

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

## Tooth Painter, A Job Description

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U.S. Poet Laureate

What might my late parents have thought, I wonder, to know that there would one day be an occupation known as Tooth Painter? Here's a partial job description by Lucille Lang Day of Oakland, California.

### TOOTH PAINTER

He was tall, lean, serious about his profession, said it disturbed him to see mismatched teeth. Squinting, he asked me to turn toward the light as he held an unglazed crown by my upper incisors. With a small brush he applied yellow, gray, pink, violet and green from a palette of glazes, then fired it at sixteen hundred degrees. We went outside to check the final color, and he was pleased. Today the dentist put it in my mouth, and no one could ever guess my secret: there's no one quite like me, and I can prove it by the unique shade of the ivory sculptures attached to bony sockets in my jaw. A gallery opens when I smile. Even the forgery gleams.

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## USD Psychology Professor Elected Section President Of APA Division

VERMILLION — Elizabeth Boyd, professor of psychology and director of the Psychological Services Center at The University of South Dakota, was recently named president of Section VI (Clinical Psychology of Ethnic Minorities) of Division 12 (Society of Clinical Psychology), one of the largest divisions affiliated with the American Psychological Association (APA).

Boyd will serve a three-year term. She will serve a year as president-elect that begin in January followed by president in 2011 and one year as past-president.

Section VI was established to promote research on clinical interventions with American racial and ethnic minority populations as well as to foster sensitivity to cultural, racial and ethnic issues in training psychologists. Section VI was also formed to enhance the representation of minority psychologists with Division 12 and APA governance, and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on socio-cultural issues.

"It is an honor to be elected to this leadership position," said Boyd, who will work to increase the quality and accessibility of training opportunities



Boyd

for minority clinical psychologists. "The ethnic minority psychologists in this division have inspired and mentored me since I was a graduate student. This is my opportunity to give back."

A member of the USD faculty since 1992, Boyd is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and received her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Houston. She is involved in a number of projects seeking to train culturally competent clinical psychologists and to develop culturally responsive mental health services for Native American communities. In addition to serving on several APA governance groups, including the Task Force on American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health; the Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment; and the board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, she has recently completed a term as President of the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45 of APA).

## Naval Academy Accepting Applications For STEM Program

ANNAPOLIS, Md.— Applications are being accepted Feb. 1 through April 1 for the United States Naval Academy (USNA) Summer STEM Program 2010. STEM is held in three sessions: June 7-12, June 14-19 and June 21-26.

The academy's Summer STEM Program is an overnight academic camp designed for rising 8th-11th grade students in good academic standing who have an interest in math and science.

The STEM Program gives students the opportunity to experience real-life applications of math and science principles through hands-on practical learning. Students will learn from

distinguished Naval Academy professors in world-class lab facilities that provide a unique learning environment outside the traditional classroom. The academy's current students, known as midshipmen, help run the Summer STEM Program and act as camp counselors and tutors to students.

Students and parents with questions about the Summer STEM Program and the application process should call (410)293-1858 or visit [www.usna.edu/admissions](http://www.usna.edu/admissions).

The deadline for applications is April 1. Applicants will be notified of their application status in the month of May.

## Something Fishy About This Diagnosis

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

**Dear Tom and Ray:** My daughter bought a 2005 Kia Sorento nine months ago, and was given an extended warranty by the dealership. A week ago, it started running badly, so she took it back. The technician said two cylinders were not working. He said they found a piston ring in the oil pan, and corrosion on the top of one piston. Now they are telling her that the damage was caused by an "unknown foreign object" that got into the engine. They are calling this a "road hazard," and won't pay for the large repair bill. Does this diagnosis make sense to you guys? — Jennifer

**RAY:** An "unidentified foreign object" got in there? Like what? Leonid Brezhnev?

**TOM:** There are only a few ways that a foreign object could get into the cylinders, Jennifer. And they're all unlikely. **RAY:** One is through the air filter. But even the loudest air filter is supposed to filter out objects larger than about 50 microns (that's about two-thousandths of an inch). So if a foreign object large enough to cause catastrophic engine failure snuck in the through the air filter, the innards of the air filter would be destroyed.

**TOM:** So ask the guy to give you the air filter. You may need it as evidence at a later date.

**RAY:** The second way an unidentified foreign object could get into the cylinder is with the gasoline. Again, most cars have several gas filters, not to mention fuel injectors with



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tiny nozzles. So there's no way anything comes in that way.

**TOM:** Then there's the oil, which also is filtered. And I've never run across a foreign object in a bottle of oil.

**RAY:** The final possibility is that something could have been dropped into one of the spark-plug holes while a spark plug was out. But unless you've had some reason to have the spark plugs removed in the first nine months of owning the car, that's impossible, too.

**TOM:** Here's my guess as to what happened: A piece of a piston skirt broke off. (That's the lower part of the piston.)

**RAY:** That's not a "road hazard." That's a "used car hazard." And it would have happened because an engine was badly overheated, manufactured, poorly maintained or

old and worn out. In any of those cases, they owe you an engine, since they gave it a warranty.

**TOM:** They're not happy about that. They may have offered this "extended warranty" themselves, rather than buy it from an outside company. And they're loath to spend another \$2,000 on a car they already consider sold. But T.S., Eliot.

**RAY:** Given the evidence you've presented (and assuming your daughter is not withholding any crucial information about losing her keys while her boyfriend changed the spark plugs), the dealership's story sounds pretty unlikely.

**TOM:** My advice would be to have the car towed somewhere else, and let someone with no financial stake in this matter examine it. Ask for his opinion on what happened and his thoughts on their UFO (unidentified foreign object) theory.

**RAY:** If his opinion is the same as ours, you can try presenting your case once again to the original dealership — this time, with evidence. But ultimately you may have to take them to small-claims court to get them to pay for your engine.

**TOM:** But an independent second opinion is the first order of business, Jennifer. Good luck to you.

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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## Neb. Chief Medical Officer: Smoke-Free Air Law Is Success

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraskans widely support the statewide smoke-free air law, according to a report issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. The report is entitled "Six Months of Smoke Free Air: The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act" and is on the DHHS Web site at [www.dhhs.ne.gov](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov).

More than 80 percent of the Nebraskans surveyed said they believe it is important to have a law prohibiting smoking inside most public buildings, including restaurants and bars. More than 85 percent agreed that those establishments are now healthier for employees and customers as a result of the smoke-free air

law and say that they still frequent those places as much as they did before the law went into effect.

"Nebraskans have entered a new era of better health and wellness because smoking is no longer allowed in public places," said Dr. Joann Schaefer, chief medical officer and director of the Division of Public Health. "Breathing secondhand smoke is harmful to everyone and contributes to diseases like lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. Nebraskans recognize this and support the new law."

On June 1, 2009, Nebraska became the 16th state to implement a law prohibiting smoking

in workplaces, restaurants, bars and gaming establishments. The only exceptions are some hotel rooms, tobacco-only retailers, cigar bars, research facilities and private residences that are not being used as a child care program.

Prior to implementation, the Tobacco Free Nebraska Program and the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Program partnered with local health departments, the Nebraska Restaurant Association, Big Red Keno, Inc., the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and many others to educate the business community and the general public about the new law. A toll-free information

line and e-mail address were created to respond to questions.

"The groundwork that DHHS and its partners did before the law went into effect helped businesses and the general public learn about it and what's required," Dr. Schaefer said. "That helped keep the number of complaints low."

A total of 108 complaints were reported during the first six months of the law, with the majority relating to bars or bar/restaurants. Most of the complaints occurred during the first month.

For more information about the smoke-free air law, go to [www.SmokeFree.ne.gov](http://www.SmokeFree.ne.gov).

## USD School Of Law To Host National NALSA Moot Court Competition

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota School of Law and the USD Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) are hosting the nation's top Indian law academic competition, the 2010 National NALSA Moot Court Competition, Feb. 18-20.

Forty-six NALSA teams from the United States will compete in the moot court competition at the USD School of Law beginning Thursday, Feb. 18. Competitors will be judged by members of tribal, federal and state judiciary as well as lawyers with expertise in Indian law. The championship round on Saturday, Feb. 20, which is open to the public in the law school courtroom, will be judged by a distinguished panel that includes Chief Judge Karen Schreier of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota; U.S. District Judge Jeff Viken; retired Chief Justice Robert Miller of the South Dakota Supreme Court; South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley; and Judge Roger Wollman of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition to the NALSA Moot Court Competition, USD will host an Indian law/law review symposium and the biennial Dillon Lecture on Indian Law.

The symposium, scheduled for 10 a.m. at the courtroom, is a combination of USD's annual Law Review Symposium and the NALSA Indian Law Symposium, the longest-running Indian law symposium in the nation. The Dillon Lecture will be presented by Professor Matthew Fletcher (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians), director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center of the Michigan State University College of Law. His address is slated for 7 p.m. in the courtroom.

Coordinator for the 2010 National NALSA Moot Court Competition is Lonnie Wright, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and a second-year law student at USD. Wright is also the president of the USD NALSA chapter and a member of the National NALSA board of directors. Entertainment for the Feb. 19 dinner for competitors and judges will feature hoop dancing by Jackie Bird (Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota) and members of her family. Artwork for the 2010 competition, including website, signage and participant materials, features original artwork by Donald Montleaux, an award-winning Oglala Lakota artist.

## E-Team Means Business At USD

VERMILLION — Young entrepreneurs are showing that they mean business at The University of South Dakota with the Extraordinary Idea Competition and Entrepreneurship Evening at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Al Neuharth Media Center.

This is the Entrepreneurship Team's (E-Team) fifth annual event to promote entrepreneurship within the community and to provide financial support for local business ventures. This year's program features Matt Wilson, a young entrepreneur and co-founder of the Web site Under30CEO, and the presentation of the 2010 Extraordinary Idea Competition Awards. Activities begin at 6 p.m. with a social followed by Wilson's

keynote address at 7 p.m., which includes an introduction from Mark Nelson of Maximum Promotions.

Wilson is co-founder of Under30CEO, a Web site dedicated to providing young entrepreneurs with tools and resources needed to succeed.

Following Wilson's address, Michael Keller, dean of the Beacom School of Business at USD, will announce the winners of the Extraordinary Idea Competition. Prize money for the competition has been sponsored by Miles Beacom, president and CEO of PREMIER Bankcard.

For more information about the E-Team, go to [www.usd.edu/business/student-organizations.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/business/student-organizations.cfm).

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