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# CALLAHAN COUNTY STAR SPOTLIGHT

## WRITERS SHOWCASE

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### American Life In Poetry

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

What's in a name? All of us have thought at one time or another about our names, perhaps asking why they were given to us, or finding meanings within them. Here Emmett Tenorio Melendez, an eleven-year-old poet from San Antonio, Texas, proudly presents us with his name and its meaning.

My name came from my great-great-grandfather.

He was an Indian from the Choctaw tribe.

His name was Dark Ant.

When he went to get a job out in a city he changed it to Emmett.

And his whole name was Emmett Perez Tenorio.

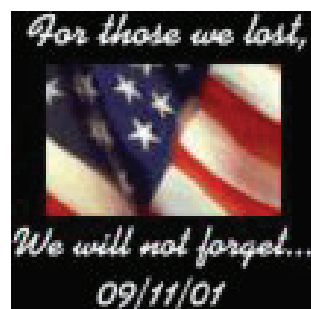
And my name means: Ant; Strong; Carry twice its size.

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Anyone up for a game of chess? Photo by Patrick Ready

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### Literary Calendar

September 12, 1846: Poets Robert Browning, age 34, and Elizabeth Barrett, were secretly married at St. Marylebone Church in London.

September 14, 1851: James Fennimore Cooper, author of "The Last of the Mohicans," died in Cooperstown, New York.

September 15, 1889: Grandfather of Peter Benchley ("Jaws"), humorist Robert Benchley was born at Worcester, Massachusetts. Two years later Agatha Christie was born.

September 16, 1672: The first woman poet of the American colonies, Anne Bradstreet, died at Andover, Massachusetts.

September 18, 1980: At a nursing home in Silver Spring, Maryland, Katherine Anne Porter died at age 90. She had been born at Indian Creek, Texas, ninety years before.



### Wanted: Writers & Poets



The pen is mightier than the sword.

Submissions sought to: **Star** P.O. Box 29 Eastland, TX 76448 email: thebairdspotlight@att.net S.A.S.E. for returns

--WANTED-- 20 lines, double spaced or less Poetry Fiction or Non Each entry with brief biography notes. All must be family oriented; no smut, slander or liable material.

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WANTED: Poetry and/or short stories for this page each week.

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#### Words to Use:

**Coruscate:** A verb meaning to glitter, to flash, to sparkle like water will do in the sun.

**Diggladiation:** This is a word for a contest or a battle.

**Epiphyte:** A noun for a plant that grows upon another plant.

**Farouche:** Here is an adjective for being shy, bashful, antisocial.

### Writers And Poets!

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- 1. We ask for first-time publishing rights. All other rights will remain with the author.
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- 3. Short stories should be brief. Poetry should be no longer than 24 lines.
- 4. Each submission should be typewritten, single spaced, with author's name and contact information in the top right hand corner. You must include a SASE for the return of the submission.
- 5. Please address all submissions to:

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