

Dowd to deliver Volk Symposium

Anthony Dowd, chief of staff and special assistant to Paul Volcker, chairman of President Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board; will present, "The Dukes of Moral Hazard: Trust Banks, their Bailout, and the Volcker Rule" at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11 at The University of South Dakota during the 2011 Arthur A. Volk Accounting Symposium at Farber Hall, Old Main.

Dowd, a graduate of the United States Military Academy with an M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, assists and advises Volcker with all aspects of his duties running the Economic Recovery Advisory Board. Most recently, he has served as managing partner at Charter Oak International Partners, a specialized private equity firm, and as director at Charter Oak Partners, a Connecticut based hedge fund. Additionally, Dowd has served on 18 corporate boards – both private and public; and he has extensive experience on compensation



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committees, executive or nominating committees, and audit committees.

As CEO of the management company at Charter Oak Industries, he integrated the insurance, employee benefits, legal and audit functions of the entire group consisting of more than 5,000 employees at 45 locations in five countries. From 2003 to 2009, he served as a general partner in a hedge fund group, and he previously served in the U.S. Army from 1981-86 and received several awards for meritorious service. Additionally, he has lectured on financial regulatory reform at the Stern Graduate School of Business at New

York University.

Made possible by the Volk Symposium Fund and the Beacom Opportunity Fund, "Ethical Leadership for the 21st Century" is free and open to the public. This event is also sponsored by The University of South Dakota Beacom School of Business and USD's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the national honors fraternity for financial information professionals.

The Volk Symposium honors the legacy of Arthur A. Volk, who joined the USD faculty in 1948. During his 36-year tenure at the university, he taught every accounting course offered by the school as well as other business courses. The symposium was established as a fund to bring together students, academicians and business leaders for discussion of current topics of interest.

For more information, go to www.usd.edu/business/accounting/volk-symposium.cfm. The lecture is free and open to the public.

FLOOR FUNDS



Tom Schaack, chairman of the Vermillion Area Community Foundation, presents a check for \$2,350 to Paige Keck, interim president of the Vermillion Area Dance Organization. The funds will be utilized towards the purchase of a dance floor. Participants and officers of the organization include (front) Becca Law, Ena Keck, Emma Dahloff, Clare Dahloff, Mary Dahloff and (back) Gen Law, Liz Law, Tori Law, Ellen Hanson, Schaack, Keck, Adrienne Lewis, Marie Dahloff and Chad Law.

Universities partner with K-12 schools

Seven projects involving public universities and K-12 schools will benefit from nearly \$350,000 in federal grant funding to improve science and mathematics instruction in middle and high schools.

The Title II grants from the U.S. Department of Education pair university science, math, and education faculty with teachers and administrators from high-need school districts to develop relevant professional development activities. More than 175 teachers from across South Dakota will participate.

The partnerships, each funded at about \$50,000, include:

- Black Hills State University, along with South Dakota State University and Oelrichs School District, for a "Best Practices in Teaching Mathematics and the New Common Core Standards" project;
- BHSU, along with Dakota State University and Cheyenne-Eagle

Butte Schools, for a "Best Practices in Teaching Mathematics and the New Common Core Standards" project;

• BHSU and Summit School District for a "Best Practices in Teaching Mathematics and the New Common Core Standards" project;

• The University of South Dakota and Avon School District for a "South Dakota Science and Mathematics Teacher

Enhancement: Integrating Math and Science and Using Topical Issues in Science Instruction" project;

• SDSU and McIntosh School District for a "Cosmic Math 2011" project;

• BHSU, along with Wall and Andes Central school districts, for an "Earth and Space Science Concepts for Teachers" project;

• BHSU and Newell School District for a "Modeling Physics Instruction in South Dakota" project.

CHECK IT OUT

By Anne Marshall

Activities at the Library

The Friends of the Vermillion Public Library welcome Maxine Kinsley to the annual Literary Luncheon to be held on Thursday, April 14, starting at 11:30 a.m. Kinsley, a Bon Homme County native, began her first writing project in 1979. After recording the centennial history of Tyndall, she soon started researching the history of the Missouri River, which led to the trail of the Military Road. Her book, *The Sioux City to Fort Randall Military Road*, was self-published in 2010. Tickets may be purchased at the library until April 11.

Join the Historical Heritage group on Thursday, April 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Community Room for a discussion on the novel, *The Land They Possessed*, by Mary Worthy Breneman. This prairie novel portrays 1885-1894 Dakota Territory and the impact of German immigrants from Russia. Discussion will be facilitated by Norma Wilson, USD professor emeritus.

The Friends of the Library will sponsor a spring book sale from May 4 through the 8. They are looking for volunteers to set up, sort materials, and cashier. Contact Misi at 677-7060 for more information.

Volunteers trained to use material provided by the IRS will provide tax preparation services at the library. Scheduled hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. Pick up a list of free tax services at the circulation desk.

"DearReader," the online book club, has added a Teen tab to its library tabs for Facebook. This tab displays the daily book club excerpt right on Facebook. Teens can sign up for the Teen Book Club without leaving Facebook. This also opens the door for teens to post comments about the current books and make their friends aware of new books.

"DearReader" has also added the feature, BookTweets that automatically sends out a tweet letting people know what books their library is featuring each week on the Online Book Club. This feature is available to the book club members. A link in

the tweet takes readers to a page showing each of the clubs, the book jackets, titles, and authors. Patrons can then click to read the excerpt in their browser, on their mobile device, or click to subscribe to the daily emails. For more information email the site at Info@DearReader.com.

Check out the VPL's TumbleBookLibrary and TumbleReadables collection on the library's home page. Click on the children's department link. Readers can look at a new read-along graphic novel demo by clicking on this site, http://tumblebooks.com/swap/RampRats_GraphicNovelDemo.swf.

The library's home page has also added a link the WebMD. The homepage address is <http://vpl.sdl.n.net>.

Weekly Online Book Club

The DearReader.com Book Club offers many selections to Internet patrons. Each book runs for five days, Monday through Friday. Some genres offer selections every other week. Check out this service by registering at the library's Web site, <http://vpl.sdl.n.net> and clicking on the book club icon. The Online Book Club is asking it's readers to write and tell what they enjoy about this special library service. The featured for the week of April 11, 2011 are:

AUDIO BOOK: No selection for this week.

BUSINESS: *The Rules of Work*, by Richard Templar.

FICTION: *Mini Shopaholic*, by Sophie Kinsella.

GOOD NEWS: *Under a Maui Moon*, by Robin Jones.

MYSTERY: *Murder in the Palais Royal*, by Cara Black.

NON-FICTION: *Beer is Proof God Loves Us*, by Charles W. Bamforth.

PRE-PUB: No selection for

this week.

ROMANCE: *A Touch of Evil*, by Colleen Thompson.

SCIENCE FICTION: No selection for this week.

TEEN: *Finders Keepers: Gifted*, by Marilyn Kaye.

THRILLER: No selection for this week.

New Adult Fiction

In November of 1960, Frank Sinatra gave Marilyn Monroe a dog. His name was Mafia Honey. Maf for short. He had an instinct for celebrity, politics, psychoanalysis, literature, and interior decoration. *The Life and Opinions of Maf the Dog, and of His Friend Marilyn Monroe*, by Andrew O'Hagan draws an altogether original portrait of the woman behind the icon and the dog behind the woman.

Armed with only an old encyclopedia, a Bible, and the complete works of Charles Dickens, the good citizens of Dingley Dell built an idyllic society based on a Victorian past. Most residents live peacefully in the splendid isolation, until 11-year-old troublemaker Newman Trimmers escapes from the valley to unmask the world beyond. Under the Harrow, by Mark Dunn is unmatched literary wit and imaginary storytelling. Dunn delivers the first contemporary Dickensian thriller and one of the most innovative books in years.

ATF agent Sean Ozburn is deep undercover, supporting the sicarios of the North Baja Cartel, when he suddenly goes completely dark, leaving Charlie Hood and the support team from Operation Blowdown with a safe house full of bodies and no explanation. Three-time Edgar Award winner, T. Jefferson Parker, contemporary

crime fiction's most critically acclaimed writer, delivers another masterpiece in *The Border Lords*.

Stone Barrington is enjoying his usual dinner at Elaine's when his boss at Woodman & Weld, the New York law firm where Stone is "of counsel," begins to talk about a partnership. Stone's discreet handling of super-wealthy clients has earned him a place in the most elite of law firms. But things don't always shine bright as he gets wind of an impending scandal that could put some of New York's rich and powerful in financial peril. Fans of New York Times bestselling author Stuart Woods will enjoy another Stone Barrington novel in *Strategic Moves*.

The Red Garden introduces us to the luminous and haunting world of Blackwell, Massachusetts, presenting the reader with some three hundred years of passion, dark secrets, loyalty, and redemption in small-town America. At the center of everyone's life is a mysterious garden where only red plants can grow, and where the truth can be found by those who dare to look. Author Alice Hoffman brings her fans a beautifully crafted read,

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42" Zenith Plasma HDMI TV
from **Sears** Hometown Store

2nd Place: Max Hunhoff.....\$75

3rd Place: Steve Sternhagen.....\$50

4th Place: Justin Rust.....\$25

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