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Separate Amenities Act, which had barred blacks from public facilities for decades, was formally scrapped.
In 1991, despite sexual harassment allegations by Anita Hill, the Senate narrowly confirmed the nomination of Clarence

'Cadillac Tax' **Needs A Tuneup**

OPINION OTHER VIEWS

LOS ANGELES TIMES (Oct. 13): The Affordable Care Act slapped a hefty tax on expensive employer-sponsored health plans in an effort to discourage companies from offering the most expansive forms of coverage while also raising money for new insurance subsidies. But the "Cadillac tax" is proving to be an idea that only an economist could love, as critics from the left and the right, from unions and corporate America, have stepped up to denounce it. In fact, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee called for its repeal almost simultaneously last month. Yet the tax, which is stated to go and simply take the wrong approach to doing the right thing.

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mental problems with the health care system here is that it consumes too much of the U.S. economy — about 17 percent in 2012, compared with an average of 9 percent in other developed nations — and the situation is getting steadily worse. Of the many factors involved. one of the main ones is that insurance shields consumers from much of the cost of their care.

That's a good thing in the sense that people who are covered can afford to get the care they need, but it also increases the incentive for patients to seek (and for doctors to provide) care that's not essential, while diminishing the incentive to stay healthy.

When companies provide coverage at little or no out-of-pocket cost, that gives employees an even stronger incentive to overuse the health care system. To try to curb such benefits, the ACA levies a new tax on plans whose cost exceeds \$10,200 for an individual or \$27.500 for a family — far higher than the typical comprehensive policy.

That's a fine idea in theory; requiring employees to pay at least a portion of their health care bills will help them become more costconscious consumers. But the way Congress designed the tax, it will fall on the plans that cost the most, not necessarily the ones with minimal co-pays and deductibles. And because insurance premiums are likely to rise faster than the tax's threshold, the levy is expected $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left$ to hit a growing number of not-so-generous insurance plans — especially in high-cost areas — and employers whose plans are expensive just because their workers rack up large medical bills.

Nevertheless, Congress shouldn't simply give up on the Cadillac tax. Instead, it should change the trigger so that the tax falls just on plans that impose negligible out-of-pocket costs, rather than plans worth more than a specific dollar figure. That won't bring in as much revenue for Obamacare as the original Cadillac tax, but that shouldn't be the main goal. Instead, the point is to remove one of the perverse incentives in health care that's making it hard to hold down costs. That's an objective both sides of the political aisle should support.

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IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, October 15, the 288th day of 2015. There are 77 days left

Today's Highlight in History: On October 15, 1915, "The Metamorphosis," Franz Kafka's famous absurdist tale about a man named Gregor Samsa who wakes up one morning to discover that he has been transformed into a huge, insect-like creature, was first published in the German literary journal Die Weissen Blaetter

On this date: In 1783, the first manned balloon flight took place in Paris as Jean-Francois Pilatre de Rozier ascended in a basket attached to a tethered Montgolfier hot-air balloon, rising to about

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte, the deposed Emperor of the French, arrived on the British-ruled South Atlantic island of St. Helena, where he spent the last 5 1/2 years of his life in exile

În 1905, Claude Debussy's "La Mer" (The Sea), a trio of symphonic sketches, premiered in Paris.

In 1914, the Clayton Antitrust Act, which expanded on the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890, was signed into law by Presi-

dent Woodrow Wilson. In 1917, Dutch dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for the Germans, was executed by a French firing squad outside

In 1940, Charles Chaplin's first alltalking comedy, "The Great Dictator," a lampoon of Adolf Hitler, opened in New

In 1945, the former premier of Vichy France, Pierre Laval, was executed for

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed. In 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country as part of a

"moratorium" against the Vietnam War. In 1975, the book "Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape," a history of sexual assault authored by Susan Brown-

miller, was first published. In 1990, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was named the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. South Africa's

Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court, 52-48. Ten years ago: Iraqis voted to approve a constitution. A crowd that had gathered to protest a neo-Nazi march in Toledo, Ohio, turned violent, prompting

the mayor to declare a state of emergency Five years ago: The Obama administration reported that the federal deficit had hit a near-record \$1.3 trillion for the justcompleted budget year. Workers hugged, cheered and set off fireworks as a huge drill broke through a last stretch of rock deep in the Swiss Alps for construction of the 35.4-mile Gotthard Base Tunnel, which is scheduled to officially open in

One year ago: Fresh signs of slow global economic growth and the Ebola crisis sent stocks on Wall Street tumbling as much as 460 points in the most turbu-lent day since 2011 before partially recovering; European shares slid as well. The Kansas City Royals advanced to their first World Series since 1985 after finishing a four-game sweep in the AL Championship Series with a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles. The San Francisco Giants came within one game of winning the NL Championship Seires with a 6-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

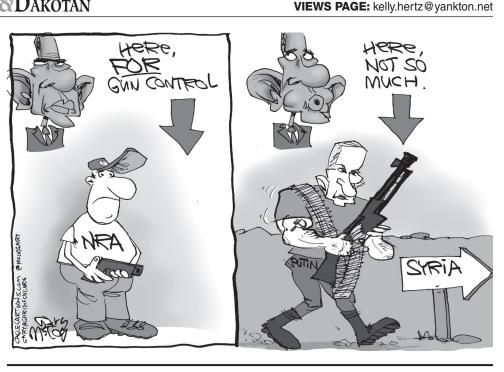
Today's Birthdays: Former auto executive Lee Iacocca is 91. Jazz musician Freddy Cole is 84. Singer Barry McGuire is 80. Actress Linda Lavin is 78. Rock musician Don Stevenson (Moby Grape) is 73. Actress-director Penny Marshall is 72. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Palmer is 70. Singer-musician Richard Carpenter is 69. Actor Victor Banerjee is 69. Former tennis player Roscoe Tanner is 64. Singer Tito Jackson is 62. Actor-comedian Larry Miller is 62. Actor Jere Burns is 61. Actress Tanya Roberts is 60. Movie director Mira Nair is 58. Britain's Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, is 56. Chef Emeril Lagasse is 56. Rock musician Mark Reznicek is 53. Singer Eric Benet is 49. Actress Vanessa Marcil is 47. Singer-actress-TV host Paige Davis is 46. Country singer Kimberly Schlapman (Little Big Town) is 46. Actor Dominic West is 46. Rhythm-andblues singer Ginuwine is 45. Actor Chris Olivero is 36. Christian singer-actress Jaci Velasquez is 36. Actor Brandon Jay McLaren is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keyshia Cole is 34. Tennis player Elena Dementieva is 34. Actor Vincent Martella

is 23. Actress Bailee Madison is 16.

Thought for Today: "A friend to all is a friend to none." — Aristotle, losopher (384 B.C.-322 B.C.). Aristotle, Greek phi-

FROM THE BIBLE

Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying ... "God has visited His people!" Luke 7:16. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



YANKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Official Enrollment Report Friday, September 25, 2015

Jr.K.	Kdg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Beadle56	62	65	72	67	65	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	387
Lincoln60	57	66	55	61	70	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	369
Stewart50	45	46	50	47	49		(Plus 22 Pre-Kindergarten Students)							287
Webster57	19	22	21	26	26	20	(Plus 92 Preschool Students)							191
Middle School—	_	_	_	_	_	_	200	172	211	_	_	_	_	583
High School—	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	238	196	222	233	889
Total57	185	186	198	203	201	204	200	172	211	238	196	222	233	2,706

Kindle's Korner

Tech Help, Enrollment **And A Helping Hand**

BY DR. WAYNE KINDLE

Yankton School District

Teen Tech Tutoring" is a project the Yankton High School National Honor Society started with the Yankton Public Library last winter to help community members by providing computer lessons.

Students help with things such as learning how to set up email/Facebook/Twitter/Linkedin accounts, teaching how to navigate the Internet, and other basic technology issues. Teen Tech Tutors are available twice per month from 1-3 p.m. at the Yankton Public Library. Community members can call the library at 668-5275 to make appointments for free technology assistance.

YSD RECEIVES \$186,564 E-RATE **TECHNOLOGY GRANT**

Dr. Wayne The Yankton School District ap-**KINDLE** plied for a grant to assist in covering expenses to upgrade technology wiring and infrastructure in the school buildings. The total cost of the technology

project is \$266,520 However, the YSD was awarded a grant of \$186,564, which will pay for 70 percent of the project, leaving the YSD paying only 30 percent of the total costs.

YSD ENROLLMENT

The YSD is required by law to submit its student enrollment numbers on the last Friday of September. Our official student enrollment was 2,706 on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015. We are very pleased with the unexpected increase in enrollment and are hopeful this will continue.

The current 2015-16 budget was based upon 2.684 students, which is the actual average of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 fall enrollment numbers. A two-year average of state aid fall enrollments may be used when the current fall state aid enrollment is less than the average of the past two years. However, due to the increase in our fall enrollment, we will be able to capture some unexpected additional state aid for the current school year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY HOMELESS **SHELTER ADVOCATES**

NHS has been partnering with the Homeless Shelter since last spring helping with their expansion project. Their current shelter has 9 beds and an apartment area in the basement. This is not meeting the need in Yankton. Last year, the Homeless Shelter housed 136 individuals, including 63 children.

The Homeless Shelter is in the process of purchasing the Star-Brite Inn and NHS is help-

ing with the fundraising campaign. The Yankton High School NHS members, with the help of Homeless Shelter board members, visited businesses this past summer to request donations. Additionally, NHS worked with the Homeless Shelter and United Way for a "text to give" campaign during RibFest and volunteered at the Homeless Shelter dunk tank during Riverboat Days. A car wash in August was a great success, bringing in \$680, which all went directly to the Homeless Shelter.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Most of us are not looking forward to the

cold, snowy weather and treacherous roads, but winter weather is around the corner. We will all endure the next season, as we say goodbye to a spectacular fall. With that being said, I am going to provide you with some information related to inclement weather and closing school.

I will be working very closely with the local radio stations, The National Weather Service, and KELO Weather to determine any forecasted

weather, which could prohibit us from beginning a school day or releasing

I will also be communicating with Tony Anderson. One of Tony's responsibilities for the YSD is to supervise our busses and routes. He has many years of experience dealing with inclement weather and bus routes.

In addition to all of aforementioned contacts, I will be in communication with other area schools about their road conditions and weather.

We can't avoid driving in some winter conditions, but driving with

caution, allowing additional time for travel and listening to media outlets will assist us in getting our students to school safely during the winter months. However, there will be times when school is cancelled or we release early during the day.

I will always consider overall safety of students and staff as a final deciding factor. I also realize that "safety" can and will be defined differently by people. Criticism for causing us to go more days in May or June is easier to justify than criticism for trying to have school when the conditions are dangerous for travel.

Lastly, I accept the fact that our school district patrons will not all agree upon a decision made regarding inclement weather, so I will do my best and move forward with a decision. I want to thank you in advance for your support and understanding while making this type of decision.

Below is the order of notification regarding cancellation of school:

1. Notify YSD Administrators/Food Service/

Transportation 2. Post on YSD Website/Facebook/"Connect

5" Communication System 3. Post on KELO TV Close-Line

4. Call local Radio Stations — WNAX, KYNT,

PRESENTATIONS

As superintendent, I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/organization. I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings. I would also come to your facility or meeting place.

Since taking my new position as superintendent, I have spoken to several groups throughout our community and have hosted groups at our Administration Building. Please feel free to contact me at 665-3998 to arrange a time to visit. I can also be contacted using my email at wkindle@ysd.k12.sd.us/. Let's have a terrific year!

Henry Ford stated, "Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success.

Dr. Wayne Kindle is superintendent of the Yankton School District.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fantasies?

Randy Gleich, Yankton

the district:

In regards to Napa Junction, one can fantasize all you want, however there is a South Dakota Statute requiring the Yankton County Commission to do certain things, and here they are:

11-9-13. Project plan for each district - Contents: The planning commission shall adopt a project plan for each tax incremental district and submit the plan to the governing body

The plan shall include a statement listing: (1) The kind, number, and location of all proposed public works or improvements within

An economic feasibility study; A detailed list of estimated project costs;

(4) A fiscal impact statement which shows the impact of the tax increment district, both until and after the bonds are repaid, upon all

entities levying taxes upon property in the district; and

(5) A description of the methods of financing all estimated project costs and the time when related costs or monetary obligations are to be

No expenditure may be provided for in the plan more than five years after a district is created unless an amendment is adopted by the governing body under § 11-9-23. (Source: SL 1978, ch 91, § 7 (5); SL 2011, ch 73, § 4.)

Has any of this been done, if not it is premature or speculative that this project will even get off the ground. There are currently many loose ends and the "i's" have not been dotted nor the 't's" crossed.

So why would we play games on this matter if it is such an important project? Are we being fed a bunch of lies again?