

Stalling Car? A List Of Culprits

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CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

Dear Tom and Ray:
My daughter lives in Anchorage, Alaska. She is a Wisconsin transplant who still believes her father (me) can help with anything. I need your help to maintain this myth. Here is the issue with her 2001 Subaru Forester: The engine starts right up in the cold (she parks it outside all winter). But when she goes back inside and leaves it running to warm it up, it turns itself off. Upon her return to the car, within a maximum of 10 minutes, she finds that the engine has turned itself off but the lights and radio are still on. She has a brand-new battery. Can you help me maintain my mythic status? — **John**

TOM: Only if it wasn't you who advised her to move to Alaska in the first place, John. If you sent her out there, she may never listen to you again.

RAY: The car is starting fine, so there's nothing wrong with its cold-start operation. The problem occurs when the car is transitioning from cold-start to normal run conditions.

TOM: That suggests that a sensor is bad, and is telling the computer — erroneously — that the car is warmed up before it really is.

RAY: So here's your first mythic act, John: Ask her, "How long has the Check Engine light been on, sweetheart?"

TOM: When she says, "Oh my God, Daddy,

you're psychic!" then you can say, "And how long has that no-good boyfriend been living in that apartment I'm paying for?"

RAY: If the Check Engine light is on, her next move would be to take it to a shop and have it scanned. A mechanic will hook a computer up to the car's diagnostic test port and read the stored error code.

TOM: If I had to take a wild guess — which is all I do — I'd guess it's going to be a bad coolant temperature sensor.

RAY: The coolant temp sensor, as its name implies, tells the computer whether the engine is warm or cold by measuring the temperature of the engine's coolant. If the coolant temp sensor is faulty and tells the

computer that the car is all warmed up when it's really not, the computer might then reduce the amount of fuel going into the cylinders, which could cause a cold engine to stall.

TOM: Other possibilities include a bad oxygen sensor, which on an older car can cause the same problem as a bad coolant temp sensor. Or a vacuum leak, which is letting in too much air, which is the equivalent of "not enough fuel."

RAY: It should be something like that, John. Suggest those as places to start, and you might come off looking like a genius. And if none of that works, you might be able to buy a few more months of this myth charade by angrily blaming it on us. We wish you luck, buddy.

Keep your car on the road and out of the repair shop 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.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Life In Poetry

A Look Back On The Lost Days Of Youth

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Sarah A. Chavez is a California poet, and here she writes about the yearning of children to find, amidst the clutter of adult life, places they can call their own.

IN CHILDHOOD

In childhood Christy and I played in the dumpster across the street from Pickett Sons Construction. When we found bricks, it was best.

Bricks were most useful. We drug them to our empty backyard and stacked them in the shape of a room. For months we collected bricks, one on top another. When the walls reached as high as my younger sister's head, we laid down. Hiding in the middle of our room, we watched the cycle of the sun, gazed at the stars, clutched hands and felt at home.

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Free Educational Sessions On Long-Term Care Options Set

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Social Services is hosting several educational sessions in the coming months on long-term care and the Long-Term Care Partnership Program. "Planning for long-term care needs before you need them is helpful for you and your family," said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Social Services. "I strongly encourage families to attend an educational session on the Long-Term Care Partnership Program to learn more about the options available for them. A long-term care insurance plan certified by the Long-Term Care Partnership Program benefits people needing long term care and their families, long term care providers and the state's Medicaid program."

The Long-Term Care Partnership Program is a public-private partnership that offers individuals quality, affordable long-term care insurance without depleting their assets. The South Dakota Department of Social Services began offering free educational sessions on the program in 2007 to raise awareness about long-term care insurance and the benefits for South Dakotans.

The spring 2012 educational session schedule includes stops in several communities from March through May. Sessions will include basic information on long-term care, the costs related to it, how to plan for long-term care needs, what Medicare and Medicaid will cover and how the Long-Term Care Partnership Program can help. The educational sessions are free and open to the public. Each session is scheduled for one hour. To view the schedule of educational sessions, please visit <http://ltpcpartnership.sd.gov/educationsessions.aspx>.

The Long-Term Care Partnership Program is a public-private partnership that offers individuals quality, affordable long-term care insurance. Once private insurance benefits are used, special Medicaid eligibility rules are applied if additional coverage is necessary. The Department will continue to offer community educational sessions, educating and informing citizens on the Long-Term Care Partnership Program and the need to plan ahead and prepare for long-term care. To learn more, visit www.ltpcpartnership.sd.gov.

Yankton Native Elected USD Student President Following Record Vote

VERMILLION — Students at the University of South Dakota elected a new Student Government Association (SGA) President and Vice President. Alissa VanMeeteren of Yankton is the next SGA President while DJ Smith of Mitchell is the new SGA Vice President following an election that broke a campus record for student participation.

VanMeeteren, a junior, defeated Josh VanLaecken, a senior from Watertown and his running mate, Stephen Bollinger, a sophomore of Pierre.

More than 2,000 students cast a vote with VanMeeteren-Smith garnering 1,097 votes out of the 2,031 cast (54 percent) and VanLaecken-Bollinger getting 46 percent (934 total votes). The record campus vote pleased VanMeeteren, who noted that she and Smith campaigned hard for several months.

"We reached out to all departments and student groups on campus always offering our sincere interest and willingness to help," stated VanMeeteren, a political science and economics double major. "Beginning the day we came back from winter break, DJ

and I launched an email account, Facebook page, Twitter account and YouTube channel."

Providing a voice for USD students and working with student organizations are the top priorities for VanMeeteren and Smith as they look ahead. VanMeeteren and Smith will serve for one-term and will be sworn in at an SGA meeting this month. They will replace Collin Michels, president, and Nick Weinandt, vice president.

"Our job is to serve those who have elected us. It is our responsibility to be as open and attentive to those individuals as possible," she added. "Throughout the next few months, I hope to hold a number of town hall sessions outside of weekly SGA meetings. Once we have collected the students' opinion, we will be able to take a stronger stance for or against some of these issues. Additionally, I'd like to utilize surveys and online polls. We owe our position to the students; therefore, it is our responsibility to collect their opinion and move forward accordingly."

Program Takes Aim At Teen Drinking

The Coalition for a Drug Free Yankton is joining Drug Free Action Alliance and honorary chair and national sports icon, Clark Kellogg to share the message: "Parents Who Host, Lose The

Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking."

Each day, approximately 8,000 youth across the nation will take their first drink of alcohol. Alcohol is the leading drug problem among young people. Underage drinking is strongly linked to delinquent behaviors, including stealing, illicit drug use and problems at home and at school. Underage drinking also plays a significant role in increased sexual behavior, including unwanted, unintended and unprotected sexual activity, sex with multiple partners and teenage pregnancy.

Youth who begin drinking before age 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse alcohol later in life, than those who begin drinking at or after age 21. Additionally, heavy alcohol use by adolescents has long-term effects on brain development. These health and safety risks have real consequences that most parents try to

protect their children from. Yet, 31 percent of youth report obtaining alcohol from their parents while another 27 percent say they got it from other adults.

The Coalition for a Drug Free

help address the various factors that contribute to underage drinking, including community norms, access and availability, media messages and policy and enforcement.

"Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" is a proven success. And the campaign's message is a universal one: It is illegal, unsafe and unhealthy for anyone under 21 to drink alcohol.

"Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" campaign is a registered trademark of Drug Free Action Alliance, with funding from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. More information is available at www.DrugFree-ActionAlliance.org.

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Yankton is partnering with Drug Free Action Alliance to encourage parents, educators, businesses, community organizations and others to learn more about the health and safety risks along with the potential legal ramifications of allowing underage drinking to occur.

Through this initiative, the Coalition for a Drug Free Yankton is calling on our community to

SCHOLASTICS

MENNO

Menno Public School Honor Roll for the third 9 weeks ending March 2, 2012:

ROLL OF EXCELLENCE: 4.0 GPA

Seniors:

Tessa Goehring

Juniors:

Shelby Huber

Sophomores:

Tyrell Bertsch

Cheyenne Edelman

Emily Massey

Matthew Preszler

Kelsey Walter

Freshmen:

Caleb Preszler

8th Graders:

Seth Friesen

Keely Rademacher

7th Graders:

Courtnee Edelman

Jacob Hertz

6th Graders:

Megan Black

Paige Heckenlaible

Breanna Mehlhaf

Ashton Vaith

"A" HONOR ROLL: 3.6-3.99 GPA

Seniors:

Erika Hauck

Katelyn Kotalik

Juniors:

Ashton Diede

Brittany Haberman

Courtney Schaeffer

Allie Zanter

Sophomores:

Nathan Kirschenman

Dylan Lehr

Freshmen:

Austin Handel

Parker Schultz

Laura Wollmann

8th Graders:

Brody Bierle

Jackson Diede

Preslee Edler

Andrew Schaeffer

7th Graders:

Marissa Buechler

Jordan Mehlhaf

Jacob Vaith

6th Graders:

Grace Abma

Hailey Fergen

"B" HONOR ROLL: 3.0-3.59 GPA

Seniors

Ben Fischer

Rachael Hecht

Cody Herrboldt

Dylan Mehlhaf

David Schelske

Daniel Ulmer

Hannah Wollmann

Juniors

Nathan Ellinger

Austin E. Herrboldt

Jason Mehlhaf

Shiloe Rich

Hunter Westendorf

Sophomores:

Kaci Bierle

Christina Herrboldt

Madison Huber

Kylee Kessler

Zachary Kotalik

Freshmen:

Devon Bloch

Kristin Fischer

Natalie Fischer

Abby Herrboldt

Kaylee Kessler

Caroline King

Derrick Lehr

Dustin Lehr

Mitch Mehlhaf

Lindzie Vaith

8th Graders:

Rylee Black

Carmen Dyk

Goffrey King

Logan Lehr

Tara Spencer

7th Graders

Eli Huber

Dominick Lehr

Kordell Munkvold

6th Graders

Brandon Saylor

Craig Schaeffer

Spencer Schultz

Celebrating 60 years

Emil and Sally (Schaeffer) Fischer will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 16, 2012. The couple has two children, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Greetings can be sent to: Emil and Sally Fischer, Menno Olivet Care Center, PO Box 487, Menno, SD 57045

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