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OPINION

Text Ban Sends A Vital Message

On Tuesday, it technically became illegal to text while driving in South Dakota — with some conditions attached. No matter. The law is in place, and it's about time. The law that went into effect on July 1 targets motorists who use hand-held devices like smartphones to send or receive text messages while driving. South Dakota is now among 44 states and the District of Columbia to have some kind of ban on texting while driving in place. (New Mexico also instituted a ban on Tuesday.)

To be fair, South Dakota's law can best be classified merely as a start. A ban finally made it through the Legislature last winter, but only as a secondary offense, meaning that a motorist can't be arrested for texting while driving unless he or she is apprehended committing another traffic violation. That frustrates a lot of people — especially law enforcement. "There are really no teeth in the statute," Yankton County Sheriff Jim Vlahakis told the *Press & Dakotan*.

But it's at least a step in the right direction. It finally represents an acknowledgment by state lawmakers that the proliferation of hand-held electronic communication devices — and they sure seem to be everywhere now — is a potentially fatal impediment to safe driving if a vehicle operator is not careful. And that includes not only people who are simultaneously driving and texting, but also any who happens to wander into his or her path.

So the law, as currently written, mostly just sends a message of its own, which is all it really can do.

But the message must be heeded by everyone who operates a vehicle. In particular, it's a message that must be learned by young drivers, who at this early stage can begin developing bad habits that are hard to shake. This is a law that demands concentration from them. And it demands as much from more experienced drivers who may think they can multitask while zipping down a highway. The law tells them: Think again.

The concerns expressed by law enforcement officials about the lack of punch in this secondary offense are quite valid. After all, this is a law that cannot be enforced on its own merit.

That may well change in time. Several communities, including Vermillion, had their own bans in place prior to the legislative measure, and many municipal edicts are stricter. (Pennington County also had a ban in place.) State law cannot trump them, which is a plus, so it will be interesting to see how motorists handle such a legal patchwork — that is, if they notice it at all.

In general, the texting ban is a good law, no matter how weak its legal punch is, because it recognizes the hectic reality of these times and the distracting dangers that lurk with it. Let's hope the message it aims to send is received and understood by as many drivers as possible. Their lives may depend on it — as might yours. *knh*

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ON THIS DATE

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2014. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

On this date: In 1714, German composer Christoph Willibald Gluck was born in Erasbach.

In 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure establishing the National Statuary Hall inside the former House Chamber of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.)

In 1926, the United States Army Air Corps was created.

In 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

In 1943, Bing Crosby and the Ken Darby Singers recorded "Sunday, Monday or Always" for Decca Records.

In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

In 1979, the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin was released to the public.

In 1982, Larry Walters of San Pedro, California, used a lawn chair equipped with 45 helium-filled weather balloons to rise to an altitude of 16,000 feet; he landed eight miles away in Long Beach.

In 1994, a USAir DC-9 crashed in poor weather at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport in North Carolina, killing 37 of the 57 people aboard. Colombian soccer player Andres Escobar, 27, was shot to death in Medellin, ten days after accidentally scoring a goal against his own team in World Cup competition.

In 1999, former Northwestern University basketball coach Ricky Byrdson was shot to death in Skokie, Illinois; authorities believe he was the victim of a three-day shooting rampage by white supremacist Benjamin Nathaniel Smith that targeted minorities in Illinois and Indiana. (One other person was killed and others wounded before Smith committed suicide.) "Godfather" author Mario Puzo died on Long Island, New York, at age 78.

Ten years ago: Elijah Brown, 21, described by police as a disgruntled employee, went on a shooting rampage inside a ConAgra Foods Inc. plant in Kansas City, Kansas, killing five co-workers before taking his own life.

Five years ago: Thousands of U.S. Marines poured into Taliban-controlled villages in southern Afghanistan in the first major operation under President Barack Obama's strategy to stabilize the country. North Korea test-fired two short-range missiles. The 35-nation International Atomic Energy Agency chose Yukiya Amano of Japan as its next head. Federal marshals took possession of disgraced financier Bernard Madoff's \$7 million Manhattan penthouse, forcing Madoff's wife, Ruth, to move elsewhere.

One year ago: The Obama administration unexpectedly announced a one-year delay, until after the 2014 elections, in a central requirement of the health care law that medium and large companies provide coverage for their workers or face fines. Homer Bailey threw his second no-hitter in 10 months, pitching the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-0 victory over the slumping San Francisco Giants. Olympic track star Suzy Favor Hamilton's name was removed from the Big Ten female athlete of the year award following revelations she had worked as a prostitute.

Today's Birthdays: Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos is 85. Jazz musician Ahmad Jamal is 84. Actor Robert Ito is 83. Actress Polly Holliday is 77. Racing Hall of Famer Richard Petty is 77. Former White House chief of staff John H. Sununu is 75. Former Mexican President Vicente Fox is 72. Writer-director-comedian Larry David is 67. Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, is 67. Actor Saul Rubinek is 66. Rock musician Roy Bittan (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 65. Rock musician Gene Taylor is 62. Actress-model Jerry Hall is 58. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 53. Country singer Guy Penrod is 51. Rock musician Dave Parsons (Bush) is 49. Actress Yancy Butler is 44. Contemporary Christian musician Melodee DeVeo (Casting Crowns) is 38. Actor Owain Yeoman is 36. Race car driver Sam Hornish Jr. is 35. Singer Michelle Branch is 31. Actress Vanessa Lee Chester is 30. Figure skater Johnny Weir is 30. Actress-singer Ashley Tisdale is 29. Actress Lindsay Lohan is 28.

Thought for Today: "No great man lives in vain. The history of the world is but the biography of great men." — Thomas Carlyle, Scottish critic and historian (1795-1881).

FROM THE BIBLE

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction. James 1:27. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis



Hillary's Hardest Choice (And The Dems' Dilemma)

BY ROBERT B. REICH
American Voices

What's the reason for the tempest in the teapot of Hillary and Bill Clinton's personal finances?

It can't be about how much money they have. Wealth has never disqualified someone from high office. Several of the nation's greatest presidents, who came to office with vast fortunes — John F. Kennedy, Franklin D. Roosevelt and his fifth cousin, Teddy — notably improved the lives of ordinary Americans.

The tempest can't be about Hillary Clinton's veracity. It may have been a stretch for her to say she and her husband were "dead broke" when they left the White House, as she told ABC's Diane Sawyer. But they did have large legal bills to pay off.

And it's probably true that, unlike many of the "truly well off," as she termed them in an interview with *The Guardian*, the Clintons pay their full income taxes and work hard.

Nor can the tempest be about how they earned their money. Most has come from public speaking and book royalties, the same sources as for most ex-presidents and former first ladies.

Then what's it about? The story behind the story is that America is in an era of sharply rising inequality, with a few at the top doing fabulously well but most Americans on a downward economic escalator.

That's why Sawyer asked Hillary about the huge speaking fees, and why *The Guardian* asked whether she could be credible on the issue of inequality.

And it's why Hillary's answers — that the couple needed money when they left the White House, and have paid their taxes and worked hard for it — seemed oddly beside the point.

The questions had nothing to do with whether the former first couple deserved the money. They were really about whether all that income from big corporations and Wall Street put them on the side of the privileged and powerful, rather than on the side of ordinary Americans.

These days, voters want to know which side candidates are on because they believe the game is rigged against them.

According to new Pew survey, 62 percent of Americans now think economic system unfairly favors the powerful, and 78 percent think too much power is concentrated in too few companies. Even 69 percent of young conservative-leaning voters agree the system favors the powerful.

Other potential presidential candidates are using every opportunity to tell voters they're on their side. Speaking at last week's White House summit on financial hardships facing working families, Vice President Joe Biden revealed he has "no savings account" and doesn't "own a single stock or bond."

The same concern haunts the Republican Party and is fueling the Tea Party rebellion. In

his stunning Virginia congressional primary upset, David Brat charged that Eric Cantor "does not represent the citizens of the 7th district, but rather large corporations seeking insider deals, crony bailouts and a constant supply of low-wage workers."

But the Republican establishment doesn't think it has to choose sides. It assumes it can continue to represent the interests of big business and Wall Street, yet still lure much of the white working class through thinly veiled racism, anti-immigrant posturing and steadfast opposition to abortion and gay marriage.

The Democratic Party, including Hillary Clinton, doesn't have that option. Which means that, as the ranks of the anxious middle class grow, the winning formula used by Bill Clinton and Barack Obama may no longer be able to deliver.

That formula was not just to court minorities and women but also to appeal to upscale Republican-leaning suburbs, professionals, moderates on Wall Street and centrist business interests.

Accordingly, both Obama and Bill Clinton's economic plans called for deficit reduction as part of a "responsible" fiscal policy, trade expansion and "investments" in infrastructure and education to promote economic growth.

But in a world of downward mobility for the majority, Democrats need to acknowledge the widening divide and propose specific ways to reverse it.

These might include, for example, raising taxes on the wealthy and closing their favorite tax loopholes in order to pay for world-class schools for everyone else; enacting a living wage and minimum guaranteed income; making it easier to unionize; and changing corporate and tax laws to limit CEO pay, and promote gain-sharing, profit-sharing and employee ownership.

In this scenario, Democrats would seek to forge a new political coalition of all the nation's downwardly mobile — poor, working class and middle class; white and black and brown.

It's a gamble. It would make big business and Wall Street nervous, while ignoring Republican-leaning suburbs and upper-middle-class professionals. The GOP would move in to fill the void.

But as the middle class shrinks and distrust of the establishment grows, a new Democratic strategy for the downwardly mobile may be both necessary and inevitable. If she runs, Hillary may have to take the gamble.

And if America is to have half a chance of saving the middle class and preserving equal opportunity, it's a gamble worth taking.

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YOUR LETTERS

Well Done, GOP!

William L. Heubaum, Yankton
Contrary to the assertions of the *Argus Leader*, our state's leading left wing newspaper, the action by the Republican Party of South Dakota in adopting a resolution calling for the impeachment of President Obama was neither silly or stupid.

Granted, the resolution's sponsors could have done a better job of articulating the rationale for impeachment. Among the very many reasons that could have been cited are these: Appointment of a shadow government of 35 so-called "czars" who are not confirmed by the Senate and report only to the President. Violation of the War Powers Act of 1973 for conducting war against Libya without Congressional authorization. Twenty-three unilateral rewrites of the Affordable Care Act (Congress writes the laws of the land, not the President). The Benghazi cover-up (far worse than the Watergate cover-up that cost Nixon his presidency; no one died as a result of Watergate). Backdoor implementation of the DREAM Act, bypassing Congress. Failure to secure our borders and encouraging illegal immigration by failing to return such immigrants to their country of origin. Illegal recess appointments. The Fast and Furious gun running scandal. Using the IRS to muzzle conservative groups opposed to the President's policies. The reasons go on and on — some conservative websites list dozens of reasons for impeachment.

Those who believe that Congress can hold the President in check by conducting oversight hearings are deluding themselves. Recently, the President's IRS Commissioner all but told a House oversight committee to go to hell. Time and again Mr. Obama has demonstrated his contempt for Congress, declaring that as long as he has a pen and a phone he will write whatever laws and take whatever ac-

tions are needed to govern our country. The President is responsible for his own actions and those of his appointees.

As Harry S. Truman once famously said, "The buck stops here," meaning the desk of the President. There are more than ample reasons justifying the impeachment of President Obama. Well done, South Dakota Republican Party!

Why I Walk

Pat Garrity, Yankton
I enjoy walking. My dog Nia, who is always ready for a walk, is a good motivator. My thoughts turn to what is enjoyable about this activity. A perspective I have developed is the community relationship. I enjoy interaction with my neighbors, promotion of beneficial neighborhood activity and observing the diversity of mixed neighborhoods with various social functions.

I participate in the convenience of good sidewalks and safe streets and my presence throughout the neighborhood can deter illicit behavior. I begin to understand the impact of community spirit. It may appear I am just walking my dog, but it is so much more.

A Fee Question

Ruth Ann Dickman, Utica
I am wondering why the Riverboat Association charges a fee to be in the parade? The Antique Auto Association has five units, and they are charged \$15 per unit. The Antique Auto Association goes to four other towns to be in their parades and they are not charged one single cent! They are just happy to have the A.A.A. come to their town to be in their parade!