

Life In Poetry

Poet Uses Photos To Connect The Past To The Present

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I'd guess that many of you have looked at old snapshots taken of you by doting relatives and tried to recall what it was like to be that person in the picture who seems to be you yet is such a stranger today. Here Linda Parsons Marion, who lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, touches upon the great distance between then and now.

SNAPSHOT

My mother sends the baby pictures she promised—egg hunting in Shelby Park, wooden blocks and Thumbelina tossed on the rug, knotty pine walls in a house lost to memory. I separate out the early ones, studying my navel or crumbs on the tray, taken before my awareness of Sylvania Superflash. Here I am sitting on the dinette table, the near birthday cake striking me dumb. Two places of wedding china, two glasses of milk, posed for the marvelous moment: the child squishes the fluted rosettes, mother claps her hands, father snaps the picture in the face of time. When the sticky sweet is washed off the page, we are pasted in an album of blessed amnesia. The father leaves the pine house and sees the child on weekends, the mother stores the china on the top shelf until it's dull and crazed, the saucer-eyed girl grips her curved spoon like there's no tomorrow.

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Tractor Drive Slated In Yankton

The sixth annual WNAX/Tri-State Old Iron Antique Tractor Drive will headquarter in Yankton at Paddle Wheel Point on July 12-14.

Check in for the tractor drivers will begin at noon on Thursday, July 12, with the actual ride on Friday and Saturday.

On Friday the first group of tractors will be departing at 7 a.m. Groups of 15 tractors will be leaving in 10-minute intervals until all 180 tractors have departed on their way to Viborg. They will be traveling north on Walshtown Road to St. Colombia Catholic Church will they will be taking a morning break being served refreshments by the youth group of the church. After resuming their drive they will have lunch at the Community Center in Viborg before continuing on through Wakonda and stopping in Volin for their afternoon break. The Mission Hill Hillers will be serving refreshments at this time. They will then proceed on back to Yankton to Paddle Wheel Point.

At 6 p.m., the grand parade of 180 tractors will parade through downtown Yankton where each tractor and driver will be announced by Michelle Rook from WNAX. They will proceed west on Third Street, turning south on Cedar stopping on Levee Street where all the drivers will enjoy a social get together at Riverside Park. The tractors may be viewed as they are parked on Levee Street.

On Saturday the tractors will again begin to depart at 7 a.m. They will be traveling to CJ's at the Lake for their morning break, then on to Bloomfield where they will enjoy a catered meal. After lunch they will be traveling to Crofton for their afternoon break, then north to the lake where they will cross over the top of the dam for a fantastic view of the lake before heading back into Yankton via Highway 52. Upon returning to Paddle Wheel Point they will load up their tractors and head back to their homes.

Each day's ride consisted of approximately 72 miles throughout our scenic countryside.

Drivers are registered from South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, and even from the state of New York.

For more information, contact Rodger Harts at 605-665-9785 or Leon Becker at 605-665-1300.

Alignment Can Tell You Damage

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
 King Features Syndicate

Dear Tom and Ray:

I am in the Air Force, and last week when I was driving through the gate at the base, the security forces troop accidentally raised the security barrier on my vehicle (BMW Z4) while I was passing over it. The impact was loud and sudden. It raised my car up and then dropped it down, littering the street with plastic and rubber parts. I have been waiting a week for an estimate on the vehicle. There is damage to the front end and, of course, the undercarriage. The Check Engine light came on immediately. For some reason, I cannot get a straight answer about whether the frame was bent in the accident. How can I tell for sure? BMW says the only way to tell is by taking it apart. However, the insurance-approved garage put it on the lift and said, "It looks pretty good." Thank you for any help you can provide. **-Bryony**

RAY: Well, there's a lot we don't know, Bryony. We don't know how fast you were going, we don't know how far out of the ground the security gate comes up and we don't know where it hit the underside of your car.

TOM: But if I had to guess, I'd say your frame probably was not damaged. It takes a pretty serious collision to damage a frame.

RAY: The rubber and plastic parts probably are nonstructural pieces of the grille, the



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

bumper assembly, the stone guard or the headlight and taillight assemblies that broke when the car came back to the ground. The Check Engine light could have been triggered because the wires of an oxygen sensor got knocked off. But we're just guessing.

TOM: The way you'll know for certain if the frame has been bent is by trying to align the wheels.

RAY: If the frame is bent, the four wheels will not be alignable. So my advice is take the car somewhere of your choosing for a four-wheel alignment before agreeing to accept it back from the insurance company as "re-paired."

TOM: Right. When the insurance-ap-

proved garage says it's ready, make an arrangement with them to get the car to a shop that you're paying to do an alignment. You want them working for you.

RAY: If the wheels all align, you can accept the car back and not worry about it. But if your shop tells you that they were unable to align the wheels, then you have the evidence to make the insurance company either fix the frame or replace the car.

TOM: So we can't tell you whether the frame has been bent, Bryony. But an alignment shop will be able to. And just to make sure this doesn't happen again, consider scraping off those "Go Navy!" bumper stickers before trying to drive onto the base again.

To buy or not to buy — options, that is. Are options worth what you pay for them, or are you better off just going with the basics? Order Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" to find out. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Tax Delinquency Report Now Available

PIERRE — A report listing entities with business tax delinquencies is now available on the South Dakota Department of Revenue website.

The South Dakota Business Tax Delinquent Report is accessible in the Business Tax area of the Department's website at <http://www.state.sd.us/dr2/business/tax/bus-tax.htm>

This daily report, authorized by the 2012 Legislature with the passage of House Bill 1029, will serve as an additional resource for the Department in its efforts to collect delinquent taxes, according to Business Tax Director Jan Talley.

"South Dakota's tax revenue is the main source of funding for vital public services, from public safety and transportation to health care and education," said Talley. "A person who fails to pay the tax owed by law places an extra burden on remaining taxpayers to maintain the level of funding so the availability of these services is not affected."

"The Revenue Department makes every ef-

fort to collect past-due taxes, and this report will be another tool we can use in our collection process," Talley added.

House Bill 1029 allows the Department to publicly list delinquent people who owe sales tax, use tax, tourism tax, municipal tax, municipal gross receipts tax, contractor's excise tax, motor vehicle leasing tax, or telecommunications gross receipts tax to the State of South Dakota if a lien has been filed against those people.

The list will display the 100 delinquent taxpayers owing the largest amount of tax, and include the person's name; the business name, if any; and the amount of total tax, penalties and interest outstanding for each license record.

Written notification is mailed to the last known address on file for any people who qualify to be included on the report 90 days prior to their names being posted on the list.

A delinquency will not be included on the report if a written payment agreement exists between the person and the Department and

payments are received without default, or if the tax liability is involved in an administrative hearing, administrative review, judicial review, or an appeal of any of those proceedings.

A listing will be removed from the report within 10 days after the full delinquent debt payment has been processed by the Department of Revenue.

People on the list, or any taxpayer with a delinquent amount owed to the State, can pay the amount due by mailing a check payable to the S.D. State Treasurer. Such checks should be sent to Department of Revenue Remittance Center, P.O. Box 5055, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5055. A business license number should be included on the check, if possible.

Have questions on state tax return filing or how to pay toward a delinquent account? Contact the South Dakota Department of Revenue at bustax@state.sd.us or call (800) 829-9188.

Changes To State DUI Program Under Way

PIERRE — The Central South Dakota Supervised Treatment Options Pilot DUI Program (STOP DUI), a drug court program which has been administered by Capital Area Counseling in consultation with the Unified Judicial System (UJS) since 2009, will now be transitioning to administration within the UJS. The 2012 Legislature, at the request of Chief Justice David Gilbertson, authorized the funding necessary to incorporate STOP DUI administration within the UJS. Plans are that the project will continue to be funded through a South Dakota Office of Highway Safety grant.

Noreen Plumage, the STOP DUI Program Coordinator, stated,

"Moving our STOP DUI program within the UJS is the right step. We have been able to demonstrate the effectiveness of intensively treating DUI felons in the community rather than the previous and more costly approach of sending them to prison."

The UJS expresses its appreciation to Capital Area Counseling for its work with the STOP DUI program. Chief Justice Gilbertson remarked, "With authorization from the Legislature, the STOP DUI program moves into its next phase of expansion to serve the needs of Central South Dakota. We would not have gotten to this day without the assistance and expertise of Capital Area Counsel-

ing, who was a major factor in getting this program successfully up and running."

STOP DUI was initiated by then Sixth Circuit Presiding Judge Lori S. Wilbur in collaboration with Capital Area Counseling. Since Justice Wilbur's appointment to the Supreme Court, Judge John Brown has assumed oversight of this alternative treatment court. The program has been very successful and over 40 clients have taken part in the program, which is 12-24 months in length. The STOP DUI program is a problem-solving court which is based on the national model of judicial supervision, frequent and random drug/alcohol testing, and re-

sponses to behavior based on incentives and sanctions. Clients remain members of the community and are able to support their families while receiving the services and supervision needed to break the cycle of addiction and involvement with the legal system. The success of the program is due to the joint efforts of Capital Area Counseling, the Sixth Circuit judicial staff, Hughes and Stanley County States Attorneys, Pierre Police Department, Hughes County Sheriff's Office and Public Defenders.

The transition process has begun and will be completed on Oct. 1.

40th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Raymond J. & Bonnie Soukup

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond J. & Bonnie Soukup celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 7th, 2012.

Their family requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to: 39690 S.D. Hwy 46, Wagner, SD 57380.

The couple has 5 children: 1 deceased. Nick, of Omaha, NE, Emera, of Freeman, SD, Jacob, of McKinney, TX and Stephanie of Brighton, MI. They have 8 grandchildren.

60th Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Gross

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd & Joyce (List) Gross of Yankton, SD will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sat. June 14, 2012 with a family gathering.

Their family requests a card shower. Cards may be sent to: 707 E 17th St., Yankton, SD 57078.

Joyce List and Floyd Gross were married on June, 17, 1952 at St. John's Lutheran Church at 8th & Locust, Yankton, SD.

They have 5 children: Deanna (Tim) Garvey, Steve (Anita) Gross, Randy (Mary) Gross - all of Yankton, Julie (Steve) Bloch of Lesterville, SD, and Sheri (Jeff) Jenkins of Ozark, MO.

The couple has 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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