

Life In Poetry

Number Crunching Has A Poetic Feel To It

BY TED KOOSER
 U.S. Poet Laureate

My mother kept a handwritten record of every cent she spent from the day she and my father were married until the day she died. So it's no wonder I especially like this poem by Jared Harel, who teaches creative writing at Centenary College in Hack-ettstown, N.J.

NUMBERS

My grandmother never trusted calculators. She would crunch numbers in a spiral notebook at the kitchen table, watching her news. Work harder and I'd have more to count, she'd snap at my father. And so my father worked harder, fixed more mufflers, gave her receipts

but the numbers seldom changed. There were silky things my mother wanted, glorious dinners we could not afford.

Grandma would lecture her: no more garbage, and so our house was clean. The attic spotless. In fact, it wasn't until after she died

that my parents found out how much she had saved us. What hidden riches had been kept in those notebooks, invested in bonds, solid blue digits etched on each page. She left them in the kitchen by her black and white television we tossed a week later, though it seemed to work fine.

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Homebuilders Scholarship Deadline April 13

The deadline for area high school seniors to apply for the Lewis and Clark Homebuilders Association (LCHBA) annual scholarship is April 13.

The \$500 scholarship was established to benefit graduating high school seniors who will attend an accredited school and major in a construction-related field. The winner must have applied for acceptance into a trade school curriculum within the home building industry or related fields.

Applications must be completed and submitted along with two letters of recommendation. These can come from your industrial technology instructor(s), school counselor(s), or other person who influenced your decision to go into the building trade you have chosen.

Anyone interested in applying for the scholarship can download the application at the LCHBA website at www.lewisandclarkhomebuilders.com.

The Lewis and Clark Homebuilders Association is a local construction industry organization with more than 60 local businesses and individual members and is associated with both the South Dakota Home Builders Association and the National Association of Home Builders.

Parkinson's Support Group To Meet Friday

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month is in April and Avera Majestic Bluffs is going to be the host for the monthly meeting of the Yankton Parkinson's Support Group. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the Gathering Place on the Avera Majestic Bluffs campus.

Special speakers will be physical and occupational therapists from Avera Majestic Bluffs.

Snacks and beverages will be provided after the meeting.

Avera Majestic Bluffs is located just west of Yankton at 2111 West 11th Street. For more information, call 605-668-8625.

Beware Of Calls Claiming Grants Available

LINCOLN, Neb. — Payment of a deposit fee or other funds is never required for recipients to receive public assistance grants, said Director of Children and Family Services Thomas Pristow of the Department of Health and Human Services after clients reported receiving fraudulent phone calls last week.

Recipients of public assistance said callers stated DHHS had as much as \$7,000 in grant money that would be released to them if they would first make a deposit fee, he said.

"DHHS never requires a deposit fee to receive public assistance grants," Pristow said. "Once a person is identified as eligible to receive assistance, those funds are provided by DHHS with no deposit or pre-payment of any kind required."

He said persons making these calls are engaged in fraudulent activities and persons receiving such a call should immediately hang up and call their local police department and the DHHS Special Investigations Unit at (402) 471-9407 in Lincoln and Greater Nebraska, or (402) 595-3789 in Omaha, or email DHHS.InvestigationsSIU@nebraska.gov, he said.

For more information about the DHHS Special Investigations Unit, go to http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/reg_invest-s.aspx.

Some Dual Exhausts Just For Looks

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Tom and Ray:

I really like the look of the prominent chrome dual exhausts seen on so many cars and trucks these days. To me, they give a look of masculinity to the vehicle. For years, it seemed that manufacturers installed only single exhausts, except on the most powerful or sporty cars. And in many cases, the exhausts were hidden from view. Are "duals" now being installed more for looks, or do they really enhance performance, fuel mileage, etc.? Thanks. — Gary

TOM: Good question, Gary. Real dual exhausts will increase performance.

RAY: Here's the basic tutorial: Fresh gasoline and air go into the cylinders. It gets detonated by the spark plug, it combusts and then it turns into what? Exhaust.

TOM: And before you can send more fresh gasoline in there, you have to get that exhaust out. The faster you can get the old stuff out and the new stuff in, the better your engine "breathes," and the more power it can produce.

RAY: A lot of manufacturers have made their engines breathe better by adding more valves per cylinder — valves are the holes through which stuff enters and exits the cylinders.



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

TOM: But another way to improve breathing is to add an additional exhaust pipe. For instance, if you have a V-6 or V-8 engine, you can use one exhaust pipe to take the exhaust from just one bank of cylinders all the way to the back of the car. And you could have a second exhaust pipe for the other bank of cylinders. That gives you twice as much capacity to remove exhaust.

RAY: So it does work. But very few cars actually do it. More often, what you see are fake dual exhausts. There's actually a single exhaust pipe running from the engine to the muffler, and then the pipe is split, sending one

tailpipe to each side of the car. That's just for looks.

TOM: Then there's the really cheap version, where the single exhaust pipe goes within inches of the rear bumper, then splits into two exhaust tips at the very end. Neither of those systems will affect performance. But I agree with you — they do enhance the look of a car and make it look more expensive.

RAY: Of course, the problem with a real dual exhaust system is that it is expensive — not only to manufacture, but to maintain. Think about it. When it rusts out, you'll need to buy TWO new exhaust systems. You'll be a hero at your local Midas Muffler. The guys'll have pinup posters of you in every bay.

What is the most cost-effective way to buy a car? Tom and Ray hash it all out in their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Lake Andes Hotel Added To National Register

PIERRE — The Engel Hotel in Lake Andes was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, according to the South Dakota State Historical Society.

The National Register is the official federal list of properties identified as important in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture. The State Historic Preservation Office of the State Historical Society works in conjunction with the National Park Service, which oversees the National Register program.

"South Dakota's history is rich in American Indian culture, pioneer life and change," said Jay D. Vogt, state historic preservation officer and director of the State Historical Society. "Properties listed on the National Register are important for their role in South Dakota's culture, heritage and history. And when properties get listed, it shows that their owners take pride in their role in preserving that culture, heritage and history."

Located at 202 Main Street in Lake Andes, the three-story Engel Hotel was built by Frederick K. Engel in 1910. Constructed soon after the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad built a line through town, the hotel al-



PHOTO: SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Engel Hotel of Lake Andes has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The hotel was built in 1910.

lowed people to stay and spend more of their money locally. In part, this aided the economic development and population growth of Lake Andes, and in 1916 it became the county seat of Charles Mix County.

A German-Russian immigrant, Frederick Engel became a United States citizen in 1895 and settled in Charles Mix County by 1900. In 1908, Engel and his family moved to Lake Andes to open a meat market and an ice house. Seeing a promising future in the tourist

industry, the Engel Hotel Company was chartered in 1909 to raise money through selling stocks to build and operate the hotel.

Early hotels provided temporary housing for incoming settlers and laborers, and lobbies were a place for locals to socialize and gather information about state and national news. In addition to the hotel's lobby, grand staircase, and dozens of rooms, it also had two boilers to power steam heating. There was a small

restaurant on the first floor and overnight guests could have a room for \$2 per night. The Engel continued to operate into the 1970s under various owners, proprietors, and names.

The hotel is listed on the National Register for its significance as a business that facilitated economic development in Lake Andes. It is one of the few remaining buildings in Lake Andes that clearly demonstrate the historic connections of the community to the railroad both socially and economically.

Buildings, sites, structures, and objects at least 50 years old possessing historical significance may qualify for the National Register, according to Vogt. Properties must also maintain their historic location, design, materials and association. Listing on the National Register does not place any limitations on private property owners by the federal government.

For more information on the National Register or other historic preservation programs, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2217; telephone (605) 773-3458 or website history.sd.gov/Preservation.

Author, Technical Workshops Highlight SDAS Meeting

VERMILLION — Renowned author Sam Kean will present the keynote lecture at the 2012 annual meeting of the South Dakota Academy of Science, set for April 13-14, at the University of South Dakota.

Kean, a South Dakota native and a writer for Science magazine, will deliver his address at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13 at the Muenster University Center Ballroom.

A bestselling author and a one-time runner-up in the National Association of Science Writer's award for best young writer, Kean has been featured on "Radiolab" and NPR's "All Things Considered." His

book, "The Disappearing Spoon," details the carbon, neon, silicon, gold and every element on the Periodic Table as they play out their parts in human history, including finance, mythology, the arts and medicine. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a book signing.

Additional events scheduled for the 2012 SDAS Annual Meeting include "Science and a Sustainable Future" symposium at 9 a.m. on April 13; "South Dakota Wind Energy: Physics, Logistics and Challenges" lecture by Jeff Rud, East River Electric Cooperative, at 1:30 p.m. on April 13; and a Sustainability Symposium at 2:45 p.m. on April 13. April 14 activities feature

a "Science Education and a Sustainable Future" symposium from 9 a.m. to noon and contributed paper sessions A-D from 9 a.m. to noon. A poster session follows at 12:15 p.m. All symposiums, lectures and paper and poster sessions will be at the Muenster University Center, second floor.

The South Dakota Academy of Science was founded in 1915 at a meeting in Aberdeen. Founder and then president Dr. Hilton Ira Jones discussed the need for the Academy's founding in the organization's first presidential address. Having seen the benefits of the newly formed Academy of Science in Oklahoma, Dr. Jones, who had just come to South Dakota from

Oklahoma, thought that a similar organization in South Dakota would benefit the teachers. It was at this first gathering, Nov. 22-23, 1915, that the Academy's first constitution and by-laws were adopted. The following year, in Watertown, motions were made and passed to hold all future meetings at the various colleges and normal schools of the state during the school year.

For more information about the 2012 Annual Meeting of the South Dakota Academy of Science, including Kean's keynote address or registration for attendance at the technical sessions, contact Miles Koppang, Ph.D., professor of chemistry at USD, mkoppang@usd.edu.

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No gifts please.



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Joseph and Barbara (Hauger) Healy will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 15th, 2012.

Greetings can be sent to 29386 444th Ave. Irene, SD 57037

The celebration is being hosted by their children: Mary Healy of Belton, MO, Daniel (Mary) Healy of Utica, SD, David (Gigi) Healy of Yankton, SD, Ann (Dan) Hacecky of Mission Hill, SD, Thomas (Heidi) Healy of Irene, SD and in Spirit, Kathleen (Bob) Bernard.

