

Memories Of 'Working On The Fly'

BY TOBIN BARNES

The empty bottles in the wooden crates by the pop machine at our motel drove my old man nuts.

Made him hate those same bottles that he at other times had loved and valiantly protected for their two-cent apiece cash value.

He hated those pop bottles because they attracted flies in the non-winter months, particularly during the summer tourist season.

Tourists meant money, but flies didn't, so, yowza, did he ever hate flies. Flies had sticky summer conventions around our empties. They liked to explore the insides and outsides and discover everything about those bottles, whether they had held orange, grape, cola or even cream soda (yuck). Nope, these weren't particular flies. Sticky, syrupy sugar of any concoction was their raison d'être.

A goodly number of them became so overwhelmed with the bounty they'd climb right into the dregs of those bottles and dog paddle — even backstroke — around in them, slurping it all up, evidently enjoying the fly life to the max.

That is, until they realized it was all too much of a good thing and found themselves drowning a gurgling death of sweet slop.

Whenever my old man would show someone a room on the ground floor, he'd necessarily have to walk them by the cases of empty pop bottles. Then swarms of flies billowed up petulantly around them every time, and though my old man hadn't been to business school, he innately sensed that this just wasn't a good first impression when here he was trying to get money out of skeptical, tight-fisted Iowa farmers temporarily identifying themselves as skeptical tourists.

But heck, I used to think, they'd already been looking at him pretty warily with his wearing overalls—sometimes without a shirt—and all the what not I've already told you about.

Well, whatever. No use discussing his Bates Motelesque, edgy appearance with this guy. That was one big non-starter. He marched to his own fife and drum corps.

So it came down to the flies. Yeah, flies and dead flies and



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sticky pop bottles—even I, who could usually care less, had to admit it could be an ugly mess.

Now one solution would have been to get rid of those cases of empty pop bottles.

After all, no pop bottles, no flies, you'd think.

But nope, that was never even considered because, of course, to my old man's way of thinking, that would mean people might not return their empties. And that meant that money, at the rate of two cents a pop, literally, would be marching off the premises.

But you know, I'm thinking—with the admitted benefit of 50 years hindsight—that most guests would have just left their empties in their rooms, which most of them did anyway.

And we could have stored the bottles inside instead of outside. And, sure, some bottles might have been sitting around at times on the concrete by the pop machine, but we could have moved those inside as well when we saw them.

Decades later, and maybe even then as a seven-year-old kid, I clearly see that would have been a reasonable solution.

But maybe the fog of war clouded my old man's judgement back then because... well, see, "I" became the other solution.

After finishing up with Art James and "Jeopardy" on a summertime morning or maybe a rollicking edition of "Truth or Consequences," my old man would turn to me there on the sofa and casually tell me, "Why don't you go out and kill fifty flies?"

Weird, you say? Not in the world I lived in. So there I'd go with my fly swatter, out, to kill fifty flies.

And, believe it or not, I counted them...one...two...three....

Tobin Barnes, a high school English teacher, gets his skewed viewpoints of life from staring too much at Crow Peak, which looms above his home a few miles outside Spearfish.

Does Driving Constitute A Workout?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I wonder if you can settle an ongoing dispute that I have with my wife. She is an avid walker and an exercise freak. She wants me to join her on these power walks and different exercise activities. I constantly tell her that I get plenty of exercise by driving. I drive to work and back, about 20 miles each way, and frequently am driving on shopping excursions, sometimes 50 miles at a crack. I tell my wife that driving engages all the muscles around the arms, neck, shoulders and head. Additionally, it is beneficial to brain, hand, leg-and-eye coordination, and developing the whole body, as well as the mind. After a good bout of driving, I feel as healthy and refreshed as my wife does after one of her power walks. She insists that I am being delusional about the whole thing and need to put on my walking shoes. What do you think? — Jack



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RAY: Well, Jack, we're with you 100 percent. The only thing your exercise drives are missing are the large Genoa salamis and the double-chocolate milkshakes.

TOM: Remember, nothing builds strong

muscles and bones like a good drive to the mall. But diet is important, too. In order to keep the blood flowing, your arteries need those cured, fatty meats and full-fat dairy products.

RAY: And don't forget to put the electric windows down and up a few times during each drive. You'd hate to end up with the body of Adonis, only to have a weak tip of your left index finger.

You want to buy a used car, but how do you find a good one? Tom and Ray can help! Order "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Feds, Farmers And Friends Feed Families

HURON — The Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Rural Development are proud participants in this year's USDA Feds, Farmers, and Friends Feed Families food drive running now through Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Announced by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, this annual event is designed to help food banks across the nation that are struggling through tough economic times.

Each USDA office across the state of South Dakota will be collecting hygiene products, non-perishable items, canned goods, preferably nutritious foods and sources of protein, as well as fresh produce.

"When schools let out for the summer, our nation's youngsters who receive free and reduced price meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs are at a higher risk of going hungry," Vilsack said.

"While USDA's Summer Food Service Program helps fill that gap, these tough economic times mean that needy families throughout America are turning to emergency food assistance agencies such as food banks, food pantries, and soup kitchens to put food on the table.

"Unfortunately, the summer is also a tough time for these organizations, as they typically see a rise in demand coupled with a decrease in donations," he said. "The good news, however, is that while the needs of our hungry neighbors are especially great in the summer months, our opportunity to make a difference in their lives is also great.

A recent study revealed that 49.1 million Americans, or 14.6 percent of U.S. households, lived in food insecure households. This number includes 32.4 million adults and 16.7 million children.

The USDA Household Food

Security in the United States 2008 report listed South Dakota at 10.3 percent; the national average is at 12.2 percent.

Please help make a difference by contributing your hygiene products, canned food items or fresh produce to your local USDA service center prior to Aug. 31. For a complete list of non-perishable food items and hygiene products, please see the attached list.

To learn more about the Feds Feed Families Initiative, visit the following Web site: www.FedsFeedFamilies.gov.

When doing your grocery shopping, take this list with you for ideas on possible donations you can bring to the office. Look for pull-top cans that do not require can openers.

Non-perishable food items:

- Canned Proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)
- Canned Fruits in Own Juices or Light Syrup (pineapples, peaches, and pears)

- 100 percent Fruit Juices (all sizes including fruit juice boxes)

- Grains (pasta, whole wheat pasta, rice, brown rice, macaroni and cheese)

- Condiments (tomato sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, light salad dressings)

- Low Sodium/No Salt Added Canned Vegetables (mixed, green beans, corn)

- Soups (beef stew, chili, chicken, noodle, turkey rice)
- Multigrain Cereal (cheerios, cornflakes, grape nuts, raisin bran)

Hygiene Products:

- Diapers
- Deodorants for Men and Women

Feminine Products

- Toilet Paper
- Tissues
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo

Bon Homme Achievement Days Aug. 9-10

TYNDALL — The Bon Homme 4-H Achievement Days begin this Monday, Aug. 9, with the entry of exhibits in the morning. Exhibits are open to the public at 4 p.m.

Exhibits for the Open Class Flower Show, Pies, Artistic Photography and Crafts must also be entered from 8-10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9.

The two divisions for the flower show are: 1) Single bud/flower and 2) Floral arrangements of one or more kinds of flowers. Annuals and/or perennials may be exhibited.

The Pie Contest consists of a one crust or two crust pie which does not require refrigeration. Contact the Extension Office (589-3531) for more details.

Craft divisions include paintings & drawings, needlework, and wood. Artistic photography is for one photograph that is matted and framed.

The remaining schedule of all the livestock shows, which are open to the public, is as follows:

- Aug. 9 — 3:30 p.m., Cat Show; 4 p.m., Rabbit, Poultry & Dairy Show; 6:30 p.m., Sheep & Swine Show

- Aug. 10 — 9:00 a.m., Beef Show

The Tyndall Chamber of Commerce & Businessmen will again sponsor the annual barbecue on Tuesday evening, Aug. 10. They will feature a half-chicken meal to be served from 5:30-7 p.m. For ticket information, call the Bon Homme County Extension Office at 589-3531. All 4-H exhibit buildings are open for viewing before and after the barbecue.

The finale to the 4-H event will be the "Judges Choice" program on Aug. 10 which is during the barbecue. It begins at 6 p.m. in the park with the fashion revue and youth-in-action awards. The 4-H fashion revue will feature 4-H clothing projects modeled by the members. Coordinating the show will be Carol Berndt and Carol Stewart.

At 6:30 p.m. is the Round Robin Showmanship Contest in the showing. The youth-in-action awards and Parade of Champions will conclude the 2010 4-H Achievement Day activities. All animal award winners will be recognized during the Parade of Champions.

CHICAGO — An international fraternity dedicated to the elimination of prejudice will honor the personal and professional achievements of veteran journalist and foundation executive Jack Marsh of Sioux Falls, at its annual convention, Saturday, Aug. 7, in Chicago.

Pi Lambda Phi was founded at Yale University in 1895 as the first non-sectarian fraternity in the United States, accepting members of good character without regard to race or religion. Marsh joined the fraternity in 1968 while an undergraduate student at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

The Big Pi lifetime achievement award, being presented for the first time since 2001, will recognize Marsh and Maury Fertig, chief investment officer at Relative Value Partners and author of The 7 Deadly Sins of Investing. It is the fraternity's preeminent award. Among previous recipients are Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig, Olympic decathlon gold medalist Rafer Johnson, Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and U.S. Sens. Arlen Specter, Ben Cardin and Herbert Kohl.

Marsh, 61, is a vice president of the Freedom Forum and executive director of the foundation's Al Neuharth Media Center at The University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He lives in Sioux Falls, but divides his time among all three Freedom Forum offices, in Vermillion, at the John Seigenthaler Center in Nashville and at the Newseum in Washington, DC. Marsh oversees the Freedom Forum's Diversity Institute and its efforts to advance diversity in the media. He also is responsible for Freedom Forum scholarship and award programs that encourage and affirm high journalistic standards.

Marsh is founding director of the Freedom Forum's American Indian Journalism Institute at USD and among the founding organizers of the annual Crazy Horse Journalism Workshop at Crazy Horse Memorial, South Dakota. From 1998 to 2001, he served as director of the Newseum's NewsCapade, a high-tech traveling exhibit that visited all 50 states and Canada. Previously, Marsh held a variety of journalism and newspaper executive positions in Rochester, N.Y.,

Utica, N.Y., Vineland, N.J., and Sioux Falls, during his 27-year career with Gannett Co., Inc. He is a past president of the New York State Associated Press Association and the South Dakota Associated Press Managing Editors. He serves on the board of directors of the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation and its executive committee.

Marsh, a native of Niagara Falls, N.Y., is a political science

graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College. Marsh and his wife, Betty, a school counselor, have two grown daughters, Dr. Elizabeth Jensen and Colleen Olson, and four grandchildren, all of Sioux Falls.

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WEEKDAYS 7:40 AM MONDAY-FRIDAY
 Monday, Aug. 9
 7:40 Doug Russel, City Manager
 Tuesday, Aug. 10
 7:40 Mike Freeman, The Center
 8:15 Riverboat Days Committee Member
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BIRTHDAY

RUTH DRUGLEY

Ruth Drugley of Irene will celebrate her 85th birthday on Sunday, Aug. 8, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg.

Her family asks that friends and family please join them for cake and ice cream to help Ruth celebrate. She requests no gifts. Greetings may be sent to 315 N. Washington, Viborg, SD 57070.

Annual YHS Adult Booster Club 2-Person Scramble
Fox Run Golf Course
Sunday, August 15th, 2010
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
 Entry Fee \$40.00 Per Person. (Includes green fees)
 Contact Fox Run Golf Course 668-5205.

Nebraska Wine Tour
Saturday, August 28th
 • Pierce Milkhouse & Country Store
 • Cuthills Winery
 • Tekamah for Grandma's Chocolates
 • The Big Cottonwood Vineyard & Winery
 • The Silver Hills Vineyard & Winery
 For more information, call 665-4685. Need not be a member to participate.

Thank You
 On the eve of what would have been Elaine Barkl's 79th birthday this Sunday, the 8th of August, her family wishes to thank everyone who has been so comforting and helpful to them since Elaine passed away March 8, 2010.
 Special thanks to Father Paul Josten and Father Tim Lange for the masses said for Elaine at St. Benedict Parish, for the spiritual guidance, Father Paul Josten for visiting Elaine at home which she really enjoyed.
 Elaine loved you all very much, so does all her family.
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