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Debate

Is Bar Bringing 'Life' Or 'Noise' To Downtown Yankton?

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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The volume of live music at a downtown Yankton establishment has residents debating what constitutes a vibrant entertainment district versus a disturbance of the peace.

During the past several weekends, Happy Hourz at 311 Douglas Avenue has generated approximately 10 informal complaints from nearby residents, and a formal complaint was signed last weekend by Debbie Bailey, who lives in the 400 block of Pine Street.

She took her concerns to the Yankton City Commission earlier this week. "This goes on (at Happy Hourz)

just about every weekend on Friday, Saturday and some Sundays," she told commissioners. "The volume of the music is really intrusive to our home. We live four blocks away, and we don't have our windows or doors open but can hear this music as plain as day in our home. We've talked to a lot of neighbors who agree. It angers them, also."

Bailey pointed to an ordinance that addresses disturbing the peace. The ordinance states: "No person shall disturb the peace through oral communications which amount to fighting words or through conduct which creates unreasonable noise. 'Fighting words' are oral communications which tend to incite an immediate

breach of the peace. Examples of conduct creating unreasonable noise are loud stereos, cars or dogs."

Violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor charge.

"We feel that it does clearly say there shouldn't be such loud noise that it disturbs the peace," Bailey said. "I would like the City Commission to consider doing something about this. There needs to be some level (Happy Hourz has) to adhere to at night, or it needs to be turned off by 11 or something."

With the music continuing at a high volume even after Bailey's hus-

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Immigration

Senate Passes Historic Measure

Bill Offers Citizenship Chance
To Millions, More Secure Border

BY DAVID ESPO AND ERICA WERNER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With a solemnity reserved for momentous occasions, the Senate passed historic legislation Thursday offering the priceless hope of citizenship to millions of immigrants living illegally in America's shadows. The bill also promises a military-style effort to secure the long-porous border with Mexico.

The bipartisan vote was 68-32 on a measure that sits atop President Barack Obama's second-term domestic agenda. But the bill's prospects are highly uncertain in the Republican-controlled House, where party leaders are jockeying for position in advance of expected action next month.

Spectators in galleries that overlook the Senate floor watched expectantly as senators voted one by one from their desks. Some onlookers erupted in chants of "Yes, we can" after Vice President Joe Biden announced the vote result.

After three weeks of debate, there was no doubt about the outcome. Fourteen Republicans joined all 52 Democrats and two independents to support the bill.

In the final hours of debate, members of the so-called Gang of 8, the group that drafted the measure, frequently spoke in personal terms while extolling the bill's virtues, rebutting its critics — and appealing to the House members who turn comes next.

"Do the right thing for America and for your party," said Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., who said his mother emigrated to the United States from Cuba. "Find common ground. Lean away from the extremes. Opt for reason and govern with us."

Arizona Republican Sen. Jeff Flake said those seeking legal status after living in the United States illegally must "pass a background check, make good on any tax liability and pay a fee and a fine." There are other requirements before citizenship can be obtained, he noted.

He, too, spoke from personal experience, recalling time he spent as a youth working alongside family members and "undocumented migrant labor, largely from Mexico, who worked harder than we did under conditions much more difficult than we endured."

Since then, he said, "I have harbored a feeling of admiration and respect for those who have come to risk life and limb and sacrifice so much to provide a better life for themselves and their families."

The bill's opponents were unrelenting, if outnumbered.

"We will admit dramatically more people than we ever have in our country's history at a time when unemployment is high and the Congressional Budget Office has told us that average wages will go down for 12 years, that gross national product per capita will decline for 25-plus years, that unemployment will go up," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala.

"The amnesty will occur, but the enforcement is not going to occur, and the policies for future immigration are not serving the national interest."

But with a weeklong July 4 congressional vacation looming, the bill's foes agreed to permit the final vote one day before Senate rules mandated it.

In the Senate, at least, the developments marked an end to years of gridlock on immigration. The shift began taking shape



Flake

Always A Warm Welcome



BY EMILY NIEBRUGGE/P&D
Becky Leapley has been the executive director for the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center since March. Leapley has been implementing several changes to keep the organization alive. She is striving to work with local businesses and local vendors and has also been working to bring music entertainment to the Yankton and Nebraska communities.

Latest CDWC Director Works To Keep Organization Alive

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of the Press & Dakotan's monthly series spotlighting occupations, tasks and duties in our coverage area.

BY EMILY NIEBRUGGE

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Becky Leapley takes pride in representing Nebraska and South Dakota to tourists who visit the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, (CDWC) near South Yankton, Neb.

Leapley became the director for the organization in March, and has been hard at work to implement some changes she sees necessary to make the organization successful.

"The tourist stuff here is the concept of what people think our whole area is like," Leapley said. "It's so important for them to have a warm welcome to the Midwest, because we do have people who tell us they stop here every year on their way by because of the warmth here. I just wanted to help keep this place not only alive, but I want to watch it thrive."

To counter the effects of not being able to receive as much grant money in the past, Leapley has worked to provide shows and entertainment to local communities to raise money for the Welcome Center.

After helping with marketing for the CDWC's Patsy Cline concert last year, Leapley said the board at the Welcome Center asked her to work for them. After trying another career and deciding it wasn't for her, Leapley agreed to take on the responsibilities.

So far Leapley has brought a book signing, a



County Changes Criteria For Use Of Storm Sirens

The Yankton County Office of Emergency Management has made changes to the criteria for sounding the storm sirens in communities in Yankton County.

Previously, storm sirens were activated if a tornado was visually confirmed on the ground in the county.

Under the new protocol, storm sirens will be sounded if the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning based on visual confirmation or radar indication of the imminent or

possible development of a tornado.

Storm sirens will now also be activated for a severe thunderstorm warning if trained spotters or law enforcement have experienced sustained 75 mile per hour winds, hail, one inch in diameter or larger, or both.

Officials with the Yankton County Office of Emergency Management have implemented the changes in an effort to give the public a more timely warning when severe storms threaten.

Habitat Hoedown



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Jan Schiferl sings "In the Sweet By and By" while guitarist Boyd Bristow (background) accompanies her during the Habitat for Humanity Hoedown, a benefit for Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County, at the Riverside Park amphitheatre Thursday night. Bristow opened the show with a 30-minute solo set before being joined by a group that included Schiferl, Guy Larson, Ron Gardner and Ken Prussa.

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