

HALF THE TIME

At breakfast, in Tahoe
City, I crushed
a yellow jacket
that was buzzing
our table. In the
afternoon, I saved
one from drowning
in our bird bath.
What does this
tell me about
myself? That I'm
inconsistent? Yes.
That I'm kind?
Only half the time.

DOCTORS' ADVICE

First doctor said
one drink
keep it to one
drink a night.
Second doctor said
two drinks
limit it to
two drinks
a night.
I take second
doctor's advice
& bend it
a little on
days that end
in darkness.

IT'S HIS MIND

He's feeling uneasy.
It's too early
to go to bed.
He's got a good
book to read
but right now
isn't interested.
He switches on
the radio, listens,
& looks closely
at the blue &
purple veins showing
near the inside
of his left knee.
His body has
been good to him.
No serious problems
for over 50 years.
It's his mind
that fucks him
up, dumps him
in odd &
unforgiving places.