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*Once Again, The Staff Of The Press &
Dakotan Peers Into The Future To Offer ...*

100 Predictions For 2014

1. South Dakota lawmakers will finally pass a texting ban on drivers.
2. There will be at least one new face on the Yankton school board.
3. The idea of a third political party is going to be looking better and better as the year rolls on.
4. "12 Years a Slave" will win the Academy Award for Best Motion Picture.
5. The Washington Redskins won't change their name in 2014.
6. Plan on being spontaneous!
7. Toronto mayor Rob Ford has a future in standup comedy. Just saying.
8. A booming new growth industry: Same-sex divorce.
9. This Oscar prediction is a cinch: "Gravity" will win the Academy Award for Best Cinematography.
10. It may well be remembered — but hopefully not — that South Dakota's 125th anniversary celebration probably peaked with Yankton's kickoff bash last November.
11. It's going to be a long, cold winter — but not an overly snowy one.
12. Mike Rounds will be elected South Dakota's new senator.
13. You know what would be a cool new bowl game to see in 2014? The Yankton Media/Tastee Treat Bowl, hosted at Crane-Youngworth Field.
14. Matthew McConaughey will be recognized as one of the great actors of this generation. Deal with it — we dare you.
15. A new book, with the possibility of movie rights, will feature the Yankton Sioux and Santee Sioux code talkers from World Wars I and II.
16. The New England Patriots will top the Carolina Panthers (!) to win the Super Bowl.
17. The 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion in June will allow the current touchy feelings between old Allies to be smoothed.

18. The ongoing revelations about U.S. spying abroad will do a 180 when a more pressing question becomes: How many of our friends and allies have been spying on us?

19. Food prices will soar because of a combination of federal gridlock on a farm bill, growing foreign demand for U.S. farm products and rising production costs. The government will take steps to provide relief after milk momentarily reaches \$8 per gallon.
20. You will feel old early in the year during the 50th anniversary of the Beatles appearing on the "Ed Sullivan Show."
21. You will also feel old late in the year as we remember the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Iron Curtain.
22. Although it will still bring a smile to your face, the phrase "hump day" won't be nearly as funny in 2014 as it was in 2013.
23. The Buffalo Bills will go to the playoffs (that is, if they don't encounter any errors using Ticketmaster).
24. The Miami Heat will once again reign as NBA champs, in LeBron James' swan song in South Beach.
25. You'll go viral on YouTube. Let's leave it at that.
26. A national movement will be started to outlaw the play of any Journey song in bars because of the outbreaks of violence that music causes in people who can't stand to hear those songs even one .. more ... time!!!
27. Your favorite nostalgic movie will be remade by Michael Bay.
28. Is Teddy Bridgewater the Minnesota Vikings' quarterback of the future? Ponder that thought.
29. When a sports team gets a lucky break to win a game, it will be said the team "pulled an Auburn."
30. Speaking of which, Auburn will top Florida State to win the college football national championship.
31. President Obama will say something that's not true.
32. So will many, many other politicians.
33. Pheasant numbers will rebound in South Dakota.
34. Dodo numbers won't.
35. North Korean lead Kim Jong Um's dog will be executed as a traitor. (This will give rise to the punchline: "When I say sit, I mean SIT!")
36. South Dakota will not abolish the death penalty.
37. George Zimmerman is ripe for a reality TV show, isn't he?
38. The topics of lacrosse and lawn darts will not come up in the ongoing discussion concerning Yankton's recreational facilities.
39. A big name will perform at Riverboat Days. Seriously, the guy's last name will have seven or eight syllables.
40. A suspected cannibal will be the featured artist on South Dakota's float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.
41. In order to reduce health care costs, some hospitals will have to cope with EKG monitors equipped with pop-up ads.
42. You won't win the lottery this year, either.
43. The Large Underground Xenon detector (LUX) in the underground lab in the Black Hills will be the source of a major scientific breakthrough on dark matter.
44. Riverboat Days: Dweebs, yes; Brulé, no.

45. There will be a seemingly egregious officiating call made in an NFL game, but it will turn up there is an obscure rule somewhere that covers it.

46. Justin Timberlake will appear on "Saturday Night Live" in some capacity.
47. At least two area school districts will consolidate. In addition, other districts across the region will consider mergers or more ways of sharing staff and resources.
48. People will claim the Affordable Care Act has hurt their ability to get affordable care.
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50. The popularity of "Duck Dynasty" will wane, and "Mule Monarchy" will rise to take its place. We can't share its tagline with you in this family-friendly publication.
51. With the popularity of e-books soaring, the book-marker industry will nosedive.
52. Because we will need to know: Is the Easter Bunny white?
53. It will continue to not bother anybody that the word



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"phonics" is not spelled phonetically.

54. This will be a marvelous year for 75th anniversaries for movies, including "Gone With the Wind," "The Wizard of Oz," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Stagecoach," "Of Mice and Men," "Dark Victory," "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" ... the impressive list could go on. It should be a fine year in TCM.
55. There will also be some cinematic interest as 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of Charlie Chaplin's first film. (Actually, films: He released 36 short subjects in 1914 alone, one of which introduced his legendary Little Tramp character.)
56. Another short holiday shopping season, due again to a late Thanksgiving, will cut down on consumer spending in the last month of the year.
57. A deal will be reached, and Edward Snowden will return to America.
58. A new entertainment venue will open in Yankton, continuing the effort to provide more live music.
59. The grain facility plan for Yankton's Napa junction will pick up steam this year.
60. The University of South Dakota will celebrate a milestone as it breaks ground on its new athletic complex. USD officials will also make a major announcement in connection with the facility.
61. You will hear a great lawyer joke — from a lawyer.
62. If you thought Lana Del Rey was talented but pretensions before, she will surprise you with new levels of both in 2014.
- 63. Christmas will once again prevail in the "war on Christmas."**
64. The Rosetta mission to Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko will be a successful and gripping space rodeo, as a lander will attempt to latch on to the comet for a cosmic ride.
65. "X-Men: Days of Future Past" will be > "Captain America: The Winter Soldier," which will be > "The Amazing Spiderman 2."
66. Kurt Cobain will be remembered both fondly (Nirvana's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame) and sadly (the 20th anniversary of his suicide at age 27) this year.
67. Miley Cyrus will do a video in which she is filmed entirely through an X-ray machine. That's basically all the fur-

ther she can go, isn't it?

68. After enduring years of criticism over questionable inductees, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame will admit they've officially "given up" when they induct a 1990s boy band.
69. The University of South Dakota will beat the Oregon Ducks in football this fall ... for about three minutes. We're not courageous enough to pick the upset.
70. However, if USD does upset Oregon in football, the *Press & Dakotan* will give serious consideration to using the headline "No Duckin' Way!" for its story.
71. Problems arise for some home owners after an Internet site claims that mountain lions make great mousers.
72. Despite the sadness of fans about the departure of Matt Smith, Peter Capaldi will quickly win over hearts as the lead in "Doctor Who."
73. USD's women's pole vaulting squad will make national headlines.
74. A terrorist attack will take place at the Winter Olympics,

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