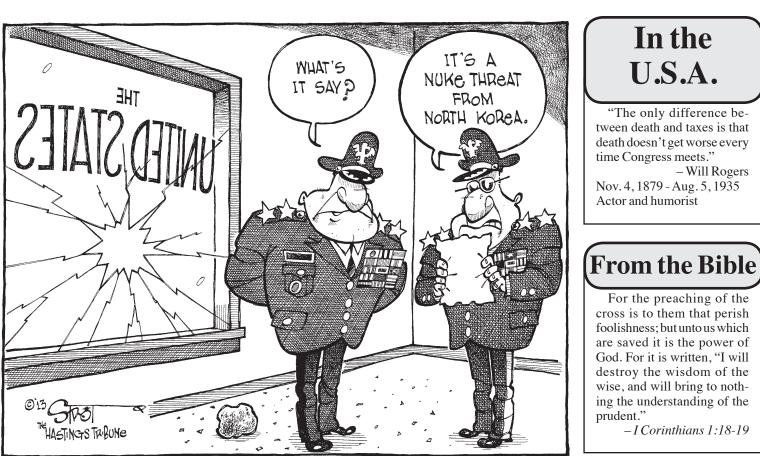
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Foreign money can't seem to get spent

You could call this column an update on finances and felines. Does anyone remember the euros gave to oldest daughter and son-inaw for Christmas and Hanukkah?

I gave \$200 in euros to the children because they were planning a trip to England. It was only later that I learned that they still use pounds in England, but the kids didn't get to go on the trip anyway. Talk about your star-crossed gifts.

Then I learned last week that the story has a second chapter, even weirder than the first.

One of the reasons the kids didn't go to England is Nik's sister, who lives there, was planning to come over here at the same time, which she did.

After she went back home, her mother Julee decided to go visit her in England and they both went to France. Thinking this was a great opportunity to get the foreign money spent, Felicia sent Julee the euros by Priority Mail.

The in-laws live on the coast of



Georgia about three hours from Ausafe. gusta, where the kids live. It should have taken that package one, maybe volves Molly Monster, our hardtwo days to get to them.

However, Julee left the country before that piece of mail arrived. found out that while the pet door In fact, it took five weeks for the euros to travel a few dozen miles down the Savannah River. Nik's mom was back home by the time it got there.

head, but her younger sister says happen if anyone evertries to spend kitten back in? that money, she says.

particular "door" again. This last week, however, she started showing up when neither of us remembered letting her back in the house. Then we noticed it was

cold, really cold, in the kitchen. After some investigation, we discovered that she had forced open a basement window that doesn't latch well. She was getting us to let her out or using the pet door, then coming back in through the window.

-I Corinthians 1:18-19

the vent. We had to call the vet over

to extricate her. She never tried get-

ting back into the house through that

In the

U.S.A.

"The only difference be-

- Will Rogers

That cat is too smart for her own good.

The window is now closed and has a large cookbook and two bricks against it. So far, that has been enough to keep the cat from using her new entry. But, where will she strike next?

Will the euros ever get spent? Will the cat find another way into the house?

Stay tuned for the next install-

State looks at eliminating income tax

Last session, the largest tax cut in state history was signed into law.

The bill dropped the top state income tax rate from 6.45 percent to 4.9 and the low rate from 3.5 percent to 3. Until last session, Kansas had the highest rates of any surrounding state. The plan might be working, as there were 1,500 more business filings in 2012 than in 2011 – and surrounding states, such as Nebraska, are scrambling



ment, the governor has asked that in place. I received countless e-mails

and the top one might be, how do we replace the revenue if the sales tax does come off?

A two-year budget plan also is being proposed by the governor. I personally like this proposal, as it will allow the state more time to heal from the recession and to plan for the future.

What has been dropped in this year's tax plan proposal was elimination of the state individual income to lower rates to remain competitive any revenue that comes in above to keep the earned-income credit in tax deduction on property taxes paid on homes. This deduction would be worth \$68.5 million for the upcoming fiscal year. What happens next? There will be a tax plan from the governor, a House tax plan and a Senate tax plan. There will be agreement and disagreement, and in the end we will see the amount of revenue we have to work with.



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Colby Community College Student Union, Room 108

headed cat. When she was young, Molly only allowed cats to exit the house, the laundry vent was big enough for her to crawl back in through. It took Steve and me a long time

to figure out why the laundry hose Oldest daughter just shakes her kept getting unhooked from the vent and the basement kept getting that it's a sign. Terrible things will showered with lint. Or who let the

The second story this week in-

Then one day, Molly ate a little Well, at this rate, we're all pretty too much for lunch and got stuck in ment of "Finances and Felines."

with Kansas.

This year, the governor has called on the Legislature to cut income taxes further to glide to a zero state income tax rate. The latest proposal is to drop the top rate from 4.9 percent to 3.5 percent by 2017. The bottom rate would be dropped to 2.5 percent in 2014 and then to 1.9 percent in 2016.

Rather than expanding govern-

4 percent during this time be used to buy down the tax liability of Kansans. His plan would leave the current sales tax rate in place and eliminate the state deduction for home-mortgage interest.

Although the home-mortgage deduction would be eliminated, the deduction for charitable contributions and the earned-income credit, used by lower-income people, would stay

place when it was being considered for elimination last year.

Seventy percent of Kansans do not claim the home-mortgage deduction; instead, they claim the head of household deduction of \$9,000. Most taxpayers do fall under the standard deduction. The federal mortgage-interest deduction will still be available.

There are still many questions,

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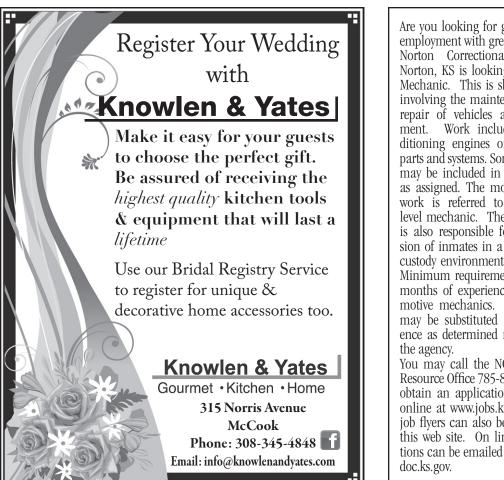
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CORRECTION

Due to printing errors in our Rural Health section, the following information was incorrect. We hope that this did not inconvenience anyone.



- Number of Beds 25 as Critical Access Hospital.
- Revenue 2012 \$38,425,000.
- Net Income 2012 \$530,387.
- Tax Support None; operated as a private, nonprofit hospital.
- Doctors three active physicians, four nurse practitioners, three physician assistants, one certified registered nurse anesthetist, 29 consulting physicians.
- Administrator Kevan Trenkle.
- Phone (785) 462-7511.



"The Road to Wellness in Northwest Kansas"

- Beds 18 as Critical Access Hospital, 35 long-term nursing, eight assisted living apartments.
- Revenue 2012- \$6.5+ million. Fiscal report not available until March 1.
- Profit 2012 Expected 6.1 percent profit margin. Have had positive profit margins since 2005.
- County money \$936,312.
- Doctors Cooperative agreement with Bluestem Medical in Quinter, Dr. Brewster Kellogg of Colby as chief of staff, one nurse practitioner and one physician assistant.
- Administrator Steve Granzow.
- Phone (785) 675-3281.