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We Say

More Jobs



THUMBS UP to this week's news that Yankton employers anticipate adding as many as 800 jobs during the next five years. Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) president John Kramer delivered the news during the "State of the Community" luncheon. The initial figure stood at 500-600 jobs, but the estimate has been raised to 600-800 jobs

because of anticipated growth in the health care sector, he said. Manufacturing also appears strong with companies looking to expand their labor force. Yankton County Commission chairman Todd Woods also presented an update on accomplishments, projects under way and future goals. The challenge facing the region lies in finding the needed workforce, housing, infrastructure and government services. However, as Kramer told his audience, the job growth is a nice problem to have.

Shifting



THUMBS DOWN to the news that structural damage to homes in tornado-stricken Delmont may be more widespread than first anticipated. The Douglas County community continues to clean up from the Mother's Day tornado. Much work remains, but the residents have seen an outpouring of support in their recovery efforts. In its first week of operation,

the Donations Management Center received an estimated \$20,480 worth of items with an estimated \$8,000 worth of items distributed to tornado victims. Volunteers are still needed. People can register to help at the Volunteer Reception Center, which is located at the baseball field on the south end of Delmont. The volunteer center is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Wet And See



THUMBS UP to a welcome change in the 30- to 90-day forecast for the region, courtesy of the weather phenomenon known as El Nino. According to meteorological experts speaking on a national webinar Thursday, El Nino's growing strength in the Pacific has results in more moisture surging into the thirst Upper Plains. As a result, where we were

once looking at a dry summer, the 90-day forecast is now calling for above-average precipitation. As for air temperatures, South Dakota state meteorologist Dennis Todey said the rains may bring average or even cooler temperatures this coming season. Recent rains have done a lot for much of the region (although the immediate Yankton vicinity is still lacking somewhat), and the forecast suggests there may be more opportunities to come. Let's hope so.

The Thrill Is Gone



A sad **THUMBS DOWN** to the passing of legendary blues guitarist B.B. King last week at age 89. King was the king of the blues; to contemporary audiences, he was probably the most recognizable practitioner of that distinctly American art form. King's guitar sang out from his soul and spoke to ours. King started in gospel music, then moved to radio and ultimately be-

came a master bluesman during his 70-year career, touring constantly into his 80s. That life on the road included a concert in Vermillion in 1985. His impact on music in general was immeasurable. His glowing, growling, mesmerizing presence will be missed.

DUR LETTER POLICY

The PRESS & DAKOTAN invites its readers to write letters to the editor. We ask that a few simple guidelines be followed:

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in history

By The Associated Press Today is Friday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2015. There are 223 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On

May 22, 1915, the Lassen Peak volcano in Northern California exploded, devastating nearby areas but causing no deaths.

On this date: In 1860, the United

States and Japan exchanged ratifications of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce during a ceremony in Washington. In 1913, the American Cancer Society was founded in New York under its original name, the American Society for the

Control of Cancer.
In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appeared before Congress to explain his decision to veto a bill that would have allowed World War I veterans

to cash in bonus certificates before their 1945 due date. In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a

military alliance. In 1947, the Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey. In 1960, an earthquake of magnitude 9.5, the strongest ever measured, struck southern Chile, claiming some 1,655

In 1968, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, sank in the Atlantic Ocean. (The remains

of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.) In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10, with Thomas P. Stafford and Eugene Cernan aboard, flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal

for the first lunar landing. In 1972, President Richard Nixon began a visit to the Soviet Union, during which he and Kremlin leaders signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The island nation of Ceylon became the republic of Sri

In 1981 "Yorkshire Ripper" Peter Sutcliffe was convicted in London of murdering 13 women and was sentenced to life

In 1990, after years of conflict, pro-Western North Yemen and pro-Soviet South Yemen merged to form a single nation, the Republic of Yemen. Boxer Rocky Graziano died in New York at age 71.

In 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time.

Ten years ago: First lady Laura Bush

was heckled by protesters - Israelis

as well as Palestinians — during a visit to holy sites in Jerusalem. Three Romanian journalists and their Iraqi-American guide were freed after nearly two months in captivity in Iraq. Voice actor Thurl Ravenscroft, who supplied Tony the Tiger's "They're grrrrreat!" for more than 50 years,

died in Fullerton, California, at age 91.

Five years ago: Addressing graduating cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, President Barack Obama said the U.S. had to shape a world order as reliant on diplomacy as on the might of its military to lead, a repudiation of the go-it-alone approach forged by his predecessor, George W. Bush. An Air India Express Boeing 737-800 crashed after overshooting a runway at Mangalore International Airport, killing all but eight of the 166 people aboard. Jordan Romero, at age 13, became the youngest climber

to reach the peak of Mount Everest.

One year ago: The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to end the National Security Agency's bulk collection of American phone records (however, the USA Freedom Act was later blocked in the Senate). Thailand's military seized power in a bloodless coup.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Charles Aznavour is 91. Actor Michael Constantine is 88. Conductor Peter Nero is 81. Actor-director Richard Benjamin is 77. Actor Frank Converse is 77. Former CNN anchor Bernard Shaw is 75. Actress Barbara Parkins is 73. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Tommy John is 72. Songwriter Bernie Taupin is 65. Actor-producer Al Corley is 60. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, is 58. Singer Morrissey is 56. Actress Ann Cusack is 54. Country musician Dana Williams (Diamond Rio) is 54. Rock musician Jesse Valenzuela is 53. Actor Mark Christopher Lawrence is 51. Former White House Press Secretary Jay Carney is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Johnny Gill (New Edition) is 49. Rock musician Dan Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 48. Actress Brooke Smith is 48. Actor Michael Kelly (TV: "House of Cards") is 46. Model Naomi Campbell is 45. Actress Anna Belknap is 43. Actress Alison Eastwood is 43. Singer Donell Jones is 42. Actor Sean Gunn is 41. Actress A.J. Langer is 41. Actress Ginnifer Goodwin is 37. Actress Maggie Q is 36. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno is 33.

Thought for Today: "We have all, at one time or another, been performers, and many of us still are — politicians, playboys, cardinals and kings." — Laurence Olivier, British actor (born this date in 1907, died in 1989).

FROM THE BIBLE

But He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities. Isaiah 53:5. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



This Memorial Day And That War

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There's something unsettling in the air this Memorial Day, a holiday conceived just after the Civil War to let a wounded nation honor its fallen soldiers.

The unrest emanates from the ever-growing crop of 2016 presidential candidates who have lately been rehashing the merits of our 2003 invasion of Iraq.

This episode was ignited by undeclared candidate Jeb Bush, brother of George W., after he was recently asked a question that he should have anticipated months, if not years, ago: Looking back, would he have supported his brother's invasion of Iraq if he knew then what he knows now? Jeb Bush said he would have backed the decision.

That original decision in 2003 led to a long war that cost more than 4,000 American lives (not including other coalition lives and the many tens of thousands of Iraqi lives lost) and \$2 trillion, yet failed to uncover the great caches of weapons of mass destruction that, it was promised, were at Saddam Hussein's fingertips. The U.S. finally pulled out, in part because of a growing resentment in Iraq of our de facto occupational presence there, which may have fueled the Iraq government's unwillingness to ensure legal immunity for American forces. While the invasion DID oust a tyrant, it also created a gaping power vacuum that, without us there to plug the hole with American blood and lives, has led to the rise of the ISIS, which faces a weak-willed Iraqi army overseen by a divided and corrupt Baghdad leadership.

Would anyone choose to relive this jour-

But Jeb Bush initially said he would. Many of his prospective GOP opponents pounced on his answer, creating the odd sight of numerous Republicans — a group that has spent much of the past decade generally defending the Iraq invasion as a noble and just mission accomplished — declaring that, knowing what they know now, they would not have backed the invasion. The fact that the war is now viewed unfavorably by much of the American public may have more than a little to do with this election-cycle epiphany.

Jeb Bush himself has tried to reshape the issue, claiming he didn't understand the original question and, in fact, "knowing what I know now, I would not have ... invaded Iraq.'

He is now also accusing President Barack Obama of frittering away Iraq's stability after W. left office, so it's curious to consider what Jeb's hindsight is telling him, or how far back his doubts run.

It will be interesting to watch how the Iraq war narrative shapes the political debate in both parties. For instance, Hillary Clinton voted to support the invasion in 2002 (a fact Jeb Bush pointed to in his original answer, and which may have helped open the door to Obama's presidency), and she has stated several times in the years since that she regretted the vote. But many will not let her forget it, either out of staunch ideological conviction or calculated political opportunism.

Which brings us back to this Me-

morial Day. This is a time for reflection and to

honor the memories of our war dead. Many of us will do so silently or in prayers or in tears; many others won't bother

To weigh the merits of war during Memorial Day is always a prudent exercise, given the cost laid out before us in our cemeteries. But in the case of Iraq, the political debate offers little solace to those whose loved ones sacrificed everything in fighting this fight.

Thousands of American soldiers did indeed die in the conflict, some of them from Yankton's own National Guard unit. We can't forget that. And no matter how much the motives of the war are argued and massaged during the coming political season, so many communities and families are still left with the end result of the thing. We still ache from the wounds, and we must cope with the decisions that were made and the consequences that cannot be undone.

It's terribly vital to this nation that there are such souls who bravely answer our country's all to arms. We'd be lost without them. And that's no less important even when it becomes the prevailing popular opinion that it was the wrong call. That's something for which others must answer. The dead can change nothing.

Memorial Day is our opportunity to honor those soldiers and their sacrifices. In so doing, we remember those who CAN'T look back, who CAN'T change their answers, who CAN'T do it all over again. For them, what's done is done forever. That's a sobering truth, but if the memory of those soldiers can somehow make us even a little wiser about the wars that will surely come, then it's a legacy that could serve

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health Concerns

Gregg Hubner, Avon I recently read that up to 30,000 additional

wind turbines are planned to be built in the upper Midwest by 2030.

In the 1950's families of tobacco users started suing tobacco companies claiming smoking caused lung cancer. The lawsuits kept coming until in 1998 the tobacco companies agreed to pay \$206 billion in settlement.

Also in the 1950's, 2-4D and 2,4,5-T were being developed and tested by our military. That resulted in "Agent Orange," a chemical used to kill the foliage during the Vietnam War. In 1984 a large group of veterans were awarded \$180 million from a lawsuit. Asbestos insulation was used in homes

from the early 1900's to the mid 1980's. Since 1966, lawsuits were filed against Johns-Manville, a large manufacturer of the product. In 1982 Johns-Manville filed for bankruptcy. In each case, the plaintiffs suffered from asbestosis, pneumoconiosis, or mesothelioma. Thirty years ago, the EPA determined that

the weed killer "Roundup" might cause cancer. Six years later the agency reversed itself. This year an agency from the World Health

Organization has declared that glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, "probably' causes cancer in people. And the list goes on, pelvic/bladder mesh used in surgery, GMO corn, legalized marijuana, and scores of "safe" pharmaceuticals.

In each example, the manufacturers, government, the American Medical Association, and more all lied about any potential danger of their product for financial gain. People are now waking up to the health hazards of wind turbines.

The book "Wind Turbine Syndrome" by Dr. Nina Pierpont explains how turbine infrasound and low frequency noise create symptoms such as the inability to sleep, headaches, nausea, depression, dizziness and anxiety. Legal action against wind farms has already been taken in Wisconsin and Michigan. Of course the wind developers deny it, the AWEA, the politicians, lobbyists, big banks and foreign corporations that collect the billions in the production tax credit deny it.

If wind farms continue to be built while denying health effects to the residents that live nearby, it is just a matter of time until this problem shows up in our courtrooms.

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