

American Life In Poetry

A Symbol Of Pride, Loss

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One of the wonders of poetry is a good poet's ability to compress a great deal of life into a few words. Here's a life story told small, by Ivan Hobson, who lives in California.

OUR NEIGHBOR:

Every family that lived in our court had an American truck with a union sticker on the back and as a kid I admired them the way I thought our soldiers must have admired Patton and Sherman tanks. You once told me that the Russians couldn't take us, not with towns like ours full of iron, full of workers tempered by the fires of foundries and mills. It wasn't the Russians that came; it was the contract, the strike, the rounds of layoffs that blistered until your number was called. I still remember you loading up to leave for the last time, the union sticker scraped off with a putty knife, the end of the white tarp draped over your truck bed flapping as you drove away.

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City

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The calls included a request for a police escort, a report of lost property, a report of an intoxicated individual and two calls regarding fights. "Certainly, there were other calls that evening not in the park," Nelson added. "I want to thank the Ribfest committee for a job very well done. I also want to thank the city parks staff and police department for their extra work and help in putting on that event. I think a good time was had by everyone." In other business Monday, the commission voted to eliminate the Fox Run Development Task Force, the Storm Water Advisory Board, the Brownfields Project Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Mayor's Reconciliation Committee, the ADA Advisory Committee and the Disability Education Awareness Committee. "These various committees and task forces were formed either for a particular project, period of time or pro-

gram," Nelson said. "They have either asked to be dissolved because they feel they are no longer pertinent or the project is complete, as is the case with the Fox Run Development Task Force. Therefore, it was recommended that these committees be dissolved." The commission also agreed to give the city manager and the city finance officer a 1 percent raise and a 1.26 percent step plan increase. The adjustments mirror those recently approved for the collective bargaining unit and other city employees. The increases will be retroactive to Jan. 1. Nelson will see her pay go from \$90,000 to \$92,034. Meanwhile, Finance Officer Al Viereck's compensation will rise from \$79,050 to \$80,837. "Thank you for all you do, Al and Amy," Mayor Dave Carda said. "We probably can't say that enough. Thanks for keeping us in line and providing us with information." You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.

Using The Manufacturer's Fluids Isn't Just A Ploy

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray: The owner's manual for my 2010 Honda CR-V with all-wheel drive states that only Honda fluids may be used in the car, except for motor oil. The dealer's service department confirms this. The rear differential gear oil, automatic-transmission fluid, power-steering fluid, brake fluid, engine coolant, etc., have to come from Honda, they say. Dire and catastrophic results are promised otherwise. I think "hellfire and brimstone" is in there somewhere, too. Is there a chance that Honda is overdramatizing this as a way to provide extra revenue to the dealer? — Stan

TOM: What the manufacturers tell us is that it's all about corrosion, Stan. Honda, and other carmakers, use different alloys of aluminum in their components — mostly to make their vehicles lighter and more fuel-efficient.

RAY: And they say that their own fluids are designed to minimize corrosion in those specific kinds of aluminum over time.

TOM: Is it possible that they also enjoy a little extra profit by selling their own fluids? Sure. Is it possible that they benefit from having a lot of customers return to their dealerships for service so they can sell them other services and a 2015 Odyssey? Sure.

RAY: But they also may be



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

absolutely right about their fluids minimizing corrosion on their own cars. And it's in their long-term interest to not have key components of their cars corrode and fail as they get older.

TOM: Keep in mind that just because you want to use Honda fluids, you don't have to go to the Honda dealer for service. You can ask your independent shop to use Honda fluids, and it'll get the stuff from the dealer.

RAY: We have an independent shop, and — with the exception of motor oil — we actually use nothing but Honda fluids on all late-model Hondas. The difference in cost is pretty minimal. And we figure, why risk a part that costs thousands of dollars to replace in order to save a few bucks on fluid? Especially with something like the differential oil, which gets changed only every 30,000

miles. Or the transmission fluid, which is changed even less frequently.

TOM: The only downside (and it's for us, not you) is that as more and more manufacturers demand that only their own fluids be used, we need more and more shelves in the garage to warehouse all that stuff.

RAY: We had to practically buy out IKEA last year. Then we had to go back a week later and buy one more shelving unit to store all those Allen wrenches.

TOM: So we don't have proof that using Honda fluids is absolutely necessary, Stan. But we think it's a reasonable thing to do based on Honda's claims. That's what we do for Honda owners who come into our shop.

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Receives Basic Certification



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The South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy graduated 41 officers from across the state. Samantha Close of the Yankton Police Department was among the graduating class and is pictured with South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley. All graduates of the basic course must complete a 12-week program. The basic certification course is overseen by the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy under the office of the Attorney General. "Congratulations to the graduating class for receiving their law enforcement certificate. On behalf of the law enforcement community and the people of the State of South Dakota, I thank you for your dedication to public service," said Attorney General Marty Jackley.

HHS Indiegogo Campaign Ends June 15

The shelter has launched an Indiegogo campaign through June 15 in an attempt to help educate the general public and raise \$2,000 to help the animals they serve. "We moved into our new facility in April but we still have a lot of money to raise before we can complete the remodel project," Executive Director Kerry Hacecky said. "We put this campaign together to help educate the public on why a new shelter is important if we want to continue serving our

communities and the abandoned animals." Statistically, Heartland Humane Society serves primarily a 14-county area, focusing most of its efforts in Yankton, Clay and Cedar County. The Indiegogo campaign site has two short videos that share information on the new shelter project. Indiegogo is the world's most established crowdfunding platform that enables people from all over the world to pool money together to make

an idea happen. Heartland Humane Society has partnered with area businesses to give free "perks" in exchange for donations. Businesses include Ben's Brewing Company, The Wooden Spoon, The Varsity Pub and Czeckers Sports Bar and Grill. You can view the videos, learn more and make a donation at https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/we-are-their-shelter-you-are-their-future#home/.

Pedal Pull Planned For Czech Days

TABOR — A sanctioned Pedal Pull will take place at Tabor's 66th annual Czech Days celebration. The pull will be for boys and girls ages 4-11. The pull will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, on the east street south of Sokol Park.

Entrants will compete for a first-place trophy or a second- or third-place ribbon in each age group. The two first place winners (1 boy and 1 girl) in each age group (16 winners in all) will be eligible to move on to state competition at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron if they so desire. If the first place winners do not want to compete at the state fair, the next place winner may advance.

Registration for the pedal pull will begin after the crowing of the 2014 Czech Days Prince and Princess. Sign-up will start at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. on Chicago St. south of the Sokol Park grandstand. The pedal pull will start at 1:30 p.m. east of the alley on Chicago St. There is no registration fee to enter and contestants do not have to bring a pedal pull vehicle.

Chad Stevicks of Burke is sanctioning his C & D Pedal Pullers for the Czech Days pull. Sponsoring the pull are JoDean's of Yankton; Country Ford of Tyndall; Frontier Mills, Inc., of Yankton, Mark's Machinery of Yankton; and Utica Grain Inc. of Utica. Dan Hunhoff and his crew are organizing and running the Czech Days pull.

SCHOLASTICS

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MADISON — A total of 370 full-time and 163 part-time students qualified for the President's Academic Honors list for the 2014 Spring Semester at Dakota State University (DSU) in Madison, S.D.
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 Samantha Vanderostyne, Parker
 Tessa Weeldreyer, Parker
 Matthew Bailey, Parkston
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 Ross Kortan, Tyndall
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 • Juniors — *Olivia Boese, Emily Epp, *Anran "Aster" He, Clara Koerner, Yunxi "Cicy" Li, *Brooklyn Ries, Austin VanDiepen, Brennan Waltner

• Seniors — *Gabriel Eisenbeis, Meghan Hofer, Noemi Liscano

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 3.20 - 3.59
 • Seventh Grade — Jaden Thomas, Andrea Wollman
 • Eighth Grade — Brennan Haggerty, Lindsay Thomas

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