

American Life in Poetry

A Poetic Look At Living Well

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

Tracy K. Smith won the Pulitzer Prize for her book of poems, *Life on Mars*, from which I've selected this week's poem, which presents a payday in the way many of us at some time have experienced it. The poet lives in Brooklyn, New York.

THE GOOD LIFE

When some people talk about money
They speak as if it were a mysterious lover
Who went out to buy milk and never
Came back, and it makes me nostalgic
For the years I lived on coffee and bread,
Hungry all the time, walking to work on payday
Like a woman journeying for water
From a village without a well, then living
One or two nights like everyone else
On roast chicken and red wine.

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Lecture Addresses Health Care And Poor

Sister Simone Campbell, the executive director of NETWORK, a National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, will present the annual Benedictine Lecture at Mount Marty College in Yankton on Thursday, Sept. 12. The event is set for Marian Auditorium.

S. Simone will discuss "Health Care and the Poor."

Doors at Marian Auditorium will open at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Andy Henrickson, director of the Benedictine Institute of Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice on the Yankton campus, at 605-668-1495 or ahenrickson@mtmc.edu.

The event is sponsored by the Mount Marty College Benedictine Institute for Leadership, Ethics, and Social Justice. For more information on the Benedictine Institute, visit www.mtmc.edu/benedictineinstitute.

SAC Pool Temporarily Closed Sept. 15

The Summit Activities Center will be closing the aquatic area on Sunday, Sept. 15, for cleaning and routine maintenance. The pool is tentatively scheduled to reopen on Saturday, Sept. 21. Water aerobics classes will resume Monday, Sept. 23, at 8:30 a.m.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton.

Book Launch Party Set For Sept. 15

Join the staff at the Yankton Community Library on Sunday, Sept. 15, for the launch party of local author Marilyn Kratz as she debuts her new book "Feed Sack Dresses and Wild Plum Jam: Remembering Farm Life in the 1950s."

This new book is a collection of columns that Kratz wrote, along with vintage recipes, photos, and a few poems that depict life on the farm in the 1950s.

The party begins at 2 p.m., with Kratz reading from her book at 2:30 p.m. Books will be available for purchase that day.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5276.

Title I Family Night Set For Sept. 19

Yankton School District elementary schools will be hosting an All Schools Title I family night at Beadle School Gym on Thursday, Sept. 19, running from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Parents of children receiving Title I/Reading Recovery® services are invited to attend with their child. RSVP to your child's Reading Recovery® teacher.

The purpose of Title I family night is to invite parents to visit with Reading Recovery® teachers to learn more about Title I and Reading Recovery®.

Sept. 20 Declared 'POW/MIA Recognition Day'

PIERRE — At the request of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed Friday, Sept. 20, as "POW/MIA Recognition Day," calling on all South Dakotans to honor those men and women who fought bravely for our freedoms.

"While we are grateful to all of those who have served our nation, the 20th of September is a day designated to remember and recognize the sacrifices endured by those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were held as prisoners of war or remain missing in action," the governor said. "The state of South Dakota continues to support efforts to account for every service

member classified as Missing in Action."

The Governor encourages all South Dakotans to set aside time on Sept. 20 to honor the POW/MIAs who fought to protect our freedoms and lost theirs, as well as remember those engaged in today's struggle to guard our way of life for future generations.

"In their service to our country, former prisoners of war and those missing in action, have sacrificed mightily to maintain the promise of liberty that we hold dear," added Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "Sept. 20 affords us a great opportunity to reaffirm our vow to never forget the courage of our nation's staunchest defenders — our former POWs and MIAs."

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:
I'm a 50-year-old male. For my midlife crisis, my old college roommate and I are taking a 1960 Triumph TR3 roadster on an 8,000 — mile road trip, retracing the route of a 1987 trip we took in the same car right after college. Back in '87, the car literally disintegrated along the trip, shedding parts (generator, hood, left rear wheel, even the steering wheel) all across America. We limped home with a blown radiator, a leaking gas tank, a completely non — functioning electrical system (thank goodness it had a hand crank) and a body held together with black rubber straps. The car has been in my friend's garage for the past 25 years. We recently rolled it out, replaced tires and rubber bits, put in a new voltage regulator, drained and refilled the fluids and repaired the radiator. Here are my questions: (1) Are we nuts? (2) What else should we do to the car, and what spares and tools would you recommend that we take with us? — **Patrick**

TOM: Of course you're nuts. And I wholeheartedly endorse this idea, Patrick. It sounds great to me!

RAY: Me, too.

TOM: What spares should you bring with you? Well, probably the most useful spare part would be another car. Maybe a 2004 Toyota Camry?

RAY: No, this is going to be a marvelous adventure, Patrick. Are you going to break down? Absolutely. Are you going to get stuck in places you'd rather not be, under circumstances that will make you uncomfortable? Definitely. Might you be forced to abandon the former husk of this car at some point along the way and find another ride home? As the Magic 8 Ball says, "It's highly likely." But if you go with the right attitude — and it certainly



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

sounds like you will — you could have enough adventures and laughs to last the rest of your lives.

TOM: So here's our practical advice: First, get the car checked out for safety. You particularly want to look at the structural integrity of the car. If the frame is mostly rust at this point rather than steel, it would provide no protection in the event of an accident. So that could be a deal — breaker.

RAY: And check to make sure the wheels aren't going to fall off and the brake lines aren't rusted.

TOM: Then take a few spare key belts and hoses with you. There are some oddball parts that were still common in 1987, when this car was only 27 years old, that are no longer easily obtainable. You'd hate to get stuck in East Armpit for a month waiting for a cooling hose.

RAY: Second, have a parts — shipping system in place. Establish a relationship with the old Triumph parts purveyor of your choice. In fact, do better than that. Establish an account, and credit, and set the guy up with your overnight delivery number so that every time you break down and need a part, you can call him and have him overnight it to you wherever you are. That could be a trip — saver.

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it. Ranney will provide a preliminary design for the caisson and lateral screens. They will estimate the collector well yield. They will also be estimating the water quality and how long it will take to get the water quality we're looking for."

As part of the process, HDR and city staff will meet with the National Park Service to determine what the agency is comfortable with near the Missouri River. Goodmanson said the collector well will have to be as close to the river as possible.

"We don't want to do our test well right next to the river and find out down the road that we have to put the well farther back than what we anticipated," he said.

Meetings are also planned with the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources to discuss water rights along the river and with pipeline companies. A couple pipelines cross the Missouri River near Paddle Wheel Point.

"If we go this route, we're going to have to get the water back (to the treatment plant) and the pipeline will cross the oil pipelines," Goodmanson said.

He said the plan is to bid out the drilling this month and hold a bid opening in October.

"By the time they mobilize, drill the well and do the testing, we're looking at mid-December before they're done with that," Goodmanson stated.

A preliminary design for the collector well is expected by mid-February.

"After that, we'll go into the actual design and specifications, and put out the bid for a collector well," Goodmanson said.

Commissioner Jake Hoffner inquired about how the commission should determine whether the HDR proposal is a fair one.

"They are really close to the industry standard in terms of pricing and cost," Goodmanson responded. "HDR is one of the leaders in this type of work."

Added City Manager Amy Nelson, "HDR has always been open and fair with us to answer questions we have and have never been offended by us asking those questions. We do ask, 'Do you really need this many man-hours?' and things like that. You have to trust and verify."

In other business Monday, the commission approved its 2014 budget, as well as a resolution opposing any efforts by Congress or the president to eliminate or limit the federal tax exemption on interest earned from municipal bonds.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.



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Pictured from left to right: 6th Grade level leader — Jackie Hovden, 7th Grade level leader — Teresa Janssen, Walmart — Rochell Lundquist, Wal-Mart Store Manager — Chad Bent, 8th Grade Level Leader — Brooks Schild, and 8th Grade level leader — Amy Long

Walmart Donates \$1,000 To Yankton Middle School

Wal-Mart Supercenter of Yankton surprised the staff of Yankton Middle School on September 5th with a very generous donation to help teachers in their classrooms.

Through the Teacher Rewards program, Wal-Mart provides more than \$4 million to 90,000 teachers in the U.S. during the 2013 back-to-school season. These funds will help offset the approximately \$350 plus that teachers spend out of their own pockets

each year for classroom supplies.

Twenty YMS teachers were randomly drawn to receive the \$50.00 gift cards for a total of \$1000.

Wal-Mart applauds the difference that teachers are making in the lives of students. The reward cards can be used to purchase school supplies and nutritious snacks for students that may not have regular access to food. Thank you for all you do for America's future.

Cemetery Tour Set For Sept. 28 In Wakefield

WAKEFIELD, Neb. — The Northeast Nebraska RD&C in cooperation with the Wakefield Heritage Organization and the Dixon County Historical Society Present the Dixon/Wayne County Cemetery Tour on Saturday, Sept. 28. Check in between 7:30-8 a.m. at the Gardner Senior Center Conservatory, 320 Johnson Street, in Wakefield, Neb. The bus will board

promptly at 8 a.m.

Pre-registration is required by calling (402) 582-4866 prior to Sept. 19.

This is funded in part by a grant from the Dixon County Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Wayne County Convention and Visitor Bureau.

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