

American Life in Poetry

Nocturnal Visitors

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

Having been bitten by a rabid bat I was trying to save from a fire, I'd prefer never again to see bats up close. And here, in this poem by D.R. Goodman, who lives in California, I get to watch them from a safe distance.

EXITING THE NIGHT

By living late, and sleeping late, we miss the moment when the bats come home to roost—when crooked shadows flit in jagged loops that seem to seek the chimney, seem to miss,

then somehow disappear into the eaves; and they (the bats) tuck wing to fur to wing in crevices and roof-beam beveling, doze through our nearly diametric lives,

invisible as brown on brown—until today, awakened by dreams, I caught a slight, compelling corner-glimpse in gray first light,

of sudden motion in the mostly still new dawn; and drawn, I rose to see the flight: our dark companions exiting the night.

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National History Day Contracted For Domestic Education Program

WASHINGTON — National History Day has again partnered with the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) and the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media (RRCHNM) at George Mason University to create a resource for understanding the sacrifice of fallen American heroes of World War II. Through this partnership, National History Day will lead a select group of teachers on an exploration of the path American forces traveled through Southern Europe in July 2016.

Teachers interested in participating can apply at <http://bit.ly/ABMC2016>. Applications are due by Sept. 4, 2015.

During the year-long program, teachers will research the life of a service member from their state who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War II and is buried in Europe. These fallen heroes will be honored as each teacher designs engaging lessons that help American students understand the sacrifice of Americans who served in World War II.

Teachers also select an aspect of the war in which to become an expert and use that knowledge to create an engaging lesson plan that invigorates the teaching and learning of World War II. For example, a teacher from the 2014-15 program created a simulation to help students understand the challenges facing families on the home front when a relative joined the service. Students are assigned a family role and must make choices that impact the rest of their family from the time of enlistment to the tragic arrival of a notice of death. Another teacher examined the Red Ball Express, a convoy system designed to bring supplies and fuel to the front lines. Drivers, many of them African American, traveled through treacherous terrain in newly recovered lands in one of the most dangerous non-combat jobs of the war.

These powerful teaching

tools will be turned into a digital resource by the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University and made available to teachers around the world in November 2015. The site will be hosted by ABMC at ABMCEducation.org.

"This is a wonderful partnership between three different organizations that have a shared love and appreciation for history," said NHD Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn. "By working with the ABMC we are able to give teachers an unforgettable experience at monuments of American sacrifice in Europe. The lesson plans created from these experiences are then made available worldwide on a website created by RRCHNM."

Through this partnership, ABMC will fund and support a group of middle and high school teachers tasked with developing lesson plans that illuminate the service, experiences and sacrifices Americans made in Europe during World War II. These lesson plans will be added to those created by the 2015 group, currently in Europe.

"This free resource will be available to teachers everywhere," said Gorn. "Our hope is that by combining the expertise of teachers and historians with the skills of digital media experts, we can create an easy to use resource that helps students understand the sacrifice of these fallen heroes."

Car Talk

Preventively Replacing Parts Is Ill-Advised For Several Reasons

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Car Talk:

What are your thoughts on replacing a water pump, alternator or other components before they fail? I have a 2000 Corvette with 84,000 miles that we are planning to take on a caravan this month from the Pacific Northwest to Bowling Green, Kentucky. I have not had any problems to date, but I wonder if taking preventive actions now, before a problem arises, is advisable? Thank you.

—Lee

I love the idea of replacing parts before they fail, Lee. But then again, our shop is full of mechanics trying to put their kids through college.

Practically speaking, I actually don't think it's a good idea. With 84,000 miles on the car, anything could be a candidate for preventive replacement at this point. You'd be taking wild guesses. Why not replace the fuel pump, too? How about the brake master cylinder? How about the engine?

And when you tell a mechanic that you want to start replacing parts that



Ray
MAGLIOZZI

evidence that a part is faltering – if he hears the water pump making noise or sees some wobble in the water pump pulley, or if he hears the bearings in the alternator making noise – then you can legitimately replace those parts, and consider it evidence-based preventive maintenance.

Or if he works on lots of older Corvettes, he may have developed some specific knowledge about certain parts that tend to fail on the car at 90,000 or 100,000 miles. That also can be considered evidence-based preventive maintenance.

are not showing signs of failure, you also open yourself up to unscrupulous operators who may be more interested in running up your bill than in keeping you out of the breakdown lane.

So instead, ask a mechanic you trust to do a thorough inspection of your car. If he sees actual

And then give yourself a few extra days to get to Bowling Green. Put aside some money for a few motel nights in case you do happen to break down; that's a risk you take when you drive a 15-year-old car across the country.

But if you have a few extra days to get there, then it won't be so stressful – it'll just be part of your adventure: You might get to spend an unexpectedly delightful day (or three) exploring the Museum of Belly Button Lint.

It's NEVER cheaper in the long run to buy a new car. Want proof? Order Click and Clack's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Car Talk/Used Car, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Vermillion

Nikki's Fund 5K Run/Walk Set For Sept. 12

VERMILLION — The Nikki's Fund 5K Run/Walk to help University of South Dakota students in crisis situations and also promote suicide prevention awareness throughout the region will be Saturday, Sept. 12, as part of National Suicide Prevention Week.

"Over the years, Nikki's Fund and the Nikki's Fund 5K have provided great support to USD students struggling with mental health-related concerns, including suicidal thoughts and intent," said Debra Brockberg, director of the USD Student Counseling Center. "The funds have provided financial support to students in need of medical assistance, lab work, funding for medication and diagnostic testing for mental health concerns, as well as travel costs to and from appointments."

The 2015 race/walk starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Prentis Park, which is also the finish line, with runners and walkers navigating a street course through downtown Vermillion. Prizes are awarded to first place finishers in the male and female categories of 15 and under, 16 to 25 years old, 26 to 54 years

old and 55 and over. T-shirts and refreshments will also be provided.

Registration forms are available at the Student Counseling Center, which is located at the Cook House on the USD campus. Participants can also register online at All-Sport Central (www.allsport-central.com) or complete a form the day of the run at 8 a.m. at Prentis Park. Registration cost is \$10 by Sept. 1 and then \$15.

"The communities of Vermillion and Yankton have been wonderful partners and supporters of Nikki's Fund. Since its inception in 2006, we've raised almost \$40,000 for USD students," said Janine Harris, founder of Nikki's Fund, which was created in memory of her daughter, Nicole Vallie Harris, who died from suicide on June 15, 2005. "Prevention begins with each and every one of us. Our mission is educating others that suicide is not an option but getting the help they need and deserve is."

For more information about Nikki's Fund or to make a donation, please call (605) 670-8740 or email



SUBMITTED PHOTO

YHS Choir director, Angela Larson. Students: Mikayla Trenhaile, Danielle Gillis, Abby Boyd, Sophie Drotzmann, Michael Haas, Joseph Kelly and Dylan Rausch.

YHS Choir Performs At Honor Choir Concert

Seven Yankton High School choir members were selected to sing in the South Dakota American Choral Director's Association's 42nd annual Honor Choir Concert. This concert was held on the campus of South Dakota

State University on Friday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. The group was conducted by Dr. Robert A. Harris.

They performed a variety of music with an elite group of high school singers from the state of South Dakota.

60th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Lumir Ruman

Lumir and Marcy Ruman will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on August 23, 2015. Marcy Cahoy and Lumir Ruman were married August 23, 1955 in Tabor, SD. Their children are Karen, David & Tammy Ruman, Yankton, SD; Cheryl (Richard) Wurts, Huron, SD. Their family is requesting a card shower in their honor. Cards may be sent to: 41862 301st St., Tyndall, SD 57066.

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Parents and students are invited to tour their school building: Beadle, Lincoln, Stewart, or Webster.

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Fire Dept. Seeks Artifacts

The Yankton Fire Department is looking for any artifacts regarding the fire department such as pictures, postcards, ribbons or equipment that might have been used or represents the fire department.

These items will be placed in the future museum that is planned for later this year at Station No. 2.

Most photographs will be reproduced and the originals returned or placed for safe keeping.

If you have any items to offer or information or would like to donate to the project, contact Deputy Chief Larry Nickles at 605-661-2785 or stop by the fire station at 201 West 23rd street.

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