

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

Awareness Of Death Is Natural Part Of Life

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Whether we like it or not, we live with the awareness that death is always close at hand, and in this poem by Don Thompson, a Californian, a dead blackbird can't be pushed out of the awareness of the speaker, nor can it escape the ants, who have their own yard work to do.

YARD WORK

My leaf blower lifted the blackbird—
wings still spread, weightless,
floating on the loud, electric wind
almost as if it were alive.

Three or four times it flew,
but fell again, sideslipped down
like a kite with no string,
so I gave up. . . I had work to do,

and when the dust I raised
had settled in that other world
under the rose bushes, the ants
came back to finish theirs.

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American Legion Boys State Election Results And Winners

WATERTOWN — The 435 high school boys between their junior and senior years, who were delegates to the 68th Annual Session of The American Legion Boys State of South Dakota held their general election for state officers on Thursday, June 3. The candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor of both parties, Nationalist and Federalist, were subjected to questions during mid-morning assembly in the Johnson Fine Arts Center on the campus of Northern State University. All delegates returned to their respective cities prior to lunch to cast their ballots.

After lunch, election results were announced by Boys State Executive Officer Todd Otterberg of Spearfish.

Daniel Wanous of Sioux Falls, who will be a senator this year at Sioux Falls Lincoln High School, was elected as Governor.

Elected as Lt. Governor was Casson Dennison of Elk Point. Both candidates were members of the Federalist Party. Governor Wanous defeated Nationalist Party candidate Luke Carlsen of Sioux Falls.

Brent Olinger of Emery and Alex Thurman of Sioux Falls were selected as the two delegates to represent South Dakota at The American Legion Boys State in Washington, D.C. in July. Connor Powell of Chamberlain and Sean McCluskey of Hartford were selected as Alternates for Olinger and Thurman, respectively.

Jared Koch of Sioux Falls was selected as the 2010 recipient of the Samsung, American Legion Scholarship of \$1,000. Koch is now a national finalist and is eligible and entered into competition for an additional scholarship from The American Legion.

Other election results were William Mix of Arlington for Attorney General; Abraham Schwartzrock of Wolsey for Secretary of State; Levi Hattervig of Carthage as State Auditor; Devesh Kaushik of Brookings as State Treasurer; Thomas Zinter of Aberdeen as Commissioner of School and Public Lands. Elected as members of the Public Utilities Commission were Eldon Baker of Winner, Logan Freidel of Mitchell and Thomas Sullivan of Garretson.

In non-political elections, the delegates also elected six justices to serve on the Supreme Court. Elected as Supreme Court Justices were Mark Nassen of Sioux Falls, Bryan Cooley of Sturgis, Adam Brubakken of Rapid City, Alan

Mark-Ivanov of Sioux Falls, Matthew Hanson of Aberdeen and Timmy Jones of Flandreau. Timmy Jones of Flandreau was

subsequently selected as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Austin Vanderwal of Volga was selected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Austin Lake of Garretson was selected as the Nationalist Party Chairman and Brian Goetzinger of Rapid City was the Nationalist Party Keynote Speaker. The Federalist Party chose Sean Turgeon of Sioux Falls as their Party Chairman and Mitchell Moe of Sioux Falls as their Keynote Speaker.

Luke Carlson of Sioux Falls captured the honors of Outstanding Speaker. Mitchell Wagner of Milbank was selected as the Outstanding Boys State Citizen.

The Chandler L. Beach Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes the Boys State Delegate who best exemplifies the purpose of American Legion Boys State of South Dakota, was awarded to Levi Adema of Barnard.

Joe Boudreau of Yankton was selected as the Editor of the Boys State Daily Newspaper, the Sunshine Scribe.

U.S. Representative Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin spoke to the delegates and responded to their questions during their first general assembly on Monday, May 31 and they heard from U.S. Senator John Thune during an assembly on Tuesday, June 1. Senator Thune also responded to questions from the group. Attorney General Marty Jackley and Secretary of State, Chris Nelson also addressed the delegates.

American Legion Boys State of South Dakota was held on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen, May 31-June 4, 2010, under the direction of Boys State Director Tom Tyrrell of Garretson. Over 60 volunteer staff members from local, county and state government along with members of the SD Army National Guard, colleges and universities, and associations in South Dakota assisted The American Legion in presenting the program.

Nervous Mom Wants Electronic Help

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I'm a concerned mom. Our spirited 16-year-old daughter will soon have her driver's license. We subscribe to the Reaganesque philosophy of "trust but verify" when it comes to raising teenagers. Is there a covert car-tracking device or service that you recommend that would provide us with the ability to locate the vehicle on demand via e-mail or SMS (Short Message Service)? Thanks for your help!

— Blair
TOM: Spirited. Gotcha. Yes, there are such devices. But I would encourage you to go overt rather than covert.

RAY: Right. The idea is not to "catch" your little juvenile delinquent driving 80 mph through a school zone; the idea is to teach her not to do that. There are several devices on the market that provide feedback to the driver in real time, in addition to tattling.

TOM: One we particularly like is called Tiwi. It's a global positioning system-based computer that costs about \$200. You also pay a monthly subscription fee of about \$40. But what it allows you to do is set your own rules. So if you decide that your daughter is allowed to go only 5 mph over the speed limit, the unit will alert her when she's bro-



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ken that rule, and also will alert you immediately — by phone, e-mail or text message.

RAY: By giving her instant feedback ("You're going over the speed limit, and we're calling your mother"), she's given a strong incentive to start following the rules.

TOM: There are other "black box" or EDR (event data recorder) devices, and you can find many of them on the Internet. They can monitor speed, hard braking and hard acceleration. Some provide instant feedback to the driver and reporting to a parent; others

just collect the data and offer it to you via a website at your convenience.

RAY: But the cool thing about Tiwi is that, because it's one of the GPS-based systems, it knows the speed limit of whatever road she's on at that moment. Other devices just allow you to set a maximum speed of, say, 75 mph. But you can kill a lot of people driving 74 mph in a 35-mph zone.

TOM: Tiwi also allows you to set "no go" zones with the GPS so that it will let you know when, for example, your daughter leaves the immediate area. Or wanders into her boyfriend's neighborhood.

RAY: She's going to hate this thing, Blair! It is intrusive. But the stakes are so high in the case of a new teen driver (life and death) that some parents may decide that the invasion of privacy is worth it, at least for the first few years of driving.

TOM: And after a few years, the hope is that your daughter will have developed safe driving habits, and will be mature enough to make good driving decisions on her own. And if not, there's always the convent!

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SCHOLASTICS

YANKTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR AWARDS FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP

The Yankton Children's Choir is pleased to announce that the second annual Founders' Scholarship, so named in honor of Margaret Lyons and Lea Ann Schramm who were the genesis of the group, has been awarded to Eric Bloomquist from McLean, NE. Eric is a junior student at University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

All applicants for the award must be alumni of the Children's Choir, be a junior or a senior in college and be studying toward a major or minor in music or music education.

In his application, Eric stated that "the Yankton Children's Choir was undoubtedly the most important part of my childhood" and goes on to explain how the choir experience opened many doors of opportunity for him. Eric has participated in choral ensembles and worked toward a music minor while at UNL but next year will begin his Music Education classes leading to teaching others to experience the joy of music.

In his letter of recommendation for Eric, Dr. Peter A. Eklund, Director of Choral Activities at the UN School of Music calls Eric an "outstanding student" and "the very strongest in a new wave of young choral music educators that we are now graduating at UNL." With a current GPA of 3.98, the reviewers for the Founders' Scholarship felt that Eric was the candidate most deserving of receiving the \$500 award which will be presented later in the summer.

**STUDENT FROM THE U
RECOGNIZED FOR PRECIOUS
METALS RESEARCH**

VERMILLION — Harrison Kibombo, a Ph.D. student at The University of South Dakota, is the recipient of a 2010 International Precious Metals Institute (IPMI) Student Award for his research in the area of precious metals chemistry.

A native of Uganda, Kibombo will receive his award along with a prize of \$4,000 at the IPMI's annual meeting in Tucson, Ariz., this weekend. Kibombo was selected for his relevant research dealing with "Photocatalytic Reduction and Recovery of Precious Metals by Hydrothermally Synthesized Titanium-Silica Mixed Oxides Nanoparticles."

Kibombo, pursuing research in the group of Dr. Ranjit Koodali of the USD Department of Chemistry, is one of five to receive IPMI Student Awards, which are a series of annual cash awards recognizing the work of undergraduate and graduate students

in the field of precious metals. Other 2010 recipients include students from Penn State University, San Diego State University, Yale University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

For more information about the 2010 International Precious Metals Institute Distinguished Achievement and Student Awards program, go to www.ipmi.org/awards/index.cfm. More information about the USD Department of Chemistry is also available on the Web at www.usd.edu/chemistry.

CORRECTION TO YMS 4TH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Students who should have been included in the Yankton Middle School

ROLL OF EXCELLENCE

4th Quarter 2009-2010
6th Grader - Kaisee Murphy
7th Grader - Allie Thiessie
YMS apologizes for the error.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA LISTS SPRING 2010 PRESIDENT'S ROLL OF HONOR

The University of North Dakota has named 781 students to the Spring 2010 President's Roll of Honor.

To qualify, a student must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or higher. The student must also have earned a minimum of 30 semester hours and have completed a minimum of 12 hours at the close of the semester, eight of which must be for traditional letter grades.

The following list of hometowns and students are listed alphabetically:

NEBRASKA: Hartington - Christopher Kruse
SOUTH DAKOTA: Yankton - Logan Stundal

UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS ANNOUNCES 2010 GRADUATES

SIOUX FALLS — MaryChar W. Erickson and Amanda Rae Parker of Yankton, graduated from the University of Sioux Falls on May

23, 2010. USF awarded 409 total degrees, marking the third consecutive year that the University has awarded more than 400 degrees. In terms of the total number of spring graduates, USF ranks 4th in South Dakota behind South Dakota State University, the University of South Dakota and Black Hills State University.

DRURY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2010 DEAN'S LIST

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Earning a spot on Drury University's Dean's List is a significant accomplishment; it means a student earned a grade point average of 3.6 or greater (on a 4-point scale) while carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more

semester hours at Drury, a top 10 Midwestern university, according to US News & World Report.

In the spring 2010 semester, the following students from Vermillion High School made the Drury University Dean's list for the day school: Samuel Brodeen McBride and David Andrew Rosacker.

BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

STORM LAKE, IOWA — Grace Sullivan of Yankton has been named to the Buena Vista University Dean's List for the 2010 spring semester. Students named to the Dean's List must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for the semester, based on a 4.0 grade point system, and must have taken at least 12 hours of coursework.

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The Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse is currently accepting proposals from qualified private and public entities to provide alcohol prevention services in South Dakota.

The RFP must target prevention of underage drinking among 12-20 year olds or prevention of young adult binge drinking among 18-25 year olds.

For materials and additional information concerning this proposal visit the division's website at: <http://dhs.sd.gov/ada/> or call 605-773-3123.

**62nd Annual
CZECH DAYS**

Tabor, SD

**June 17th
6:30pm-11pm
June 18th
June 19th**

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WELLNESS EVENTS June 2010

Men's Health Month
Wednesday, June 16th - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (HealthMarket)
June is Men's Health Month! Research shows that men do not see physicians for a physical exam nearly as often as women. The best Father's Day gift we can give is to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. Join Brenda in the HealthMarket as she provides information regarding Men's Health Month and how a healthy diet can be essential for fighting off disease.

Cherries - America's Super Food!
Tuesday, June 22 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Produce Department)
Cherries are one of the best ways to relieve pain naturally. Although they are available year-round, their peak season is this month! The anthocyanins contained in cherries have the ability to block inflammatory enzymes and offer pain relief. Stop by the produce department to sample some cherries and learn more about this "super food" from your HyVee dietician.

Healthy Dad's Are Happy Dad's - Happy Father's Day
Saturday, June 19th - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (HealthMarket)
Father's Day is a day honoring dads everywhere and typically involves gift-giving, special dinners and other family oriented activities. This year help dad, along with the entire family, have a healthy and happy Father's Day. Stop by the HealthMarket for a sample of grilled Alfresco Chicken Sausages, a tasty and healthy alternative for Father's Day!

It's Time for Iced Tea!
Wednesday, June 30th - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (HealthMarket)
Summer is a great time for iced tea! Join Brenda in the HealthMarket for a taste of a variety of teas that are not only refreshing, but bursting with disease-fighting antioxidants!

Look for these and other specials in the Health Market in the month of June:
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