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## WE SAY

### Go, Bucks!



**THUMBS UP** to the Yankton Bucks as they seek to claim the Class 11AA football championship at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Friday) at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. With a win, the Bucks would wrap up not only the title but an undefeated season — both marking a first since they won the state crown with a perfect 13-0 mark in 2002. Football fever remains in high gear, with Yankton selling out its original allocation of 1,900 adult tickets. More tickets have been released, but it promises to be a full house. And if you're going to the game ... think red. With both schools having the same colors, the Yankton and Brookings athletic directors have reached an agreement where Yankton fans wear red and Brookings fans wear black. Go red! Go Bucks! Follow the Press & Dakotan's coverage of all this week's championship games in print, online and through social media.

### Exit



**THUMBS UP** to Kerry Hacecky for the great work she has done as executive director at the Heartland Humane Society the past three years. The number of animals helped in the area has tripled during her time. Hacecky also has helped in the construction of a new shelter to better serve the area. She recently resigned from her executive director position, and will be moving to Council Bluffs, Iowa, to be the director of a homeless shelter. She will be greatly missed at Heartland. Best of luck to her.

### Cold Cut



**THUMBS DOWN**, obviously, to the far-too-early arrival of winter, which showed up this week with bitter cold temperatures and strong winds (but fortunately, little snow in the Yankton area). Just last week, most of us were wearing light jackets or lightweight fall coats as a wonderfully mild October melted into November. But now we've gone straight to the Arctic gear, with high temperatures this week ranging 20 to 30 degrees below normal. It turns out this is NOT a polar vortex, as some have reported; rather, it's been caused by a typhoon that hit Alaska and forced a shift in the weather patterns. One big difference: Whereas the effects of the vortex only lasted here a couple of days, the current cold wave may last for many days or even weeks, according to some forecast models. And, we're still two weeks from Thanksgiving. This makes for a cold start to what could be a long winter season.

### Comet Bashing



**THUMBS DOWN** to the sizable number of people who missed the point of the comet probe landing. For those out of the loop, the Philae probe landed this week on Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko — a chunk of rock and ice roughly two miles long and a mile wide travelling at 84,000 mph and orbiting the sun once every 6 1/2 years. Humans just managed to successfully land a complex mechanical contraption on that rock. But it was the European Space Agency's (ESA) contraption, so many Americans took to social media to lament the fact that it was supposedly the wrong set of humans making this great leap in science — that it should be America leading the charge into space. What's wrong with just acknowledging the ESA just made a great scientific breakthrough for ALL mankind? If America truly wants to "lead" in space, let's get back to teaching science seriously: Start funding the space program better, teach ACTUAL science in the classroom and start paying teachers a decent wage to do it.

## ONLINE OPINION

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the Press & Dakotan's Web site are as follows:

### LATEST RESULTS:

**Would you support sending U.S. ground troops in to combat ISIS?**  
No.....50%  
Yes.....40%  
Not sure.....10%  
**TOTAL VOTES CAST** .....281

The PRESS & DAKOTAN Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.

### CURRENT QUESTION:

**Do you approve of the U.S.-China climate deal?**  
To cast your vote in the PRESS & DAKOTAN'S Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

## IN HISTORY

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Friday, Nov. 14, the 318th day of 2014. There are 47 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlights in History:** On Nov. 14, 1889, inspired by the Jules Verne novel "Around the World in Eighty Days," New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) set out to make the trip in less time than the fictional Phileas Fogg. (She completed the journey in 72 days.) Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of India, was born.

**On this date:** In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick; Or, The Whale" was first published in the United States.  
In 1910, Eugene B. Ely became the first aviator to take off from a ship as his Curtiss pusher rolled off a sloping platform on the deck of the scout cruiser USS Birmingham off Hampton Roads, Virginia.  
In 1922, the British Broadcasting Co. began its domestic radio service.  
In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.  
In 1944, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra recorded "Opus No. 1" for RCA Victor.  
In 1954, the president of Egypt, Muhammad Naguib, was deposed by the Revolutionary Command Council, leaving Gamal Abdel Nasser fully in charge as acting head of state.  
In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.  
In 1970, a chartered Southern Airways DC-9 crashed while trying to land in West Virginia, killing all 75 people on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.  
In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 1,000 level for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.  
In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed a \$100 million penalty against inside-trader Ivan F. Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities industry.  
In 1990, it was revealed that the pop duo Milli Vanilli (Rob Pilatus and Fabrice Morvan) had done none of the singing on their Grammy-winning debut album "Girl You Know It's True."  
In 1997, a jury in Fairfax, Virginia, decided that Pakistani national Aimal Khan Kasi should get the death penalty for gunning down two CIA employees outside agency headquarters. Five years later on this date, Aimal Khan Kasi was executed.  
**Ten years ago:** Mahmoud Abbas, successor to Yasser Arafat, escaped unharmed when militants firing assault rifles burst into a mourning tent for the deceased Palestinian leader in Gaza, killing two security guards.

Usher was honored with four trophies at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles: favorite male soul-R&B artist, best pop-rock album, best pop-rock artist and best soul-R&B album.

**Five years ago:** President Barack Obama, on a mission to repair America's global standing, told Asian countries during a speech in Tokyo that he was determined to engage them as equal partners in the economy, diplomacy and security.

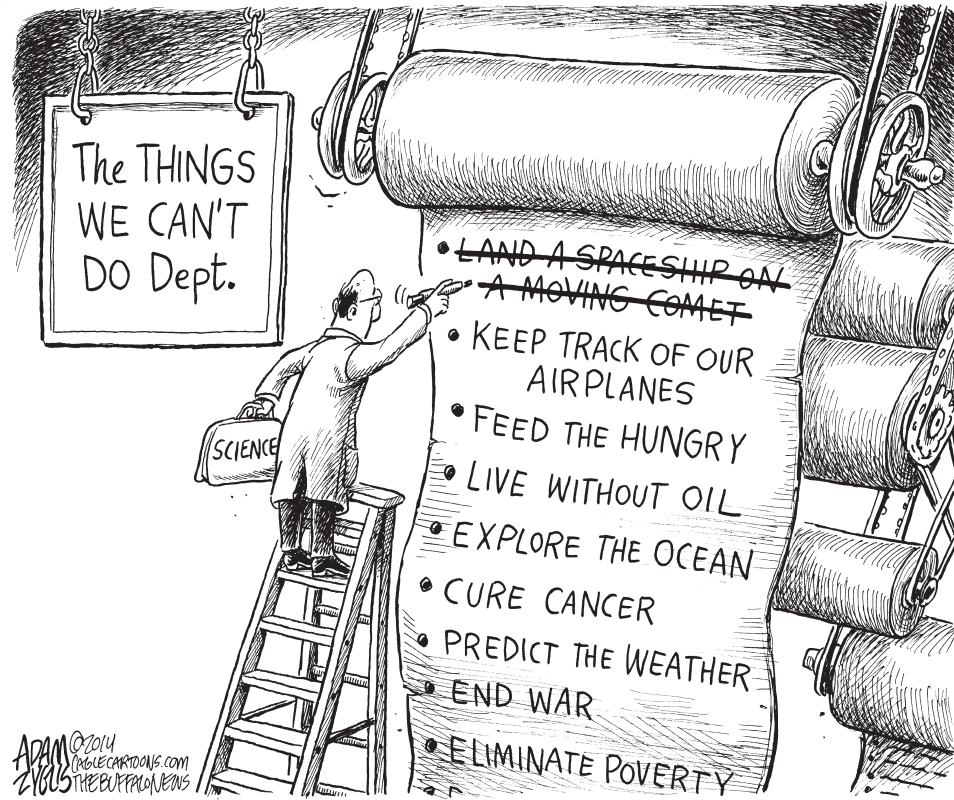
**One year ago:** Reversing course, President Barack Obama said millions of Americans should be allowed to renew individual coverage plans ticketed for cancellation under the health care law. During a confirmation hearing before the Senate Banking Committee, Janet Yellen made clear she would be prepared to stand by the Federal Reserve's low-interest policies, if she were confirmed as Fed chair. Former Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger was led off to prison to begin serving a life sentence at 84 for his murderous reign in the 1970s and '80s. Pittsburgh Pirates center fielder Andrew McCutchen and Detroit Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera won baseball's Most Valuable Player awards.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is 92. Actress Laura San Giacomo is 53. Actor D.B. Sweeney is 53. Rapper Reverend Run (Run-DMC) is 50. Actor Patrick Warburton is 50. Rock musician Nic Dalton is 50. Country singer Rockie Lynne is 50. Pop singer Jeanette Jurado (Expose) is 49. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Curt Schilling is 48. Rock musician Brian Yale is 46. Rock singer Butch Walker is 45. Actor Josh Duhamel is 42. Rock musician Travis Barker is 39. Contemporary Christian musician Robby Shaffer is 39. Actor Brian Dietzen (TV: "NCIS") is 37. Rapper Shyheim is 37. Rock musician Tobin Esperance (Papa Roach) is 35. Actress Olga Kurylenko is 35. Actress/comedian Vanessa Bayer (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 33. Actor Graham Patrick Martin is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "Adventure is not outside man; it is within." — George Eliot, English author (1819-1880).

## FROM THE BIBLE

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21.  
Portals of Prayer, Publishing House, St. Louis.



## Kelly Hertz

# In The Dome Again

BY KELLY HERTZ  
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Times change, and yet it seems like the old days once again:

The Yankton Bucks are playing for a state football championship tonight in Vermillion. They face Brookings at 7:30 p.m. for the Class 11AA crown.

It's been nine years since Yankton last made the DakotaDome trip. For the most diehard YHS fans, that interval may have felt like forever.

That's because tremendous expectations of Yankton football are a given. They are as much an autumn ritual here as falling leaves and jack-o'-lanterns glowing in the dusk.

Poducing just two losing seasons in 55 years will do that for you. Not even going nine years without a dome berth — which indeed seems like a relative eternity for a program that has won 11 state titles since 1960, or an average of one championship every five years or so — can dim that grand glow.

But in a way, that legacy is a secondary point. It's all in the past.

This is about now — this is about tonight. It's all a little different, at least for me. Speaking of the past as a long-ago sports editor, I notice that a lot has changed in high school football the last few years.

There is this issue, for instance, of Yankton playing tonight, on a Friday, instead of the Saturday night finale. An additional class has been added for the biggest of the state's big schools, with YHS slotted in the second-largest class. Friday night lights, indeed.

Unquestionably, the Sioux Falls schools have dominated high school football recently, capturing numerous titles since the turn of the new century. The splitting of the top class into two was an idea that was actually lobbied for by some Yankton officials, I've been told, because it was felt that schools like YHS could no longer reasonably be expected to compete with the Sioux Falls schools and those gigantic enrolments.

However, I do know there are other opinions here on the matter. Some people hate this new alignment. The last thing they want to do

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A Great Experience

Kyna Williams, Yankton

During the past two months, I have had the opportunity to volunteer with the Yankton County Democrats as they prepared for the upcoming election. It was a great honor working with a team of volunteers to host weekly events, register new voters, and make more than 6,000 voter contact attempts via phone calls and door knocking. Although the election didn't pan out exactly as we would have liked, we had a lot of fun meeting new members of the Yankton community and working together towards a shared goal.

In my reflection after the campaign and elections, two things continue to come up for me. First is the issue of voter turnout. In Yankton County there are about there are about 16,500 voting-aged people. Of those, about 14,000 are registered to vote, and about 8,000 people actually cast votes in this election. I believe our democracy can only function at the highest levels when we are all involved. Over the next two years, we need to continue to encourage our friends and neighbors to register to vote, and then to vote in all upcoming elections.

My second reflection is mainly about two South Dakota issues that are important to me; the opportunity for all of our students to have

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