

LIFE IN POETRY

# The Strangeness Of Vague Familiarity

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Those of us who have gone back home to attend a reunion of classmates may have felt the strangeness of being a vaguely familiar person among others who, too, seem vaguely familiar. Dana Gioia, who served the country for four years as the Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, is an accomplished poet and a noted advocate for poetry.

REUNION

This is my past where no one knows me.  
These are my friends whom I can't name —  
Here in a field where no one chose me,  
The faces older, the voices the same.

Why does this stranger rise to greet me?  
What is the joke that makes him smile,  
As he calls the children together to meet me,  
Bringing them forward in single file?

I nod pretending to recognize them,  
Not knowing exactly what I should say.  
Why does my presence seem to surprise them?  
Who is the woman who turns away?

Is this my home or an illusion?  
The bread on the table smells achingly real.  
Must I at last solve my confusion,  
Or is confusion all I can feel?

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## 'Discover Bon Homme' Group Receives Matching Challenge Grant

TYNDALL — Five communities in Bon Homme County partnering to promote tourism have received a grant from South Dakota Tourism. The "Discover Bon Homme" group consists of communities of Tyndall, Tabor, Avon, Springfield and Scotland.

"We don't have big marketing budgets but together we can pool our resources to begin promoting our county as a visitor destination" said Tim Peterson of Springfield, owner of Broken Willow Lodge. "We have hunting, fishing, festivals including Czech Days that brings in thousands of visitors each year."

"We also have many historical sites and unique features that make this a good place for people to come and spend some time."

The group applied for a Matching Dollar Challenge grant through South Dakota Tourism and were awarded \$1,150 to assist in paying for a brochure and website. The MDC grant will help with expenses and is seen as encouragement to the communities to pursue tourism promotion.

The group has met monthly since January, working with Southeast South Dakota Tourism for assistance with planning and implementing their marketing. Executive Director Jacquie Fuks said, "This group is doing it right ... they understand that they are small and have lots of competition for visitor dollars, but they have some very unique history going for them, along with the Missouri National Recreational River and prime pheasant and duck hunting areas."

The group will be creating a 5-fold map/brochure and a new website www.discoverbonhomme.com. Bon Homme school will build the website utilizing students who can learn from the effort. "We think the students will develop some pride in their communities as they see visitors to the website interested in what the area has to offer," said Dennis Povondra of Tabor. "The students will maintain the website and make updates as needed. This will keep them looking closer at their community for things to add."

Southeast South Dakota Tourism will be designing their brochure and placing ads in the South Dakota Vacation Guide and regional visitor guide Simply South Dakota free as part of their Regional Tourism Assistance Program. "We see need in the rural areas of our region and want to encourage them to see the potential revenue that will come from visitors," said Fuks. "It's exciting to work with the small communities as they begin to see value in tourism." SSDTA works with several groups each year to give them a good start in tourism promotion. "We will invest about \$4,500 in this group and continue working with them for two to three years as they get established in their tourism marketing."

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**50 Years!**

**Mr. & Mrs. Kilmer Christensen**

Kilmer and Darlene Christensen of Viborg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 27th, 2011, with an open house from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Viborg Community Center. A dance will follow 8 p.m. -12 a.m. with Break Even Country. Hosted by their children. Everyone welcome. The couple requests no gifts. Greeting may be sent to 28807 445th Ave., Viborg, SD 57070.

*50th Anniversary*

The family of **Helge Jr. and Patricia Halvorson** are requesting a card shower for their parents' 50th wedding anniversary on August 27, 2011. Cards may be sent to them at 1107 East 39th Street, Yankton, SD 57078. They are requesting no gifts, please.

# Take It Slow On Speed Bumps

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
I live in a gated community with lots of speed bumps to deter speeding. I am always amazed at the ingenious techniques people use when they go over speed bumps. There is the one-wheel technique, the diagonal technique and, of course, the old-man (3 mph) technique. I prefer the straight-on-at-20-mph technique. Which way is best for your car? — Frank

**TOM:** Well, the straight-on-at-20-mph technique is best for US, Frank. We sell a lot of suspension parts that way.

**RAY:** But what's best for the car? No question about it: The old-man (3 mph) technique. In fact, we're going to rename that approach the "genius technique."

**TOM:** When you hit bumps hard, like you do, Frank, you jolt every part of the suspension system. It's like whacking every part in the car with a hammer. And even though cars are built to take a certain amount of punishment, the more they take and the harder they take it, the sooner their parts wear out.

**RAY:** And what happens to older cars that have taken more than their share of hard knocks like that? They tend to squeak and rattle and chatter their way down the road, dropping occasional parts along the way (see



**CAR TALK**

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

also: any of my brother's heaps).  
**TOM:** Whereas using the "genius technique" and going over a bump like that at 3 mph does practically no damage. The springs and shocks compress gently and absorb the bump, and then they decompress.  
**RAY:** And there's certainly nothing wrong with staying to the right and avoiding the speed bump with your right-side wheels, as long as you combine it with the "genius" 3 mph approach.  
**TOM:** And as long as you don't drive too far to the right, jump the curb and run over

someone's prized tulips.  
**RAY:** The same is true for the diagonal approach. It can't hurt, as long as you're going very slowly.  
**TOM:** And besides, when you go 20 mph over speed bumps, you're defeating their whole purpose — to stop knuckleheads from driving too fast in a pedestrian-heavy area. They're slowing you down for a reason — so that kids and older folks and everyone else who walks or crosses the street is safer.  
**RAY:** So, because of the damage you can do to your car, and to innocent pedestrians, we're renaming the straight-on-at-20-mph approach the "moron approach," Frank. So we'll leave it up to you to decide which technique you want to be associated with from now on.

Auto repairs can be costly! Save money by ordering Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." 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.

## Riverboat Days Raffle Winners Announced

The 2011 Riverboat Days raffle winners were as follows:

- \$1,250 Cash Prize — Barb Almond
- \$800 Cash Prize — Mark Braunsreither
- \$500 Cash Prize — Richard Ehrhart
- Truxedo Cover — Sandy DeWald
- Jolene Steffen Print — Stan Jacobson
- Mark Anderson Capitol Print — Jim Ryan
- \$250 Yankton Chamber Bucks — Anita Weiland
- \$250 Larry's Slumberland Gift Certificate — Tammie Schurman
- Fox Run 2 Rounds of Golf and Cart Rental — Shane Stevens
- Lily Crest Cottage Original Print of Lewis and Clark Lake by Cathy of Lily Crest Cottage — Roger Saylor
- \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Cards — Bill Yeager, Pam Stone, Tammy Bratberg, Dan Wallbaum, South Dakota Magazine
- \$100 HyVee Gift Cards — Alice Ellis, Larry Navratil, Bill Lambert, Adam Nielsen, Linda Donner
- Gertsner Oil Gift Card — Joannie Olenich
- Press and Dakota Subscription — Jean Bakley
- Frying Pan: 4 Meal Tickets — Suzann Ryan
- Western Office Supply (Yankton Bucks Rugs) — Dwayne Cap, Teresa Bradley



KELLY HERTZP&D

These kids on the Calvary Church Preschool float got into the Riverboat Days' "Zoo" spirit during Saturday's parade. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

- Scrapbook Supplies — Leslie Larson
  - Prize Package from SDN Communication — Mary Ann Barnes
  - Murdo's Gift Certificate — Mike Gulliksen
- All proceeds from the raffle are donated to Riverboat Days. If your name is on the list and you have not been notified, contact the Riverboat Days office at 605-665-1657 or Services Center Federal Credit Union at 605-665-4309

## 'Bash To The Colonies' Regatta This Weekend

The public is invited to the fifth annual "Bash to the Colonies" at Lewis and Clark Lake Aug. 27-28. The sailboat regatta and new powerboat poker bash will showcase more than 50 sail and power boats vying for the honor of the fastest boat, with all proceeds benefiting the Special Olympics of South Dakota.

The weekend is scheduled to begin with the captains' meeting

at Magilly's Lakeside Eatery at 8 p.m. on Aug. 26. Racing starts at 10 a.m. Aug. 27 with the Mono Hull race, Hobie Race and Powerboat Poker bash followed with a dinner, awards and dance by Too Drunk to Fish. Beginning at noon on Sunday, Aug. 28, the Junior Bash (for those under 16) starts the day off with the car show registration. The car show, open-air

concert and Corn Hole Tournament all begin at 1 p.m. All events will be held at the Lewis & Clark Marina and Resort entrance to the Lewis & Clark Recreation Area. The Marina and Resort are located four miles

west of Yankton on Highway 52. Visit www.bashtothecolonies.com for details on race and event times. Registrations and questions should be directed to the Lewis & Clark Resort 605-665-2680.



Wuebben-Severson

Steph Wuebben and Adam Severson were married June 11, 2011, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, SD, with the Rev. Trish Boese officiating. Parents of the couple are Steve & Delrae Wuebben of Gayville, SD, Doug Severson of Volin, SD, and Dr. Curtis & Madonna Adams of Yankton, SD. Steph is a student at SDSU, majoring in pharmacy, and she works at Unique Tan. Adam is a student at SDSU, majoring in construction management/accounting. He works for Madsen Spraying. The couple resides in Brookings, SD. Maid of Honor was Taylor Anderson. Bridesmaids were Val Wuebben, Maggie Larsen, Shelby Hansen, and Natalie Severson. Best man was Terry Bye. Groomsmen were Tyler Wuebben, Trevor Bennett, Andrew McDonald and Myles Nielsen. Ushers were Chris Bye and Nick Severson. Flower girls were Kaylee Wuebben, Autumn Wells and Brooke Getman. Ring bearer was Hunter Wuebben. The bride's personal attendant was Sam Anderson.



Bernadette Schroeder and Edward Lange were married at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, NE on August 22, 1961.

*Anniversary Open House*

Edward & Bernadette Lange, Hartington, NE, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 27, beginning with Mass at 4:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Bow Valley, NE. An open house & dance will follow at the Bow Valley Ballroom. The event will be hosted by their 7 children: Nancy (Randy) Steffen, Phyllis (Daniel) Daum, Roger (Alison) Lange, Beth (Lonnice) Tramp, Brian (Stephanie) Lange, Carla (Richard) Bahm, and Glen Lange; and 20 grandchildren. Friends and relatives are invited to come celebrate. Greetings may be sent to them at: 56323 892 Rd. Hartington, NE 68739.

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