

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

Scars Appearance Affecting Daily Life Experiences

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Barnyard chickens, which are little more than reptiles with feathers, can be counted on to kill those among them who are malformed or diseased, but we humans, advanced animals that we think we are, are far more likely to just turn away from people who bear the scars of misfortune. Here's a poem by Ned Balbo, who lives and teaches in Maryland.

FIRE VICTIM

Once, boarding the train to New York City,
The aisle crowded and all seats filled, I glimpsed
An open space—more pushing, stuck in place—
And then saw why: a man, face peeled away,
Sewn back in haste, skin grafts that smeared like wax
Spattered and frozen, one eye flesh-filled, smooth,
One cold eye toward the window. Cramped, shoved hard,
I, too, passed up the seat, the place, and fought on
Through to the next car, and the next, but now
I wonder why the fire that could have killed him
Spared him, burns scarred over; if a life
Is what he calls this space through which he moves,
Dark space we dared not enter, and what fire
Burns in him when he sees us move away.

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Why Would A Car's Wheel Break Off?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
Two weeks ago while traveling down a city street, my car, a Volvo S80, suddenly swerved and almost flew into a lamppost. A man driving behind me said he saw the right front wheel come off just before the car swerved. If he had not seen the wheel fall off, I would not have known what had happened. My insurance has covered everything, as the car was a total loss, but neither the insurance company nor the Volvo shop where it was towed could give any explanation for this accident. Fortunately, no one was on the sidewalk or in the street to be hit by the wheel. Nonetheless, I am very disturbed not to know what caused this. Have you any ideas or explanations? Thank you. — **Judy**

RAY: I can't say for sure what happened, Judy, but my guess would have to be that your wheel bolts broke off.

TOM: Volvo uses wheel bolts instead of lug nuts to hold the wheels on. On most cars, if you take a wheel off, the wheel bolts are sticking out at you. They're permanently attached to the wheel hubs.

RAY: But on Volvos (and Volkswagens and Audis), you have to stick the bolts IN through the wheel. So you hold the wheel in place, stick each bolt through a hole in the wheel and then thread it right into the hub. And in our experience working on Volvos, we've occasionally broken a wheel bolt when tightening it up.



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TOM: Why did it break? We don't know. A manufacturing defect? Age? I would say that most likely, the cause is previous overtightening. If a shop isn't careful to measure its torque, it easily can overtighten a bolt, which stretches it, and that causes the metal to fatigue and weaken. And the more times you over-torque it — putting it on and taking it off — the weaker the metal gets.

RAY: Whenever we have more than one wheel bolt break on a car, we replace all 20 of them. We don't even give the customer a choice. We figure if two of them were overtightened and are ready to break, they probably all were overtightened and are ready to break.

TOM: And in your situation, you might have had one that broke without your knowing it. Then you had four doing the job of five.

RAY: That increased the stress on the remaining four, and soon another one gave way. Then you had three doing the job of five.

TOM: And you never would notice this until the last bolt or two can't hold on anymore, and the wheel falls off.

RAY: This is something that you hope your regular repair shop would catch in advance when it does things like inspect your brakes and rotate your tires. But that didn't happen in your case. Maybe your shop doesn't subscribe to our bolt-replacement theory? Maybe you haven't been in for service regularly enough? Maybe they're the ones doing the overtightening? Or maybe it was just bad luck and the whole episode took place between service visits?

TOM: In any case, that's our guess as to what happened. And we're just glad you didn't get hurt.

RAY: I know if that had happened to me, I would have had to ask my insurance company to cover my dry-cleaning bill, too!

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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Join The Fight Against Breast Cancer: Bake For The Cure At The Sioux Empire Fair!

Join the fight against breast cancer with your kitchen skills in the 2010 Fleischmann's Yeast "Bake for the Cure," a recipe contest held at the Sioux Empire Fair (and exclusively at 51 more state and county fairs).

Fleischmann's Yeast gives generous local cash prizes for home bakers (\$375 per fair), plus \$3,000 in national grand prizes. The Bake for the Cure competition is a great way to support the cause and create delicious recipes. There are two categories: traditional or whole grain yeast breads and baked goods. Make any flavor or shape of baked good using any type of Fleischmann's Yeast. Themes and decorative presentations are encouraged.

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For each entry at all contests nationwide, ACH Food Companies Inc. will donate \$10 to Susan G. Komen for the Cure on behalf of its Fleischmann's Yeast brand.

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all ages are welcome.

This recipe contest is hosted exclusively at 52 state and county fairs. From the 1st place winners of both categories, ACH Test Kitchens will pick one grand prize winning recipe from each of three regions: Northern, Central and Southern. These national grand prize winners will be selected and announced after the 2010 fair season (January 2011).

For contest details and complete official rules, contact the Sioux Empire Fair entry office at 605-367-7178 or visit the contest section of www.siouxiempirefair.com.

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GRANDMA'S RAISIN BREAD

- 2 envelopes Fleischmann's® Active Dry Yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water (100-110 degrees F)
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 6 tablespoons butter OR margarine
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 7-1/2 to 8 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup raisins

Dissolve yeast in warm water; set aside. Heat milk in a small saucepan until very warm (120-130 degrees F). Stir in sugar, butter and salt; pour into a large mixing bowl and cool to lukewarm. Add 3-1/2 cups flour, yeast mixture and eggs; beat with mixer at medium speed until smooth. Stir in raisins, if desired, and enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes. Place dough in a greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover and let rise in warm draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour. Punch down dough; divide in half and shape into two 9 x 5-inch loaves. Place loaves in greased 9 x 5-inch loaf pans; cover and let rise until doubled in size, about 45 minutes. Bake at 375 degrees F for 35 minutes or until loaves sound hollow when tapped. Remove from pans and cool on wire rack.

Prep Time: 45 minutes. Proof Time: 1 hour, 45 minutes. Bake Time: 35 minutes. Makes: 2 large loaves.

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