

Life In Poetry

Poet Analyzes How To Get Close To Worms

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

You can't get closer to our hunter-gatherer ancestors than by clawing in the earth with your fingers. Here's a delightful poem about digging for bait by Marsha Truman Cooper, a Californian.

A KNOT OF WORMS

As day began to break, we passed the "honk for worms" sign, passed it honking again and again, to wake up the worms my dad said. It was only about another half mile to the aspen grove and our worm digs. The humus, spongy and almost black, turned over easily. I used my bare hands to put some moist earth into a coffee can and, as the aspen glittered in the risen sun, I gently slid the fresh, fat bait into my container. I heard the worms still in the ground gurgle as they tried to escape, while the ones in the can began to ball up as their numbers grew. Streamside, surrounded by mountains with snow lingering into summer, I picked out a worm and my dad arranged it on the hook to save my small fingers. Now you can purchase a time-share on that land. The colony of aspen, thinned by the builders, continues to tremble. No amount of honking brings back the worms.

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Shop Around When Looking For Parts

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a 2005 Subaru WRX STI with 106,000 miles, and it is time to replace the timing belt. The Subaru dealer will do the job for \$1,800, but I found an independent garage that will do the job for \$650. The difference is that the dealer would use genuine Subaru parts. The independent mechanic says his parts come from Japan and are just as good as the genuine parts. Should I spend the extra money for the genuine parts, or can I save my money? I would like the car to last another five years, but my finances aren't that great right now. Please help! Thank you. —Bill

TOM: We normally would use genuine parts in a situation like this, because on this job, the difference in our cost for the parts probably is \$100. But I wouldn't be afraid to use good aftermarket parts on a car with more than 100,000 miles on it. They'd probably be fine. In fact, sometimes they're the exact same parts.

RAY: But since the difference in the parts price is small, there has to be something else to explain why the dealer's price is triple the independent mechanic's.

TOM: Like, he's got a bigger boat he's trying to pay off.

RAY: Could be. But it also could be that these two shops have different definitions of the term "timing belt change."

TOM: For instance, when we replace a timing belt, we always replace the water pump, too. Why? Because the water pump is run by the timing belt. And if the water pump were



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

to seize up a week after you got the timing belt replaced, you'd need, what? Another new timing belt. And wouldn't that tick you off?

RAY: When the timing belt is already off, most of the labor to change the water pump is already done. So you're not adding much more than the cost of the part: the water pump itself. And with 100,000 miles on a car, you'd be crazy not to put in a new water pump while you have access to it.

TOM: On a car like this, that has double overhead cams, we'd also take off all the sprockets and replace all four cam seals while the belt is off. Why? First of all, they're as old as the belt, and you have easy access to them while the timing belt is off. And second, if one of them leaks two months from now, the customer's going to try to blame us. So we avoid that potential conflict by making

it part of the job.
RAY: If we were doing a job like this, on your car the price probably would be somewhere around \$1,200. So the Subaru dealer may be charging too much, but the other guy may be charging too little — because he's not doing enough.

TOM: So, get a better accounting from each of these shops as to exactly what it proposes to do. I'm guessing the dealer plans to do all the stuff we usually do. But check. And you need to find out what, exactly, the other guy plans to do for \$650. You also can ask him to give you a price with a new water pump, four new cam seals, a crank seal and genuine parts (if you're curious).

RAY: Then you can make a fair comparison of the prices and decide whether the real difference in cost is large enough to stay away from the dealer. It very well may be, but you can't know that unless you're comparing apples to apples. Or cam seals to cam seals.

Do you really need that truck if you only make one trip to the lumberyard per year? Find out what kind of car NOT to get in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Governor's Leadership Luncheon Honors Students

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota, the W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership and the Office of the President sponsored the 13th annual Governor's Leadership Luncheon on Saturday, May 11, at the Muenster University Center on the USD campus.

More than 120 students from South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska, nominated by their high school counselors, were invited to attend this unique and exciting event, which included a keynote address by South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard, and remarks from USD Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Chuck Staben

and Associate Dean of the USD School of Law Tom Sorensen. The program also featured a lunch and the presentation of certificates honoring each student for their exceptional leadership and community service.

Area attendees included:

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Bloomfield — Trenton Guenther, Niobrara High School; Aaron Millikan, Bloomfield Community Schools; Creighton — Allison Morrill, Creighton Community High School; Newcastle — Larissa Attema, Newcastle High School

SOUTH DAKOTA

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Parker High School; Platte — Brady Peterson, Platte-Geddes High School; Scotland — Sawyer Schmitz, Scotland High School; Vermillion — Savannah Kirsch, Vermillion High School; Katherine Zimmerman, Vermillion High School; Wagner — Hannah Fleming, Wagner High School; Kaleb Hartley, Wagner High School; Anika Mian, Wagner High School; Andrew Soukup, Wagner High School; Yankton — Madison Dangler, Yankton High School; Zachariah Lattea, Yankton High School; Johanna Lippert, Yankton High School.

Band Concert And Arts Fest Planned

A beloved community kick-off-to-summer tradition, the first Yankton Area Summer Band Concert and Kids Art Fest are scheduled to take place on Tuesday evening, June 4, at Riverside Park in Yankton.

Yankton Area Arts will be hosting the 22nd annual Kids Art Fest from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Riverside Park inside the picnic shelter next to the ball field. Challenging, creative, art-related projects offered by a dozen local organizations will be available and free to elementary-age children.

The first Yankton Area Summer Band concert will follow at 8 p.m. at the Riverside Park Amphitheatre under the direction of guest conductor Gwen Van Gerpen. Rehearsal begins at 6:30 p.m. for all volunteer musicians (high school or older) interested.

The all-volunteer band will

present six concerts this summer on June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9 and boasts an average annual membership of 70-100 musicians ranging from students to professionals from Yankton and the surrounding communities.

Following the Yankton Area Summer Band Concerts, Yankton Area Arts will continue its summer concert series with five pops concerts also at Riverside Amphitheatre: The Bumblebees on July 4; Chris Vadala and the South Dakota Jazz Orchestra on July 16; Rockerville on July 23; The Not Yet Famous Bassoon Band on July 30; and the Hegg Brothers Duo on August 6.

If there is inclement weather, all band rehearsals and band/pops concerts will be held at the Summit Activities Center Theater, 1801 Summit Street. For late changes due to weather, tune to local radio stations.

REUNIONS

KNODEL-ZEEB REUNION

There will be a Knodel-Zeeb reunion on Sunday, June 2, 2013, at the Tripp Fire Hall in Tripp.

This will be a potluck noon dinner.

If you have any questions, call 605-928-7402.

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Slated

The City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This meeting is open to the public.

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Name: _____ Gender: M / F
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Date of Birth (optional): _____
Month and Year of Diagnosis: _____ Type of Cancer: _____
T-Shirt Size (circle): YM, YL, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
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* Please contact me about volunteer opportunities with the American Cancer Society. Yes/No
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This registration form can be returned to:
Avera Sacred Heart Cancer Center – Attn. Darla Gullikson
1115 W 9th St., Yankton, SD 57078
Survivor Registration forms can also be completed on the Yankton Relay For Life website at www.relayforlife.org/yanktonSD (click on Survivors & Caregivers) by **June 14th** to ensure t-shirt size.
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CHRISTIAN COUNSELING SERVICES
announces the addition of Linda Peitz, CCDC III for services in substance abuse assessment, evaluation, and individual addiction counseling. Linda has 26 years of experience in the field of treating substance abuse and currently serves on the South Dakota Certification Board For Alcohol & Drug Professionals. With her vast knowledge, insight and experience Linda offers same day assessments and individual counseling with the highest level of privacy and confidentiality in a caring environment. She will begin seeing clients **Monday, June 3rd.** For appointments call **(605) 665-0430.**
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