Life In Poetry **Poet Examines How** Time Is At Work

BY TED KOOSER U.S. Poet Laureate

Much of the poetry that has endured the longest is about the relentless movement of time, and in ways all art is about just that. Here's a landscape in which time is at work, by Geraldine Connolly, who lives in Montana.

FLATHEAD LAKE, OCTOBER

The eagle floats and glides, circling the burnished aspen,

then takes the high pines with a flash of underwing.

As surely as the eagle sails toward the bay's open curve,

as surely as he swoops and seizes the struggling fish, pulling

it from an osprey's beak; so too, autumn descends,

to steal the glistening summer from our open hands.

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SAC Offering Free Equipment Demonstrations

The Summit Activities Center will be offering free demonstrations on all weight and fitness equipment for both adult and youth ages 12-14 years. The demonstrations will be conducted by Summit Activities Center weight and fitness staff and are open to all SAC members.

Youth weight and fitness start and are open to an SAC members. Youth weight and fitness demonstrations will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, and at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Youth participants, ages 12-14 years, that complete the class will be allowed to use the weight and fitness area at the SAC.

Ădult weight and fitness demonstrations will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, and at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22. Upon completion of the adult demonstrations, members will receive a free personal training session.

To sign up for the class or request further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook.

Mentor Training To Be Held In Wagner Oct. 8

WAGNER — The Wagner Guidance Program is preparing to hold its annual Mentor Training on Monday, Oct. 8, running from 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m. for high school students who plan to become involved in the Wagner School Mentoring Program. The training will be held in the Wagner School Library and is intended to help interested students in becoming effective student mentors.

Any Hope For This Stinky Car?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI King Features Syndicate

Dear Tom and Ray:

I need your help. My car has an odor that will not go away. My car, now known as "The Farm," smells like a barn. Basically, my brother's dog (her name is Drama) squirted her anal gland (yes, it's disgusting) on my Prius's fabric back seat. The substance permeated several layers of seat fabric. By the way, this was three years ago. I've had the car cleaned many times. They've shampooed the seats, done some sort of ozone cleaning, sprayed weird animal-scent removers, etc., and the smell hasn't gone away. The odor is so horrific that if I roll down the window and stop at a tollbooth or to pay a fast-food worker, the person literally flinches. Have you ever seen that "Seinfeld" episode about the car smell? Well, that's pretty much the sit-uation I'm in. My mom thinks that if I change out the back seat, it will get rid of the smell. I think it's too late. Anything that is in the car for more than a few hours takes on that smell. If I'm in the car for several hours, I smell like the car. I think even if the seats are removed, the smell has become part of the interior's DNA and will never go away. It's horribly embarrassing! I can't let anyone get in the car. Do you have any advice? Is there any cleaning substance you can recommend? Or should I cut my losses and trade it in, hop-ing the dealer has no sense of smell? Please help. – Joan

RAY: Wait until your dealer has a terrible cold, then go and trade it in.

TOM: I've had several cars like this, although not with this particular odor. Usually, it was mold. I'd have an old convertible, and the top would either leak or stop going up



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

and down altogether. So I'd leave it down all summer (of course). The car would get wet, mold spores would be fruitful and multiply, and before I knew it, I was driving a biohazard level 3 containment zone.

RAY: Didn't help him much with dates. Although, on the plus side, he never got asked to drive the carpool.

TOM: If you hadn't waited three years, I think you'd have a better shot at this. We spoke to our Car Talk veterinary consultant, Dr. Linda Siperstein, and she says that for dog anal gland odor, they use a product called A.O.E., made by Thornell. She says this can even be sprayed right on the dog's tailpipe if necessary.

RAY: Thornell also makes a similar product for carpets and upholstery called Dog Odor-Off. The company claims that it works even after the offending material has dried, but who knows? Or maybe you've tried it already and it didn't help.

TOM: I'd say you've got three choices

now. One is to replace the back seat with one from a junkyard, and then do your best to treat the rest of the car with one of these doggland-specific industrial-strength odor fighters.

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RAY: You're right that the smell is now in the headliner, the other seats, the carpet and who knows where else? But if that is a secondary odor, you might be able to tamp it down to a merely nauseating level.

TOM: On the other hand, after soaking in this aroma for three years, I'm not optimistic. So the second option is to just trade in the car. Sure, the dealer will notice the smell when he checks it out, but maybe he'll think he can treat it. Maybe he can. It's certainly cheaper for him to replace seats, carpets and headliners than it is for you. **RAY**: Your third option is a fire. Even that

might not get rid of the smell, but it will at least mix it with some more pleasant smells, like burnt rubber and plastic. Good luck, Joan!

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.

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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Donations Sought For Family In Need

On Aug. 24, Tara Wade — age 18 at the time now 19 — was taken to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital due to bleeding from an abruption of the placenta and pre-term jabor which could not be stopped. Wade was airlifted to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls accompanied by the Neonatal and Maternal Fetal teams that flew down from Sanford — in case she delivered at ASHH or in flight. Luckily she did not deliver in the air but she did deliver Mariah at 9:35 a.m. on Aug 25, 2012, just 1 1/2 hours after arriving at Sanford.

Mariah was born 16 weeks early, weighing in at 1 pound, 9 ounces and 12 in long. She is in the NICU at Sanford where they anticipate her staying approximately until the date she was due, Dec. 15, 2012. Her parents, Tara and Josh, and her grandmother, Michelle, have been traveling to Sioux Falls daily to nurture, bond, grow, and learn to care for Mariah when she is able to be discharged. This requires Tara, Josh and/or Michelle to travel the approximately 160-mile round trip seven days a week, which adds up in gas expenses,

vehicle maintenance, meals and lodging that may be necessary as it is difficult to secure a room at the Ronald McDonald house due to the huge need. More overnight stays are expected as winter approaches.

Mariah is still critical, but is making progress with the development of her lungs, breathing (now on portable ventilator and she is taking several breaths per minute on her own), growing and getting stronger (she does turn her head from one side to the other at times). As of Sept. 27, she weighed 2 pounds, 6.5 ounces. She has grade 2 brain bleeds, which are not of concern, and they are resolving themselves.

Tara and Marshal, her 3-yearold son, are currently staying with Josh's mom, Michelle, who is a single parent of a 6-year-old and a 4-year-old. Michelle is a stay-at-home mom who is in the process of becoming registered with the state to provide in home child care. (Michelle cares for Marshal along with her own young children while Tara and/or Josh are in Sioux Falls with Mariah) .Tara is not able to work



at this time. Josh is employed at Wilson Trailer in assembly

When Mariah is discharged, Tara plans on bringing her home to Michelle's home. Tara, Marshal and Mariah will reside with Michelle because Tara knows she will be needing help with caring for Mariah and her needs due to her prematurity and with Marshal, she does plan on securing part time employment after

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cept financial assistance, but they do know that, at this time, they need it for Mariah.

Donation containers are set out by the registers of various businesses in Yankton and Irene. A benefit account has been set up in Mariah's name too. Donations can be dropped off/or be mailed to: Mariah's Benefit Account, Services Center Federal Credit Union, 609 W 21st Street,

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While mentoring may take on different meanings in different locations around the country, the Wagner School Program is all about developing positive relationships. The program began more than 16 years ago and has involved more than 20 high school students every year, each of which help one to two students each during the year. To become a mentor, students must be in at least the 10th grade, attend a six-hour training session and be willing to devote at least one hour each week to child who is usually in grades 1-3.

"When students decide to become mentors I remind them they are not teachers, not tutors, nor counselors, but rather caring people who are giving younger students the chance to develop a positive relationship with a positive high school student," said Dana Sanderson, counselor at the Wagner High School. "Mentoring, however, also gives the high school mentor the chance to be a positive role model in another person's life. An opportunity which they should take very seriously. We want those being mentored to have the chance to spend some quality time with a positive acting high school student. Giving of your time is one of the best gifts you can give another person. To often we see others around us spending time and money on themselves or looking for something in return for helping others. It is great to see high school students give such a great gift to another."

Through the years, many of those involved in the mentoring program have gone on to become teachers. Many of the students who were mentored have gone on to become mentors themselves. The mentoring program in Wagner has involved more than 600 students have been mentored or served as mentors at the Wagner School since it's inception.

The Center To Host Pancake Supper

The Center, located at 900 Whiting Drive in Yankton, will host a Pancake Supper on Wednesday, Oct. 10, running from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The menu will include all-you-can-eat pancakes and French toast plus a single serving of eggs, bacon or sausage. This event is open to the public.

For more information, contact Kriss Thury at 605-665-4685 or email kris@thecenteryankton.org.



Mariah is home from the hospital.

Neither Tara, Josh or his family want to have to ask for or acYankton, SD 57078.

Make A Difference Day Planned In October

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Make a Difference Day is Saturday, Oct. 27, and there are numerous groups within the Yankton community and throughout the country who are making an impact through this nationwide event.

Held annual on the fourth Saturday of October, the United Way & Volunteer Services and Yankton Volunteer Leaders join millions of Americans on this day of

action to help improve the world. The biggest Make a Difference Day project within the region is the Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway, where hundreds of winter clothing items will be distributed to those in need. In preparation for this event, an annual Community Collection Drive is conducted. Community members are being asked to drop off gently used and clean winter coats,

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boots, snow pants, and winter hats and gloves to the Boys & Girls Club, Payless Shoes, or Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, main lobby entrance between Oct. 8-19. School-aged students can drop off their donations to their local school from Oct. 15-19. Children's coats and boots are most in need. If you are uncertain about drop off locations, please contact the United Way & Volunteer Services' office at 665-6766.

Upon collection of the items, they are sorted and displayed for the Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway at the Human Services Center, South Training Center (Old Chapel) on Oct. 27 at 9-10:30 a.m. The Clothing Closet will also be having a free voucher day that day from 9 a.m.-noon.

Tickets \$20.00

(includes lunch and program)

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All tickets must be purchased in advance or by mail by October 9th

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