

A Poetic Look At Grandfathers

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

There are thousands of poems about caring for the old, but I have never before seen one like this, in which a caregiver wades with an elderly person out into deep water, literally and figuratively. It's by Marie Thurmer, a poet now living in Nebraska.

A GRANDFATHER

We waded in the shallows, holding his hands, then just fingertips, as his feet slowly lifted off the bottom. The land did not stop at the waterline, but simply became unreachable. His worn face bobbed above the waves, breath in an O as our words, fistfuls of shimmering minnows, scattered, lost on their way to him. The tide carried him out, then back a bit, a gradual letting go into dark waters, and we, still in the ebb, could almost mistake that O for the response we wanted—on the ins, I'll remember you, on the outs, goodbye.

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HSC Club Meets Sept. 19

The monthly meeting of the HSC Friendship Club will be held at Whimp's in Burbank at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. If you need more information, call 665-5956.

MILITARY

JASON ARENS

Ensign Jason F. Arens graduated from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and commissioned as an Ensign on July 12, 2013. He will be attending Nuclear Power School in Charleston, S.C.

Arens is a 2008 graduate of Yankton High School and a 2012 graduate of S.D.S.M&T Rapid City with a Computer



Arens

Engineer degree.

Arens is the son of Bill and Carol Arens, Yankton. Grandson of Cyril and Coletta Wubben, Fordyce, Neb., and Ben and Theresa Arens, Yankton

BIRTHS

LIAM VILLALOBOS

Ian and Courtney Villalobos of Yankton announce the birth of their son, Liam Israel Villalobos, born Sept. 7, 2013, at 2:15 p.m. Liam weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

He joins siblings Taylor, 6 and Jayden, 2.

Grandparents are Steph Bouska, Yankton; Jose and Ida Villalobos, Ponce, Puerto Rico; and Henry and Terri Martin, Newcastle, Wyo.

Great-grandparents are Shirley Bouska, Yankton; and Bonnie and Albert Martin, St. Onge.

Which Car Could Stand Up To A Potential Solar Flare

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Tom and Ray:

With talk about the potential (though unlikely) event of a large solar flare directly hitting Earth, some high-tech engineering types are discussing the merits of using homemade Faraday cages to protect electronics and power-generating equipment and vehicle computers. Rather than place in the garage a large, galvanized steel container that's large enough to park a car in after the container has been lined with insulation and add a conductive layer around the car, I'm thinking it would be more practical to just buy a spare car and maintain it, albeit one that does not have any electronic controls. I'm thinking a carbureted vehicle built before the '80s would do the trick. The question I have is, Would a car with a carburetor built prior to 1980 continue to run (assuming that it can run OK prior to this potential event) after Earth has been hit with a large solar flare, similar to the Carrington Event of 1859, which was strong enough to cause electrical shocks to telegraph operators? Also, what would be a suggested vehicle to keep for such an event? — Larry

RAY: Well, we all remember what chaos the world was cast into after the 1859 Carrington Event, Larry. Life, as we knew it, was extinguished. I mean, try finding a telegraph operator today! Where are they? You think it's a coinci-



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

dence that you can't find a telegraph operator anymore?

TOM: Doesn't anybody screen these letters?

RAY: Actually, I think it's a very reasonable question, Larry. We'll do our best to help you out.

TOM: OK. In order to avoid being automatically stranded by some sort of major, Earth-wide electrical disturbance, you need to go back to before computers were used to manage engines, and before electronic ignition. That would put you in the early 1970s.

RAY: I think the car for you is a 1972 Dodge Dart, Larry. It's proven pretty reliable. Since it has a nerdy cult following, there are lots of parts still available for these cars. It has a one-barrel Holley carburetor and no important electronics that would be affected by electromagnetic radiation. In fact, it doesn't have

any electronics at all.

TOM: Or, here's another idea: How about a nice, 1971 Chevy Kingswood Estate Wagon? That's got a nice, simple, carbureted V-8 engine, and the fake wood paneling should survive any electrical event. Plus, a full-size station wagon will give you plenty of room to carry around the provisions you'll need for the next 50 years.

RAY: But whatever car you get, just to be on the safe side, you might want to take the radio out and wrap it in tinfoil.

TOM: But don't use all of your tinfoil. You'll need to have enough left over to make your hat, Larry. Godspeed.

Stop the madness! You can stop driving like a knucklehead, and you'll help your car in the process. Learn how your driving habits can harm your car in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Radon Testing Workshop Sept. 19

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Is your home at risk for radon? Learn more about radon testing and mitigation at upcoming workshops. There is no charge for attendance and walk-ins are welcome. Workshops are being held on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 7-9 p.m. at ISU Extension – Plymouth County, 251 12th Street SE – Upper Level in Le Mars and Thursday, Sept. 19,

from 7-9 p.m. at ISU Design West, 1014 1/5 Design Place, Sioux City.

Radon is a natural radioactive gas that can cause cancer. You can't see, smell or taste it, but radon may be in your home. Radon gas enters homes through openings in basement walls, crawl spaces and floors. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is

the first leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers.

For more information, please contact, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach-Woodbury County at (712) 276-2157 or download the registration form at, www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/.

Public Invited To Give Statehood Celebration Ideas

People can also send their ideas to the 125th Anniversary Commission by visiting the website, www.125.sd.gov or emailing their ideas to 125info@state.sd.us/. People can also call 605-773-5689 during normal business hours to make suggestions.

The meeting begins at 11 a.m. when the commission will receive an update on logo usage and discuss ideas that have already been proposed, possible joint efforts with North Dakota, legacy projects and potential statewide events.

Gerald Kessler of Pierre will also report on his efforts to create a special wagon train from Yankton to Pierre for the celebration in 2014.

During the next 15 months,

staff from the Bureau of Administration and the Governor's Office will work with communities, organizations and individuals interested in holding events, promoting history and sponsoring 125th statehood anniversary activities.

BIRTHDAYS

MARCUS (JIM) HANS

Marcus Hans will celebrate his 90th birthday on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013. Greetings may be sent to PO Box 64, Wynot, NE 68792.



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Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. is pleased to announce the association of Carrissa Pietz, MD, Board Certified Family Medicine Physician.

Dr. Pietz is originally from Lesterville, SD and completed her undergraduate degree at Mount Marty College. She is a graduate of Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD. Dr. Pietz completed her family medicine residency at Sioux Falls Family Medicine Residency, Sioux Falls, SD.

Dr. Pietz joins Drs. David Barnes, McKenzie Hanson, Scott Weber, and Certified Nurse Practitioner, Jennifer McGinnis, in providing family care.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Pietz, her husband, Aaron, and their children, Noah and Carson, to Yankton.

Dr. Pietz began seeing patients at the Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. September 9, 2013.

Appointments can be made by calling 605-665-8910.

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