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OPINION OTHER VIEWS

9/11 And Trump's 20/20 Hindsight

THE BOSTON HERALD (Oct. 21): There's nothing like 20/20 hindsight. It's as easy as it is politically cheap.

So still topping the latest Franklin Pierce/Boston Herald primary poll, Donald Trump doubled-down on his assault on President

The statement was made that 'under my brother, we were safe,'?" Trump said yesterday on *Boston Herald* Radio, referring to an exchange with GOP rival Jeb Bush. "But I said 'wait a minute, we weren't safe because the World Trade Center just came down, thousands of people were killed, it was horrific.' It was the greatest attack in the history of this country, so you can't say we were safe."

It's one thing to be the clown prince of the primary season by beating up on news anchors, but quite another to rewrite the history of this nation's darkest day and the man who with his steady resolve and devotion to duty led us out of that day — and, yes, made us safer in countless ways.

Now Trump is falling back on Jeb's failure to use the past tense. "We were not safe because of the World Trade Center," Trump insisted yesterday. "If he (Jeb) would have said 'we were after,' but even then, he (George W. Bush) took us into the war in Iraq, which was a huge mistake because there were no weapons of mass

Trump yesterday also held President Bush, who on 9/11~hadbeen in office less than nine months, responsible for decades of intelligence stove-piping.

"The FBI and the CIA and various agencies were not talking to each other," Trump said. They didn't like each other, they were jealous of each other, and a lot of things skipped through.

All true. But who was the one man to successfully tackle that problem, to propose and get passed legislation to create a Department of Homeland Security, a director of National Intelligence, the

That would be George W. Bush. Memo to Trump: Bloviating is easy. Telling the truth is hard.

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in history

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, October 22, the 295th day of 2015. There are 70 days left

Today's Highlight in History: On October 22. 1962, in a nationally broadcast address, President John F. Kennedy revealed the presence of Soviet-built missile bases under construction in Cuba and announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment being shipped to the Communist island nation

On this date: In 1746, Princeton University was first chartered as the College

of New Jersey. In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a

In 1836. Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitutionally elected

president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1883, the original Metropolitan
Opera House in New York held its grand
opening with a performance of Gounod's "Faust."

In 1915, Israeli statesman Yitzhak Shamir was born in Ruzinoy, Poland, in present-day Belarus.

In 1928, Republican presidential

nominee Herbert Hoover spoke of the "American system of rugged individual-ism" in a speech at New York's Madison Square Garden. In 1934, bank robber Charles "Pretty

Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents and local police at a farm near East Liverpool, Ohio. In 1953, the Franco-Lao Treaty of Am-

ity and Association effectively made Laos an independent member of the French In 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New

York for medical treatment — a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis. rench conductor and music teacher Nadia Boulanger died in Paris.

In 1981, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization was decertified by the federal government for its strike the previous August.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed into law sweeping tax-overhaul legislation.
In 1991, the European Community

and the European Free Trade Association concluded a landmark accord to create a free trade zone of 19 nations by 1993. Ten years ago: Hurricane Wilma punished Mexico's Caribbean coastline for a second day. Meanwhile, a record

22nd tropical storm of the season formed

about 125 miles off the Dominican Re-

names had already been exhausted,

sissippi Gov. Haley Barbour is 68. Actor Jeff Goldblum is 63. Rock musician Greg Hawkes is 63. Movie director Bill Condon is 60. Actor Luis Guzman is 58. Actor-writer-producer Todd Graff is 56. Rock musician Cris Kirkwood is 55. Actor-comedian Bob Odenkirk is 53. Olympic gold medal figure skater Brian Boitano is 52. Christian singer TobyMac is 51. Singer-songwriter John Wesley Harding is 50. Actress Valeria Golino is 49. Comedian Carlos Mencia ria Golino is 49. Comedian Carlos Mencia is 48. Country singer Shelby Lynne is 47. Reggae rapper Shaggy is 47. Movie director Spike Jonze is 46. Rapper Tracey Lee is 45. Actress Saffron Burrows is 43. Actress Carmen Ejogo is 42. MLB player Ichiro Suzuki is 42. Actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson is 40. Christian rock singer-

forecasters called the new system Tropi-

cal Storm Alpha. A Nigerian Boeing 737

senger jet crashed after leaving La-

Five years ago: WikiLeaks released

os, killing all 117 on board. The Chicago

White Sox defeated the Houston Astros, 5-3, in Game 1 of the World Series.

391,831 purported Iraq war logs that suggested more than 100,000 Iraqi civilians

had died in the conflict. A gang attacked

a teenager's birthday party in Ciudad

Juarez, Mexico, killing 14 people. The Texas Rangers clinched their first pen-nant with a 6-1 victory over the defending

kees in Game 6 of the AL championship

a war memorial, then stormed Parliament

in the heart of downtown Ottawa before

he was shot and killed by the usually ceremonial sergeant-at-arms. The Kansas City Royals defeated the San Francisco

Giants 7-2 to even the World Series at

one game apiece. Serena Williams was routed 6-0, 6-2 by Simona Halep in the round-robin round of the WTA Finals in

Today's Birthdays: Black Pan-

thers co-founder Bobby Seale is 79. Actor Christopher Lloyd is 77. Actor Derek

Jacobi is 77. Actor Tony Roberts is 76.

Movie director Jan de Bont is 72. Actress

Catherine Deneuve is 72. Rock musician

Leslie West (Mountain) is 70. Former Mis-

One year ago: In Canada, a gunman

musician Jon Foreman (Switchfoot) is 39. Actor Michael Fishman is 34. Talk show host Michael Essany is 33. Rock musician Rickard Goransson (Carolina Liar) is 32. Rock musician Zac Hanson (Hanson) is 30. Actor Jonathan Lipnicki is 25. Actress

Thought for Today: "A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it." — Jean de La Fontaine, French poet (1621-1695).

FROM THE BIBLE

Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace. Luke 8:48. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Know About SCA

Ann and Troy Thompson, Baltic

On May 23, 2012, our seemingly healthy 16-year-old son Adam died of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) at home in Baltic. He had no warning; the first symptom was death. The only thing that may have saved his life was an automated external defibrillator (AED), a medical device designed to deliver an electric shock to the heart if needed. Sadly, none was immediately available.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest in youth is not a rare occurrence. It is happening to thousands of youth each year — on the football field, on the soccer field, in the classroom and in their sleep. It is critical that our community recognizes the importance of having AEDs available everywhere

that children congregate; that we encourage CPR/AED training and have an Emergency Action Plan in place should someone collapse due to SCA.

When a child has a sudden cardiac arrest there is a critical 3-5 minute window for that child to be! saved. Know the cardiac chain of survival:

 Early recognition of SCA which may include any of the following: collapsed and unresponsive, gasping, gurgling, seizure like activity

• Early access to 9-1-1 Begin CPR immediatelyRetrieve and begin use of an

first responders

AED immediately • Early Advanced Care from

It is our responsibility as a community to shed light on SCA in youth and save lives.



Writer's Block

An Old Trick Revived

William

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BY WILLIAM KERR

For the Press & Dakotan

Are you old enough to remember when we used to argue about whether or not smoking was harmful to the human body?

And, of course, the Tobacco Industry campaigned long, hard and expensively to try to convince us that tobacco was not harmful to our lungs. One notorious internal memo came to light during those days that stated, "Doubt is our product." (Union of Concerned Scientists magazine, Summer 2015) Creating doubt in the minds of all of us with normal non-scientific educations (especially those who enjoyed smoking and wanted to continue) was the goal of the Tobacco Industry to avoid government regulation. This worked for decades back

And "believe it or not" it is still working in the case of the climate change

Based on "85 documents that were pried loose by leaks, lawsuits and FOIA (Freedom Of Information Act) requests" we now know that: 'Spanning nearly three decades, these documents reveal that the world's largest fossil fuel companies — BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, coal giant Peabody Energy and Shell — were fully aware of the reality of climate change but continued to spend tens of millions of dollars to sow doubt and promote contrarian arguments they knew to be wrong.'

So, it is clear that once again, "Doubt is our product" is the theme of the campaign being used to deceive us all, even including some of our elected officials.

The American Petroleum Institute and the above mentioned fossil fuel companies then "have colluded to intentionally deceive the public" and continue to do so, even though the *Union of Concerned Scientists* magazine has been exposing their activity since 2007.

They began by exposing a major climate contrarian, Wei-Hock "Willie" Soon (that is his real name) who was "an aerospace engineer

one of a dozen scientists affiliated with more than 40 ExxonMobil-funded think tanks that then constituted the backbone of the climate change-denier PR machine." They were some of those who were erroneously saying that the sun is largely responsible for global warming.

Ever hear that argument recently? It is still circulating and still wrong.

Soon's contract with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (his employer) clearly stated that the company must not disclose the source of his funding. Guess why? Does that sound like an item needed in an honest contract?

One other secret document revealed that "scientific experts" commissioned by the Global Climate Coalition — a coalition of 50 U.S. corporations and trade groups including BP, Chevron, ExxonMobil and Shell - warned that heat-trapping gasses (they probably didn't say CO2) were

indeed causing global warming, but at the same time continued with their multimilliondollar lobbying and public relations campaign to undermine our efforts to address global warming. If you want to know how successful that was, remember that when the Kyoto Protocol was set up in 1997 and an agreement to meet binding carbon omissions targets was completed, 192 countries signed up — but not the United States.

Just in case you still question the reality of climate change, I can testify that one of the major reasons we moved to Yankton was its lower humidity compared with Waco, Texas, where we moved from; or northern Ohio where I was born and raised. The lower humidity here caused my post-nasal drip to disappear, until about a year or so ago when the humidity increased and our front door began sticking so hard we couldn't open it because of swelling due to the increased humidity.

An even stronger argument is a new Union of Concerned Scientists report "The Climate Deception Dossiers" (340 pages) which have even more information about deception. It's available online at www.ucsusa.org/decadesof-

Oh! Jeb, Jeb, Jeb ...

Kathleen

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BY KATHLEEN PARKER

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WASHINGTON — It might be time for Katie Couric to ask Jeb Bush what he reads Not this column, obviously, where last

May I sagely, if humbly, urged him to hug and then walk away from his brother, to whom he should refer to as President George W. Bush. Alas.

He can't seem to stop talking about the sibling who beat him to the White House. At least Jeb hasn't figured out how to talk about him without becoming enmeshed in a web from which he seems unable to

One is tempted to suggest that Mother Bush knew of what she spoke when she said about Jeb's possible run, "We've had enough Bushes." A mother knows her boys best, and Barbara Bush may have feared that her second son might be too sensitive for the

The man's greatest flaw is his finest quality - he's all heart. Standing alongside Donald Trump in debates, he seems almost innocent. Guileless. He's also loyal to the bone — and don't think Trump hasn't noticed.

If there's anything the megalomaniacal mogul recognizes, other than his own fabulosity, it's an opponent's vulnerability. He has a predator's instinct for old injuries, the better to maximize the crippling effect of a well-aimed dart. He fires with such shrugging nonchalance that it's easy — and wrong — to assume that, hey, he's just sayin'. Every message Trump delivers is ruthlessly crafted and intended to be psychologically devastating.

Thus, when he recently went after Bush 43's Iraq War record and the attacks of 9/11, he was plainly baiting Jeb. Plainly, that is, to everyone but Jeb, who grabbed the hook and practically leapt in the boat.

This all began during the second GOP debate when Trump remarked that George W. Bush was to blame for Barack Obama's victory "because it [Iraq] was such a disaster those last three months that Abraham Lincoln couldn't have been elected.' There, take that, Jebbie, he might as well

have added. But it wasn't necessary. Deleteriously polite and defensive, Bush was already on auto-react: "You know what?" he said. "As it relates to my brother, there is one thing I know for sure, he kept us safe." Jeb, Jeb, Jeb. Couldn't you see it was a dare?

Didn't your mother tell you to ignore bullies? It infuriates them! Would that Bush had simply turned to the camera and, rolling his eyes, said, "There he goes again." (It's worked before.)

Trump's thin skin would have flushed crimson as it usually does when he's rebuked. Instead, Trump got under Bush's skin — and he was just warming up. Next came a Bloomberg News interview

during which Trump insinuated that George

W. Bush was to blame for 9/11. He probably doesn't believe this, but the anticipation of Jeb's likely reaction must have been irresistible.

"He was president, OK?" Trump said. "Blame him, or don't blame him, but he was president."

Bingo. Ever the faithful Sherpa to his brother and his baggage, Jeb didn't exactly take it like a man and, well. he tweeted. Trump's remark was "pathetic," he wrote. No, Trump tweeted back, "you're pathetic." (I told you no good would come of Twitter.) To borrow from those two, the entire exchange was pathetic. Then it got worse.

On Sunday's "State of the Union," CNN's Jake Tapper asked Bush the inevitable: "If your brother and his administration bear no responsibility at all, how do you then make the jump that President Obama and Secretary Clinton are responsible for what happened at Benghazi?'

Well, there you go.

What started as a debate taunt escalated into a Twitter war that has become a quagmire of Bush's own making. Trump, meanwhile, has triumphed by making Bush look weak and virtually complicit in his brother's war. Tapper further forced Bush to elaborate on an unwinnable position, while essentially setting up a plausible exit for Hillary Clinton just days before her scheduled Benghazi testimony.

One both admires and pities Bush, who surely deserves a worthier adversary than Trump. Once upon a time, it was assumed he'd eventually have one in Clinton, who continues to benefit from Republican infighting. Alas.

For what it's worth, a few more words of advice: Before next week's debate, Bush should study Clinton's debate performance, especially when she was asked if she wanted to respond to an opponent's charge against her. Affecting boredom, she won the day with one syllable: "No."

And note: No one challenges Hillary about Bill's actions as president. It's history — and so is your brother.

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