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## CLARIFICATION

In Thursday's *Press & Dakotan* story about the new Miss South Dakota USA, Jessica Albers, it was noted that she is the first winner of the title to hail from Yankton. This is true, as Albers will be the first from Yankton to advance to the Miss USA pageant next year. However, Yankton native Meredith Auld (now Brokaw) won the Miss South Dakota crown in 1959 and advanced to the Miss America pageant, which is a different organization from Miss USA.

# Drought Likely To Continue

## Climatologist: Lack Of El Nino A Major Factor For Prolonged Dry Spell

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The disappearance of an El Nino weather pattern means drought conditions will likely continue into next spring, a state official said Thursday. South Dakota climatologist Dennis Today gave his outlook during a national conference call. "The El Nino that we thought was going to happen is likely not going to happen," he said. "The lack of an El

Nino means there isn't a whole lot of recovery until spring." Today had hoped for a break in the drought cycle, but the Great Plains showed little or no recovery this fall. Yankton remains nearly 13 inches below normal for precipitation since the April 1 start of the growing season. The drought relief found in other parts of the Midwest hasn't reached the Great Plains, Today said. With such a large moisture deficit, the Great Plains

can expect little drought relief even with average snowfall, he said. "We really need springtime precipitation," he said. However, any snow remains an important source of runoff next year, he said. The early season snowpack is running behind normal in the upper headwaters of the Missouri River, but he predicts more accumulation

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## ON TO THE NEXT ROUND



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Dakota Valley players celebrate after clinching a 3-1 victory over Wagner in the opening round of the South Dakota State Class A Volleyball Tournament on Thursday at the Watertown Civic Arena. The fourth-seeded Panthers will face top-seeded Belle Fourche in the semifinals today (Friday) at 6 p.m., while Wagner draws Mobridge-Pollock at noon. The tournament runs through Saturday.

# Industry Group Pushes Obama To OK Pipeline

BY JOSH FUNK  
AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — The fight over a proposed pipeline to transport crude oil from Canada to Gulf Coast refineries has picked up again with groups on both sides putting pressure on President Barack Obama to either approve or reject the pipeline. The attention given to TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline project has increased now that the election is over because it's clear who will decide the project's fate and because Nebraska is close to deciding whether to approve a revised route through the state.

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**MARTY DURBIN**

Pipeline supporters held a conference call with reporters Thursday to stress what they say are the project's economic and security benefits. Opponents worried about possible environmental damage

plan a series of protests that start at the White House this weekend.

The American Petroleum Institute, which is the oil and gas industry's main lobbying group, held Thursday's conference call to stress the projected economic benefits of Keystone XL.

"The president says again and again that the priority is the economy and jobs. We think there is a great opportunity here," said Marty Durbin, API executive vice president.

Pipeline backers say the project will

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# CIA: Susan Rice Got Initial Assessment On Libya

BY KIMBERLY DOZIER  
AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON — Five days after the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Libya, U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice described what precipitated the deadly incident based on initial intelligence that later proved incorrect, the deputy CIA director told Congress on Thursday. In a closed-door session with the House Intelligence committee, Mike Morell said Rice was provided with an unclassified version of events at the U.S. mission in Benghazi that left

American Ambassador Chris Stevens and three others dead, according to Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., a member of the panel. The assessment concluded that a spontaneous protest over an anti-Muslim video had evolved into an attack on the American consulate, a description that Rice presented in television interviews the Sunday morning after the attack. Schiff told reporters that he didn't think the intelligence community had politicized the information.

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# Future YCL Needs Catalogued

BY NATHAN JOHNSON  
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The Yankton Community Library Task Force is convinced change is needed for the future success of the facility, but it isn't sure when the right time will be to embark on such a project.

During a recent City Commission meeting, library director Kathy Jacobs updated the public on the findings of the task force. She said that through a survey and focus groups, users of the library are in general agreement about the future needs of the library.

"The big question becomes, how could these current and future needs be met?" Jacobs said.

At this point, nothing has been ruled out nor has serious consideration been given to how renovation or a new facility could be funded.

"In thinking about this and looking at the economy, we've not done any (planning for funding)," Jacobs said. "We've done some brainstorming about possible ways to start the funding process and people we might involve. But other than that, we've got nothing on paper."

"We don't think this is the time to do anything in Yankton except to continue the education process and hopefully get more people into the library to see what our space needs are," she continued. "The more people we have using the library, the more that people will understand the needs we have."

Jacobs detailed at length the findings of the task force during the meeting.

In the children's area, shelving accessible to children, comfortable

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# TURKEY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Stewart Elementary School third-grader Courtney Pavel puts some strut into her performance of "Tom" (as in Tom Turkey) during the song "My Friend Tom," performed Thursday night at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. The Stewart School fall concert featured students from grades 1-3 offering the program "Step Into the Spotlight," which included selections ranging from Thanksgiving songs and autumn tunes to a patriotic medley featuring music by George M. Cohan and Woody Guthrie. To see or purchase images from this event, visit [spotted.yankton.net](http://spotted.yankton.net). (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



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