

American Life In Poetry

## MRI Sounds Can Be Unnerving

BY TED KOOSER  
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I'd guess that a number of our readers have had MRIs. One of my neighbors, a gravel hauler in rural Nebraska, told me that his test sounded as if he were on the inside of a corn sheller. Jackie Fox, also a Nebraskan, has a different take on the experience. Would you rather find yourself confined in a corn sheller or a dryer? It's no wonder we call ourselves patients.

### MRI

It thuds and clanks like tennis shoes in a dryer, only I am the shoe, sour, damp and wedged into the narrow metal tube, heart clanging.

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## Janklow Archives Project Expanded

As the result of support by the Great Plains Education Foundation, the University of South Dakota Libraries will be among the few institutions in the U.S. to provide online public access to an extensive body of 20th century gubernatorial records.

The gift, made through the University of South Dakota Foundation, will result in an online searchable collection of the late Gov. William Janklow's four terms in office.

"As early as 2006, Gov. Janklow envisioned all of his gubernatorial records being available online," said Daniel Daily, dean of libraries. "The support of the Great Plains Education Foundation and the legal



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and technical expertise at USD are key to carrying out Mr. Janklow's vision."

The gift also supports work

in progress that includes gathering oral history interviews with Janklow's former staff members and others. Those, along with the records and speeches, are being prepared for access through the Digital Library of South Dakota.

The interviews are superb, and will complement the archival records," Daily said.

## Sept. 7-13 Declared Suicide Prevention Week

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed Sept. 7-13 as "Suicide Prevention Week" in South Dakota. Suicide occurs across all age, economic, social and ethnic groups, and is now the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the ninth leading cause of all deaths in the state of South Dakota.

This year's theme, Suicide Prevention: One World Connected, "emphasizes the need to raise awareness that suicide is a major preventable cause of premature death on a global level," said Gib Sudbeck, program manager, of the state Department of Social Services' Prevention Program. In 2011 there were 39,518 suicide deaths in the United States with 125 of these suicide deaths in South Dakota. To help prevent suicides, it is critical that everyone learn the signs and risk factors for suicide and learn what prevention, early intervention

and treatment resources are available in their local community.

Suicides may be prevented when suicidal behaviors are detected early and individuals are referred to services and supports. Help can be obtained in South Dakota communities for the assessment and treatment of suicidal behaviors and their underlying causes. If you believe there is a suicide risk, contact a professional immediately. Call the suicide crisis hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), a family physician, a psychiatrist, a medical emergency room or a community mental health center in your area.

For more information about suicide prevention in South Dakota or the South Dakota Strategy for Suicide Prevention log on to [www.sd-suicideprevention.org/](http://www.sd-suicideprevention.org/).

For more information about behavioral health services in your area, contact the Department of Social Services' Division of Behavioral Health at 605-773-3123 or log on to [www.dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealthservices/](http://www.dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealthservices/).

# Where Have All The Smaller Pickups Gone?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
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### Dear Tom and Ray:

Remember those Datsun mini-trucks that used to be around? Where did that class of trucks go? It seems like all you can get now is a full-size F-150 or similar. Is there anything like those old Japanese mini-trucks still on the market, or should I start shopping for a classic El Camino? What happened to the small trucks? — Bryant

**RAY:** People stopped buying them.

**TOM:** There still is a class of pickup truck smaller than the full-size F-150s, Silverados and Ram 1500s. But they're not much smaller.

**RAY:** Toyota still makes the Tacoma. Nissan still makes the Frontier. And Chevy is coming out with a redesigned Colorado for 2015.

**TOM:** But these are not mini-trucks. The trucks you remember were, essentially, compact Japanese cars with pickup-truck beds. They were cheap, lightweight and utilitarian.

**RAY:** Not enough people want that anymore. Pickup trucks have become large, luxury cars. The smallest two-door Toyota Tacoma these days, for example, is only about a foot and a half shorter than the smallest full-size Toyota Tundra. And that Tacoma is still 208 inches long — only a little shorter than the old Lincoln Town Car land yachts that used to ply the airport terminals.

**TOM:** And even though you can order it with a four-cylinder engine and get a little better mileage than the full-size Tundra, it's a cheaper and less-ca-



### CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

pable vehicle. So unless maneuverability or parking is an issue, most buyers choose the larger, more comfortable, more up-to-date Tundra.

**RAY:** The problem for manufacturers is that, once you design and build a smaller pickup truck and equip it with everything a modern vehicle needs to have, it doesn't cost much less than a full-size pickup. And the mileage isn't that much better. So most people go for the bigger truck.

**TOM:** You should have a look at the Chevy Colorado when it comes out. That'll be the most modern and up-to-date of the less-than-full-size pickup trucks out there.

**RAY:** You can look at the Honda Ridgeline (which is more carlike than other pickups, but not much smaller).

**TOM:** You can look for a used Subaru Baja, which was the most recent El Camino-ish vehicle that failed to sell and was killed off. It was last made in 2006.

**RAY:** You can look for a used Ford Explorer Sport Trac, which was last made in 2010. That's a Ford Explorer with a pickup-truck bed. Again, not small, but smaller than a full-size pickup.

**TOM:** You can look for a classic El Camino, or even a really old Toyota or Datsun truck, if you're willing to give up safety and reliability.

**RAY:** But what you're really lusting after just isn't for sale anymore, Bryant. At least not in the United States.

**TOM:** If you're willing to relocate, then we can help you out. Go to any third- or even second-world country, and you can have your pick of cheap, small pickup trucks. Just don't look too closely at the body panels, because you may see the words "Hungry Man Dinner" stamped into them.

Tom and Ray share secrets on how you can save tens of thousands of dollars on your cars over the next 20 years in their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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## Summer Readers



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## Beadle Students Reach New Reading And Technology Program Goals

Beadle Elementary students were encouraged to participate in summer reading activities along with using technology sites that the Beadle PTA purchased for the school. To meet the goal, students had to spend at least 12 hours reading and/or using the technology programs that were purchased for them. Students in the upper grades could use IXL.com which helps students practice math standards, and stu-

dents in K-2 could use educationcity.com which helps students practice language and math skills. One other site students used was Think Central which is an online program from our current textbook series in Math, Reading and Science. The following students all spent at least 12 hours this summer and were recognized at school on September 3, 2014. Congratulations to Hannah Cihak, Olivia

Hunhoff, Adelia Parker-Brooks, Tori Hansen, Christian Weier, Oliver Dooley, Haley Luke, Mitchel Zimmerman, Curtis Hansen, Christopher Opbroek, Avery Reifenrath, Mya Gilbertson, Keaton Roth, Ava Gilbertson, Isabella Opbroek, Elliott Dooley, Mason Kotalik, Davis Walsh, Cale Haselhorst, Maggie Schaefer, Sophie Montagne, Haley Lande, Paige Mitzel, Collin Patrick, Ryan Schulte, Gavin Haselhorst, Keaton List, and Conner Brunick.

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### Merkel - List

Dana Merkel and Ben List, both of Yankton, SD, would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are Dale and Marianne Merkel, of Crofton, NE and Richard and Dawn List, of Yankton, SD.

The bride-elect is a 2008 graduate of Crofton High School and a 2014 graduate of the South Dakota State University with a Doctorate of Pharmacy. She is currently employed at Hy-Vee Pharmacy in Yankton and Vermillion, SD.

The groom-elect is a 2008 graduate of Crofton High School and attended Morningside College. He is currently self-employed and the owner of Ultimate Edge & Landscaping in Yankton, SD.

The couple are planning a September 27, 2014, wedding at St. Rose Catholic Church in Crofton, NE.