

Life In Poetry

Getting Ready For The Dentist

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

Jaimee Kuperman is a poet living and working in the Washington, D.C., area, and she shares with many of us the experience of preparing one's self for a visit to the dentist. Do you, too, give your teeth an especially thorough brushing before entering that waiting room?

THE NEW DENTIST

Driving to the new dentist's office the slow drive of a new place with the McDonalds that I don't go to on the left, the mall two miles away. The Courthouse and the Old Courthouse road signs that break apart, the fork in the road that looks nothing like a fork or a spoon, in fact at best, maybe a knife bent in a dishwasher that leans to one side. And I know the dentist will ask about my last visit and want to know in months that I can't say some time ago and I know he will ask me about flossing and saying when I'm in the mood won't be the appropriate answer. He will call out my cavities as if they were names in a class. I brush my teeth before going in. It's like cleaning before the cleaning person but I don't want him to know I keep an untidy mouth. That I am the type of person who shoves things in the closet before guests arrive.

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What To Do When You Need Parts For A Discontinued Car

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
www.cartalk.com

Dear Tom and Ray:
My 80-year-old father owns an '03 Saab. About two months ago, the electric locking mechanism on the driver's door stopped working. Now the door cannot be opened from the inside or the outside. The Saab dealer has had the car for six weeks, with no hopes of getting that part in the near or distant future. So my father can't open the door, and at his age, he's not going to be hopping over the passenger seat to get to the driver's seat. Saab has told him that no other vehicle uses the same part, and there is no solution. Any ideas? He can't afford to buy a new car.



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

RAY: Well, my first idea is that he should go collect his car from the Saab dealership before the bank takes Dad's car as part of a foreclosure settlement and auctions it off.
TOM: It probably would get auctioned as parts to someone else who needs a door lock for an '03 Saab!
RAY: It's tricky business, now that Saab is in bankruptcy. GM, which owned Saab until a couple of years ago, says it will honor warranties on the Saabs it sold. And Saab says it's putting some kind of program in place to help other customers with parts, but who knows if that will work out or not? It's not a good situation.

TOM: So in the meantime, here's what I would do if it were MY father's car. I'd rescue the car from the dealership and have it towed to a body shop.
RAY: Then I'd ask the body shop to "get inside the driver's door" and disable the locking mechanism permanently, so that the door never can be locked again.
TOM: There are three ways they can get in there: They can use a "slim jim" or similar device, like tow-truck drivers use. They can pry off the interior door panel. Or they can take a saw and cut through the door skin on the outside.
RAY: The skin – the sheet metal that goes

over the door's frame – is replaceable. Once they've disabled the locking mechanism so you can always open the door, they can repair the sheet metal and paint it to be just like new. Or, if you want a conversation starter, you can leave the hole there, and Dad can unlock the car every day that way.
TOM: If you go for "permanently unlocked status" (which is what I'd do), your dad will just have to forget about locking the car. And he'll have to stop leaving anything valuable in it. That's an inconvenience. But not as much of an inconvenience as having no car, right?
RAY: And it's unlikely to be stolen. First of all, the car's going on a decade old. And second, even car thieves know it's almost impossible to get parts for Saabs now!
TOM: Your other option is to look for a used part for the door lock. Call a good junkyard and ask them if they can find one for you. After all, you don't need a new one; you just need one that still works.
RAY: And if they find one, tell them you'll take the rest of the car, too. You never know what parts you're going to need next. Good luck, John.

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A Valentine's Tip From Social Security

BY JENNIFER H
Social Security Claims Representative in Yankton

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, making this a popular time of year for proclamations of love. Such displays of affection can be as simple and sweet as a heart with a "be mine" message, or as life altering as a vow before the altar.

If you happen to be a newlywed who is head over heels in love, you may not be focused on things such as taxes or Social Security, but you should be. If you plan to exchange your maiden name for a married name — including hyphenated names such as Smith-Jones — be sure you let us know.

Telling us about your name change shortly after your marriage will help us accurately keep track of your earnings and will ensure that you and your family get the Social Security retirement, disability, and survivors coverage you're entitled to. Also, if the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security records do not show the same name and Social Security number, your Federal income tax refund could be delayed.

If you continue to use your maiden name consistently throughout your working years, you do not need to contact us. However, if you decide to change

your name at a later time, you should let us know so that we can update your Social Security record and send you a Social Security card with your new name.

There's no need to pay someone else to mail in the information for you. Changing your name with Social Security is a quick, easy, and free service. Just go online to www.socialsecurity.gov/ss-number, learn what documents you need, and click on "Fill Out and Print an application (Form SS-5)." You also can call us at 1-800-772-1213 to obtain the form. We will need the completed application along with a marriage certificate or divorce decree verifying your old and new names. If you were born outside the United States, you also need proof of your U.S. citizenship or proof that you are lawfully living in the U.S. You can bring or mail these documents to us.

You may be focused on the one you love, and we don't blame you. But if you like us (we hope you do) please click on the Facebook icon at our homepage and "like" us on Facebook. Also, you can follow us on Twitter too. Look for our Facebook and Twitter icons at www.socialsecurity.gov. We share information daily that can help you and all your Valentines.

Happy Valentine's Day from Social Security.

SCHOLASTICS

SDSU ANNOUNCES FALL GRADUATES

BROOKINGS — The following students were candidates for graduation after the Fall 2011 session at South Dakota State University.

The names of honor graduates are marked with an asterisk (*) to designate graduation with Cum Laude, two asterisks (**) to designate Magna Cum Laude, and three asterisks (***) to designate Summa Cum Laude.

From the area were:
Foxhoven, Brady James***, Crofton, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Van Gerpen, Hilary Ann, Avon, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences

Austin, Briana Jade, Centerville, Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Sciences

Pierce, Martin Dale, Elk Point, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences

Pierce, Carly Rae, Elk Point, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Aman, Drue J, Freeman, Bachelor of Science in Arts & Sciences

Tieszen, Christopher Lee, Mission Hill, Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Kunz, Kevin Michael, Parker, Master of Education in Graduate School

Konrad, Chad James*, Parkston, Bachelor of Science in Arts & Sciences

Fischer, Megan Kaye**, Scotland, Bachelor of Arts in Arts & Sciences

DeJong, Blair Marie, Springfield, Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Sciences

Bietz, Cheryl M*, Tripp, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences

Van Winkle, Tyler James, Tynndall, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences

Bumsted, Jarrod Lee, Vermillion, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences

Bumsted, Jason Wayne, Vermillion, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences

Nedved, Evan Matthew, Wagner, Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Von Eschen, Aaron James, Wagner, Master of Science in Graduate School

Kathol, Maria Lynn*, Yankton, Bachelor of Arts in Arts & Sciences

Sternhagen, Kristin Marie***, Yankton, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences

Pfeiffer, Ashley Michelle**, Yankton, Bachelor of Science in Arts & Sciences

Miller, Austin Bryant, Yankton, Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Sciences

Hirsch, Jacob Nathaniel, Yankton, Bachelor of Science in Engineering

USD STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE RESEARCH AT PIERRE SESSION

VERMILLION — Two University of South Dakota students have been selected by faculty for their outstanding undergraduate research and they will be recognized at the Capitol Rotunda in Pierre, S.D., on Wednesday, Feb. 29.

Dan Davies, a junior history and biology major from Vermillion, and Sara Boyum, a senior accounting major from West Point, Neb., are among a select group of students from colleges and universities in South Dakota invited to display their research, in poster form, during the Pierre Poster Session, which is co-sponsored by the Research Affairs Council of the South Dakota Board of Regents, the South Dakota EPSCoR Office and the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Davies' poster, "Increased Anxiety States and Contextual Fear Conditioning in Closed Traumatic Brain Injury Mirroring Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder," illustrates his research to determine whether mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) resulted in neurological and associated behavioral changes similar to post-

traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Overall, results of neuroanatomical analysis, as well as fear conditioning and anxiety testing, show a neurobiological link between mTBI and anxiety states similar to PTSD. This has important implications for reducing the long-term consequences of mTBI in military and non-military populations.

Boyum's poster, "The Robinson-Patman Act Price Analysis: An Integral Study of the Consistency of Enforcement and Local Business Opinion," seeks to determine whether small businesses in the tri-state area of southeast South Dakota, northeast Nebraska and northwest Iowa are impacted by price discrimination. In particular, whether the Robinson-Patman Act has influence on these entities or if stronger enforcement of this Act is needed in order to protect small business interests. To determine a recommendation for her research, Boyum will survey 95 businesses within the designated area to gain valuable insight from small business owners.

The Pierre Poster Session is an opportunity for undergraduate students to showcase their research and for universities to highlight the state's investment into research and graduate education. In addition, research col-

laborations between various state institutions, industry and federal agencies will be exhibited with undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral and faculty researchers available to answer questions and meet with legislators, media and visitors to the capitol building.

For more information about research at The University of South Dakota, please contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at (605) 677-5370.

ALLEN GRADUATES FROM JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF BEAUTY

Roseanna Allen of Yankton graduated from Joseph's College of Beauty in Norfolk, Neb. on January 11, 2012.

SHINDLER NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts at Arizona State University congratulates Ryan Shindler of Yankton for being named to the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts Dean's List in recognition of his exemplary academic performance during the fall 2011 semester.

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Mr. & Mrs. Francis McDonald

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