

Life In Poetry

Poet Examines Family Dynamics

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. POET LAUREATE

An exchange of stories is frequently one of the first steps toward a friendship. Here's the recollection of one of those exchanges, by Dorianne Laux, who lives and teaches in Oregon.

FAMILY STORIES

I had a boyfriend who told me stories about his family, how an argument once ended when his father seized a lit birthday cake in both hands and hurled it out a second-story window. That, I thought, was what a normal family was like: anger sent out across the sill, landing like a gift to decorate the sidewalk below. In mine it was fists and direct hits to the solar plexus, and nobody ever forgave anyone. But I believed the people in his stories really loved one another, even when they yelled and shoved their feet through cabinet doors, or held a chair like a bottle of cheap champagne, christening the wall, rungs exploding from their holes. I said it sounded harmless, the pomp and fury of the passionate. He said it was a curse being born Italian and Catholic and when he looked from that window what he saw was the moment rudely crushed. But all I could see was a gorgeous three-layer cake gliding like a battered ship down the sidewalk, the smoking candles broken, sunk deep in the icing, a few still burning.

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The Dangers Of Running On Empty

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:
I am a 76-year-old woman, recently engaged to an 80-year-old man. We are truly best friends and agree on everything, except one thing. He drives a 2004 Lincoln Town Car that we affectionately call the "Pimp Mobile." He won't fill up the gas tank until the light comes on and it pings. I tell him this is hard on the fuel pump and that I have heard you state this. Would you please clarify this? Our future wedded bliss is in jeopardy. We both enjoy your radio show and your columns. Thanks. — Annie and Jack

TOM: Gee, Annie, we have mentioned that, in our opinion, habitually driving a car on empty can shorten the life of the fuel pump.
RAY: The reason we think that is because the pump sits inside the gas tank, and so it's cooled by the gasoline it's submerged in. Or not cooled by the gasoline it's not submerged in, if you never put more than two gallons of gas into the car.
TOM: Now, by how much might it shorten the life of a fuel pump? We have no idea. It just makes sense to us that a pump that's constantly running hot will conk out sooner than a pump that is properly cooled.
RAY: But as long as he's filling the tank completely when it's empty, he's probably



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

doing little to no damage. And at a certain age, you have to worry more about HIS pump failing than the Pimp Mobile's!
TOM: I'm guessing what really bothers you, Annie, is the anxiety that comes with running precariously low on fuel all the time. If you're not someone who's eager to hike five miles back to the nearest gas station if he miscalculates, this can cause a certain amount of continual, and unnecessary, stress.
RAY: So, we think that in the interest of marital harmony, Jack should be less concerned with how often he has to stop for fuel, and more concerned with his future wife's

peace and comfort.
TOM: That may mean altering his habits a bit, but so what? He's still a young fella. You can't tell me he's stuck in his ways at a mere 80!
RAY: So, instead of making this a mechanical argument, Annie, if driving on fumes causes you stress, tell Jack that. And ask him if, for your peace of mind and comfort, he would be willing to fill up the tank when it gets to a quarter-full.
TOM: And then you can do something equally considerate for him. Like not swap his Preparation H with his Dentu-Creme when he's not looking. Have a wonderful time, you two!

Keep your car on the road and out of the repair shop by ordering Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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SCHREMPPE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Megan Poppe, left, Mount Marty College Nursing Student and Avon native, was presented with the 10th Annual Lori Schrempp Memorial Nursing Student Scholarship by Lori's husband Jeff. The award is in memory of Lori Ann Schrempp, an RN at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for more than 22 years. Lori was an LPN who continued her studies to become an RN, while also being a mother to two sons. Her life was tragically cut short in the summer of 2002 when she was involved in a fatal Life Flight helicopter crash. The scholarship fund is administered through the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

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SCHOLASTICS

KANSAS STATE
MANHATTAN, Kan. — The spring 2012 semester was an outstanding one for more than 3,200 Kansas State University students who earned honors for their academic performance.
To qualify for semester honors, students must have earned a grade point average of 3.75 or above on at least 12 hours of graded course work. Students earning semester honors also receive commendations from their college dean, and the honors are recorded on their permanent academic records.
Students earning semester honors include:
• Yankton: Alyssa Butler

BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY
STORM LAKE, Iowa — April Van Zee, a senior from New Holland, was named to Buena Vista University Graduate & Professional Studies Dean's List.
Students named to the Dean's List must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for the terms, based on a 4.0 grade point system, and must have taken at least 12 hours of coursework.
April is associated with the cooperative program through the Le Mars Buena Vista University Professional & Online Studies location.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
FARGO, N.D. — Several South Dakota students were among the 1,502 students to graduate from North Dakota State University in spring 2012.
Students are listed by hometown. The list includes their major and degree received. An asterisk indicates students who graduated with honors. Please include all area students in your news publications.
NDSU is recognized as one of the nation's top 108 public and private universities by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.
Area students included (* = denotes graduation with honors):
Hurley — Coulter James Boyer, BS, Management
Meckling — Whitney Beth Feimer*, BS, Environmental Design
Parker — Abby Michelle Plucker*, BS, Dietetics

New Technology Improves Property Records

Technology approved by the Yankton County Commission during the last few years has significantly improved the reliability, security, efficiency and now accessibility of property records.
The improvements made will continue to benefit Yankton County taxpayers for years to come. Most recently, the county commission approved Beacon, provided by The Schneider Corporation, an interactive public access tool that allows users to interact and view county information, public records and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) via an online portal.
Yankton County's Beacon portal features a public site (http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/) that includes important property taxation and assessment information. Additional information is available by subscription, including in-depth search capabilities and the ability to view an interactive map of the county's GIS data and aerial photography, as well as convenient tools to collect specific parcel information.
Look for the Beacon website link on the Director of Equalization page of the Yankton County website at http://www.co.yankton.sd.us/.
For information on obtaining a subscription, contact the Yankton County Director of Equalization Office, 321 West Third St., Suite 203, Yankton. Call the department at (605) 260-4400 opt. 3.

Tribal Relations Committee Meeting Slated

PIERRE — The South Dakota Legislature's State-Tribal Relations Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 27, in Pierre in Room 412 of the Capitol, beginning at 9 a.m. The committee will hear informational presentations by the South Dakota Department of Tribal Affairs, the Office of Indian Education, and other agencies. Public testimony will be taken and the public is invited to attend.
The State-Tribal Relations Committee was created by statute in 1993 (SDCL 2-6-20). The committee consists of ten state legislators appointed to two-year terms and is directed to make a continuing study of relations between state and local governments and the tribes and their tribal governments and to serve as a forum for the discussion of issues of mutual concern.
Committee members for the 2011-2012 term are Rep. Tom Brunner (Chair, R-Nisland) and Sen. Ryan Maher (Vice Chair, R-Isabel); Sens. Jim Bradford (D-Pine Ridge), Russell Olson (R-Madison), Billie Sutton (D-Burke), and Craig Tieszen (R-Rapid City); and Reps. Ed Iron Cloud III (D-Porcupine), Kevin Killer (D-Pine Ridge), Patricia Stricherz (R-Madison), and Mike Verchio (R-Hill City).

Benefit For Sexual Assault Response Team Set

The Yankton Sexual Assault Response Team (S.A.R.T.) presents a Vegas Night fundraiser at Minerva's Grill and Bar on Friday, June 29. Social Hour will begin at 6 p.m. with a Pasta Dinner at p.m. Entertainment and a Silent Auction will follow. We will be featuring Hypnotist Sam Nickel.
S.A.R.T.'s mission is, in part, to create awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault. Domestic violence knows no boundaries. It affects all races, ethnicities, religions, socioeconomic groups, and both sexes. Domestic violence is the most committed, yet least reported crime.
Corporate sponsorships are available for this event. For ticket information call 605-665-4811.

Freeman To Host Fun Run June 30

FREEMAN — Join the fun at Freeman Academy's annual Ribs at the Ranch by participating in the fourth annual "Running of the Pigs" in the Prairie Arboretum on Saturday, June 30.
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the south parking lot for the 5K fun run scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. Every participant will receive a free T-shirt.
For information about the race and entry fees, contact Ashley Unruh at amu_63@hotmail.com or 605-759-6499 or the school website: www.freemanacademy.org/Documents/RunningOfPigsPoster-2010.pdf. No pre-registration necessary.

Young People Can Take Flight At SDSU Summer Camp July 15-18

BROOKINGS — Summer learning at South Dakota State University will reach new heights July 15-18 when high school students go beyond a typical classroom experience to receive hands-on aeronautics training at ACE Camp.
The ACE, Aerospace Career and Education, Camp introduces students to careers in aerospace, aviation and the science used to operate them.
"ACE Camp has been instrumental over the past 20 years in helping students make informed choices when considering career paths in aviation," said Cody Christensen, camp coordinator and certified flight instructor.
During the four-day, three-night camp, students construct and launch model rockets, learn how to navigate an aircraft, tour an air traffic control facility and receive one-on-one flight instruction behind the controls of a Cessna 172 airplane.
Campers will also tour the South Dakota Air National Guard headquarters in Sioux Falls for an up-close look at the F-16 Falcon jet fighter and travel to Watertown to learn about aviation maintenance and repair at Lake Area Technical Institute.
Since its inception in 1992, the program has drawn more than 300 students from across South Dakota and other states, including Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wyoming as well as international countries.
ACE Camp is open to young people going into grade nine through 2012 high school graduates. The tuition cost includes lodging in an SDSU residence hall, meals, activity fees, transportation during camp and flight experience at the controls.
"Young women, minorities and those with disabilities are encouraged to apply," said Christensen. "Camp scholarships are also available to qualified applicants."
Applications are available online at www.sdstate.edu using the keywords "ACE camp."
Camp enrollment is limited to 30 students and will fill on a first come, first served basis.
For more information, contact Cody Christensen at 605-688-4983 or e-mail cody.christensen@sd-state.edu.

REUNIONS

SWENSEN REUNION
The Swensen family reunion picnic will be held at 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Fantle Memorial Park small west shelter in Yankton. This will be a potluck; bring your own dish to share.

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Independence Day Deadlines

The following deadlines will apply:

- Thursday, July 5 newspaper 5 p.m., Friday, June 29th
- Friday, July 6 newspaper 5 p.m., Monday, July 2nd
- Saturday, July 7 newspaper 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 3rd

There will be no newspaper on Wednesday, July 4, 2012.

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, for the Independence Day holiday.

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Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Swensen of Irene, SD will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 24, 2012.

Darrell Swensen and Yvonne Eilmes were married June 24, 1972 at the United Church of Christ in Scotland, SD. The Swensens have three children: Mark & Kerri Swensen, Kari & Glen Neubarth, Marty & Jodi Swensen. They have 5 grandchildren: Micah, Jacob, Erica, Rory, and Rylon Swensen.

40th ANNIVERSARY