

American Life In Poetry

# Laundry Day

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One of the first uses of language must surely have been to tell others what happened beyond the firelight, out in the forest. And poems that do just that seem wonderfully natural and human to me. Here's Anya Krugovoy Silver telling us something that happened far from home. She lives and teaches in Georgia.

DOING LAUNDRY IN BUDAPEST

The dryer, uniform and squat as a biscuit tin, came to life and turned on me its insect eye. My t-shirts and underwear crackled and leapt. I was a tourist there; I didn't speak the language. My shoulders covered themselves up in churches, my tongue soothed its burn with slices of pickle. More I don't remember: only, weekends now when I stand in the kitchen, sorting sweat pants and pairing socks, I remember the afternoon I did my laundry in Budapest, where the sidewalks bloomed with embroidered linen, where money wasn't permitted to leave the country. When I close my eyes, I recall that spinning, then a woman, with nothing else to sell, pressing wilted flowers in my hands.

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## Local Students Place In Statewide Competition

SIOUX FALLS — Student teams from Yankton High School placed second in the recent statewide JA Titan® Competition.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Achievement Foundation, Junior Achievement of South Dakota was able to host the second annual statewide JA Titan competition. South Dakota high school students who participated in the JA Titan program were invited to compete against each other to put their skills and knowledge to the test. Twenty-one teams from across the state participated.

The JA Titan program utilizes an interactive computer simulation to introduce students to critical economics and management decisions. JA volunteers Steve Knight, Shur-co and Shelly Eilers, First Dakota National Bank partnered with Mr. Brady Muth's class to present the program over the course of seven class periods and brought real-world experience to the students. After the program's completion, two student teams from YHS participated in the statewide competition. Teams were required to create a company name and competed against

other student companies to make daily decisions regarding price, production, marketing, research and development, capital investment, and charitable giving. The competition ran for eight days.

Ben Cameron, Patrick Weinandt, Jason Shindler, and Adam Walter with their company, Viscious and Delicious, placed 2nd earning each team member \$150. The first place team was from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, and the third place team was from Rapid City Steven's High School.

Junior Achievement of South Dakota Program Director, Janice Sutera said, "Junior Achievement appreciates the partnership Steve and Shelly have with Mr. Muth. It was evident throughout this competition that the students applied strategies that they gained from the volunteers. We are also grateful for the on-going support of the Achievement Foundation. Their generosity and sponsorship allowed our organization to implement this statewide competition and provided the top three winning teams with cash prizes."

## HHS Offers Feline Event

Have you been considering adopting a feline companion? Heartland Humane Society (HHS) has a variety of cats and kittens with unique personalities, and they are having a special for the month of July to encourage adoption.

Saving a cat has been made much easier this summer with Heartland Humane Society's 4-Legged Felines for \$40 event running throughout the month of July.

"HHS is experiencing an influx of cats and kittens that need homes. We currently have close to 40 felines being cared for at the shelter, and still some waiting for kennel space residing in foster homes. This doesn't count the felines that are being placed on a waiting list or referred elsewhere. We really want to encourage adopting from us, especially the adults that have been here for quite some time. This will help make more space for cats that need somewhere to go," said Christa Kranig, shelter coordinator for HHS.

All felines available for the \$40 promotion are spayed/neutered, completely vaccinated, healthy and micro-chipped. Any feline at HHS older than 6 months old qualifies for this adoption special.

"The veterinary care these felines have received would typically cost upwards of \$150 to \$250. Adopting a cat with those costs already covered is an amazing deal," Kranig said.

For more information on this event, contact Heartland Humane Society at 605-664-4244 or email [hhs@midconet-work.com](mailto:hhs@midconet-work.com). You can view all animals available for adoption on [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net) or on Petfinder.com.

## Car Talk

# Is Six The New Eight?

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI  
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**Dear Car Talk:**  
I have had a Mercury Grand Marquis for over 15 years. We use it for long trips, and have been very satisfied with it. But the time has come to replace it. I saw an article about the new Buicks, and they look good. My question is: They all seem to be six cylinders. Our Grand Marquis is an eight. I wonder if the sixes deliver the same good driving I am used to. Also, does the engine get more wear at continued highway speeds because it has fewer cylinders?

—Bruce  
Six is the new eight, Bruce. Also, four is the new six, and three is the new four.

With technologies like direct injection and turbo-charging, engineers have been able to wring more power and efficiency out of each cylinder. For instance, your 15-year-old Grand Marquis with a V-8 produced 215 horsepower. By comparison, the 2015 Buick LaCrosse, with a V-6, makes 304 horsepower.



Ray  
**MAGLIOZZI**

highway. Your old Grand Marquis has a four-speed transmission. The new Buicks have six-speed transmissions (many cars now have seven, eight and even nine speeds). With more gear ratios available, the highest gear can be dedicated to highway cruising. That means at 65 mph, your engine probably will be loping along at 1,800 rpm, which is a piece of cake for an engine. That's one of the reasons you'll get bet-

ter highway mileage, too, despite the increased power.

The only thing you'll be unhappy with, I predict, is the rear visibility. But that's true with almost every new car, as today's style calls for a rising belt line and a high rear end (and I'm talking Buick here, Bruce, not Kardashian). So be sure to order the rearview camera.

But I think you should embrace the future, Bruce. I can tell you'd really rather have a Buick.

In the pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Click and Clack break down the strategies for buying a car, so you can make the most of your money. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO  
The South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary's new 2015-2016 officers are, from left: Chaplin Sharon Broghammer from Mitchell; 1st Vice President Melanie Martens from Piedmont; President Jane Benzel from Hot Springs; Vice President Elvira Moen from Watertown; and Historian Kathy Hornstra from Springfield.

## Am. Legion Auxiliary Convention Is Held

HURON — The South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary held their 95th convention in Huron on June 26-28. Friday was full of adventure for our Junior Auxiliary members with a Taco Bar meal and a piñata. On Friday night Senator John Thune spoke during our joint banquet with the American Legion and let us know the concerns the state has for our veterans. We got an update on the Fitzmaurce Veterans State Home in Hot Springs from Larry Zimmerman the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the state of South Dakota.

As we started Saturday we were honored to have Miss South Dakota, Autumn Simunek, who is an American Legion Auxiliary member sing the National Anthem. We were blessed to have Sen.

Mike Rounds and Rep. Kristi Noem come speak to us and let us know how much they appreciate what we are doing as an organization for our veterans.

On Sunday we elected new officers into the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary as President Carol Edwards steps out of those shoes and into our Jr National Executive Committee woman.

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## VFW Membership Award



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Yankton Post #791 Quarter Master Dean Gobel was awarded for one of the membership enrollments into the South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars in 2015. The award was presented during the 85th Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary State Convention, held in Yankton in June. Pictured with Quarter Master Dean Gobel is State Commander Donald Dahlin and National Representative Sr. Commander, John Biedrzycki.

### REUNIONS

**HECKENLAIBLE REUNION**  
A Heckenlaible reunion will be held Sunday, July 19, at 1 p.m. at the Open Door Restaurant in Menno with a

no-host smorgasbord dinner. Call for reservations by Wednesday, July 15, at 605-327-336 or 605-583-2735.

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