookings, and they all said they want to go back.

Great job YGSA and the community of Yankton! We will see you again next year!

## Kindle's Korner

# School Year Ends, But Education Goes On

## DR. WAYNE KINDLE

Yankton School District

Yankton High School held its 139th Annual Commencement on May 18. Congratulations to our graduating seniors and their families. Our graduation speakers did an outstanding job sharing their thoughts and wisdom as the Class of 2014 moves onward.

I want to commend our Orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Kim Evander for playing at our Commencement. We had a number of younger students who graciously filled in for other students unable to attend. We appreciate these young musicians who accepted this challenging task of playing at Commencement. An additional thank you to Scott Olson who played trumpet.

The A Cappella Choir was fantastic under the direction of Mrs. Angela Larson. This was a very special performance for the seniors and their parents. Thank you to the members of the A Cappella Choir for their performance.



Wayne

**KINDLE**

YSD Superintendent

## GOVERNOR'S CTE GRANT IMPLEMENTATION

The Yankton School District was awarded a \$280,000 Governor's Grant for Career and Technical Education, as well as Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM). Implementation of the Governor's Grant has begun and will positively impact students in Yankton and the surrounding area.

The following Camps and Academies have begun at the Regional Technical Education Center:

The Manufacturing Camp was held June 2-13 with 23 student participants. The Manufacturing Camp provided entry level experience and career exploration in manufacturing. Students were exposed to small business skills, manufacturing processes, the processes of engineering products, production systems, marketing of manufactured products, and performing financial activities related to manufacturing.

The key to developing an effective organization, whether it is in the workplace or community, depends on perspective, character, and group interaction. Because of this camp, our students gained a better understanding of the processes for creating an environment which values both relationships and results. Upon completion, student participants are able to lead, accomplish goals, and work more effectively with others. Governor Dennis Daugaard was the Featured Speaker during the graduation ceremonies held June 13.

The Automotive Academy will be held June 16-27 and has 16 students. The Automotive Academy is a hands-on career and technical education course that will give students experience if they are considering a career as an automotive technician. Students will tour automotive facilities in Yankton.

Certified Nursing Assistant Camp, which will run June 16-27 has the maximum enrollment of 10 students. Those students on the waiting list will take the online CNA course during the 2014-15 school year. The Regional CTE Certified Nursing Assistant Institute (CNA-I) welcomes 10 high school students from Avon, Bon Homme, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, and Yankton School Districts to an intense two week learning adventure.

Students will complete the 75-hour S.D. Board of Nursing approved Avera CNA On-Line Training Solutions(c) curriculum including a certification exam. Each day guest speakers,

# Errors Give Hope To al-Qaida

## BY JOHN NAGL

The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

The dissolution of Iraq is the entirely predictable result of a series of bad American decisions compounded by Iraqi government mistakes. The result is a disaster for the Iraqi and American people and a gift to radical Islamists worldwide. Correcting the mistakes will be enormously costly in blood and treasure and will take decades to repair.

The initial and most costly mistake was the decision to invade Iraq in the first place on the misguided belief that Saddam Hussein had a stockpile of weapons of mass destruction. Ignoring the history of deterrence, through which states choose not to use these weapons against other states for fear of reprisal, post-9/11 hysteria drove an illogical and destabilizing decision to upset the balance of power in the Middle East with no plan to police the inevitable chaos that followed the invasion.

Initial errors of providing too few troops to govern Iraq after Saddam was toppled were compounded by disbanding the Iraqi army and forbidding former Ba'ath party members from future government service; together, they inspired a Sunni insurgency against the American occupation. Too-few troops who had never been trained to conduct counterinsurgency fought against an enemy they didn't understand and could rarely see. Iraq descended into chaos.

When all seemed lost, America made its one good decision of the entire fiasco, installing Robert Gates as secretary of defense and Gen. David Petraeus as Iraq commander to implement a fully resourced counterinsurgency strategy for the first time. The surge forces battled insurgents and also partnered with reconstituted Iraq security forces. Violence plummeted, and by 2010 there was a decent chance that, with continued American air power and advisers to support Iraqi forces and compel good decisions by the fledgling Iraqi government, a democratic Iraq would emerge from the shambles of one of the biggest mistakes in American history.

We fumbled the ball at the goal line by failing to negotiate a long-term security relationship with the Iraqi government. Left on its own, the Shia government followed its worst impulses, oppressing the Sunni minority and inspiring a reinvigorated insurgency.

The summer of 2012 saw another unforced American error. We had the opportunity to sup-

representing a wide range of healthcare professions, talk with students about career options, pay ranges, education requirements, and future job opportunities.

Week one consists of classroom and on-line learning at RTEC; Week two includes a hands on clinical training/experience at Avera Sister James Care Center and testing to earn state certification. Upon successful completion of the program students will be certified as a Nursing Assistant in South Dakota making them immediately employable in a healthcare setting. This training also provides the basis for many healthcare careers, including nursing, radiology, medical lab science, advanced practice nursing, physician assistant, physical therapy, social work, pharmacy, pastoral care, chiropractic, and medical doctors.

## CONNECT 5 MESSAGING

In order to improve communication, the Yankton School District implemented a computer messaging system called Blackboard Connect 5. This service allows the school district to reach thousands of people within minutes with a personalized voice message, email and/or text message.

If you are not receiving these messages, and wish to do so, please contact your child's school with your home phone, cell phone and email address. We will add you to the system. Anyone in the Yankton community — alumni, students, grandparents, parents, and friends — can receive these messages if we have your contact information. Anyone can also subscribe to selectively receive district-wide communications as well as information about a specific school building at [www.https://ysd633.bbcportal.com/](http://www.https://ysd633.bbcportal.com/)

We have used personalized voice message, email and/or text messaging as ways to communicate with parents regarding school closures, a particular school event, upcoming book fairs, etc. However, there are some limits to the system. For instance, a text message written with Connect 5 is limited to 160 characters.

Since some complicated information cannot be easily explained in 160 characters, you may only receive an email notice. We are looking at new ways to use the text-messaging component more since we know that parents use that mode of communication regularly.

When you register your child for school, the contact information you give us is automatically included in our student management computer software called PowerSchool. You are then automatically signed up to receive communications from your child's school and district-wide announcements, alerts and reminders.

At times you may receive a text message, an email and a phone call for the same event. If families have not provided an email address or do not receive text messages, we may send the messages out in all modes available so as to reach as many families as possible. If you do not want to receive text messages from the school district, reply STOP to the next text message you receive. That will stop all text messages to that phone number.

If there is a specific topic you would like for me to address in the future, please call me at 665-3998 or email me at [wkindle@ysd.k12.sd.us](mailto:wkindle@ysd.k12.sd.us). 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."

port moderate Sunni insurgents fighting to depose President Bashar al-Assad of Syria, but chose to let them fight without our assistance. Al-Qaida affiliated fighters took control of the insurgency, killing many of the moderate fighters and creating an impossible choice for American policy in Syria: We could support al-Qaida or the tyrant Assad, who regularly uses chemical weapons against his own people. As in Iraq, the window to support the good guys closed, never to be reopened.

Now an unholy alliance of al-Qaida-affiliated Syrian insurgents has combined with native Sunni insurgents and captured much of the country that American forces fought so hard to secure. Without American advisers and the airpower they bring, which would easily decimate the insurgents, the Iraqi forces have simply melted away, surrendering without a fight.

Without American airpower and Special Operations Forces to control it and inspire a will to fight, there is a real chance that Baghdad will fall, just as Saigon did in 1975 when America similarly abandoned its allies without advisers and air support.

Ending wars is easy. Ending them responsibly by leaving a better peace behind is harder and more expensive, requiring the long-term commitment of troops — a tough decision we have made in the wake of every victorious war since World War II. In Iraq, as in Vietnam, we spurned the sacrifices of our own soldiers and our allies by making an expedient but shortsighted decision that, having paid the price to win the war, we would not pay the much smaller price to secure the peace.

Our negligence and dereliction of duty have given new hope to al-Qaida and may cost us a friendly government in Iraq that many of my friends died to establish. The big question now is whether, as currently planned, we will similarly devalue the work of my friends who died to give the Afghan people a chance at freedom by failing to provide that country with the advisers and airpower that would secure Afghanistan against its inevitable future enemies. We can already see the heavy cost of failing to build a better peace in Iraq.

John Nagl, an Army veteran of both Iraq wars, is the headmaster of the Haverford School in Philadelphia. He helped write the U.S. Army/Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Field Manual and is the author of the forthcoming "Knife Fights: A Memoir of Modern War."