

Cars With Push-Button Starters Seem To Have Protection Against Grinding The Starter

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Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a push-button start on my car. When I start the car, I have found that you just need to push the button and let it go, and the car starts. However, my husband insists on keeping the button pushed in until the car actually starts. I say that this is like "grinding the starter" and will eventually cause a problem. I'm tired of nagging him. Is he causing damage to my car? We never keep our cars for more than five to six years, so if you tell me it will take much longer than this to actually cause a problem, I will shut up (not!). — **Barbara**

RAY: It's a good question, Barbara. We don't know the answer in every case, but we do have some data to report.

TOM: We took a couple of the push-button-start-equipped cars that the manufacturers were kind enough to let us test-drive for review, and went out to see if we could burn out the starters!

RAY: We held the start button down for varying lengths of time, and it made no difference whatsoever. When you pushed the start button, the starter would crank for a second or two, until the engine caught, and then it would stop cranking — no matter how long you held your finger on the button.

TOM: My guess is that all, or certainly most, cars with a push-button ignition work this way. We can tell you from experience that VWs and Lexuses do.

RAY: By the way, I'm sure both manufacturers are happy to learn that the starters on the cars they loaned us are still intact!

TOM: And Barbara, you'll be happy to learn that your husband is not doing any harm to your car.

RAY: Or maybe you won't be happy to learn that, because then you have to stop nagging him about it. On the other hand, I'm sure you can get on him for those unsightly fingerprints he's always leaving on your starter button.

In their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Tom and Ray break down the strategies for buying a car, so you can make the most of your money. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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'Handicap This!' Coming To MMC Oct. 5

The theatre production "Handicap This!" will be presented at Mount Marty College's Marian Auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6.

This hilarious and educational stage production is being presented to the community free of charge in thanks to the Yankton Area People First Group, Mount

Marty College Disability Services and a grant from the South Dakota Division of Developmental Disabilities.

For more information on this free event, contact Carrie Winterringer at (605) 665-2518 or cwinterringer@abilitybuildingserVICES.org.

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Sept. 30, 2013. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

Yankton Elementary Schools

Monday — Cherry Blossom Chick.
Tuesday — Corn dog
Wednesday — Chicken Littles
Thursday — Round Pizza
Friday — Turkey Sandwich

Yankton Middle School

Monday — French Bread Pizza
Tuesday — Spaghetti
Wednesday — Corn dog
Thursday — Chicken Nuggets
Friday — Walking Taco

YHS A Line Menu

Monday — Beef Sticks
Tuesday — Chicken O's
Wednesday — Spaghetti
Thursday — Enchiladas
Friday — Grilled Cheese

YHS B Line Menu

Monday — Cheeseburger Pizza
Tuesday — Goulash
Wednesday — Breakfast Bar
Thursday — Cauliflower Soup
Friday — Flat bread Sandwich

YHS C Line Menu

Monday — BBQ Chicken Sand.
Tuesday — Ham/Cheese Sand.
Wednesday — Beef Sliders
Thursday — Tavern
Friday — Pepperoni Pizza

Sacred Heart Schools

Monday — Breaded Chik. Sand.
Tuesday — Sweet-n-Sour Chick.
Wednesday — Chili Cheese Dog
Thursday — Taco In A Bag
Friday — Pepperoni Pizza

The Center/Yankton

Monday — Swedish Meatballs
Tuesday — Pork Chops
Wednesday — Lasagna
Thursday — Beef Roast
Friday — Sloppy Joe

Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — N/A
Tuesday — Tomato Soup
Wednesday — Chicken Alfredo
Thursday — Hamburger
Friday — N/A

Brech-Baumiller

Casey Baumiller, son of Douglas and Mary Baumiller of Parkston, SD and grandson of Alice Baumiller (Parkston) and Adeline Schweitzer (Yankton, SD) and Adreann Brech, daughter of Scott & Becky Brech of Philip, SD, and granddaughter of Minnie Brech (Phillip, SD), are happy to announce their engagement. The couple will wed in Parkston, SD on October 26, 2013. Casey is a process engineer and Adreann is an accountant both employed by POET Design & Construction in Sioux Falls, SD. The couple will reside in Hartford, SD.

BBB Warns Of Health Care Reform Scams

OMAHA, Neb. — BBB serving Nebraska, South Dakota, The Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa is warning that with medical insurance exchanges mandated by the Affordable Care Act due to open on Oct. 1, scammers may find "Obamacare" to be an attractive way to prey on vulnerable people in attempts to steal their identities and money.

"Scammers are already making calls to consumers, masquerading as government representatives, in an effort to gather sensitive financial and personal information," said Jim Hegarty, BBB president & CEO. "Consumers who receive such calls should ignore them. If you provide information, it could be used to steal your identity or to access your accounts."

One senior consumer from Hastings, Neb., reported to the BBB that she experienced a call of this nature. The person calling said he was from Medicare, and due to "Obamacare," new Medicare cards needed to be mailed. Therefore, he was required to verify what account she was having her Social Security check deposited into. The caller also asked for her age, address, phone number and the correct spelling of her name. Thinking this was a legitimate call, she gave all of the information requested. The consumer was then transferred to a "Senior Medicare Representative" who told her that the conversation had been recorded and wished to verify the information she had provided.

"Always be cautious when anyone is calling and asking for personal information of any kind," Hegarty stated. "The government rarely calls individuals, and scammers can manipulate caller ID to say a variety of things. If you receive one of these calls, hang up. These scammers may be able to convince some uninformed consumers that their calls are legitimate, especially with such a hot topic as the new Health Care Law."

The BBB offers the following tips to people who experience healthcare scams:

If you get one of these calls its best to simply hang up. You can visit the official website for health care reform at www.healthcare.gov and learn all that you need to know about how the act impacts consumers.

- Never give out personal information. Never give out your bank account numbers, date of birth, credit card number or Social Security number.
- Don't rely on caller ID. Some scammers are able to display a company's name or phone number on the caller ID screen. Don't trust that the information you see is true.
- The government rarely communicates via phone calls. Most of the time, the government uses traditional postal mail to communicate with consumers. The government rarely calls, emails or texts, so you should view such contacts as suspect if they claim to represent the government.
- If you get one of these calls its best to simply hang up. You can visit the official website for health care reform at www.healthcare.gov to learn about how the act impacts consumers.

Consumers are urged to contact the BBB at 402-391-7612, BBB's toll-free Senior Line at 877-637-3334 or go to bbb.org, for a BBB Business Review before doing business with any company or charity.



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State: Scammers Take Advantage of Health Reform Confusion

PIERRE — The South Dakota Division of Insurance has issued a consumer alert warning people of scammers posing as insurance agents or federal government representatives.

State Insurance Director Merle Scheiber says scam artists may be trying to sell fraudulent policies or obtain sensitive information like Social Security and bank account numbers.

The consumer alert lists common red flags and provides tips on how to avoid being the victim of a scam.

Fake exchange websites are one

common problem, along with claims the person's new "Obamacare" insurance card will be issued if he or she provides additional personal information.

"Don't be misled," said Director Scheiber. "Scammers may use pressure by saying their offer is only good for a limited time or you will go to jail if you don't have health insurance, but this is not true."

The division can answer questions or concerns about insurance by calling 605-773-3563.

Water

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At Yankton, city officials plan to renovate an existing water-treatment plant and construct a new collector well 1.5 miles downstream of the current two treatment plants. The city plans to ask the board at a later date for another loan to replace the other existing treatment plant.

The overall timetable calls for the work to be completed by end of 2016. "Together with the recently completed wells on the Nebraska side of the river, the city will have the capacity to provide an adequate amount of water to its customers through at least the year 2035," city manager Amy Nelson said in her application to the board.

The board also placed 12 new projects on its loan-planning lists for improvements in drinking water, wastewater and storm water systems.

They include work planned by Canton, Dell Rapids, Elk Point, Lake Norden, Lead, Miller, North Sioux City, Sioux Rural Water System wells at Castlewood, South Shore, Turton and Univer-

sity Estates Homeowners Association at Brookings.

Those loans would be considered in coming months.

In other action:

- Waubay will get an additional \$75,000 to cover costs that are higher than estimated for its wastewater system. Mayor Kevin Jens said the hope is to complete the project before winter weather sets in;
 - Java officials notified the board they no longer want to accept a loan and grant package for a new water-metering system;
 - Eagle Butte officials asked that their \$1.6 million loan be scrapped after receipt of a federal grant and loan package for \$2 million;
 - Niche Sanitary District will get an additional \$22,000 for connecting with the Black Hawk water users district; and
 - The Powder House Pass community improvement district received approval to change the scope of its project, after an agreement couldn't be reached for treatment of its wastewater by the Lead-Deadwood sanitary district.
- The revised plan calls for deleting the portions that would have been needed to connect to the Lead-Deadwood system and instead construct a wastewater treatment facility.

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