

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

# Sniffing The Paws Of The Family Dog

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U.S. Poet Laureate

Maybe you have to be a poet to get away with sniffing the paws of a dog, and I have sniffed the paws of all of mine, which almost always smell like hayfields in sunlight. Here Jane Varley, who lives in Ohio, offers us a touching last moment with a dear friend.

## PACKING THE CAR FOR OUR WESTERN CAMPING TRIP

What we will remember—we tried to take the dog, packed around him, making a cozy spot at the back of the Subaru, blocking out the sun, resisting the obvious—  
he was too old, he would not make it.  
And when he died in Minnesota, we smelled and smelled his paws, arthritic and untouchable these last many years, took those marvelous paws up into our faces.  
They smelled of dark clay and sweet flower bloom decay.

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## YHS Grads At USD Excell At NATS Competiton

VERMILLION — Four students from The University of South Dakota received first place awards at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition at Black Hills State University on March 26.

Aubrey Sea of Sioux City, Iowa received a first place in Women's Musical Theatre. She also received second place in Freshman Women's Classical. Matt Black of Yankton, S.D. was first in Men's Musical Theatre and second in Freshman Men's Classical, and Ryan Landis of Rapid City, S.D. received first place in Graduate Classical. Sara Otteman of Yankton received a first place in Senior Women's Classical.

In all, there were 99 entries from USD, South Dakota State University, Northern State University and Black Hills State. Singers competed in classical and musical theatre divisions. Additional USD students singing at the NATS competition included Ashley Hogarth of Sioux Falls, S.D., second place in Sophomore Women's Classical; Amanda Rich of South Sioux City, Neb., second

place in Junior Women's Classical and second place in Women's Musical Theatre; Kristin Edwards of Aberdeen, S.D., second place in Senior Women's Classical; Jared Mogen of Sioux Falls, S.D., second place in Men's Musical Theatre; and Laura Bertschinger of Creighton, Neb., third place in Women's Musical Theatre and honorable mention in Senior Woman's Classical. Cody Perk of Yankton (Sophomore Men's Classical) and Ashley Mazur of Paullina, Iowa (Senior Women's Classical) each received honorable mention.

Mogen and Otteman are students of Brandon Hendrickson, D.M.A., assistant professor of music (voice/opera) at USD, while the remaining singers are students of Tracelyn Gesteland, D.M.A., assistant professor of music (voice/opera) at USD. Students participating at NATS from The U were also accompanied on the piano by USD students Scott Arens of Yankton and Adrian Ries of Elk Point, S.D., and Parker Knox, a community volunteer from Vermillion.

# Getting Unwanted Advice From A Neighbor

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

My neighbor, who does not impress me as having an IQ above that of a Neanderthal, told me the other day that while he didn't want to be minding my business for me, I am "ruining my car parking it the way I am." I don't know whether he has a point or not. It rains a lot where I live. I do not have a garage. A sidewalk leads from the parking lot in front of my apartment right up to my front door. When it rains, the grass also becomes soggy. So, what I sometimes do is drive my car along the sidewalk, with the left-side wheels on the sidewalk and the right wheels on the grass. This allows me to get very close to my front door and get out on the sidewalk. Since the grass is about 2, maybe 3 inches max, below the sidewalk and it squashes when I drive on it, this puts the left-side wheels of my car higher than the right-side wheels when I'm parked this way. Is this "ruining my car"? Or is my neighbor a Neanderthal?

TOM: I wouldn't call him a Neanderthal, Beverly. I'd describe him as more of a passive-



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aggressive nebbish.

RAY: You're not harming your car at all. The suspension couldn't care less whether it's on a slope — certainly not this gentle a slope.

TOM: I mean, if you parked sideways on the steepest part of Mount Kilimanjaro for years on

end, you would put some unusual stresses on some of the suspension parts. But even that would pale in comparison to the fines you'd be racking up from the Tanzanian Parks Service.

RAY: What your neighbor is trying to tell you is that he doesn't like you parking on the sidewalk. He finds it ugly or tacky or inconvenient. Or he doesn't like the way it squashes the grass. But rather than say, "Beverly, I wish you wouldn't park there; I think it makes the entire apartment complex look like a junkyard," he's trying to convince you that it's in YOUR interest not to park there.

TOM: That's passive-aggressive or, at the very least, non-straightforward behavior. So, the next time you see him trying to convince the paper boy that throwing the paper into the bushes is bad for his arm, ask him if he'd like to talk about his feelings about where you park. That should get rid of him.

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](http://www.cartalk.com).

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## Take Spring Cleanup Precautions Against Hantavirus

PIERRE — As South Dakotans work outdoors around sheds, barns or other places where mice are found, they need to take steps to prevent Hantavirus says a state health official.

South Dakota has reported 13 cases of Hantavirus, including 4 deaths, since 1993 when the disease was first detected in the southwestern United States. More than 560 cases have been reported in the U.S. since 1993.

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome fills the lungs with fluid and can cause respiratory failure. Rodents, primarily deer mice, carry the virus that causes the disease.

"Because deer mice are found

all over the state and are active all year, the risk for the virus is statewide and year round," said Dr. Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist for the Department of Health. "That's why routine rodent control around the home is so important."

People are infected when they breathe in aerosolized virus from the droppings, urine or saliva of the mice. Symptoms usually appear within two to four weeks of exposure and include fatigue, a fever of 101-104 degrees, muscle aches, cough, vomiting and diarrhea. Seek medical care immediately if you have fever, deep muscle aches, and severe shortness of breath and have been

around mice.

To prevent Hantavirus infection:

- Seal gaps around roofs, attics, basements, windows, doors, foundations, vents, air conditioners, under sinks and other pipes.
- Set traps where you find mice, nesting materials, urine or droppings.
- Wear rubber or plastic gloves to clean up dead mice or their droppings.
- Spray dead mice, urine or droppings with a disinfectant or a mixture of 1 cups household bleach and 1 gallon of water. Soak for 5 minutes, wipe up with a paper towel and put everything in

a plastic bag and seal. Put in a second bag and seal that as well.

- Clean the area with a disinfectant or bleach solution. Don't use vacuum cleaners or brooms, since they can create aerosols. Wash gloved hands with soap and water and wash again after taking off gloves.

- Keep your house and yard free of junk and rubbish to cut down food sources and nesting sites for mice. Use thick plastic or metal containers with tight lids for garbage and for storing pet food.

For more information about Hantavirus see the web at <http://doh.sd.gov/hantavirus> or <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hanta/hps/>.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Brighter Tomorrow Scholarship Apps. Due Soon

HURON — The deadline to apply for one of the 25 "Insuring a Brighter Tomorrow" scholarships provided by Farmers Union Insurance and the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation is just two weeks away. The applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2011. For the fourth straight year Farmers Union Insurance, in cooperation with the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation, is offering \$25,000 in scholarships to high school seniors in South Dakota who plan to continue their post-secondary education at a college, university, or technical school in the state of South Dakota. Twenty-five high school seniors from across the state will each receive \$1,000. The scholarships are funded with support from Farmers Union Insurance agents in South Dakota and the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation.

Applicants Must Meet One of the Following Requirements:

- South Dakota high school senior whose parent or parents are current policyholders of Farmers Union Insurance
  - Member of South Dakota Farmers Union
  - A "Friend of the Farmers Union Foundation" (Defined as those who have contributed \$25 or more to the Foundation in the past year)
  - Participant in any South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) sanctioned event
- Applicants Must:
- Complete application form. Available from school counselors, local Farmers Union Insurance Agents, or at [www.sdFOUNDATION.org](http://www.sdFOUNDATION.org).
  - Provide copy of high school transcript and ACT/SAT score
  - Provide a letter of recommendation
  - Submit written essay (less than 500 words)
  - Provide billfold sized portrait picture
- APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2011 (Postmark Date)

Return Materials to: Farmers Union Insurance, Attn: Wayne Bartscher, P.O. Box 1388, Huron, SD 57350.

For more information call Farmers Union Insurance: 1-800-933-2841.

### Design Scholarship Competition Announced

The Institute of Design & Technology of SD announces their Project: Design Scholarship competition. Available to high school seniors and non-traditional graduates with a passion for design are encouraged to submit an entry. A total up to \$10,000 will be available for scholarships for the 2011-2012 year in their Interior and Fashion Design programs.

Scholarship competition and application deadline ends May 2nd. Scholarship winners' work will be displayed at the "Form + Fashion meets Function" event to be held at the Museum of Visual Materials to be held on May 26th. The event will also showcase their interior student projects as well as the fashion students runway showcase for graduation.

The Institute of Design & Technology of SD provides summer design career exploration to creative thinking students, grade 6 through pre-college with their Project: Design Boot Camps. The full time program has been preparing traditional and non-traditional students for entrepreneurial design careers. IDTSD provides affordable career development in areas where geographical obstacles once made it impossible for those living in the 4-state region. They serve students as young as 10 and as old as 50 in their programs. This past year, the Institute was honored with a Governor's Economic Development Award for their vision of educating and development of careers for creative individuals in our state.

The Institute of Design & Technology of SD is located downtown Sioux Falls at 123 South Main Avenue. Web site: [www.idtsd.org](http://www.idtsd.org)

## SACRED HEART MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 3rd Quarter Honor Rolls

ROLL OF  
EXCELLENCE  
\*Designates All A's  
8th Grade

Jon Barkl\*  
David Barnes\*  
Sam Bisgard\*  
Ashley Brooks\*  
Ben Cameron  
Madison Dangler\*  
Charlotte Ekeren\*  
Paul Fanta\*  
Matt Fitzgerald  
Alexandra Foxhoven  
Evan Hoffman\*  
Aesley McNeill  
Haley Mines\*

Lucas Rockne\*  
Sarah Rockne\*  
Mikayla Schroeder  
Meggie Steiner  
Charlie Stephenson\*  
Tyler Wenande\*  
Anna Wuestewald  
7th Grade  
Danielle Dvorak  
Brianna Geigle\*  
Spencer Huber\*  
Sydney Ingalls  
Adrienne Kusek\*  
Cody Perakslis\*  
Sean Rolfs\*  
Kenneth Schroeder\*  
Mike Strom\*  
Mason Sundleaf  
6th Grade  
Cortney Becker\*  
Keeli Bent\*  
Sophie Bisgard\*

Emily Buttolph\*  
Hunter Cameron  
Blake Cwach  
Katie Hauser\*  
Belle Heine\*  
Samantha Kanaly\*  
Kate Katterhagen  
Kolbi Kennedy  
Sophie Kouri\*  
Kyra Liebig  
Shannon McDonald  
Nicole Mueller  
Tasha Mueller\*  
Jordan Payer  
Alexis Rezac\*  
Kristen Rezac\*  
Lauren Rezac\*  
Rachel Rucker\*  
Rose Ruffinott  
McKenzie Schroeder  
Natalie Shoberg  
Nate Stephenson\*

Jacob Warriner  
Drew Wenande  
Morgan Wubben\*  
5th Grade  
Kate Budig\*  
Madie Cordell\*  
Holly Hicks\*

### HONOR ROLL

8th Grade  
Shadron Baker  
Patrick Binder  
Sam Carda  
Mary Jo Gutierrez-  
Lampman  
Reid Hunhoff  
Cade Newland  
Joselyn Salvatori  
Marisa Stucky

Mitchell Vavra  
7th Grade  
Austin Barger  
Nicholas Hauser  
Adam Heine  
Jordan Lucht  
Jared Rafferty  
Danielle Salvatori  
Samantha Sanchez  
Andrew Smith  
Jenna Trail  
Cody Vornhagen  
6th Grade  
Steven Bray  
Avery Brockberg  
Michael Heine  
Kendra Hunhoff  
Jordan Kathol

Dylan Kortan  
Haley McDonald  
Keely Schild  
Stephanie Schwartz  
Brandon Shuey  
Trentin Vornhagen  
Miranda Winterring  
Josh Wintz  
Courtney Zimmerman  
5th Grade  
Shiann Baker  
Max Bent  
Sara Buttolph  
Brady Dangler  
Evan Dvorak  
Nathan Eichacker  
Megan Fejzar  
Tanner Fitzgerald

Savannah Frick  
Anne Knoff  
Quinn Paulsen  
Trevor Rafferty  
Cameryn Specht  
Carly Vavra  
Jack Wolfram  
MERIT ROLL  
8th Grade  
Taylor Meshoto  
7th Grade

Christopher  
Kreitzinger  
Keenan LaCroix  
6th Grade  
Cheree Becvar  
Lucas Carda  
Justin Leader  
James Welter  
5th Grade  
Dillon Barger  
Payton Birkel  
Katie Buttolph

Brendan Callahan  
Abby Cuka  
Ethan Fortner  
Mimi Garcia  
Lauren Jensen  
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**Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tacke**

Thomas and Tamera (Schultz) Tacke will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on April 5, 2011.

Cards can be sent to 1400 Sunrise Dr., Yankton, SD 57078.

The couple have four children.

**Thank You!**

To all of the area businesses that donated to our successful Post Prom Celebration at Crofton High School. We feel very fortunate to be a part of such a caring community!

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If we inadvertently left your name off this list — please accept our apologies AND notify us so that our records can be corrected. We appreciate your contributions.

Kimberly Henriksen and Tyler Koch announce their engagement along with their parents, Daryl and Donna Henriksen of Wakonda, SD, and Brad and Arlene Koch, White Lake, SD.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Wakonda High School. She graduated in 2008 from the University of South Dakota with a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. She is currently employed with Dr. Timothy Drake, Mitchell, SD, and McCook County Dental in Salem, SD.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of White Lake High School. He graduated from South Dakota State University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in HPER, and from Mitchell Technical Institute, Wind Turbine Technology in 2010.

The couple is planning an August 6, 2011, wedding.

**Henriksen-Koch**

Bob and Janice DeJong of Lesterville, SD, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 8, 2011.

The family is requesting greetings be sent to 30226 - 432 Ave., Lesterville, SD 57040.

Bob DeJong and Janice Schramm were married April 8, 1961 at St. John the Baptist Church, Lesterville, SD.

The couple's family includes: Rebecca (Harold) Francy, Sioux Falls; Brenda (Joe) Schneller, Keystone, and Subrena (Scott) Green, Mina. They have seven grandchildren.

**Mr. & Mrs. Bob DeJong**

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