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# A Look Ahead To 2013

■ The *Press & Dakotan* Staff Peers Into Its Crystal Ball (Which Is Analog And Not Nearly High Definition) To Make Some Predictions For The Year Ahead ...

1. The drought that crippled so much of the region in 2012 will linger deep into 2013, unfortunately.
  2. The new “Star Trek” movie will not revive the Harry Mudd character from the original series.
  3. The Mayans will lose a lot of credibility in 2013.
  4. Irish eyes will be smiling when Notre Dame wins the FBS championship.
  5. The USD Coyotes will win more than one football game in 2013.
  6. Because of Europe’s ongoing economic woes, the U.S. economic recovery will continue to struggle to hit on all cylinders, but momentum should pick up in 2013.
  7. You will receive an email asking you to join LinkedIn.
  8. Interest in John F. Kennedy will rise as the 50th anniversary of his assassination looms in November.
  9. A major superstorm rivaling Hurricane/Superstorm Sandy will hit the U.S. again.
  10. Tim Johnson will announce that he will not seek re-election to the U.S. Senate.
  11. The relationship between the U.S. and Cuba will undergo a major course correction in 2013.
  12. The tradition of Thanksgiving dinner will begin changing. It will go from consisting of a turkey dinner with all the trimming and surrounded by family and friends to instead becoming a wrap-like sandwich item that you can eat while standing in line with a bunch of strangers in front of a store waiting for “Black Friday” sales to commence.
  13. Easter, being very early in 2013, will catch a lot of us by surprise.
  14. Grover Norquist will secede from the Republican Party.
  15. Joe Mauer will not be a Minnesota Twin by the end of the baseball season.
  16. After the modest success of the 2012 film “Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter,” copycat film projects will be announced, including “Millard Filmore: Dragon Slayer,” “Warren G. Harding: Zombie Whisperer” and “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Nixon.”
  17. The San Francisco 49ers will top the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl.
  18. You will continue to spell barbecue as “barbeque.”
  19. The South Dakota Legislature will fail to pass a law banning texting while driving.
  20. You will hear someone make a “Gangnam Style” reference in early January and think it’s amusing and timely. You will hear the same reference made in, say, October and look at that person as if they’re speaking in a dead, obscure and useless language.
  21. Daniel Day-Lewis will win the Academy Award for Best Actor for his role as “Lincoln.”
  22. Another opt-out attempt in Yankton? Well ...
  23. There will be some excitement when a rumor spreads that a Hooter’s restaurant is coming to Yankton. But it turns out this will really involve a small cafe specializing in Hutterite cuisine.
  24. Do you remember Jeremy Lin? We didn’t think so.
  25. You will not see a wind tower pop up in Yankton County in 2013.
  26. You will realize sometime this winter that 2013 isn’t an election year, and there will be much rejoicing ...
  27. ... until, that is, you begin seeing more people jockeying for position for the 2016 presidential race.
- 28. You will encounter someone who is so upset about Obamacare that he/she vows to move to Canada — and he/she won’t see the irony in that.**
29. The Academy Award for Best Motion Picture goes to ... “Zero Dark Thirty.”
  30. Adam Sandler will once again mop up at the Razzie Awards.
  31. You will read a book in 2013. It may be an e-book and perhaps geared for tweens, but ... YOU .. WILL ... READ ... A ... BOOK!
  32. The fact that unmanned American drones are killing thousands of innocent people, including children, overseas may actually become a political issue in this country.
  33. The most tiresome and over-covered story of 2013? William and Kate’s baby. Hands down.
  34. You will submit a recipe for your grandmother’s apple pie to a pie contest and win. But you will then be sued by Apple Computers for copyright infringement.
  35. The 25th anniversary of Michael Dukakis’s 1988 presidential run against George H.W. Bush will be commemorated by no one in particular.
  36. You don’t know where, but he/she sends you there.
  37. It won’t be a bad winter at all, but somehow, that’s not good.
  38. There will be a new face on the Yankton school board.



39. Tim Tebow will definitely be on the move again, probably to Jacksonville.
  40. Hangman’s Blood will become a popular drink. Go ahead, look it up. We dare you to try it.
  41. There will be a reactionary rise in popularity in cell phones that aren’t smart, that can’t play games or carry a bizarre array of apps and — get this — their primary purpose is to just make phone calls.
  42. Mayor Nancy Wenande will be chosen by Yankton city commissioners to serve a second term as mayor.
- 43. You will discover that decorating for Halloween is actually more fun than decorating for Christmas.**
44. The replacement for outgoing Yankton Superintendent Dr. Joe Gertsema will come from within the school district.
  45. The Syrian government will at long last collapse, and its leaders will be charged with war crimes.
  46. South Dakota will not legalize the use of marijuana for recreational purposes, as was just done in Colorado and Washington, but the effort to legalize it for medical purposes will finally gain some traction.
  47. President Obama will OK the Keystone XL pipeline, causing a firestorm of criticism among environmentalists.
  48. This time, Superman will be done right with “Man of Steel.”
  49. A new cable reality television series will focus on people who mow lawns for a living and all the crazy things they find lurking in the grass.
  50. You will see a phone booth and have a hard time recognizing what it is and what function it might possibly have.
  51. The Dweebs will perform at Yankton’s Riverboat Days.
  52. For a New Year’s resolution, you will resolve to adopt a vegetarian diet. It will last, maybe, two meals.
  53. Even though you aren’t much of a religious person, you will pray for rain.
  54. The Rolling Stones’ 50th anniversary tour of the U.S. will be sponsored in part by AARP.
  55. Joe Biden will say something that will make you cringe.
  56. You will decide you want to learn a second language, even though you have yet to master your first language.
  57. There will be more political intrigue in Italy, but you really won’t care.
  58. Obesity will continue to be the nation’s top health problem, and hunger will continue to be a significant social issue. We live in interesting times, to be sure.
  59. Santa Claus Lane along Levee St. in Yankton will return to life in 2013.
  60. Thanks to R.A. Dickey’s Cy Young-winning 2012 baseball season, many more pitchers — has-beens and never-wases — will haunt major league facilities this spring working on knuckleballs.

*Welcome to the World*

The following babies were born at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in December 2012:

ADALYNN	CHLOE	IVY	NATALIE	TATE
ANDREW	CHLOE	JADE	PAIGE	TREY
ANDREW	DAWSON	JAYDEN	PRESTON	TRINITY
ARTHUR	DOMINIC	JORDAN	RADLEY	TROY
ATHENA	ELIJAH	JOSIE	RAE	TYLER
AUDRIC	ELLIE	KADEN	ROGAN	WALKER
AYDEN	ELVALISS	KINLEY	RYAN	WILLIAM
BENTLIE	GAVIN	KOLLINS	RYKER	ZOEY
BRANDEN	GAVIN	MADDOX	SAMEERA	
BRYSON	GREYSON	MAKHIA	SOPHIA	
CHARLES	GWENNYTH	NALEIGHA	STELLA	

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