

Winners Announced In State Essay Contest

PIERRE — Seniors from six South Dakota high schools have been named cash prize winners in an essay contest coordinated by the South Dakota Department of Revenue and Regulation, Division of Securities.

"How to Create Financial Independence by Understanding Five Principles of Investing" was the theme of the investor education and protection initiative. South Dakota high school seniors were invited to submit five-page essays to win cash prizes of up to \$5,000.

Area Winners of the 2010 contest include:

- Third Place: Meagan Van Driel, \$2,000, Viborg High School, Viborg

The Division of Securities received more than 280 entries from 30 schools in the fifth annual contest, which began last fall and ended Jan. 19. Essays were judged on their content and placed in one of four levels. When all papers were catego-

rized, division officials randomly selected two winners from each level.

In addition to submitting essays, students also had to be sponsored by a teacher from their high school. Educators sponsoring the winning students received cash prizes up to \$500, and the teacher sponsoring the most senior student essays won \$500. One teacher was also randomly drawn to win \$500. Educators honored as sponsors are:

- Deb Anderson, \$200, Viborg High School, Viborg, for sponsoring third place winners

The essay contest was funded by a grant from the Investor Protection Trust (IPT), a nonprofit organization devoted to investor education. Since 1993, the IPT has worked with states to provide independent, objective investor education all Americans can use to make informed investment decisions. For more information, visit www.investorprotection.org.

Alternative Energy Source Found? Not Quite

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
 Oftentimes, I charge my mobile phone or iPod using the cigarette lighter in my car. Does that do any damage to the battery, like limit its life span? If so, should I stop? If not, shouldn't everyone be charging their devices via their cigarette lighter instead of sucking energy out of the power lines where we live? Is car charging a possible "alternative" energy source? — Tom

TOM: By jeebers! You've solved the world's energy crisis, Tom!

RAY: Um, not really. The answer is that it's not harmful to charge your devices in the car, but you're ultimately using gasoline to do it.

TOM: The car's battery is an energy-storage device. When you use the battery's energy — by either starting the car or charging a cell phone — that energy has to be replenished.

RAY: It gets replenished by the alternator, which converts mechanical energy from the engine into electrical energy — which is used for doing things like firing your spark plugs,



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operating your windshield wipers, powering your sound system and recharging your battery.

TOM: And the more energy you draw from the battery, the more gasoline you have to use to charge it back up.

RAY: In the case of charging an iPod, it's not much gasoline. But if you're comparing

them, the electrical energy that comes into your house from the power company tends to be cheaper and cleaner than the electrical energy produced by the gasoline engine in your car.

TOM: What we really should have are solar panels built into the roofs, hoods and trunks of our cars. They'd need to be part of the car's aerodynamics and reduce its mileage.

RAY: The Prius has a solar-panel option that runs a fan to keep the car cool when you park in the sun, which is a nice idea, if a bit of a gimmick.

TOM: Unfortunately, with today's solar panels, and the amount of surface area available, you can't generate enough power to move the average car. But if you can run a fan, you certainly can produce enough power to charge cell phones and iPods. Why not?

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

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SCHOLASTICS

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following students were not included on the original list of students achieving the honor rolls at the middle school.

ROLL OF EXCELLENCE

7th grader Allie Thiessen
 6th grader Kasee Murphy

UNL CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln undergraduate students will be honored in conjunction with UNL's All-University Honors Convocation April 18 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, including 30 seniors who will be recognized as Chancellor's Scholars, the university's highest undergraduate academic honor.

Students are recognized at Honors Convocation for their cumulative academic achievements (as opposed to Dean's List, which is for one semester). Chancellor's Scholars are students who will receive their degrees in May or August and have maintained 4.0 grade-point averages on all collegiate work at UNL and elsewhere;

Area Honorees include:
 Rebecca Anne Somer, biochemistry, Arts and Sciences, Hal and Cynthia Somer, Yankton.

BHSU ANNOUNCES STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

SPEARFISH — Black Hills State University recognized and honored the service, dedication, and achievements of BHSU student leaders, volunteers, organizations, and advisors during the 18th Annual Student Volunteer Awards Celebration.

The theme of this year's celebration was "Leading the Way" commending BHSU students for their leadership roles in higher education and in the Black Hills community.

Area winners include:
 Lara Goodteacher, junior history major from Yankton, was presented with the Outstanding Leadership in Residence Life Award for the positive impact she has made through her leadership in the residence halls. According to Goodteacher, living in the residence halls means experiencing something unique while trying to create events that provide opportunities and unite the residence hall students as a whole.

SCHRAMM AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP AT SDSU

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Lindsay Schramm of Utica was awarded the Joyce M. Ashley Scholarship in Guidance and Counseling for the 2010-2011 academic year at South Dakota State University. Schramm is the daughter of Harold and Angie Schramm of Utica, a 2005 graduation of the Yankton High School and is active in the Golden Key, American Counseling Association (student member) and the SDSU Civic Symphony.

SDHSAA ANNOUNCES WINTER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TEAM AWARD RECIPIENTS

The 2009-10 school year marks the fourteenth year in which the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) has sponsored the "SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award" program to recognize athletic teams and fine arts groups for their academic excellence. The Academic Achievement Team

Award reaffirms the reality that high school students learn lessons and lifetime skills not only inside the classroom but also through participation in school athletic and fine arts activities programs outside the classroom. The SDHSAA "Academic Achievement Team Awards" program has been designed to assist in creating a positive educational environment for school athletic and fine arts "teams" and to also encourage the members of those teams to excel in the classroom. This award recognition program provides all athletic and fine arts participants with the opportunity to prove that they can be successful not only through athletic and fine arts activity participation but in the academic arena as well.

Any high school varsity athletic team or fine arts group in a SDHSAA sponsored activity is eligible to receive the "SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award" provided the team or group achieves a combined grade point average of 3.00, or higher. With the completion of all the SDHSAA 2009-10 winter athletic and fine arts activities, the SDHSAA announces that the following schools and their teams have received the "Academic Achievement Team Awards":

Area Teams Include:
 Andes Central: Girls' Basketball Team; Wrestling Team; Boys' Basketball Team
 Centerville: Girls' Basketball Team; Boys' Basketball Team; Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders
 Freeman: Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders
 Freeman Academy: Girls' Basketball Team; Boys' Basketball Team

Scotland: Wrestling Cheerleaders; Girls' Basketball Team; All-State Band; Vocal Solo-Ensemble Group; Band Solo-Ensemble Group
 Parker: Vocal Solo-Ensemble Group; Band Solo-Ensemble Group; Wrestling Cheerleaders; Boys' Basketball Team; Girls' Basketball Team; Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders; One-Act Play Cast & Crew

Parkston: Wrestling Team; Wrestling Cheerleaders; Girls' Basketball Team; Girls' Basketball Cheerleaders; Boys' Basketball Team; Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders; All-State Band; Vocal Solo-Ensemble Group; Band Solo-Ensemble Group
 Viborg: Girls' Basketball Team
 Wagner: Gymnastics Team; Wrestling Team; Wrestling Cheerleaders; Girls' Basketball Team; Girls' Basketball Cheerleaders; Boys' Basketball Team; Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders

Yankton: Girls' Basketball Team

YHS ORCHESTRA CONTEST

Yankton High School Orchestra students competed recently at the Region I Solo and Ensemble Contest in Vermillion.

Receiving Superior ratings were Violin Solo (Kate Ehresmann) Violin Solo, and Violin/Cello Duet (Kate Ehresmann and Elizabeth Fiedler).

Receiving Excellent ratings were Violin duet (Mary Riibe and Katelyn Rodriguez), Viola/Bass duet (Katie Brady and Emily Gurney), Cello Quartet (Chance Sorenson, Elizabeth Fiedler, Katherine Fiedler, Austin Hill), String Quintet (Theresa Barnes, Cassie Pospishil, Holly Bouza, McKayla Thieman, Austin Hill)

and the Chamber Orchestra. The YHS Orchestra is directed by Kim Evander.

YHS CHORAL CONTEST

The Yankton High School choirs performed at the Region I Contest in Vermillion on Wednesday, April 14. Each choir performed three selections and were judged by three different adjudicators.

Acappella, Choraleers, and Girls' choirs all received superior I ratings and the concert choir received an excellent II Rating.

The choirs are directed by Angela Larson and accompanied by Dixie Church.

YANKTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Yankton Children's Choir Founders' Scholarship, named in honor of Lea Ann Schramm and Margaret Lyons who were instrumental in visualizing and creating this organization, is now available for all those who might be qualified.

The provisions of the scholarship state that the applicant must be an alumnus of the choir and be a junior or senior in college, pursuing a degree with a major or minor in music or music education.

Applications must be submitted by May 31, 2010. Forms are available by emailing tszakats@southeastjoblink.org.

USD STUDENT ZOU CITED ON CAPITOL HILL FOR RESEARCH

VERMILLION — Yun "Winnie" Zou, a student at The University of South Dakota, was one of 75 undergraduate students honored at the Council of Undergraduate Research (CUR) "Posters on the Hill" reception at Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, April 13.

Zou, a Vermillion High School graduate, presented her research, "Molecular Chaperone Expression," to members of Congress, Congressional staff and federal government officials as part of CUR's annual tribute to undergraduate research. Her research, along with the other students in attendance, was displayed on posters and presented on Capitol Hill during a late afternoon reception.

"Winnie has been an extremely dedicated student researcher," noted Dr. Barb Goodman, director of South Dakota's Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network, who sponsored Zou's trip to Capitol Hill. "She has volunteered for leadership positions, including in our Undergraduate Research Fellowship program here at USD."

In addition to showcasing their research, the students, who represented more than 50 colleges and universities nationwide, and their faculty sponsors also met with Congressional delegations and participated in visits to the Folger Library, National Museum of Natural History, Library of Congress and National Archives.

"I would like to thank Dr. Alexander Erkin, who was at USD when I did my research last summer," said Zou, a 2009 recipient of the prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. She was a fellow in South Dakota BRIN's 2009 Undergraduate Fellow program under the mentorship of Dr. Erkin, a former assistant professor in the division of basic biomedical sciences at USD who is now at Butler University.

Characters I Remember, Plots? Not

BY TOBIN BARNES

Now here's an advantage: I can watch a movie I've seen before and enjoy it just as much as the first time. That's because I have no idea of what's going to happen even though I've seen what happens before.

The second time, for me, is often like the first.

Oh sure, I usually remember some characters and settings and stuff, but it's the plot I don't remember.

I had kind of realized that about myself before, but it's only been lately that have I looked upon this idiosyncrasy as a benefit. As in, "I have a boundless range of entertainment before me."

It's like I'll never run out of movies to watch, even if they stop making them.

Over Easter weekend I watched a couple movies I've seen before and had no idea what was going to happen in either.

That's right. No self-inflicted spoilers.

New or old, it's new to me.

Of course, this also causes some concern.

My enthusiasm over lack of plot memory may perhaps be akin to an overly optimistic Alzheimer's patient being upbeat about his condition,



Barnes

"Hey, I meet a new friend every day." But Alzheimer's disease is no laughing matter, and maybe neither should be my jauntiness over my inability to remember plots.

This could be serious business. I could, at my age, be "slipping into darkness."

But I don't think so. I remember most necessary details of my life well enough, thank you.

It's just—for good or ill—those pesky plots I have trouble with. And worse, I'm an English teacher, for crying out loud. Shouldn't I be a veritable compendium of even the most obscure plots?

Well, actually, no.

I tell my students that story plots are a dime a dozen. Most of the great writers borrowed at least some of their plots, Shakespeare included. It isn't the plots that make their works memorable as much as characterization, dialogue, description, and imagery.

Characters, for example, live on long after plots have become fuzzy.

Besides, it's a matter of English teachers' canon law that there are only four basic conflicts or plots: man vs. man, man

vs. nature, man vs. society, and man vs. himself. So every plot can theoretically be crammed into one of those packages.

That is, until I ran into three more: man vs. technology (e.g., Grandma trying to use a computer), man vs. the supernatural (What the heck is that black smoke thing on "Lost?"), and man vs. god/religion (Lord, please help my team beat the spread).

Maybe the four basic plots can be boiled down further into these:

- 1) Boy meets girl and boy loses girl;
- 2) Boy meets girl and boy wins girl;
- 3) Boy meets enemy/girl and boy is defeated by enemy/girl; and, finally,
- 4) Boy meets enemy/girl and boy defeats enemy/girl, saving male obliviousness for the foreseeable future.

That last one, I think, is the overall plot of the six Star Wars movies.

And that reminds me. I ought to watch those movies again. All I remember is something about finding Luke Skywalker's dad?

Tobin Barnes, a high school English teacher, gets his skewed viewpoints of life from staring too much at Crow Peak, which looms above his home a few miles outside Spearfish.

Big Friend Little Friend

Would like to thank the Yankton Community

Saturday, April 10th was the 14th annual Bowl A Thon. This is an opportunity for all 1st through 5th grade students in the Yankton community to "bowl for a cause." A BIG thank you to the generosity of local businesses and volunteers who helped make the Bowl A Thon a success!

Mentoring works! Research has proven the impact mentoring has. What these studies find is that a mentor who spends just 4 hours a month with a child CAN make a positive impact on the choices that a child makes, and how a child feels about themselves. Just think, there are 720 hours in a month, and volunteering just 4 of those hours to a child in need can make a huge difference in their life, and in our community.



Thank you,

Tina Young
 Executive Director

Mentors in our community make a difference every day.

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ATTENTION! Tired of 3 years of no raises?
ALL STATE EMPLOYEES

It's time for your input & voice to be heard.
Yankton SDSEO Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, April 21 • 7:00 PM
Bonanza Restaurant
 South Dakota State Employees Organization

Corey Landeen, Ex. Dir., will be present to answer questions