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On The Road



Although we understand the rules and the reasoning behind it, a disappointed THUMBS DOWN to this week's decision to finish Yankton's homecoming football game, which was halted last week due to stormy weather, on Oct. 6 in Aberdeen — which, at four hours away, makes it one of the longest homecoming trips ever.

Honored Duo



THUMBS UP to Yankton County Commissioner Allen Sinclair and Register of Deeds Brian Hunhoff for winning awards recently at the South Dakota Counties Association convention.

Strike Up The Bands!



THUMBS UP to Menno's Band Day festivities, which takes place today (Friday) in the Hutchinson County town 30 miles north of Yankton. This eighth annual event, which sprang from a similar event held more than 40 years ago, allows marching bands to have the stage — or in this case, the streets — for themselves to showcase their talents.

ONLINE OPINION

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

LATEST RESULTS:

Table with 2 columns: Question, Results. Includes 'Do you think Hillary Clinton will run for president in 2016?' with Yes (62%), No (22%), Not sure/don't care (16%).

Current Question: Do you think the Minnesota Twins should retain manager Ron Gardenhire?

ON THIS DATE

By The Associated Press: Today is Friday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 2014.
Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 26, 1789, Thomas Jefferson was confirmed by the Senate to be the first United States secretary of state.
On this date: In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.



Scams And Who We Are

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We get these things all the time. One that I'd never encountered before came to us a few weeks ago by phone, from someone associated with Yankton's Riverboat Days celebration.

Not everyone does, however. Some people fall for it — probably not many, but just enough to make this blatant attempt at theft worthwhile. Honestly, I lost my sense of anger or worry over these scams so long ago.

Every day, my email at work is filled with myriad unsolicited emails — and it's gotten worse than ever. Of these, a small but steady percentage of these missives tell me about a prize I've won, or that my computer system needs updating.

being in trouble and needing money for a doctor, that's more than hunting for some easy money. That's preying on fear. Odds are, these kinds of inquiries won't tempt most people, but all it takes are a few people — maybe 1 in 10,000 — for whom the circumstances portrayed may be possible, and the score is made.

There's also something called a *72 scam, in which the scammer tells a target that there is a serious accident and that by calling a number that starts with *72, it will go directly to, say, the nurse's station at a hospital.

Computer technology, the information superhighway and digital dissemination offer so much potential to society, and we are seeing it realized in amazing ways. We can interconnect as never before; we can offer distance learning and telemedicine to remote places; we can bring people, ideas and visions together as never before.

Cry, You're On Hidden Camera

BY KATHLEEN PARKER
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WASHINGTON — Without prior knowledge or intent, I recently was inducted into a club I had no interest in joining, especially in light of the \$200 initiation fee. In fact, I had no idea I had joined until the bill arrived notifying me that a camera had caught me exceeding the speed limit somewhere along the route between downtown Washington and the Maryland border.

The argument basically questioned whether the city was attempting to exact property from Ohio drivers without access to a judge authorized by and accountable to duly elected legislators.

It all gets rather weedy — and does seem like picking a nit to cure a plague — but so goes American jurisprudence. The Ohio motorist's case points to the more general concern that gotcha cameras, by eliminating the middle man (that being a human being), violate our sense of fair play.

What was that camera's name, anyway, and what was he doing in my business? Did the camera bother to wonder why I might be driving faster than I'm supposed to? Excuse me, but could I speak to a human, please? Bottom line: Mr. Camera doesn't care.

FROM THE BIBLE

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8.

YOUR LETTERS

A Blood Moon?

Rita Eckmann, Bloomfield, Neb. It is said the second blood moon will appear in October. If you do not have a close relationship with Jesus and He is not living in your heart, I suggest you better begin working on that.

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