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Consoling Friends In A Time Of Need

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Many of us have attempted to console friends who have recently been divorced, and though it can be a pretty hard sell, we have assured them that things will indeed be better with the passage of time. Here's a fine poem of consolation by Patricia Jabbeh Wesley, who teaches at Penn State.

ONE DAY

One day, you will awake from your covering
and that heart of yours will be totally mended,
and there will be no more burning within.
The owl, calling in the setting of the sun
and the deer path, all erased.
And there will be no more need for love
or lovers or fears of losing lovers
and there will be no more burning timbers
with which to light a new fire,
and there will be no more husbands or people
related to husbands, and there will be no more
tears or reason to shed your tears.
You will be as mended as the bridge
the working crew has just reopened.
The thick air will be vanquished with the tide
and the river that was corrupted by lies
will be cleansed and totally free.
And the rooster will call in the setting sun
and the sun will beckon homeward,
hiding behind your one tree that was not felled.

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Say Goodbye To The Fiat

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:
My mom is great. I love her, and I need to know how to help her. She has a '74 Fiat Spider convertible. It's adorable and fast, and she loves it. But it's not running. AGAIN. It's been parked for about a year or so now, covered with a tarp. The canvas roof has a hole, so it would need to be replaced. The interior has water damage, so that needs to be cleaned or replaced. The clutch (the reason it was parked) needs to be replaced, and now the battery is dead. My dad also thinks the carburetor is shot. My mom literally burst into tears at seeing its accumulated damage, and has despaired over not taking better care of it. My dad and I think we should get her a Mazda Miata. What's your advice? Do I try to help her keep the Fiat, or is it better to stop fighting it and let it go? — Nora

RAY: Nora, you've come to the right place. It just so happens that we've run an identical experiment recently, involving someone who's unnaturally attached to a decrepit Fiat Spider —

TOM: That would be me.

RAY:— and a sympathetic, wiser, more detached family member, who replaced said Fiat with a Mazda Miata.

TOM: That would be my brother, except for the "wiser" part.

RAY: My brother has been nursing along a 1978 Fiat Spider on which almost nothing works. How do I know? Because he keeps asking me to fix it for him.

TOM: Well, I've been busy. So when it won't start, I ask my brother to have a look at



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

it and figure it out.

RAY: Yeah, he's been busy staying home from work because his car won't start! So I decided it was time for an intervention.

TOM: He decided not to fix it anymore. And then, the next weekend, he was at a garage sale, and he found a 1993 Mazda Miata with 53,000 miles on it, for \$3,000.

RAY: I found it between a brass bed and a couple of tricycles. It cost more than the tricycles, but less than the bed. And the car was in perfect condition — for my brother. Everything worked, but the car looked like it'd been worked over with a bag of chisels. That's why it was cheap.

TOM: But my brother had it painted, for another \$1,500, and now it's absolutely beautiful.

RAY: It won't be for long. But it starts every day, doesn't it?

TOM: It's a miracle!
RAY: It's not a miracle. That's what most cars do.

TOM: They do?
RAY: And you know what's great about it? Everything works.

TOM: Yeah. The windows work. They go down AND up. The windshield wipers work, the heater and air conditioner work, the top doesn't leak. I don't know why I didn't think of this sooner.

RAY: Because you're a hoarder and a cheapskate. And because YOU didn't have to do the repairs on the Fiat — I was doing them for you. But Nora's mom doesn't have that luxury. So she's a perfect candidate to trade up and "reverse the curse," as we Red Sox fans say.

TOM: Yeah. I hate to admit it, but my brother's right. Unless you're a mechanic, or you have a brother dumb enough to chew up his knuckles for you, you're much better off with a Miata, which will provide all the fun of the Fiat, with five times the safety, and at a fraction of the maintenance costs.

RAY: And with a fraction of the smell. So tell your mom that your suggestion has been endorsed by Click and Clack.

TOM: And if she wants to sell her Fiat, let me know. In its current condition, it sounds like my kind of car.

RAY: If he buys it, I'll kill him, Nora.

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Sioux

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The recreation areas were included in an extensive transfer of Corps of Engineers land along the Missouri River reservoirs to the state. Congress passed a law in 1999 transferring shoreline to the state for recreation and fish and wildlife uses.

South Dakota Attorney General Mary Jackley said the Supreme Court's refusal to hear the cases ends the legal battle, at least for now. He said it gives the state and the tribe a chance to enhance cooperation in fighting crime through a drug task force, a sex-offender registry system and other efforts.

"The Yankton Tribe, state and federal government have been litigating jurisdiction for over a decade. It is now time to embrace the opportunity to work together toward strengthening and improving public safety and economic development," Jackley said.

Yankton Sioux Tribal Chairman Robert Cournoyer praised the Supreme Court's decision not to hear the appeal on whether the reservation exists.

"At long last, we have permanent recognition of our reservation, and our people can now celebrate this great victory," Cournoyer said in a written statement.

The tribe's general counsel, Charles Abourezk, said the high court's refusal to hear the case

was a victory for the tribe because it leaves intact lower court rulings that found the reservation has clear boundaries and the tribe can purchase land to add to the reservation.

Reservation land is generally subject to tribal and federal jurisdiction, while state law applies on areas outside the reservation.

After a 1998 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis ruled that the reservation still exists but does not include land once owned by individual tribal members but now owned by non-Indians. It sent the case back to U.S. District Judge Lawrence Piersol of Sioux Falls to determine the status of other land.

Piersol ruled that the reservation includes 30,226 acres allotted to individual Indians, land that remains held in trust by the government either for individuals or the tribe. It also includes 914 acres reserved in an 1894 law and then returned to the tribe, and 6,444 acres taken into trust for the tribe under a 1934 law, the judge said.

The appeals court noted that trust lands under jurisdiction of the tribe and federal government are now intermingled with land under state jurisdiction in a checkerboard pattern. However, the appeals judges said state, tribal, federal and local officials have developed a good working relationship to enforce laws.

The cases are Daugaard v. Yankton Sioux Tribe, 10-929; Southem Missouri Recycling v. Yankton Sioux Tribe, 10-931; Hein v. Yankton Sioux Tribe, 10-932; and Yankton Sioux Tribe v. Daugaard, 10-1058.

Decision

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Soulelek said. "We met about three weeks ago at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion," he said. "We're meeting again July 5 in Charles Mix County."

One of those in attendance was J.R. LaPlante, a Vermillion attorney and Cheyenne River Sioux tribal member serving as South Dakota's first cabinet-level Secretary of Tribal Relations, Soulelek said.

Also attending the meeting were Soulelek and Sheriff Randy

Thaler from Charles Mix County; Faith Spotted Eagle and Glenn Drapeau from the Yankton Sioux Tribe; and two members of the governor's office.

The meetings are intended to build stronger communication while coordinating and pooling efforts where possible, Soulelek said.

Public safety seems like a natural and crucial area for working together, he said. "We're all here to protect the people, and part of it is law enforcement," he added.

Soulelek sees the current talks as an important first step in other discussions.

"The tribe has a lot of great things going on, and the county does, too. So why not get together and make it work?" he asked.

Water

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"The water is not going away anytime soon," Turman said.

The full impact of the ongoing rainfall won't be known until after the event, Turman said. Officials will monitor for any changes and plan accordingly, she said.

State officials have put contingency plans in place, watching the condition of levees and preparing for action if breaches occur, she said. A "quick reactionary force" includes the National Guard and other contacts for substantial levee repairs, she said.

The Emergency Operations Center has been scaled back but can be reactivated as needed, Turman said.

"If things ramp up quickly, ... the communication lines are in place to get the agencies back on a moment's notice," she said.

For now, state officials aren't making major changes because of the current rainfall, Turman said.

"We aren't mapping at the 160,000 flow," she said. "It's going to (remain) close to the 150,000 inundation maps. Those are still the maps we are looking at."

Col. Bob Ruch, the Corps' Omaha District commander, told the Press & Dakotan he doesn't anticipate that storms, including tornadoes, will create extensive levee damage.

However, the Corps and other observers are monitoring the levee conditions, Ruch said.

"We have folks who are performing surveillance, and we ask everyone to keep an eye on things," he said.

"This is the people's county — all of the people."

Monday's U.S. Supreme decision lets stand the lower court rulings on the existence and size of the Yankton Sioux reservation.

An earlier ruling affirmed the reservation covers more than 37,000 acres, or 59 square miles, in southern Charles Mix County.

The high court's decision amounted to maintaining the status quo, Soulelek said.

"Was I surprised? Not really, but you never know," he said.

Soulelek previously served as county commissioner during some of the early court battles.

He decided not to run for re-election, pursuing a job as a prison security guard.

But he decided to get back into public life and won election last November to the Charles Mix County Commission.

The federal, state, county and tribal governments need to combine their resources and energy for the common good, Soulelek said.

Where conflicts occur, he advocates the use of a mediator or negotiator rather than prolonged, expensive court battles.

The county and tribe have many similar interests, including the current battle against Missouri River flooding, Soulelek said.

"We have got to start talking together," he said. "We have got to sit down and make things work. I hope this is a good start."

Hines

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penalty in the case.

Prior to the arraignment, Eng went through some procedural motions that included a request by the defense to hire a private investigator at Yankton County's expense.

Deputy state's attorney John Billings objected to the request, saying the state has already investigated the death extensively and there is no need to duplicate that work.

However, Eng granted the request. He told the defense to supply the court with proposals and said he would prefer that the ex-

penses not exceed \$2,500.

"The defense has the right to have an investigation done," Eng said. "There should, however, be limits on that."

Fox also told the court that he would likely request a psychiatric evaluation of his client. However, he said that would not come until after the private investigator finishes his research into the case because it could provide information pertinent to the evaluation.

Due to the uncertain length of time it will take to complete those processes, Eng agreed to not set a trial date for the case.

He set a review hearing for 10:30 a.m. July 25.

"At that time, we'll see where we're at," Eng said.

Hines remains in the Yankton County jail on bond.

Storms

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was running on generator power.

"It was just a very powerful storm that rolled through," he said. "It wasn't so much the wind that knocked things down as much as the combination of high winds and heavy rain."

Scherschligt said that as a re-

sult of the very heavy rain, and the additional amounts expected to come during the overnight hours, that YCEM had spotters watching Marne Creek in Yankton in case water levels rose significantly.

The only rain totals available at press time included:

- Gayville had 1 inch of rain and
- Mission Hill had 3/4 inch of rain with wind gusts up to 45 miles per hour.

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Ruth Huber and Ed Highland were married June 29, 1961 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD.
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