

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

A Look Into The Future At What Is To Come

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Because I'm a senior citizen I'm easily attracted by poems about my brothers and sisters meandering into their golden years. Here's a poem by Edward Hirsch, who lives in New York, that offers our younger readers a look at what's to come.

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

I used to mock my father and his chums
for getting up early on Sunday morning
and drinking coffee at a local spot
but now I'm one of those chumps.

No one cares about my old humiliations
but they go on dragging through my sleep
like a string of empty tin cans rattling
behind an abandoned car.

It's like this: just when you think
you have forgotten that red-haired girl
who left you stranded in a parking lot
forty years ago, you wake up

early enough to see her disappearing
around the corner of your dream
on someone else's motorcycle
roaring onto the highway at sunrise.

And so now I'm sitting in a dimly lit
café full of early morning risers
where the windows are covered with soot
and the coffee is warm and bitter.

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State Historical Society Announces Fall Deadwood Fund Grant Applications

PIERRE — The South Dakota State Historical Society announces that applications for the Deadwood Fund grant program are due Oct. 1.

The program is designed to encourage large-scale restoration or rehabilitation of historic properties by individuals, organizations or public agencies, according to Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society, whose historic preservation office administers the program.

Grants for work beginning Jan. 1, 2011, will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The grant amount must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis from nonfederal and nonstate sources. Nonprofit organizations will be allowed to use in-kind services for one-half of their matching amounts. More than \$145,000 was

distributed last year among 11 projects.

Funding for the program comes from a portion of Deadwood gaming revenue that is earmarked by state law for historic preservation projects across the state and distributed by the State Historical Society.

The next round of applications will be due on Feb. 1, 2011.

For more information on the South Dakota State Historical Society's Deadwood Fund grant program, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD, 57501-2217; telephone (605) 773-3458.

Grant forms are available online at <http://history.sd.gov/Preservation/FundingOpps/FundingOppor-tunities.aspx>.

Nominations For Transportation Hall Sought

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) is now accepting nominations for consideration to be inducted into the South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor.

Darin Bergquist, Department Secretary and Hall of Honor Committee Chairman, says the committee is looking for people who have made a lasting or valuable contribution to the

state's air, highway or rail transportation.

Anyone is welcome to submit a nomination. Nomination forms are available online at www.sddot.com or you can contact Amy Campbell at 605-773-5105 for more information.

The deadline for submitting names for consideration is Sept. 30.

Dad Is Going To Have To Disappoint Daughter

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I just returned from visiting my daughter, who is a Peace Corps volunteer, in Yeghegnadzor, Armenia. Now, my daughter is an adventuresome gal, and she's become infatuated with the Lada Niva. It's a very small but particularly utilitarian 4-wheel-drive SUV. She's decided that to reward her for her service to humanity, I should procure one for her upon her return to the U.S. She's scheduled to come home about a year from now, which gives me some time to research this and find a viable reason for telling her it can't be done. She would like for me to make contact with one of her Armenian friends, have him find and buy the vehicle on her behalf and ship it to the U.S. My alternative plan is for her to purchase the auto in Armenia, where she's now based, drive it across Europe and ship it across the pond once she reaches the Atlantic. Here's my question: What would I need to do to the Niva to have it pass U.S. import standards? Would I need to bring two home — one as the primary vehicle and one as a parts car — or would I have ready access to parts in



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the U.S.? Please help me out, guys. I'll have hell to pay if she's not greeted with the car, or at least a convincing reason for my not having been successful.

— Chuck

TOM: Well, your daughter obviously has bonded with the people of Armenia. That's wonderful. And she clearly wants to take a piece of her experience there home with her — she wants a keepsake.

RAY: But it would be easier, and cheaper, if she just married an Armenian and brought HIM home, Chuck. Because there's no way you're ever going to get a Lada approved for road use in the United States.

TOM: If a vehicle doesn't meet U.S. safety and environmental standards (and trust us, Chuck, this one doesn't), the U.S. Department of Transportation requires you to either upgrade it and make it comply, or destroy it. Guess which option you're going to be forced to pick?

RAY: Unless you're the kind of guy who makes nuclear reactors out of balsawood in his spare time on weekends, you're not going to be able to upgrade this thing to meet U.S. code. Even car companies have a hard time doing it. For an individual, it's almost impossible.

TOM: Trust us, a wedding's going to be cheaper, Chuck. No matter how many lame-jun pizzas you have to come up with for the reception.

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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State Fair: Driver License Renewals Available

PIERRE — South Dakotans who need to renew their driver licenses will have the opportunity to do that at the South Dakota State Fair.

The South Dakota Driver Licensing Program will be at the State Fair renewing licenses for three days during Fair week. The Driver Licensing booth also will have information on the additional documents required by federal law to obtain or renew a license, says Cindy Gerber, director of the Driver Licensing Program.

"If you want to learn more about the identity documents or ask any questions about the driver licensing process, we

would love to have you stop by the booth," Gerber said.

South Dakota drivers can get their licenses renewed or can get a duplicate license at the Driver Licensing booth in the Expo Building on the fairgrounds. The booth is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 4, and Sunday, Sept. 5. On Monday, Sept. 6, the booth is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

No testing will be available at the State Fair location. People who need to take a written or driving test to obtain a new license need to visit a state exam center. For a listing of exam stations and hours, visit www.dps.sd.gov.

Here is a summary of the documents required for obtaining or renewing a driver license:

- One identity document, such as a certified birth certificate or a valid unexpired U.S. passport. (Note: If your name is different than the name on your identity document, you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name, such as a certified marriage certificate, adoption document, or divorce decree. A passport will work, if the name on the passport matches the name on your current driver license).
- One document proving Social Security number. Acceptable documents are a

Social Security card, W-2 form, SSA 1099 form or pay stub (which must include Social Security number and name)

• Two documents proving residential address. Acceptable documents include utility bill, credit card statement, pay stub, rent receipt, phone bill, transcript or report card from accredited school, bank statement, mortgage or tax document, homeowner or renter insurance policy. (A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child.)

A detailed list of acceptable documents is available at www.dps.sd.gov. If you have questions, call the State Driver Licensing Program at 1-800-952-3696.

Student Decisions May Limit Postsecondary Options

PIERRE — With recent changes in high school graduation standards in South Dakota, some students and parents may be confused about what course-taking options are available to them and how they impact college-going opportunity.

"Choices that new or soon-to-be high school students make now as they plan their course-taking schedule could limit options available to them in the future," said Jack Warner, executive director and CEO of the South Dakota Board of Regents. "We encourage students and their parents to become fully informed, since these decisions do impact future options for postsecondary study."

The public university system recommends a standard college and career-ready curriculum as the best way to prepare students to pursue the widest range of postsecondary education or career options. Students should take at least five rigorous courses each semester. Warner said, and complete courses in key subject areas. The college-ready curriculum includes four units of English/language arts, four or more units of mathematics, three or more units of science, four units of social studies, and two units of foreign language.

"Students who take these courses tend to be college ready, and are more likely to graduate," Warner said. For example, students taking the college-ready curriculum are more likely to meet ACT college readiness benchmarks, which included 28 percent of all test takers who graduated from South Dakota high schools in 2010.

Warner recommends that school officials make sure all students fully understand their options. "We have suggested that schools set up a rigorous process that requires students to sign off in writing if they intend to seek allowable waivers from certain high school coursework, so that it is clear they understand how this might impact their postsecondary studies," Warner said.

Students who seek to waive the third year of required math or science classes in South Dakota high schools should fully understand that they may encounter postsecondary roadblocks ahead, he said. Students who waive out of required math and science courses will not meet admissions requirements at South Dakota public universities nor at many other institutions across the country. They will not meet academic eligibility requirements to compete in

NCAA Division I and II athletic programs at the college level, and will be ineligible to receive certain forms of federal financial support available to needy students.

Students who fulfill existing high school graduation requirements, without waivers, will meet South Dakota public university admissions requirements, but they should also know that they may need foreign language courses to meet admissions requirements at many out-of-state institutions, Warner said.

SUMMER HONORS LIST ANNOUNCED AT NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, Iowa, has announced the Honor List for the summer term. Students on the Honor List are full-time and have achieved an average grade point of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

NCC continually maintains a high presence of quality students that are represented on the Honor List. These students are to be commended for their fine performance in their respective fields. Area students are:

VERMILLION — Meagann J. Le Cates, Radiologic Technology.
YANKTON — Meghan Ruth Schuster, Associate of Arts.

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Labor Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, September 6, for the Labor Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town — Noon, Wednesday, September 1
Tuesday, September 7 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 1
Wednesday, September 8 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, September 2
Thursday, September 9 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, September 3

There will be no newspaper on Monday, September 6, 2010

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**60th Wedding Anniversary
Card Shower & Open House**

Gerald J. & Joan M. Suing celebrated their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary** Saturday, August 21, 2010. An Open House was held in their honor 2-4:30 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, St. Helena, NE. A Mass was held at 5 p.m. Cards may be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Suing, 1008 St. Helena Street, St. Helena, NE 68774.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Suing