

Life In Poetry

Using Sense Of Smell In Writing

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

Nothing brings a poem to life more quickly than the sense of smell, and Candace Black, who lives in Minnesota, gets hold of us immediately, in this poem about change, by putting us next to a dumpster.

MR. D SHOPS AT FAUSTO'S FOOD PALACE

For years he lived close enough to smell chicken and bananas rotting in the trash bins, to surprise a cashier on break smoking something suspicious when he walked

out the back gate. Did they have an account? He can't remember. Probably so, for all the milk a large family went through, the last-minute ingredients delivered by a smirking bag boy.

He liked to go himself, the parking lot's radiant heat erased once he got past the sweating glass door, to troll the icy aisles in his slippers. This was before high-end labels took over

shelf space, before baloney changed its name to mortadella, before water came in flavors, before fish got flown in from somewhere else.

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Why Is Car Going Through Batteries So Fast

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

Dear Tom and Ray:
My 88-year-old mother has a 2005 Buick LaCrosse with 15,000 miles on it. It only gets driven to the grocery store, hair salon and church. But that has been the case for all six years she's owned it. Now, in the past three months, three new batteries have gone stone-cold dead after four to six weeks! The Buick service department says the problem is "She doesn't drive it enough!" Heck! For nearly six years, she "didn't drive it enough," and it used the same battery! I can't get them to tell me why it apparently is sucking the life out of the batteries now. Any ideas? — Gary

RAY: Well, I agree with you, Gary. If the problem were that she didn't drive it enough, why did she have no problem with the battery for the first six years?

TOM: There are two possibilities. One is that something inside the car is draining the batteries. It could be a faulty alarm system, dome light or some other electric accessory.

RAY: The dealer should be able to figure that out by putting an ammeter on the car when it's shut off and seeing if there's a current drain.

TOM: But I think the more likely problem is that her charging system isn't working.

RAY: Here's the scenario: She drives the car a few times a week. Normally, that's enough to recharge the battery. But at some point, the alternator starts to underperform.

TOM: Without the battery recharging properly, in the course of a few weeks or a month, the battery runs down and dies. So she takes it in. They don't test the system rigorously enough, and just sell her a new battery.

RAY: At first, everything seems fine, but the new battery isn't being sufficiently recharged either. So it lasts for a month or so,

and then it dies. This process is repeated three times, until you realize that the guys at this particular service department are complete knuckle-scrapers and you go somewhere else.

TOM: Where, hopefully, they do a thorough test of the charging system, figure out what's wrong with it and replace the alternator or whatever else needs to be replaced.

RAY: And if you end up needing another new battery, it's perfectly reasonable for you to go back to the original dealership, explain to them that they missed the problem with the charging system and ask them to reimburse you for the battery or three they sold you. Good luck, Gary.

If it ain't broke, you won't have to fix it! Order 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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School

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payers in the district. We believe that can be done."

The board is proposing using a combination of funds to bridge the expected \$2.2 million shortfall projected for the 2012-2013 school year. Those funds potentially include:

- using \$500,000 of additional Capital Outlay funds (the district currently uses \$800,000 Capital Outlay funds to offset general fund expenditures.);
- using \$600,000 of health insurance reserves;
- using approximately \$250,000 of unspent budget carryover from the 2011-2012 budget;
- using the approximately \$700,000 of opt-out funds that would be available the first year of the opt-out.

Greenway said that, if the opt-out fails, the potential harm to the district is huge.

"I don't know how much more clear we can be about the cuts that we did last year," she said. "The cuts that we did made a huge impact on the school, not just one school but to the four elementaries, the middle school and the high school. Any further cuts will just be more detrimental to that education system."

"If the opt-out doesn't pass, we have a \$2.2 million deficit. We will have to look to see what we can pull from reserves. Potentially we could be looking at \$1.4 million worth of cuts if we use the insurance funds and capital outlay funds like we are proposing. With 85 percent of your budget being personnel, that would have to be a pretty strong place to look — more teacher cuts."

Following a question-and-answer session among the board members, three community members addressed the board. Michael Welch stated that he objected to the tone used by board member Jay Williams in his comments and warned a negative approach by the board will guarantee that the opt-out will fail, but he offered approval to the board on the work they have done.

"I want to congratulate Dr.

Gertsema and Jason (Bietz) for putting together a potential budget looking at \$1.4 million," Welch said. "... (It's) a two-year budget, that we fund 50 percent of the deficit. That appeases the people who are paying the taxes, who are concerned about their property taxes. But it also sustains and supports what we have as a school district. ... We went from \$41 million to about \$1.4 million; it is a huge deal. I want to thank you for your efforts to do that."

Yankton resident Rick Althoff addressed the board and said the community would not support an opt-out attempt without a free flow of communication between the district and the community.

He added that Gertsema and the administration have threatened and bullied the community, and that "the public's trust has been violated."

Althoff suggested the board "dedicate your energies to removing the problems before coming to the community asking for more money."

Teacher Paula Weydert rebutted Althoff, saying that all the information needed to make an informed decision is readily available through the district's website, in the press and on public access television. She defended the board and Gertsema, saying they have a vision and passion for the school system that is not seen in other districts.

During the meeting, the board also heard a motion put forward by business manager Bietz to authorize refunding of the series 2009 limited tax general obligation certificates at a savings of nearly \$150,000 to the district over the life of the certificates.

Bietz explained that because interest rates are at an all-time low, the district can refinance the certificates at a savings of more than 3 percent per year.

The board approved the effort to refinance the certificates and approved D.A. Davidson Underwriting to work to refund the bonds.

The entire board meeting will be aired on public access television channels 3 and 98 at 9 p.m. tonight (Tuesday).

All documents used in the meeting are available on the school district's website at www.ykd.k12.sd.us.

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The recruit completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Navy core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Navy recruits who complete basic training earn four college

credits of personal conditioning and community health.

Navy E1 Werts is currently training to become an AZ working with logs and records for Naval aircraft.

Werts is the son of Jay and Pat Werts of Yankton.

He is a 2011 graduate of Yankton High School.



Werts

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