

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

'You Sound Like A Broken Record' Loses Its Meaning

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Tell a whiny child that she sounds like a broken record, and she's likely to say, "What's a record?" Jeff Daniel Marion, a Tennessee poet, tells us not only what 78 rpm records were, but what they meant to the people who played them, and to those who remember the people who played them.

78 RPM

In the back of the junkhouse stacked on a cardtable covered by a ragged bedspread, they rest, black platters whose music once crackled, hissed with a static like shuffling feet, fox trot or two-step, the slow dance of the needle riding its merry-go-round, my mother's head nestled on my father's shoulder as they turned, lost in the sway of sounds, summer nights and faraway places, the syncopation of time waltzing them to a world they never dreamed, dust of then to the dust of now.

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LIFE/REGION DIGEST

Gavins Point Road Closure Moved To Tuesday

Due to weather concerns, the Gavins Point Dam Crest Road closure scheduled for Monday has been moved to 8 a.m.-4 p.m. today (Tuesday).

The scheduled road closure for Wednesday, April 28, is also cancelled.

Student-Directed Plays To Be Performed

Students of the STH 361-Play Directing class at Mount Marty College will be presenting their final projects on Wednesday, April 28.

The three short plays include:

- "Funeral Parlor" by Christopher Durang, directed by Mitchell Zenk;
- "While the Auto Waits" by Walter Wykes, directed by Stephanie Stech;
- and "The Hardy Boys and the Mystery of Where Babies Come From" by Christopher Durang, directed by Aaron Steward.

The shows will begin at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and be held in the Bistro, located in Bede Hall on the first floor.

The plays are free and open to the public. (The Bistro is not wheelchair accessible and the entrance to the Bistro includes stairs.)

Another 'Purse Party' April 29 In Crofton

CROFTON, Neb. — The Eastern Township Library of Crofton, Neb., will be hosting another "Purse Party" on Thursday, April 29, running from 3-7 p.m. The fundraiser will be held at the Crofton City Auditorium, with items for sale on a cash and carry basis with proceeds going toward the library.

Purses, jewelry, wallets, and handbags in all shapes, colors and sizes will be offered.

Door prizes along with refreshments will be available. Everyone is invited.

'Dining For Disaster' Event Throughout Week

"Dining for Disaster" is a fundraising event for the Yankton County American Red Cross. Restaurants in the area have agreed to donate a portion of their sales for a day to the Yankton Red Cross for disaster relief. The event coincides with Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 26-30.

The following restaurants are participating in this benefit event: 81 Seafood Chophouse, Arby's, Burger King (ask for coupon), Godfather's Pizza, Hy-Vee Kitchen, McDonald's, Mexico Viejo, Minerva's Grill & Bar, Murdo's, Pizza Ranch, Quizno's, Starbuck's, Waterfront Gourmet Grill and Yesterday's Cafe.

The Yankton County American Red Cross Facebook page will carry an updated listing of participating restaurants.

Class Of 1970 Info Sought For Reunion

The Yankton High School Class of 1970 is planning a 40th class reunion that will be held Aug. 20-21 during Riverboat Days.

Some classmates cannot be located. If you have information on anyone included in the following list of people, contact Carol (Cookie) Mattern at (214) 906-7892, or e-mail cmattern@yahoo.com. Susan Flint Cremer can also be contacted at jscremer@nvc.net.

The following individuals cannot be located: Dave Basnett, Bonnie Biesman, Larry Biesman, Dan Corr, Rick Cuka, Dennis Dohesh, Doug Dohesh, Karla Fiedler, Matt Fitzgerald, Jennifer Griffith Heineman, Chuck Gust, Scott Halfner, Sue Hagberg, Tim Hunt, Laura Ingraham, Palmer Iverson, Joe Kleinschmit, Dave Knau, Cindy Kuchta, Carolyn Law, Mike Law, Dan McLaughlin, Tim Miller, Helen Negge, Jim Nelson, Joe Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Kathy Nielson Polifka, Dave Nilson, Jerry Rohrig, Larry Schulte, Mike Smith, Jim Stengle, Larry Stogsdill, Kathy Yonke Osborn and Fred Zepher.

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A Unique, If Misguided, Attempt To Cool A Car

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
There is a teacher in our community who regularly can be found pouring buckets of cool water over his vehicle before starting it on warm days. His claim is that the water cuts down on the time needed for the air conditioner to lower the temperature in his car to a comfortable level. Is there any truth to this claim? He drives a full-size car from the '90s era. I would think that the time and water needed to cool the car significantly would negate the environmental and fiscal advantages of this unorthodox practice. What do you think? If this is a good idea, the local hardware store will need to stock up on buckets. — J.D.

TOM: I don't think the country has to worry about a bucket shortage, J.D.
RAY: Does the cool water do anything? Yes. The metal roof and doors of the car do absorb heat. And if you cool them off, you will reduce the amount of heat they transfer into the passenger compartment.

TOM: But as you say, J.D., the amount of water you'd need to make a significant difference would be absurd. You'd really need a garden hose, and you'd need to play it on



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the car for several minutes to have any effect at all. And in many parts of the country, we can't afford to waste water by pouring it over our cars.

RAY: Besides, in that amount of time, or less, you could open the windows, turn on the fan or the AC, or — even more effective — just start moving with the windows open, and create just as much heat reduction, or more.

TOM: Here are some even better, and more environmentally friendly, ideas to help the air conditioner cool your car more quickly in the summer. You can share these with your teacher friend:

RAY: Use a sunshade. Or two. A cardboard or microfiber sunshade in back of the windshield will keep the sun's rays from beaming right into your passenger compartment. Side benefit: You won't see the shift pattern into your palm when you go to put the car in gear.

TOM: Better yet, use a sunscreen on the rear window, too. That window often is even more steeply raked than the front windshield, and can let even more heat in.

RAY: You also can install rain guards on your windows. Those are little metal awnings that allow you to leave your windows open an inch or two to let hot air out without worrying about letting rain in.

TOM: And the easiest and most effective solution of all: Park in the shade.

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REFORM

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consideration in an election year. The House has already passed its version of new bank regulations.

Following the vote, the president said he was "deeply disappointed" and urged Senators to put the interests of the country ahead of party.

"Some of these senators may believe that this obstruction is a good political strategy, and others may see delay as an opportunity to take this debate behind closed doors, where financial industry lobbyists can water down reform or kill it altogether," Obama said in a statement. "But the American people can't afford that."

In a statement, Nelson, a conservative Nebraska Democrat, said his vote reflected concerns about the bill raised by Nebraska businessmen. Nelson and Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., the chairman of the Banking Committee, huddled before the vote discussing the elimination of a provision supported by Nebraska billionaire investor

Warren Buffett to exempt existing derivatives from new regulations.

The legislation would require derivatives, previously unregulated exotic securities, to be traded in open exchanges and cleared through a third party that would guarantee the instruments. A legislative agreement struck Monday would exempt existing derivatives from the clearing requirements but would still demand collateral for those trades.

"I was prepared to grandfather existing derivatives that have not been cleared, but I can't say you can't have margin requirements," Dodd said, explaining his discussion with Nelson.

Both the House and Senate bills, aimed at heading off any recurrence of the near collapse of the financial system in 2008, would create a mechanism for liquidating large firms that get into trouble, set up a council to detect systemic financial threats and establish a consumer protection agency to police lending. The legislation also would require investment derivatives, blamed for helping precipitate the near-meltdown, to be traded in open exchanges.

Senate Republicans have been solidly opposed to the legislation

so far, but Democrats are determined to force them to block the bill time and again until their unity cracks.

"I don't think it's a tenable political position for the Republicans to be in," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said.

And Reid mocked the Republicans' cohesion. "As far as I can tell, the only thing Republicans stand for is standing together," he said.

In a move designed to create more Republican discomfort, Reid kept the Senate in session after the vote and forced a vote instructing the sergeant-at-arms to demand the presence of absent senators.

Richard Shelby, the top Republican on the Banking Committee, said Monday before the vote, "Most Republicans want a bill, but they want a substantive bill."

The Alabama senator has been negotiating with Dodd.

Shelby aides said he wants to tighten language that he believes would give the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. too much flexibility to assist large banks and their creditors. Shelby also wants to restrict the rule-writing powers that Dodd would give a consumer

financial protection bureau within the Federal Reserve.

Shelby aides have been writing an alternative to Dodd's legislation in the event negotiations fail.

Shelby, emerging from a meeting with Dodd, said they planned to meet again, with their respective aides, to hammer out some areas of agreement.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which has been leading a lobbying effort against the legislation, sent senators a letter Monday urging them to vote against Democratic efforts to move on the bill.

Polls show the public increasingly eager to slap restrictions on financial institutions.

Moreover, a lawsuit by the Securities and Exchange Commission accusing Goldman Sachs of fraud has gotten attention at this critical time.

To drive that point home, a Senate investigative subcommittee plans a hearing Tuesday on the role of investment banks in the financial crisis. Scheduled witnesses include Goldman chairman and chief executive Lloyd Blankfein and Fabrice Tourre, the Goldman Sachs trader at the center of the SEC charges.

VOTE

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ready to go with zero deficit, no increased tax, no spending on the reserves budget, both before and after our final negotiations with the governor."

Knudson said the administration could put more focus on projects, as well — especially road maintenance.

"The governor has sent out his secretary of transportation to tell us our roads are going to heck, that the revenues are decreasing because there are fewer gallons of gas being sold ... and then he doesn't come with any proposal to give them more resources, both at the state and local level," Knudson said. "To me, that is just not leadership."

He said roadwork could be accomplished through a slight increase of gas taxes and license plate fees.

"I'm the only candidate that's willing to 'fess up on that,'" he said. "I think the public would rather pay four cents a gallon more and have good roads than have bad roads. Today, gas

prices fluctuate at least a dime from the first of the month to the 30th of the month."

Knudson said the most important issues of the upcoming election may be economic. He said the state's current standing could be improved by reorganizing the Department of Tourism and State Development, and he has submitted a bill (SB140) to do just that.

"I think that what we have is a very inefficient department that has economic development, tourism, tribal affairs, cultural affairs, division of the arts, the archeology center all jumbled

together," he said. "I think we would be much better served with a stand-alone, laser-focused economic development office, a stand-alone tourism department."

Knudson said the state's economic development could also be bolstered with \$36 million in Medicaid assistance that would free up \$36 million in state money, which would then be used for development. He said visiting with economic development offices and businesses could help to decide how the money could best be spent.

"In the end, your jobs really

come from existing small businesses that are expanding a little bit," he said. "I think that's very incremental. You just have to work with the local folks and find out who's thinking about expanding."

The other South Dakota gubernatorial candidates are Republicans Dennis Daugaard, Gordon Howie, Ken Knappe and Scott Munsterman, and Democrat Scott Heidepriem.

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