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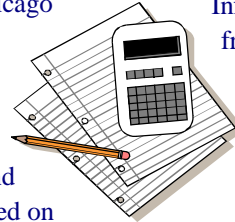
ISU Library Newsletter

Two Certainties in Life: Death and Taxes

Robin Bradford

This old cliché is spouted by everyone, to everyone, throughout the last part of March and the beginning of April. However, is it really a true statement?

Al Capone, notorious Chicago gangster, who was really from New York, was an expert at combing death and taxes. He was the cause of a lot of death, and he was, ultimately, arrested on charges of tax evasion. But, he wasn't the only one. Check out this sweet list of gangsters arrested for missing the April 15 deadline: "Ralph "Bottles" Capone, Jake "Greasy Thumb" Guzik, Frank Nitti and other mobsters were subjects of tax evasion charges." (taken from the Al Capone, AKA Scarface website.)



So, if there was going to be a moral to this piece on death and taxes, it would be: Mark your calendars well in advance of the April 15 deadline, and take care of business! It is a lot simpler than the alternative. We may think that our little "drop in the bucket" doesn't matter, but... we all know what happened to Al Capone in prison, don't we?

Information for this article was taken from the following web sites:

<http://www.lubbockonline.com/news/010897/fleiss.htm>

<http://www.fbi.gov/famcases/capone.htm>

www.amazon.com

April is National Poetry Month

Lora Amsberry Augier

I am not much of a poet. Actually, outside of the attempts that were required of me in grade school and later in high school, I have not pursued the art of writing poetry. I have left that endeavor to my younger sister Monica.

Monica took a poetry course in college about 10 years ago (its amazing how time flies!) and shared some of the poetry she read with me. The following two poems came from the text that she

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used in the class. I took a liking to them and have kept a copy of them on my refrigerator since that time.

These poems are slightly morbid in their imagery of death, but at the same time they speak of the great passion in pursuit of love both carnal and emotional (the first one even rhymes!).

I hope you appreciate them as much as I do. Your comments might make for an interesting discussion in next month's newsletter. - Editor

Post Mortem

Alex Osborne

When you are a skeleton
Love, dance with me
Our dentures the castanets
Of conjugal glee.

When you've gone to skin and bone
I'll find the man within you,
Pluck my heartstrings recklessly
On your remaining sinews.

Then lay your long bones down on mine
In bare articulation.
Not a law on earth can stop
Final consumation.

What if flesh has given way!
We'll make it with our wits.
Kisses then, as now, love
On imaginary lips.

Handfasting

C.D. Wright

It says in Wednesday's *Journal*: a woman, 85, went out

For the mail. Fell. The man, 92, went out to help. Fell.

Both froze on their walk. Your body strewn over the quilt

Makes me think of meat pulled from a shell.

When I am every bit of 92, you will be only 85.

I don't mean to be unfeeling toward their surviving boy.

But it struck me, a stranger, as one of love's merciful ends.

Desirous even. I want us to live for that assignation.

I want to rise with the first crib of light
Like a milky new mother and husband;
step out

As if for mail, and freeze our flabby asses off together.

It's Your Turn Now

Editor

In recognition of National Poetry Month, make it a goal this month to read a poem. Pick a poet, any poet and read his/her poetry. After you are finished, read the criticism that is available on the poetry and see if you agree with what has been said about your poet and his/her poetry. One last poem from the editor.

There is no Frigate Like a Book

Emily Dickinson

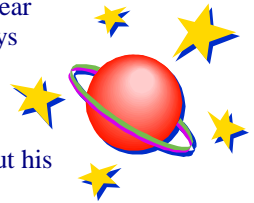
There is no frigate like a book
To take us lands away,
Nor any courser like a page
Of prancing poetry.

This traverse may the poorest take
Without oppress of toll;
How frugal is the chariot
That bears the human soul!

Untermeyer, Louis. [A Treasury of Great Poems English and American](#). (New York: Simon and Schuster) 1955. Ref PR 1175 .U65 1955.

A Poem from the Younger Generation

Penny Kyker's 6 year old grandson enjoys astronomy. The muse struck him one day, so he wrote a poem about his favorite subject.



Saturn's Rings

Alexander Keith McDonald

Saturn, Saturn,
Look at those rings
Saturn, Saturn,
Look at those rings
Oh, how beautiful.
Oh, how beautiful.
They are pretty.
They are pretty.
All the other gas giants,
Have ugly dust rings.
You're such a good
Pretty Planet
Yes, Yes, Yes

Chaminda Jayamanne:

Major: Electronics

Hometown: Sri Lanka (no, that's not in Indiana!)

Part of the job he likes most: The part where he doesn't have to do anything! (Did I tell you he was nominated in the honesty category?)

Favorite Candy Bar: Twix

How long has he been in the library: Just under two years

What 1 thing would make this a better library: Live wire attached to the entrance gate to keep people from forcing their way out the wrong gate.

Carly Ann McKinley

Major: English

Hometown: Sullivan

How long has she been in the library? 1 year and 2 months.

Part of the job she likes the most: The people I work with.

What is your favorite candy? M&M's

The one thing I would do to make this library better is install faster color laser printers.

Cynthia's Lame Jokes

Plumber: That will be \$350.

Dentist:: Even I don't make that kind of money!

Plumber: Neither did I when I was a dentist.

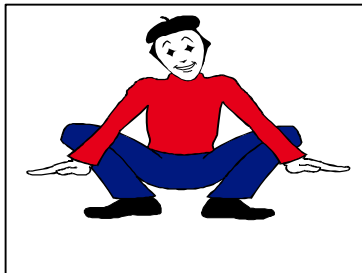
Q: If a man voices his opinion and his wife is not there to hear him, is he still wrong?

A: Yes!

1stGuy: Wanna hear a redneck Joke?

2nd Guy: I'm a six-foot tall, 200 lb. Redneck. Joe here weighs 225 pounds, is six-foot-two and a redneck. Do you still want to tell that joke?

1st Guy: Nah. I don't want to have to explain it twice.



Interviewer: So you've just graduated from MIT. What starting salary were you looking for?
Interviewee: About \$125,000 a year, depending on benefits.
Interviewer: How about five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, new company car every two years, perhaps a Corvette?
Interviewee: Wow! You're kidding!
Interviewer: Yeah, but you started it.



Library of the Bizarre
From the USA Fax Times

When's the Revolution?
By Millie Tant

Guide to West Coast Universities
By Stan Ford

Unemployed
By Anita Job

To Be Honest
By Frank Lee

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
		1 April Fool's Day	2 Happy Birthday, Valentine Muyumba!	3	4/5 Happy Birthday, Jeremy Shellhase!
6	7 Tater Day	8	9	10	11/12 Easter Celebrated.
13	14 Pan American Day Abraham Lincoln Assassinated	15 Titanic Sinks! Taxes Due!	16	17 Verrazano Day	18/19 Happy Birthday, Karen Passen!
20	21 Patriot's Day	22 Earth Day	23 Happy Birthday, William Shakespeare!	24 Armenian Martyr's Day	25/26
27	28 Fast Day	29	30 Walpurgisnacht Beltane Minnehead Hobby Horse Parade.		

Some events taken from page 386 of [Holidays, Festivals and Celebrations of the World Dictionary](#). Compiled by Sue Ellen Thompson and Barbara W. Carlson (Detroit, MI: Omnigraphics, Inc) 1994.
Other events courtesy of Steve Hardin (LIS).

People Places & Things

Corrections - Oh, no, not again!

One of these days we will get everyone's Birthday listed in the Newsletter, but it wasn't the March issue.

In March we forgot 2 Birthdays. **Beth Blakesly Lindsay** celebrated her latest Birthday on March 8 and **Allison Montgomery** did the same on March 18. A Happy Belated Birthday to both of you!

More Babies!

Allen Keathley is once again a proud Grandfather of twin granddaughters, Clarissa Mabel and Ellissa Lorena McCullough. They were born March 25 at Union Hospital.

Marsha and O'Dell receive Achievement Awards

(As reported by Teresa Kirkpatrick)

Multicultural awards were presented to O'Dell Wintersteen and Marsha Miller on Saturday, March 28, 1998. the final event of Multicultural Mania week.

O'Dell received a Multicultural Advocate Award for her outstanding service in presenting portraits of Native American people to the ISU and Terre Haute community. In addition, she supports all diversity initiatives and consistently provides

leadership in assuring visibility for Native Americans.

Marsha received an Individual Recognition Award for her work with the Gender Equity Task Force.

Stinnett Joins Lending Services

Rebecca Stinnett started working in Lending Services this past Monday, April 13. She has taken the Library Assistant II position. Congratulations, Rebecca!

Mortar Board to tap Student Assistant

Jenny Schwering (Circ. Student Assistant) was recently notified that she will be tapped into Mortar Board for the 1998-99 school year. Congratulations, Jenny!

On the sick list

Jean Flak has been home, sick with pneumonia this past week. She should be returning to work tomorrow, April 16. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Movie recommendations from Lora

Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan fans will love their latest film, "City of Angels." It is a tear-jerker of a romance movie that even made my jaded heart twinge. Entertainment Weekly rated it poorly, but I think the reviewer didn't see the same film that I did.

I also went to see "Lost in Space" starring William Hurt, Mimi Rogers

and Matt LeBlanc (Friends co-star). This was a fun action-adventure/ sci-fi flick that those of us who appreciate quality special effects will enjoy. It is not as campy as the original TV program of the same name, but it does have its moments.

If you are contemplating going to a movie this weekend, I would recommend both films.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Esther Hedges at the loss of her mother this past week. We hope that you are able to take comfort from your caring friends and family.

We are saddened to hear of the death of Jean Flak's mother, Tuesday, April 14. Our sympathy goes out to you in your time of grief.

Next Month's Issue....

It's the end of the school year, what are your summer plans?

Part IV of "As the Campus Turns"

We want to know about the happenings in your department. Send us a message with your news!

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