

Car Shakes On Turns, And Mechanics Aren't Interested

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a manual-transmission 2000 Subaru Forester with 126,000 miles that I've had since it had 12 miles on it. I also have a 1-month-old baby. As a new mom, my car has me a little worried. During the past year, it has started shaking violently whenever I make a left turn. This starts happening after I've driven it about 10 miles. When I say "shaking violently," I mean it feels like the body is going to rip itself off the chassis. I've taken it to the dealership and multiple mechanics who won't get in the car long enough to feel the problem, so it hasn't been reproduced for a professional. They have all told me, "That's what happens to Subarus with high mileage." I find that hard to believe. Any thoughts? Is it still safe to take on long trips? Thanks. — Piper

TOM: Gee, Piper. My 1977 Fiat shakes violently when I drive it, too. But that's how I know it's running!

RAY: You need several things, Piper. First, you need a mechanic who's actually interested in helping you. Try checking the Mechanics Files on our Web site (www.cartalk.com/mechanics). That's a list of mechanics who are personally recommended by other readers and listeners of ours.

TOM: Anyone who won't spend 10 minutes riding with you to see what's wrong with your car is not terribly interested in your business. Or your welfare.

RAY: When you find someone willing to experience the shaking firsthand, I suspect the diagnosis is going to be that you need a new viscous coupling. We've seen viscous couplings go bad on lots of Subarus around the same age



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as yours.

TOM: The viscous coupling is Subaru's version of a center differential, which allows the front and back wheels

of an all-wheel-drive car to turn at different speeds when you're cornering. If it's binding up, it'll result in one or more wheels dragging on the pavement while you turn. You'll feel that as a violent chattering sensation. Sound familiar?

RAY: They usually don't take 10 miles to start misbehaving when they go bad, but that would still be my first guess. If you need a new viscous coupling, it'll cost you in the neighborhood of \$700-\$900.

TOM: If it's not the viscous coupling, the next thing I would check is your CV (constant velocity) joints. One of them could be binding up. It could be in the front or the back, inner or outer. You've got eight of them.

RAY: And can you still take this car on long trips? I wouldn't. At least not until this is fixed, Piper. If it's the viscous coupling, it can really mess up the

car's handling. And if it binds up while you're cornering at a high enough speed, you could even lose control of the car.

TOM: Not to mention that all that shaking will keep waking the baby!

In their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Seal My Next Car?" Tom and Ray break down the strategies for buying a car, so you can make the most of your money. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

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LIFE DIGEST

No YSD School Thursday, Friday And Monday

Yankton Public Schools will not be in session from Thursday, April 1, through Monday, April 5. April 1 is a parent-teacher conference compensation day and April 2-5 are Easter Vacation days. School will resume on Tuesday, April 6.

Sacred Heart Schools Announce Easter Break

Sacred Heart Schools will not be in session from Friday, April 2 through Friday, April 9. School will resume on Monday, April 12.

Retirement Party For Moderegger April 1

A retirement reception for Janet Moderegger will be held at 3-5 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the Commission Chambers of the Yankton County Government Center.

Moderegger serves as chief deputy in the Yankton County Register of Deeds Office. She has been employed with Yankton County for 34 years. Prior to joining the Register of Deeds staff in 1976, she worked two years for the City of Yankton as a Yankton Police Department dispatcher.

Customers, friends and relatives are invited to attend Thursday's reception to recognize Moderegger for her many years of service in local government.

Sobriety Checkpoints Planned In April

PIERRE — The South Dakota Highway Patrol has sobriety checkpoints scheduled in April in the following counties: Beadle, Brown, Charles Mix, Clark, Codrington, Custer, Davison, Day, Fall River, Hughes, Hyde, Meade, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington, Roberts, Sanborn and Yankton.

For sobriety checkpoint text message alerts, visit actcivilized.com.

Care Center Easter Egg Hunt Set For April 3

The Avera Yankton Care Center Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at AYCC.

The hunt is for children ages 5 and under and is open to the community.

Irene Easter Egg Hunt Saturday At 10 a.m.

IRENE — An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Avera Sunset Manor Nursing Home in Irene at 10 a.m. Saturday April 3. All children in grade 4 or younger are invited to attend to enjoy the egg hunt, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and a special treat.

The event is sponsored by Irene Community Club with assistance from the Irene Avera Sunset Manor Nursing Home.

Yankton Easter Egg Hunt At Sertoma Park Set

Get ready for the Annual Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the Yankton Elks, Walmart and Yankton Children's Theatre Company. It is being held at 1 p.m. April 3, in Sertoma Park.

Age groups are 6 months-2 (one parent allowed on the field with child); 3-4 (one parent allow with in the gates, not on the field); 5-6 (no parents on the field); and 7-9 (no parents on the field). There will be about 3,000 eggs per field, candy in every egg, while prize cards are within the eggs filled with candy. Come join the fun. Also the Easter Bunny will be there for pictures and to hand out candy.

Candidate Forum Planned For Monday April 5

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce's Governmental Affairs Committee is sponsoring candidate forums on Monday, April 5, at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, for those campaigning for the Yankton City Commission and Yankton School Board. The public is invited to attend.

The City Commission candidate forum starts at 7 p.m. Candidates invited to attend are Charlie Gross, Paul Lowrie, Jeffrey Sweeden and Brad Woerner.

The School Board candidate forum starts at 8 p.m. Candidates invited to attend are Jim Fitzgerald, Chris Specht and Terry Winter. The public is invited to attend.

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Planned

City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This meeting is open to the public.

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Yankton Teams Take Top Honors At Science Olympiad At USD

VERMILLION — Science Olympiad teams from Yankton High School and Yankton Middle School now have an opportunity to compete at the 2010 National Science Olympiad Tournament after finishing first Saturday in the 26th annual South Dakota Science Olympiad State Tournament at The University of South Dakota.

Yankton Middle School received first place in the middle school division (Division B) for the 23rd consecutive year while Yankton High School made it 22 straight first place finishes in the high school division (Division C). Both teams from Yankton have been invited to the National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on May 21-22.

Coached by Rebecca Corlew, Elizabeth Dooley and Tom Merrill, Yankton Middle School was first in Division B while Sacred Heart Middle School (Yankton), coached by Marcia Olnes and Rebecca Peterson, was runner-up. Yankton High, coached by Angie Hejl, Robert Medeck and Jama Mathison, was the top team in Division C as Great Plains Lutheran High School of Watertown, coached by Greg Diersen, finished second.

South Dakota schools participating in the 2010 Science Olympiad included (Division B): first place — Yankton Middle, second — Sacred Heart Middle, third — Mickelson Middle (Brookings), fourth — Vermillion Middle, fifth — Spearfish Middle, sixth — Elk Point-Jefferson Middle, seventh — Timber Lake Middle, eighth — Madison Middle, ninth — Deuel Middle and 10th — Gayville-Volin Middle. High School Division: first — Yankton, second — Great Plains Lutheran, third — Brookings, fourth — Spearfish, fifth — Todd County, sixth — Deuel, seventh — Gayville-Volin.

Hundreds of middle school and high school students from South Dakota competed in several science events during the competition, which was Saturday, March 27, on the USD campus. All events for the Science Olympiad are determined at the national level. For the state tournament, faculty, staff, and students from USD organized and served as judges for the events.

The 14-member team competed in the 23 science events

of the Olympiad and won first place in five of the events, second place in eleven events, third place in three events, fourth place in three events, and fifth place in one event. The YHS teams have won first place in 24 of the 25 C division Olympiads held in South Dakota.

• Winning first place gold medals in the following events were: Andrew Adam and Calvin Wampol — Elevated Bridge; Vanessa Rockne and Leslie Henderson — Environmental Chemistry; Andrew Adam and Calvin Wampol — Mouse Trap Vehicle; Andrew Adam and Emily Gass — Physics Lab; Marissa Hauger, Sarah Campbell and Matt Gubbels — Picture This

• Winning second place silver medals in the following events were: Aaron Farver, Paul Foss, and Calvin Wampol — Mission Possible; Nicole Westerman and Emily Gass — Technical Problem Solving; Paul Foss and Calvin Wampol — Trajectory

• Winning third place bronze medals in the following events were: Aaron Farver, Paul Foss, and Marissa Hauger — Experimental Design; Emily Anderson and Andrew Adam — Remote Sensing; Nicole Westerman and Sarah Barkley — Write It Do It

• Winning fourth place in the following events were: Leslie Henderson and Matt Gubbels — Cell Biology; Leslie Henderson and Vanessa Rockne — Forensics; Marissa Hauger and Katrina Vyborny — Ornithology

• Winning fifth place in the following event was Leslie Henderson and Stephanie Campbell in Disease Detectives

The YHS team is invited to represent South Dakota at the National Science Olympiad Tournament to be held at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, Ill., May 20-22.

ON THIS DATE

75 YEARS AGO

Saturday, March 30, 1935
• Congressional leaders planned to ask President Roosevelt today to use his influence in an effort to end the eleven-hour controversy delaying final action on the \$4,880,000,000 work relief bill.

where a few families were being evacuated.

• Some five inches of water is now pouring over the top of the gates in the Gavins Point Dam spillway, as Lewis and Clark Lake has reached its maximum level of 1210. The overflow was some six inches Tuesday.

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, March 30, 1960
• One man drowned today in swollen southeastern South Dakota waters and floods blocked two main roads into Sioux Falls. However, the threat to the city appeared ended except in scattered low-lying areas.

25 YEARS AGO

Saturday, March 30, 1985
• A Nebraska company's decision to stop work on the proposed MAN-DAN power line shows the state was right to oppose the line, public utility commissioners said.

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

Unspoken Things: Marriage Is A Complex Relationship

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

All over this country, marriage counselors and therapists are right now speaking to couples about unspoken things. In this poem, Andrea Hollander Body, an Arkansas poet, shows us one of those couples, suffering from things done and undone.

BETRAYAL

They decide finally not to speak of it, the one blemish in their otherwise blameless marriage. It happened

as these things do, before the permanence was set, before the children grew complicated, before the quench

of loving one another became all each of them wanted from this life. Years later the bite

of not knowing (and not wanting to know) still pierces the doer as much as the one to whom it was done:

the threadbare lying, the insufferable longing, the inimitable lack of touching, the undoing undone.

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Watt-Harriman

Emily Lauren Watt and Shane David Harriman are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are Kevin and Marcia Watt of Yankton, SD, and Mick and Pam Harriman of Yankton, SD.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Yankton High School, and 2009 graduate of The University of South Dakota. She is currently employed at the Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Yankton High School, and 2006 graduate of Southeast Technical Institute. He is currently employed at the Hy-Vee Gas station.

The couple is planning a June 12, 2010 wedding.

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May corn edged up 0.75 cents to \$3.57 a bushel, while May soybeans climbed 15.5 cents to \$9.675 a bushel. Wheat for May delivery was unchanged at \$4.6475 a bushel and oats for May delivery flat at \$2.12 a bushel.

June live cattle added 1.33 cents to 92.9 cents a pound; May feeder cattle rose 1.75 cents to \$1.099 a pound; June lean hogs climbed 3 cents to 81.02 cents a pound; and May pork bellies jumped 3 cents to 96.7 cents a pound.

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