

## Life In Poetry

# Poet Examines The Happy Moments In Life

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It seems that love poems have a better chance of being passed around from person to person than other poems, and here's one by Richard M. Berlin, who lives in the Berkshire hills of western Massachusetts, that we'd like to pass along to you.

### EINSTEIN'S HAPPIEST MOMENT

Einstein's happiest moment occurred when he realized a falling man falling beside a falling apple could also be described as an apple and a man at rest while the world falls around them.

And my happiest moment occurred when I realized you were falling for me, right down to the core, and the rest, relatively speaking, has flown past faster than the speed of light.

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# Does Car Dislike Drive-Thrus?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
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**Dear Tom and Ray:** I have two things: a son who is a shade-tree mechanic and does a good business out of his backyard, and a 2003 Honda Civic that keeps overheating. The car runs fine and never overheats — unless I am in the drive-thru line at fast-food restaurants! Even when I turn off the air conditioner, the needle continues to rise up to the HOT level. My son checked it out and found the radiator cap to be leaking, then replaced it and thought that solved the problem. He ruled out the fan, as it was running the entire time he left the car running. However, the next time I was in the drive-thru, the needle started rising — again! It didn't get as high as it had before the new cap, but nevertheless, it was on the way up. Once I get back out on the road, the needle slowly drops back to normal. What could be the cause of this? When my son checked it out, he drove it and let it idle for an hour, and it never heated up for him! I threatened to take him with me next time I went to a drive-thru, so he could see what I am talking about, because I know he doesn't believe me! Do you have any idea what is going on? I really enjoy your radio show and column. Your humor is helpful in relieving the stress that goes along with car trouble. Thank you! —**Marlene**

**TOM:** I think this is a cleverly disguised message from Michelle Obama to get you to cut down on the Big Macs, Marlene. This wouldn't happen if you were at the drive-thru at Organic Beet Puree King.

**RAY:** There may be nothing wrong with



## CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

the car, Marlene. You say that after the radiator cap was replaced and you stopped at the drive-thru, the needle started to go up again. The question is: How far did it go?

**TOM:** Right. After you drive the car, particularly on the highway or at higher speeds, when you come to a stop, the engine WILL get hotter temporarily. There's a lot less air being pushed through the radiator when you're stopped, so the engine heats up some before it cools back down.

**RAY:** So if the needle simply went up to the red mark, and soon came down, there may be nothing wrong with the car. And that may be why it didn't overheat for your son after idling for an hour.

**TOM:** On the other hand, if the needle went way up, near the hot zone, then there IS still something wrong, and it requires further investigation.

**RAY:** In that case, it could be something as simple as a bad thermostat. It could be a water pump with a loose impeller. Or it could be the ever-popular and dreaded leaky head gasket.

**TOM:** Either the failing water pump or the bad head gasket could work fine when the car is idling, but could cause trouble after hard driving. That may be why the car doesn't overheat for your son.

**RAY:** So I'd suggest that you DO take him with you to the drive-thru. Tell him the burger and fries are on you. Then drive the way you normally drive, and let him see where the needle ends up. He may confirm that there's no problem.

**TOM:** Or he may realize that he hasn't fixed it, and that he has to check out our other theories. Or he may just enjoy the free lunch and want to repeat this test-drive experiment 10 or 15 more times. Good luck, Marlene.

Auto repairs can be costly! Save money by ordering Tom and Ray'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.

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## Search

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school board decides to advertise in other newspapers like the *Omaha World-Herald* or the *Star Tribune* (of Minneapolis), that is a cost we have to pay for ourselves."

DEC will conduct all the advertising for the search and also be the recipient of all the candidate applications that are generated. The DEC is anticipating receiving between 60-80 applications for the position.

"I thought the number of applications they expect to get was a little high, but that's the number they expect to see," Specht said. "DEC will look through the applications and bring the board a top number of candidates that we want, which could be the top 10 or 20 candidates."

The search group will assist the school board with paring down the search based upon applicants' qualities, expertise and experience to the top candidates, which could be two candidates or more. The board will then decide how many rounds of interviews to conduct.

At its next meeting on Feb. 11, the school board will spend time talking with Rick Melmer about the process, including how long it takes to get applications in, how long it takes to go through them and the characteristics the board will look for in a candidate. All of those questions must be answered before DEC can begin advertising for the position.

"Our goal is to have someone hired by the end of May," Specht said. "We think it's a realistic time frame. If the process moves along faster than this, then great — but we would hate to see it drag on longer."

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## Bowl

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his church study, filled with memorabilia, jackets and even a couch covered with a Ravens blanket.

Down the street, Chad Ogstad and Corey Enfield are talking about more than just their jobs at Hy-Vee in Yankton. They are reveling in the joy of their teams both making the Super Bowl — Ogstad for the 49ers and Enfield for the Ravens.

They were even watching the football action together at the store's Christmas party.

"We were both hoping our teams would play each other in the Super Bowl," Ogstad said.

Enfield admitted he wore his Ravens jersey under his dress shirt at the Christmas party. "The game was still in the third quarter when we had to leave for the party, so I kept it on," he said.

Ogstad initially became a 49ers fan as an act of rebellion.

"Both of my brothers liked the Cowboys, so I became a 49ers fan because of it," he said. "But I also liked the 49ers as a team. When I started following them, I really liked their players. Joe Montana was one of my favorite players, and you had quite a few other players over the years like Jerry Rice, Roger Craig and Ronnie Lott."

Ogstad has seen the 49ers play at Kansas City and Minnesota, rare chances at seeing the team in action for a Midwest fan such as himself.

Enfield has taken a winding path to becoming a Ravens fan. A Denver native, he followed the University of Miami as a favorite football team. In its initial season at Baltimore in 1996, the Ravens drafted Ray Lewis from the University of Miami, and he remains

the lone member of the original franchise team.

"Ed Reed also played for Miami and is with the Ravens," Enfield said. "And Vinny Testaverde of Miami was the Ravens' quarterback, so it's perfect."

Lewis announced just before the playoffs that he would retire after this season. The Ravens kept winning, ensuring that Lewis will conclude his career Sunday in the Super Bowl.

"Ray could have waited with his retirement announcement, but he's a showman. His retirement announcement fired up the team," Enfield said. "After all, this guy (Lewis) IS the Baltimore Ravens. He just wants to play the game, which elevates the players around him."

After the Colts' departure, Baltimore fans were left wandering in the desert without an NFL team, Slattery said.

"Believe it or not, we did have a Canadian Football League (CFL) team, the Stallions, for a time and actually won the league championship," he said. "There's a Grey Cup still in Baltimore from that franchise."

But Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell moved his team to Baltimore in 1996, giving the city an NFL franchise. (However, with another team now in Cleveland, the Ravens are considered an expansion franchise.) The team's name came from Edgar Allan Poe's poem, "The Raven," as Poe lived in Baltimore for a time, died there in 1849 and is buried in the city.

"Baltimore is a football town. People live and breathe it," Slattery said. "Baltimore is a blue-collar town, and football is a blue-collar sport. The fans relate

to the Ravens."

As part of the effort of getting an NFL franchise in the 1990s, Baltimore fans were asked to buy season tickets as a show of support. Slattery was working as a counselor at the time, and his employer had purchased the coveted season tickets.

"I went to the games for free from 1996 until I left Baltimore in 2000 for the seminary in Portland," he said. "It was great. I was on the 50-yard line and 14 rows up."

When the Ravens played the New York Giants in the 2001 Super Bowl, the Slatterys hosted a party with Giants fans as guests. Baltimore won the game 34-7 for the first Super Bowl title in franchise history.

"Our guests left at half-time because it was so bad," Slattery said. "When the game was over (NFL Commissioner Paul) Tagliabue handed the trophy to Ray Lewis and Art Modell. Ray Lewis said, in effect, this is for Baltimore, not just the team but the whole city."

Ogstad plans to follow tradition and watch Sunday's game with his parents. He highly anticipates the prospect of the 49ers winning their sixth Super Bowl, matching the record held by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"It's been really special this season. I really didn't expect this (Super Bowl) to happen. I think the turning point was when they put Colin Kaepernick in as quarterback," he said.

"I was surprised when they switched quarterbacks during the season, but it totally changed their offense and made it so much more dynamic. Before, if the 49ers got behind, they were pretty much behind. With this guy, they can go to something else."

Enfield, like many fans, has taken advantage of satellite television, social media and other avenues for following their favorite teams in another market. He believes he's one of the few Ravens fans in Yankton and collects the team's memorabilia wherever possible.

"You really can't find any Ravens jerseys or gear around. At the (Hy-Vee) gas station, we get things for the different NFL teams, so I tuck on a custom order for Ravens material," he said.

"My basement looks like a Ravens hall of fame. I have a wall of jerseys. I have a Bryant McKinnie jersey that's huge and goes past my knees."

Slattery is geared up for Sunday's game, receiving shipments of Baltimore favorites including Utz potato chips and Tasty Kakes. He may even indulge in crab cakes.

Where will he watch the big game?

"If the teams playing in the game were anyone else, my family would go to a Super Bowl party," he said. "But for me and my wife, there is something so emotional about seeing Balti-

more playing in the Super Bowl, we just want to watch it at home with our family."

Ogstad believes the key to 49ers fortunes lie in the running game, which would open up the attack.

"I'm optimistic about our chances," he said. "I think the 49ers will give them a good game and come out on top."

Enfield expressed ecstasy in seeing the Ravens play only their second Super Bowl in franchise history. He pointed to a number of story lines.

"Art Modell passed away this past year, you have Ray Lewis retiring, and you have the Harbaugh brothers coaching against each other," he said. "The Ravens bring a lunch pail mentality. They're not flashy. They're going to hit you in the mouth and see if you withstand it."

The Ravens narrowly missed the Super Bowl last year, but they have taken out rivals Indianapolis, Denver and New England during this year's playoff run, Enfield said.

"And the Ravens had never won a playoff game during our Hy-Vee Christmas party, but not this year," he said. "The Ravens seem to be a team of destiny. How can things go wrong?"

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