

Mercy Meals



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The Tyndall Rotary Club, PEO organization and St. Michael's Hospital employees and families recently packed 5400 meals for children in need of our care at Mercy Meals of Yankton. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.mercymealsyankton.org or find us on Facebook.

American Life In Poetry

A Valentine Heart

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

People speak of "hearts and flowers" when they're talking about poems with predictable sentimentality, but here's an antidote to all those valentines, from Sally Blumius-Dunn, who lives in New York. Her most recent book of poems is *Second Skin*, Wind Publications, 2010.

HEART

She has painted her lips
hibiscus pink.
The upper lip dips
perfectly in the center
like a Valentine heart.
It makes sense to me—
that the lips, the open
ah of the mouth
is shaped more like a heart
than the actual human heart.
I remember the first time I saw it—
veined and shiny
as the ooze of a snail—
if this were what
we had been taught to draw
how differently we might have
learned to love.

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Reader's Picking Up Not-So-Good Vibrations

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Car Talk:
I have a 1988 Chrysler LeBaron convertible. I had a remanufactured 2.5-liter engine installed. The engine vibrates. The engine and transmission mounts were replaced, and the vibration is worse; I can really feel it in the steering wheel. The dealership said the shop that installed the engine might not have reset the timing in the two balance shafts. In addition to that, what else would cause the engine vibration?

—Lin

Wow. An '88 Chrysler LeBaron. I just had a Ricardo Montalban flashback.

I'd suggest that you go back to the shop that installed the engine, and have them figure this out for you, Lin. Since you bought a remanufactured engine rather than a used engine, it should perform like a new engine. Certainly, it shouldn't be shaking the car enough for your hands to look blurry when they're on the steering wheel.

If you came to my shop with this problem, the first thing I'd do is check your compression. Actually, the first thing I'd check is your credit limit. But after that, I'd make sure that the compression is good in all four of your cylinders. If one cylinder has low

compression, you'd essentially be running on three and half cylinders. That definitely would cause the engine to shake.



Ray
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Another thing I'd check for is a vacuum leak. It's not unusual, when you remove and replace an engine, to accidentally crimp a vacuum hose or forget to reattach one. A vacuum leak also would cause the engine to run roughly and shake.

On modern cars, a vacuum leak would turn on the Check Engine light and set a code. But your car's so old that the Check Engine light's probably been on since 1991.

There is a balance shaft in this car that's run by one of the timing belts. If that belt is off by just one tooth, the balance shaft will be out of sync, and it won't be able to do its job and dampen the vibrations.

Unfortunately, the only way to check that is to remove the front covers of the engine, remove the timing belt and start over ... lining up the belt and the timing marks from scratch.

If it turns out the valve timing is the cause of the shaking, then the remanufacturer really should bear the cost of the repair. The valve timing is set at the factory, before the engine is shipped, so your installer would not be at fault there.

But if he's a good guy, he'll call the remanufacturer on your behalf, explain the situation and make arrangements for the remanufacturer to pay him for the repair — letting you off the hook.

And, obviously, if the engine compression is low, that's the remanufacturer's fault, too. But in that case, the engine's going to have to go back to the factory ... for re-manufacturing. Good luck, Lin.

If it ain't broke, you won't have to fix it! Order Click and Clack'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.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Lincoln Student Council Donation



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The Lincoln Elementary Student Council donated \$1,125 dollars to the SACK PACK program on Tuesday, May 5th. Throughout the school year, the 12 fourth and fifth graders sold freeze pops to students and supplied snacks for staff members. They were very excited to present their proceeds (along with matching donations) to Sandy Kramer and Jill Wermers. It is wonderful to know that such a program exists to help feed children in our community!

Accident Records Now Available Online

PIERRE — Citizens can now obtain copies of state-reportable crash records online thanks to a new system unveiled by the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety.

The new online system, which became operational this week, is available at the office's <http://www.safesd.gov/> website. Lee Axdahl, director of the Office of Highway Safety, says the online system helps streamline what was once a cumbersome transaction.

"Until now, individuals have had to visit local law enforcement agencies or contact the Accident Records program by mail or telephone to get copies of state-reportable crash records," Axdahl says. "Credit and debit card

transactions could not be processed under the old system. But that is now a thing of the past."

The new system allows users to search the database for crash records. There is a flat \$10 fee to purchase each record online.

If users do not wish to pay the \$10, which includes the online transaction fee; they can still request by mail a crash report for \$4, either by cash, check or money order, to the Department of Public Safety.

"We are trying to make it easier and much faster for people to obtain their crash records," Axdahl said. "The old system had been in place for many years. We've worked to integrate all of the associ-

ated databases into one searchable system that gives an instant product to our consumers."

Crash records are typically requested by insurance companies, law firms and individuals involved in state-reportable vehicle crashes. Currently a state-reportable crash is for those resulting in \$1,000 damage per vehicle or more than \$2,000 total damage for all of the involved vehicles. Starting July 1, that standard changes to \$2,000 per vehicle and more than \$4,000 total damage for all vehicles.

The Office of Highway Safety is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

State Of Community Luncheon Slated

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee is hosting a State of the Community Luncheon on Tuesday, May 19, at Minerva's Convention Center.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. Lunch is optional, but you must confirm attendance to the event.

The program begins at noon and will feature John Kramer, President of Yankton Area Progressive Growth and Todd Woods, Yankton County Commissioner.

Both speakers will have 10-15 minutes to discuss challenges, opportunities and projects they are currently working on that affect our community. There will be time for facilitated questions after both speakers have completed their presentations.

For more information, contact the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce at (605) 665-3636 or visit <http://yanktonsd.chambermaster.com/Events/details/state-of-the-community-5893/>.

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