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Denied



THUMBS DOWN to the denial of federal assistance for tornado victims in Douglas and Charles Mix counties. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) rejected the state's request for Individual Assistance programs to help residents impacted by the May 10 tornado that hit Delmont particularly hard. FEMA administrator Craig Fugate said damage to homes and businesses fell short of the severity and magnitude to warrant federal assistance. Gov. Dennis Daugaard called the decision disappointing. However, the governor said South Dakotans will continue to work together to help individuals and the Delmont community recover over the coming weeks and months. While federal funds may not be forthcoming, the tornado victims, clean-up volunteers and donors have shown a can-do attitude that can't be measured in dollars.

Health Wise



THUMBS UP to Yankton's Sapa Extrusions for going the extra mile (or five) to promote employee health. The local branch of the company came up with an idea for a "Million Step Challenge," in which employees would be encouraged to walk 10,000 steps a day for the 100 days leading up to the company's annual Safety Day activities held at its plants worldwide in the fall. The Sapa crew came up with the idea just last week, according to Jeff Martyka, EHS manager at the Yankton plant, and put it out to all 26 Sapa companies in the Americas. As of Thursday, five had already accepted the challenge. The effort also combined with a smoking-cessation campaign being undertaken for employees and their families. Sapa has a history of promoting safety and healthy lifestyles for its workers, and this campaign is the latest example of an employer investing in the health of its employee.

Wrong Choice



THUMBS DOWN to ESPN for announcing this week that it is awarding its annual Arthur Ashe Courage Award to Caitlyn/Bruce Jenner, for going public with her gender reassignment surgery, instead of Lauren Hill, the 19-year-old who captured the nation's hearts last November by fulfilling her goal of playing in a college basketball game for Mount St. John's University even though she had a rare and inoperable brain cancer. After a long fight, she died in April from the disease. With all due respect to Jenner, who — whether you agree with what she has done or not — did show a lot of guts in pursuing this life-changing procedure and going public with it, Hill's courage represented something much more: the will of the human spirit to rise, however briefly, above the ultimate adversity. She was a fleeting face, as opposed to Jenner's constrict reality-TV image. But Hill will be remembered by a lot of people for that one moment of strength and joy that no disease could ever snatch away from her.

ABOUT THIS PAGE

The View page provides a forum for open discussion of issues and interests affecting our readers. Initialed editorials represent the opinion of the writer, but not necessarily that of the **PRESS & DAKOTAN**. Bylined columns represent the view of the author. We welcome letters on current topics. Questions regarding the Views page should be directed to Kelly Hertz at kelly.hertz@yankton.net.

ONLINE OPINION

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

LATEST RESULTS:

Would you be willing to pay more for energy produced from "alternate" (wind, solar, etc.) sources?

No.....	71%
Yes.....	18%
Not sure.....	11%
TOTAL VOTES CAST	317

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:

Would you support the construction of a highway bypass for the east side of Yankton?

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, June 5, the 156th day of 2015. There are 209 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

On this date: In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any military action against a country that was at peace with the United States.

In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1940, during the World War II Battle of France, Germany attacked French forces along the Somme line.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as The Marshall Plan.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Henderson v. United States*, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.

In 1963, Britain's Secretary of State for War, John Profumo, resigned after acknowledging an affair with call girl Christine Keeler, who was also involved with a Soviet spy, and lying to Parliament about it.

In 1967, war erupted in the Mideast as Israel raided military aircraft parked on the ground in Egypt; Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

In 1975, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to international shipping, eight years after it was closed because of the 1967 war with Israel.

In 1981, the Centers for Disease Control reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

In 1999, jazz and pop singer Mel Torme died in Los Angeles at age 73. The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the first devoted to any women's sport, opened in Knoxville, Tennessee.

In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Ten years ago: "Monty Python's Spamalot" won three Tony Awards, including best musical; the musical play "The Light in the Piazza" won six prizes, while "Doubt" was named best drama. Spanish teenager Rafael Nadal beat unseeded Mariano Puerta of Argentina 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-1, 7-5 to win the French Open men's singles title.

Five years ago: Israeli forces seized a Gaza-bound aid vessel, the Rachel Corrie, without meeting resistance days after a similar effort turned bloody. Finance ministers and central bankers from the world's leading economies meeting in Busan, South Korea, agreed on the need to cooperate in fending off financial market turmoil and keeping the world economic recovery on track. Francesca Schiavone beat Samantha Stosur of Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (2), to win the French Open, giving Italy its first female champion at a Grand Slam tournament. Droselmeyer pulled off an upset in the Belmont Stakes.

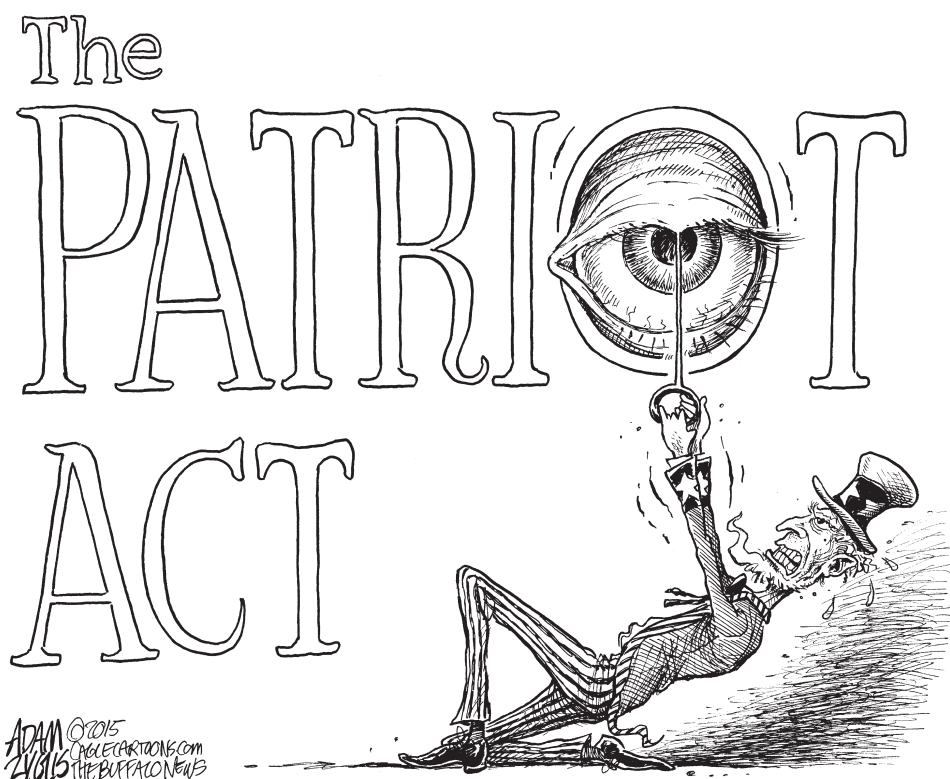
One year ago: President Barack Obama said he "absolutely makes no apologies" for seeking the release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl in a prisoner swap with the Taliban, vigorously defending an exchange that caused controversy. A gunman opened fire at Seattle Pacific University, killing one student and wounding two others. (Suspect Aaron Ybarra has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Bill Hayes is 90. Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 81. Former Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark is 76. Author Margaret Drabble is 76. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 70. Rock musician Fred Stone (AKA Fred Stewart) (Sly and the Family Stone) is 68. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 68. Country singer Gail Davies is 67. Author Ken Follett is 66. Financial guru Suze Orman is 64. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 63. Jazz musician Kenny G is 59. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychedelic Furs) is 59. Actor Jeff Garlin is 53. Actress Karen Sillas is 52. Actor Ron Livingston is 48. Singer Brian McKnight is 46. Rock musician Claus Norreen (Aqua) is 45. Actor Mark Wahlberg is 44. Actor Chad Allen is 41. Rock musician P-Nut (311) is 41. Actress Navi Rawat is 38. Actress Liza Weil is 38. Rock musician Pete Wentz (Fall Out Boy) is 36. Rock musician Seb Lefebvre (Simple Plan) is 34. Actress Amanda Crew is 29. Actress Sophie Lowe is 25.

Thought for Today: "Dare to be naive." — R. Buckminster Fuller, American inventor and philosopher (1895-1983).

FROM THE BIBLE

For You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth. Psalm 67:4. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



It's June-pocalypse!

BY KELLY HERTZ

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Welcome to June-pocalypse in Yankton. OK, that clumsy noun seems far too negative and probably overstates what is about to take place in Yankton this month, and especially this weekend.

But then again, the label might be ominously fitting for some of you. That is, if you want Yankton to be a sleepy little burg that barely seems to draw much notice from the rest of the world, where the roads are always unclogged because there aren't many people around to clutter them up, where travelers who do pass through but never find much reason to stop — then yes, this month might border on the apocalyptic.

However, I choose to look at it as an evolution. This is Yankton taking another step toward being the kind of community many people here have always wanted it to be — a destination and an attraction, which only pays dividends for everyone here.

This weekend states the case loud and clear.

On Sunday, the World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) open at the NFAA Easton Archery Center, bringing competitors, coaches and spectators from more than 50 nations to our little corner of the universe — which makes us not so little anymore.

It's also the weekend for Rockin' Ribfest. This event drew an estimated 15,000 people to Memorial Park last year and may well attract similar crowds this year, thanks in part to the archery tournament, not to mention the return of the uber-popular Hairball and the availability of copious amounts of food.

You also can't overlook the Nebraska cross-state tractor ride which will crawl across the border and stop in Yankton Saturday to help the Tri-State Old-Iron Association celebrate its 10th anniversary. That will add even more energy to the town.

And, of course, summer is here, which means there will be the respectable amount of visitors streaming to the Lewis and Clark Lake Area this weekend, the weekend after and so on.

That's not bad traffic for a small city in South Dakota.

The rest of the month won't be quite so hectic, but it will be awfully busy nonetheless,



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with various tournaments, state conventions, a water festival on the river and general summertime tourism.

Maybe it WILL be a headache from time to time, but keep in mind that a lot of places would kill for the kind of opportunities we've got going on here this month and for the summer.

None of this is an accident. This is all the product of individuals working to bring things to Yankton and make things happen. (We have an immensely popular lake west of town — two, if you also count Lake Yankton — that was manmade, after all.)

For instance, it would be fascinating to somehow quantify how many man-hours have been spent the last 12 months planning for the WAYC. It would also be interesting to figure out how many hours will be worked in the next 10 days by tournament

officials and volunteers. It's been a ceaseless, dynamic operation since Yankton landed this tournament a year ago. These people have done well for this community and deserve a lot of thanks.

It's people like these — with dreams like these — that are turning Yankton into a terrific destination.

In some ways, this month, this June-pocalypse, really reflects Yankton's ascent to the next level as a destination. This kind of growth is not due to any one event or idea; instead, it's due to a variety of ideas that have turned into reality, each one adding something more to our menu. From Lewis and Clark Lake to the Meridian Bridge, from Riverboat Days to Ribfest, these things have made this community into an attraction with, now, a global reach. The fact that the lake area, for instance, is the most visited South Dakota park outside of the Black Hills says a lot. The fact that we have created other things to draw still more people here says even more.

Of course, this puts the gauntlet down for what this community can do next to build upon this momentum.

This busy, boisterous month raises the bar for what Yankton offers and, just as importantly, what we are capable of accomplishing here. It will be exciting to see where we go with it next.

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Point Of View

'Be The Cure' In South Dakota

BY LT. GOV. MATT MICHELS

South Dakota

I currently serve as South Dakota's lieutenant governor, but I have had the opportunity to wear a lot of different "hats" throughout the years. Few have been as formative as my nurse "hat." Nursing exposed me to people from many different walks of life and taught me about compassion, as well as countless other life lessons. But, it also taught me about the far-reaching impact of medical ailments and the importance of doing what we can, as a society, to confront those ailments.

Public health should be everyone's concern. Over the years, the development of new medicines has been vital in helping people live longer and healthier lives. Clinical trials are the primary route by which patients can voluntarily participate in the drug development process, receive access to unapproved investigational medicines and contribute to the collection of data necessary for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval.

Successful clinical trials require diverse and robust volunteer participation. It is important that people of all races understand the benefits of clinical trials. Different racial groups can be affected by different diseases and may respond differently to certain kinds of medications. Unfortunately, minority