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Mowing for Moore

by Kelly Gates

In May of this year, the state of Oklahoma experienced the terrible horror of a string of tornadoes that took the lives of some residents and left thousands reeling from their aftermath. The town of Moore, OK, suffered some of the greatest losses.

And when a 11-year old Dalhart, Texas, boy named Dyllon Orthman heard about the heartbreaking event, he decided to take action. Dyllon had recently mowed his grandfather's lawn, earning \$20 that he happily donated to a school fundraising campaign.

"Our school was collecting money for the people of Moore who had been through the tornado and I wanted to give the \$20 I had made mowing my papa's yard to help them," Dyllon told *The Country Editor*. "It felt so good to know that I had helped that I decided that I wanted to do even more to help. So I asked my mom and dad if I could mow more yards to earn more money to donate."

The boy's parents agreed to let him do the extra work. But they knew the lawn

mower they had wouldn't be suitable for someone of his age who was planning to mow virtually every day for the remainder of the summer.

So, they took a trip to their local Sears Hometown Store where franchise owners Mike and Marcy Willis helped the Orthmans pick the perfect piece of equipment for their son.

"The new lawnmower was easier to start and was a push mower, so it was better for me to use," said Dyllon. "I started mowing the lawns of our neighbors and other people around town to make more money. My goal was to make \$300 to donate."

Between the months of June and July, the young philanthropist managed to mow around 90 lawns, often working in temperatures soaring to 104 degrees. His hard work ethic has not only earned Dyllon the respect of his family and friends, it has brought in well over his target amount of money.

Thanks to payments for lawns mowed and an ongoing influx of financial support from people in the local community and across the country, the child has

earned approximately \$16,000 for the members of the Moore community.

His parents had promised to take Dyllon to the city to hand deliver the money if he met his \$3000 goal. So, several weeks ago, they made the trip north where they met with a family that was able to put the money toward much-needed repairs on their home.

Although Dyllon is finished mowing for the summer as he recently returned to school, donations continue to come in for the Moore residents still in need.

According to the boy's parents, they and Dyllon are working closely with Oklahoma Strong, a long-term disaster relief fund created to assist victims of the May tornadoes. Together, the Orthmans and the Oklahoma Strong fund are working to locate a second family that will receive any additional donations Dyllon's efforts raise.

With the first project completed, Dyllon has his sights set on yet another fundraising activity. This one does not require the use of a motorized piece of lawn equipment.

Instead, the boy and his mom are setting out collection containers.

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Eleven-year-old Dyllon Orthman has been raising money by mowing lawns

Homecoming

by Al Dorantes

On March 13, 1944 Sgt. Dominick Licari's A-20 Havock Bomber crashed into a mountain range in Papua, New Guinea. Approximately 9,000 miles from his Frankfort, NY home, Sgt Licari was presumed

dead. Almost 70 years later Licari's remains have been identified using modern DNA technology.

When the commercial airliner carrying Sgt. Dominick Licari touched down at Albany International Airport it was met by an honor guard, family members, state and local police, and members of the Patriot Guard Riders. The procession escorted Licari west down the NYS Thruway where they exited in Little Falls. Ed Czarnecki, one of the Patriot Guard Riders, said when they finally got Dominick back home it felt like, "mission accomplished." Czarnecki added, "The support from the community was amazing!" All along the way crowds of people gathered to welcome Sgt. Licari home. In East Herkimer the volunteer firefighters blew the fire horn and sirens sounded as they passed the fire house.

Governor Cuomo has directed that the flags on all state buildings be lowered to half-staff in honor of and in tribute to our

state's service members and those stationed in New York who are killed in action or die in a combat zone.

"After so many years abroad, the remains of Sgt. Licari are finally coming home," Governor Cuomo said. "I proudly join with all New Yorkers in remembering his service to our country with gratitude, and offer my thoughts and prayers to the friends and family of other service members who remain unaccounted for."

Sgt. Licari's homecoming brings somber closure for his family but is also offers us, the

community, a brilliant opportunity to remember Dominick's life and sacrifice. Licari was one of thousands of young men and women who went off to war. Some were drafted and some volunteered, but, they went off to fight against bona fide evil. They became the greatest generation. In our modern time of high-speed internet, tweets and fuel efficient cars we should all take time to remember and appreciate the sacrifices that men like Sgt. Licari made.

God speed, Sgt. Licari. Thank you for your sacrifice.



The Patriot Guard Riders were part of the escort for Sgt. Licari from the airport. Photo by Robin Nalaskowski

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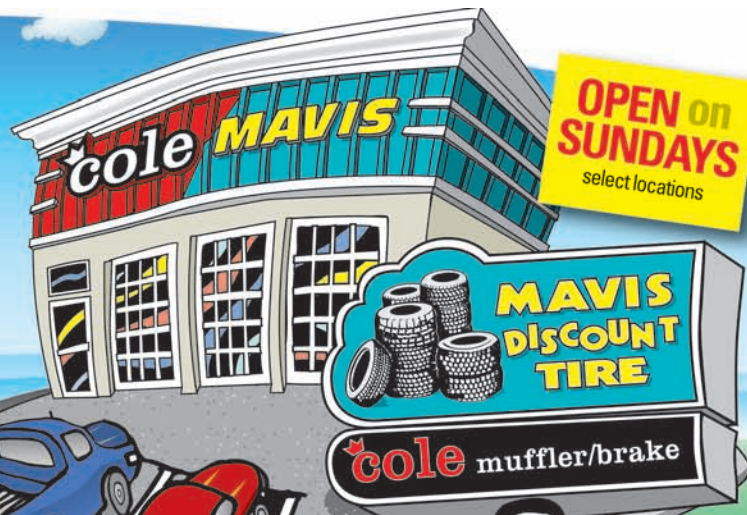
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Baa! O'Hare turns to goats to clear airfield brush

by Jason Keyser

CHICAGO— In a remote corner of O'Hare International Airport, far from its high-profile modernization mega project, a decidedly more low-tech initiative is being carried out by a barnyard band of goats, sheep, llamas and wild burros.

The mission of the roughly two dozen animals: to mow the grass. And lots of it.

O'Hare is one of the largest airports in the world and takes its environmental initiatives to serious and sometimes quirky heights. It has acres of green roofs, including one atop an air traffic control facility, to reduce storm water runoff and lower the urban heat island effect of the airport's massive concrete expanse. The airport has even turned over a wooded patch of land to 1 million bees living in 28 beehives that produce honey sold in the terminals and help replenish declining bee populations.

"Welcome to Project Herd!" said Rosemarie Andolino, head of the Chicago Department of Aviation, announcing the new effort to a group of journalists who got a look at the project recently.

Behind her, the goats and their furry friends were munching their way through a steep embankment overgrown with tall grass and cattails on the far northeastern corner of the 8,000-acre airport. Two bushy llamas bounded up to the top, chased by one of the herders charged with looking after the animals.

Under the mid-afternoon sun, the animals happily grazed or dozed, seemingly oblivious to the roar of jumbo jets taking off and the jostling of the gaggle of news photographers and television reporters, who outnumbered the animals.

One of the sheep had just given birth to a lamb. The little guy, named O'Hare, was nuzzling its mother when reporters arrived.

"He's doing great. He was suckling on mom," said Pinky Janota, who donated some of the animals from her rescue shelter in Beecher, IL, south of

Chicago, and helps manage them on site. "Planes flying overhead; he didn't flinch. Mom didn't move. Everybody's content."

Other airports have similar programs, including at San Francisco International, which uses a company called Goats R Us to clear brush each spring in an effort to protect nearby homes from potential fires. The other airports are in Atlanta and Seattle.

At O'Hare, the main goal is to rid the airport grounds of habitat for birds and other wildlife that can present a serious hazard to departing and landing aircraft. Many of those areas are beyond the reach of traditional mowing equipment, which can't handle the steep embankments or the rocky and loose soil.

Rabbits that hide in the grasses also draw birds of prey such as red-tailed hawks. Deer and other animals wander into the area along the region's many railroad tracks, which act as pathways for wildlife.

To scare away coyotes, there are the no-nonsense llamas and burros.

"The wild burros chase them and stomp them to death," Janota said.

So where does an airport find a herd of goats?

The Department of Aviation's want ad got a lively response from interested herders and set off a bidding war. The contract, which amounts to just under \$20,000 for two years, went to Central Commissary Holdings LLC, which was raising a small goat herd to produce cheese for its Chicago restaurant, Butcher & the Burger.

It supplemented the herd with animals from Janota's organization, Settler's Pond Animal Shelter.

The project will lower the landscape maintenance costs for things such as fuel and labor, and offer an alternative to using toxic herbicides that can spill off into waterways.

But airline passengers needn't fear a high-speed collision with a foraging critter. The herd will be kept far from active areas of the airfield or behind fences.



A group of journalists gather in a remote corner of O'Hare International Airport, far from its high-profile modernization mega project. Photo by timesunion.com



A couple of llamas roam around in a remote corner of O'Hare International Airport. Photo provided by timesunion.com

A little girl in love

by Willis 'Skip' Barshied

Each day we all read about or witness happenings that can either shake our faith in human nature or possibly do just the opposite. After several oppressive hot days, the writer of this story welcomed a cool evening. What I saw at that twilight affected me even more than the welcome cool breeze.

I sat on the porch step of an Amish house with my friend who lives there. We were watching a two year old girl and her red-haired brother play with a toy wagon that had no box and only three complete wheels. I could not help but see the happy look on their faces and think of the fortune that many spend on all kinds of contrivances in an effort to produce the same effect.

Little brother — who I'm sure Mary looked upon as big brother — was pulling

the wagon when Mary tumbled on the stones of the driveway. The pacifier which she was gradually learning to do without fell into the dirt. Mary started to cry. Little brother then helped her up, dusted her off, and calmed her. He picked the pacifier up, wiped it off, and placed it back in Mary's mouth.

Mary stopped crying and both went back to playing with their rickety old toy wagon as if nothing ever happened. However, something had happened. An old man had just seen a remarkable occurrence. I told the father what a simple act of love we had just witnessed. Love that I do not believe can be taught but lies somewhere buried in mankind. How fortunate the world would be if all mankind could bring forth even a small portion of the love shown by those two small children.

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Instead, the boy and his mom are setting out collection containers.

"Our school is trying to raise money for a new playground," explained Dyllon. "My mom is helping me set out jars all around town for people to drop pennies and other change into. I love helping out with things like this because it makes me feel excited, happy and good about what it does for other people."

Dyllon hopes to continue raising money for various projects in the

future. While he is still quite young, he understands how big of an impact an individual — even a child — can have on a person, family or an entire community.

"I could have never made \$16,000 just mowing lawns," he claimed. "But, when I started mowing, it made other people want to help too and they started sending in money. That was the coolest part of this, knowing how many other people gave money because I did."

Even though Dyllon

is done mowing, the Oklahoma Strong fund is still in operation and taking donations through the state's website at OK.Strong@OK.Gov. If supporting a school playground project is your thing, and if you happen to be passing through Dalhart, Texas, sometime soon, Dyllon and his family have scattered donation jars throughout their community to help raise money for the purchase of new playground equipment for the children.

Woods Hole farm focuses on fiery peppers

by Jason Kolnos, Cape Cod Times

FALMOUTH, MA (AP) — Just their menacing names alone may be enough to get some folks all hot and bothered: the devil's tongue, the ghost pepper and the Trinidad Moruga scorpion.

Try taking a raw bite into one of these bad boys and that would lead to some serious tastebud trauma. Especially the Trinidad Moruga scorpion, which is the world's hottest chili pepper and one of Rooster Fricke's favorite crops.

"If you ate one of these — whether it is fresh or dried — you would be in extreme discomfort and you'll wish you hadn't done it for a long time," he said.

Fricke owns and tends what is likely the Cape's spiciest farm.

More than 20 varieties of some of the most sweat-generating, tear-inducing chili peppers on the planet (and the not as hot ones, too) are grown here at Nobska Farms in Woods Hole.

The Moruga scorpion sets mouths on fire and has registered 2 million units on the Scoville scale, which measures the hotness of peppers. For comparison, the more palatable yet still spicy and popular jalapeno tops about 6,000 Scoville units, Fricke said.

Though most people can't consume these superhots without steam coming out of their ears, the peppers

produce all kinds of different flavors that many spicy foodies adore. "These Trinidad Moruga scorpions are actually very fruity flavored. Others in the patch have a more citrusy flavor, and some have a more smoky flavor,"

Fricke infuses his peppers into all kinds of products for sale at the farm, from jams and literally hot chocolates to his signature sauce called "Rooster's Rocket Fuel." Restaurants and chefs seeking specialty chiles they can't get at the typical grocery store are some of the farm's main customers.

And the wicked hot wares from Nobska Farms have been helping set the bar scene on fire this year in the hip Brooklyn, NY, neighborhood of Williamsburg. There, Chaim Dauermann, the beverage director for the restaurant Desnuda Cevicheria, has created two high-end cocktails using Nobska Farms peppers.

He combined Rooster's Moruga scorpion and pasilla chiles into a syrup and mixed it with other spirits and ingredients to come up with "The Reformer" (\$14), a cocktail he said has the heat of a spicy salsa.

"Rooster's peppers are enabling me to do things a lot of others aren't able to do," Dauermann said in a phone interview. "It's definitely a trend right now. People want spicy drinks. I'm seeing a lot of places incorporating chiles into their drinks more creatively than they had years ago."

So what makes folks want to take the potentially painful plunge into pepper-based food and drink? Fricke said some are addicted to the buzz.

"The active ingredient capsaicin stimulates your brain to think that you're actually physically burned, but you're not," Fricke said. "It dumps endorphins into your body to help your body deal with that burn and that endorphin causes a rush; it gives you somewhat of a high."

Fricke's near-future farming plans include implementing sustainable agriculture practices like



Pots of Trinidad Scorpion Butch T peppers, one is ripe and the rest still green.

Photo from wikimedia.org

aquaponics for his chili pepper and other gardening operations. He's always thinking about new ways to introduce his super-hot peppers to a broader audience.

"I like the challenge of how to make it accessible to people who like the flavor but only enjoy a little heat," Fricke said.

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The lost horse shoe nail: A story for Emanuel

by Willis 'Skip' Barshied

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Your key to a long-lasting car

(NAPSA) — Basic car care is the key to a long-lasting vehicle, and to improving its safety and dependability.

What to do

Ten basic maintenance procedures can help keep your car operating at its best for the long haul:

1. Check all fluids, including engine oil, power steering, brake and transmission as well as windshield washer solvent, antifreeze and coolant.

2. Check the hoses and belts to make sure they're not cracked, brittle, frayed, loose or showing signs of excessive wear.

3. Check the battery and replace if necessary. Make sure the connection is clean, tight and corrosion-free.

4. Check the brake system annually and have the brake linings, rotors and drums inspected at each oil change.

5. Inspect the exhaust system for leaks, damage and broken supports or hangers if there's an un-

usual noise. Exhaust leaks can be dangerous and must be corrected without delay.

6. Schedule a tune-up to help the engine deliver the best balance of power and fuel economy and produce the lowest level of emissions.

7. Check the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) system as proper heating and cooling performance is critical for interior comfort and for safety reasons such as defrosting.

8. Inspect the steering and suspension system annually including shock absorbers, struts and chassis parts such as ball joints, tie-rod ends and other related components.

9. Check the tires, including tire pressure and tread. Uneven wear may indicate the need for wheel alignment. Tires should also be checked for bulges and bald spots.

10. Check the wipers and lighting so you can see and be seen. Check that all interior and exterior lighting is working

properly and replace worn wiper blades so you can see clearly when driving during precipitation.

"Neglected vehicle care almost always means much higher costs down the line in the form of more extensive repairs or lost resale value," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Following a routine maintenance program makes financial sense, extending useful vehicle life and helping avoid costly repairs down the road."

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers.

For further information, visit www.carcare.org



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Average

by Katie Ranno

I went to the mall the other day looking for a new pair of jeans. Every store I walked into had my fit and my wash. The price is always harder. \$76 for a pair of jeans!? \$118!? Where do these prices come from? And then, you see the store of your dreams. "All jeans \$30" the glorious window display reads. They even have your wash and fit. Success! But, there's another part of shopping that is even harder than finding the right price. It's a part of shopping that I think many can sympathize with and pretty much dread. The size.

You can always find your wash, fit, sometimes price, but never the size. It's like the store in question forgot that your kind of people

exist. They always aim for the average. For women, that's a size 14 pant with an average female height of 5' 8" being put into consideration as well. However, no one is average. There's below average and above average. Shooting for the middle satisfies no one. We're told to shoot for the middle because it makes everyone happy. Not when clothing is involved, and I've had first-hand experience.

I belong to the above average group. I'm a size 14, standing at the abnormal height of 5' 10". Not exactly average. I get that feeling every time I search for a pair of jeans. Half the time I feel like I'm buying 1980s flood pants. Waist length in stock? Check! Length in stock? Negative. An hour and 26

pairs of jeans later, none with a tall length has been discovered. Instead of going to another store or trying on more jeans, your hope is crushed for the time being and can only be replenished with a trip to the smoothie bar. What better way to make sure that the next round of average sized jeans fit than getting a 350 calorie smoothie? After 15 minutes of sulking, you seem to find a rekindled ray of hope at the bottom of that smoothie cup, vowing that you will not leave the mall until the perfect pair of jeans is finally found.

You stand up from the bench, dump the cup in the nearest trash bin and fix your eyes on the target in sight. The Rocky theme plays in the background. All de-

termination is thrown into the search. After a resurgence of searching you find them. The perfect pair of dark wash, relaxed boot cut jeans, and tall to boot. Perfect for your above average 5'10" figure. The Hallelujah Chorus sings as you triumphantly hand the cashier your money as she exchanges it for a biodegradable bag with your perfect pair of jeans folded delicately inside. You walk out, head held high, feeling that you can conquer any style turmoil that comes your way.

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We had an example this week of "Open Mouth and Insert Foot". One of our readers, by email, indicated that we were not very smart. In fact, accused our editor of not being very smart. She wrote that the picture on the front page of the paper was not grain but hay. In fact it was a load of oats which was grain on the way to the stationary thrashing machine. The thrasher separates oats from the remainder of the plant, which is straw. Hence = oats and straw and not hay. Other incorrect statements were offered. Sorry ma'am, better try next time. Keep on reading, but keep your shoes on your feet. You are very valuable to this publisher - you are a reader - Thanks for reading and writing.

Have you ever wondered what people thought about 50-100 years ago? Did their problems seem as serious or interesting to them as ours today?

In 1966 when we bought our farm on Cunningham Road we could hear the barge operators on the Mohawk River (Erie Canal) tooting their horns - day and night when they reached Canajoharie. With a never-ending life the barges would travel east and west carrying all sorts of products, mostly petroleum.

I doubt that they ever thought that would end. But it did when the huge oil lines connected the east coast with the oil refineries out west. I understand that there is no longer a single petroleum barge operating on the river. Who would have ever thought of it?

In the early 1800s teamsters with their large size teams of horses controlled most of the freight east and west through New York State. I wonder if they even talked about the proposed Clinton's Ditch which the Senate passed and that by 1820 the canal barges, drawn mostly by mules, would take most of their business moving loads of products both cheaper and faster.

Then when motorized boats came into existence the little width canal no longer made economic

sense and the Mohawk River became the roadway for much larger and faster motorized tugs with their barges. Again who would have talked about that?

Then the railroad with their powerful steam engines, and later the electric diesels riding on steel rails, which could handle hundreds of tons at speeds up to 50-60 miles per hour stole most of the canal business. Next entered the giant rubber tired trucks, which claimed a large part of the railroad business.

Even with all of these changes business was still brought to our valley and we continued to be a haven for both large and small places of employment.

Nearly every change in the East-West travel brought business to Upstate New York, which allowed our valley to continue to enjoy a solid industrial base for business.

Then the Great Disaster Struck: in the 1953-1954 period the Thomas E. Dewey - NY State Thruway opened up. This passage way through our state became a world of its own with its own restaurants - service areas, shops. Truckers and passenger cars could enter the thruway at the Pennsylvania Border and travel to near New York City and never have a reason to stop and purchase anything other than Thruway products. Reverse travel heading north and then west was the same.

I believe 100 percent of all of the restaurants, shops and service stations are operated by large companies, and not one local tax-paying citizen can operate a business on that sacred ground.

That is a perfect example of what happens when government or a government organization gets so big, they only think about serving their own needs. The Thruway set out to serve itself. The entire valley, which could have had commercial exits, became merely a gateway to collect fares of passage.

The Thruway Authority wanted to hog up all of those millions of dollars, and did it, promising to eventually become a free road and never did.

Now our Thruway exchanges merely provide a place to sell tickets. So the Thruway can garner all of the business those cars, buses, trucks, motorhomes and motorcycles create.

The Thruway can even refuse to have a business sign within 600 feet of their right of way. A sign, which naturally would attract customers to our valley businesses, restaurants, motels, museums, etc.

Well, that's plenty of this chatter for one sitting. Let's see if we can enjoy a little laughter and possibly make plans together to create a bright future for our valley. Just think, if we are going to leave a better place for our kids - it's about time we get started.

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ducting a poll in a farm community, asked a little old lady, "Grandmother what do you think of Medicare?" "I've never tried it myself," she said, "but the lady across the street did and lost too much weight - she's now skin and bones"

In my youth pastors were often paid with chickens, vegetables, eggs or fruit, as money was scarce. One day the Pastor met a downhearted parishioner who confessed, "I have stolen a chicken, would you care

to have it?"

"Absolutely not my son," said the pastor. "You must return it to the man you stole it from."

"I tried," he said "but he refused to take it."

"In that case" the Pastor said, "You might as well keep it yourself."

"Thank you reverend," he said.

That night the Pastor's wife said, "One of our chickens is missing."

Well I've got writer's cramp - so until some other time stay healthy and happy. As the old

hymn says - I found a friend in Jesus - He's everything to me. If you will open your heart to him he will come in. Try church on Sunday it could become the best hour of your life.

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Smoking meat for beginners

Many people associate barbecuing and grilling with cooking outdoors. But smoking food is another way to create succulent, fall-off-the-bone meat and poultry outdoors.

Smoking meats involves cooking the food over a low temperature in a smoky environment for several hours — sometimes overnight. The low

temperature, between 180 and 220° F, causes the wood and charcoal used to smoke and smolder rather than burn. This is what imparts a smoky flavor to whatever is being cooked.

Although there are specialized smokers available for sale, you can also smoke foods with a regular barbecue grill or even a homespun creation. There are two methods of smoking: dry and wet. Dry smoking uses indirect heat to cook the food, while wet smoking employs a water pan to produce moisture that keeps temperatures consistent and may help keep food tender.

For those who run out and purchase a new smoker, most smoking experts advise seasoning the smoker prior to first use. Much as you would season a new cast-iron pan or other cooking appliance, you can season a smoker to ensure there aren't any chemicals or oil residues from manufacture left on the smoker. Otherwise, you may transfer a chemical taste to your meal. Set up the smoker according to the

directions. Allow it to run for at least two hours to burn off any residue. Af-

terward, you should be able to smoke your first piece of meat.

There are a few tips to consider before embark-

ing on your first smoking adventure. Always keep the water pan full if you

wetting the chips and then bundling them in a foil packet. Punch holes

aromatics, such as herbs, fruit peels or cinnamon sticks, also can be added to produce even more flavor. Aromatics with a high oil content will produce a stronger flavor.

Putting a rub on food prior to smoking can also give it added flavor. Many chefs also like to brine foods, especially poultry, to help tenderize the meat before smoking.

While the meat is smoking, resist the urge to take off the cover and check it frequently. This will allow the heat and smoke to escape. You may end up extending the cooking time every time you remove the cover. Only open the smoker to refill the water tray if you are doing a wet smoke. Much in the way an indoor slow cooker needs to remain closed to cook efficiently, so does a smoker.

Many people prefer to do their smoking during daylight hours rather than leaving a smoker unattended during the night. In this case, you may need to wake up very early to put the meat on to ensure it is cooked at mealtime. Ribs can take 5 to 7 hours to smoke, while briskets and roasts may need an hour or more per pound. Always use a thermometer to check internal temperature before serving smoked meats. As you gain experience, you may be able to better judge the cooking times needed for certain foods. Start with meats that are at room temperature before placing them on the smoker.

Smoked foods can be flavorful and tender. They may take a little longer to achieve than other cooking methods, but most home chefs find the results are worth the added effort.



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are doing a wet smoke. The water will help to keep food tender. When smoking for the first time, start out with a small amount of wood or aromatics in the smoker to experiment with flavor. You can always add more the next time for an intense smoky flavor. Wood chips and any other additions to the smoker may last longer by

into the packet and place it on the coals.

Certain foods work better with smoking than others. Oily fish, pork, beef, lamb, and game meats are some of the best options. Poultry can also be smoked, but be advised the skin on a turkey or chicken may not stand up well to intense smoking. It may need to be removed prior to eating.

Pairing food with the right woods can also create an enjoyable flavor. Alder wood produces a delicate flavor, as does apple and cherry. For more assertive smokiness, try hickory, oak or pecan. Mesquite is still full-bodied but lighter than the other woods and creates a sweeter flavor.



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by Linda Thistle

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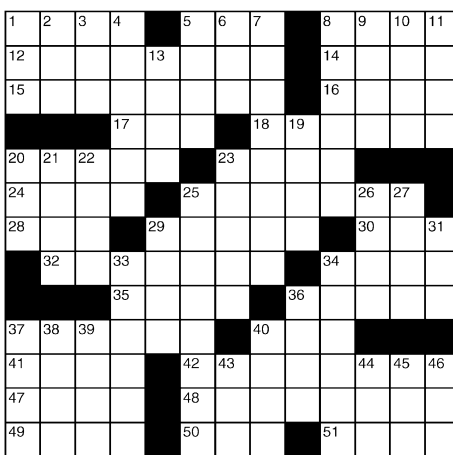
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 — and aahs
- 5 Stir-frying vessel
- 8 Gets older
- 12 Opening night
- 14 Cat of "Iron Chef"
- 15 Priesthood school
- 16 Barrel
- 17 Actor Chaney
- 18 Slim and trim
- 20 Extraterrestrial
- 23 Put your foot down?
- 24 Infant
- 25 Cabal member
- 28 High card
- 29 Sacha Baron Cohen portrayal
- 30 Haul
- 32 Emulate
- 34 Ponce de Leon
- 34 Car
- 35 Freeway access
- 36 "The — Is Right"
- 37 Horseradish kin
- 40 That woman
- 41 Partner
- 42 Florida State athlete
- 47 Libertine



- 48 Makes like
- 49 Act
- 50 Used a shovel
- 51 Halt
- 8 Take
- 9 Soccer score
- 10 Formerly, formerly
- 11 Rice wine
- 13 Part of the loop
- 19 White House
- 20 Lawyers' org.
- 21 "Arsenic and Old —"
- 22 Mountain goat
- 23 Drink noisily
- 25 Made a vow
- 26 Needle case
- 27 Campus mil. grp.
- 29 Spill the beans
- 31 Trouble
- 33 Beseeched
- 34 Sports venues
- 36 Collins or Donahue
- 37 Prison division
- 38 Lotion additive
- 39 Pivot
- 40 Too confident
- 43 Ostrich's kin
- 44 Mel of Coopers-town
- 45 Virgo neighbor
- 46 Kreskin's claim

DOWN

- 1 Photo — (PR events)
- 2 Raw rock
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- 4 John le Carré hero
- 5 Remove gradually
- 6 Hockey legend
- 7 Bobby Pennsylvanian, the — State

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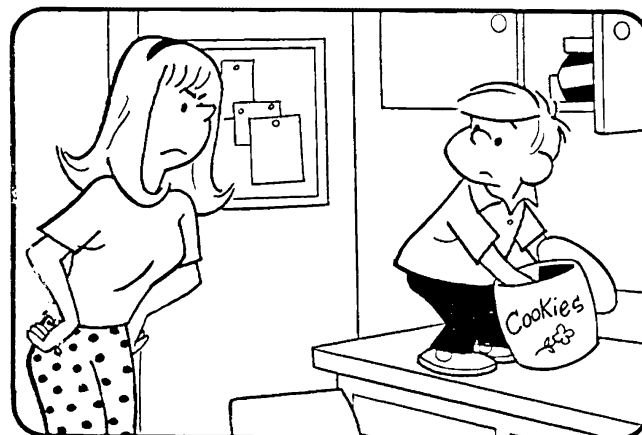
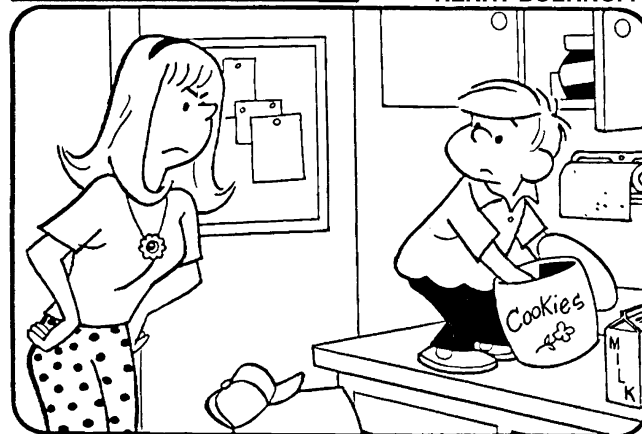
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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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by Dan West

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The Bible tells us about reservations we can count on. I Peter 1:4 says believers have an inheritance reserved in heaven for us. Of course, God in Heaven cannot be in the presence of sin, so that is only for those who have trusted Christ to forgive their sin.

For those who have never made the decision to rely on Christ and obey Him, II Peter 2:9 says they are reserved unto the day of judgment to be punished.

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These dogs love laid-back living

Choosing a pet isn't about choosing the breed that is the "in" pet of the moment. Instead, the right pet should be a companion who will be comfortable in your household and amenable to your lifestyle. While there are plenty of people who envision romps in the park with their pooches or an active game of fetch, some people would prefer a dog that is happier lounging on the sofa.

While some dogs may be boisterous animals full of unending stores of energy, there are plenty of placid breeds that fit better in a laid-back environment. Dogs with low energy still exercise, but this exercise may mean a short walk or some time spent playing indoors.

Here are some breeds that require less daily energy expenditure and may be happy spending most of their time lounging around.

- Basset hound: Placid and slow-moving, basset hounds are direct de-

scendants of bloodhounds. They were raised to hunt various game, but they can be good with children and other animals. Their stubbornness can make them difficult to train. However, they are food-motivated, and this could be their inspiration to learn.

- Bulldog: The English bulldog is a medium-sized, compact dog with a pushed-in face full of skin folds. It is one of the most gentle dogs and is generally well behaved with children and other household pets. Because of their short muzzles, they may have breathing problems and intolerance to extreme temperatures.

- Bullmastiff: Said to be a cross between the mastiff and the bulldog, a bullmastiff is an excellent choice for a guard dog. Bullmastiffs crave human attention and like to be indoors.

- Clumber Spaniel: One of the least known members of the spaniel group, this heavy-boned pooch will romp outside but is

generally inactive indoors. Keep in mind that they tend to shed and drool.

- Great Dane: This breed is known for its giant size and gentle personality. Danes take to training well and are fairly low-maintenance. They need less exercise than their size might indicate. One thing to note is that their large size contributes to their shorter life expectancy.

- Great Pyrenees: A large, white dog that has a reputation of being calm and patient. A pyrenees may be low energy, but it needs daily grooming attention to keep fur from matting.

- Italian Greyhound: Although they are known as racing dogs, greyhounds do not need constant exercise to remain happy. Daily, moderate walks will be effective, and these dogs prefer a quiet household.

- Irish Wolfhound: Known for their height, Irish wolfhounds are tall as well as rugged and



A fawn and white Basset hound
Source: en.wikipedia

heroic. Though powerful, Irish wolfhounds have a docile temperament and are family-friendly.

- Pug: This little, stocky dog rarely seem to be in a

bad mood. They love to follow their owners around and crave attention. Because of their short snouts, pugs also may have breathing is-

sues and tend to snore. Owners must make efforts to keep them cool in the summer.

Transitions

by Katie Ranno

Summer is usually known as a time of new beginnings. People get married, graduate from high school, ect. And, this summer, more than ever, I've felt myself transition into these new beginnings that summer is so well known for. In May, I graduated from community college with an Associate's degree and have been spending a good

part of my summer preparing to transfer to a four-year so I can earn my bachelor's degree. Part of this preparation included going to student orientation. We got to meet our advisors, meet other transfer students, go over our class schedules, ect. It was also brought up that not all schools are the same and there might be some new things to get use to as we

embark on this new journey. This is a point which I found out rather quickly.

Before I left campus for the day, I had to stop by the registrar's office to get a question answered about my schedule. Getting into the building seemed simple enough, until I met its round turn style door, which automatically spins once you step on the sensor mat.

I've been through many doors of that style, but never one that was automatic. At first, it kind of scared me. I stood there, waiting for the most opportune time to enter its jaws, hoping the door wouldn't eat me alive. It almost felt like a scene in one of those scary movies where an inanimate object becomes possessed. Was I intimidated at first? Oh, yes. Afraid? Never. I

stood there, staring its metal jaws as I slightly bounced on my heels, preparing for the feat which I was about to take on. After letting it take a spin around, I plunged right in, abandoning all intimidation. All body parts accounted for. Success!

And, yeah, there will probably be more campus quirks that I'll just have to get used as time

goes by, but, hey, this is what life's all about. It's what summer is all about. Enjoying the lazy days and using that free time to find your next step, learn about your future, and try new things, even if it is something as small as learning to walk through a door that automatically turns. So here's to new beginnings! May your summer be filled with many.



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Makeup for menswear: Be a girlie girl or a tomboy

by Lisa A. Flam

If you're slipping into a tweed blazer, an oversized cardigan or a sleek women's tux this fall, the right beauty look is the perfect accessory to complete your menswear-inspired outfit. The choice is yours to do a 180-degree turn and go with hyper-girlie, or stay strictly tomboy: Either can complement the more masculine clothing silhouettes.

Makeup with menswear is a little more important than other styles because with a neutral, muted palette of grays, blacks and browns, "you want to have a little life to your face, a little health and vigor," says Linda Wells, Allure magazine's editor-in-chief.

When suiting up in this fall trend, women have choices for their beauty look, she says. "Are you going to exaggerate the menswear look and play it up fully, or are you go-

ing to offset it with something feminine?" Wells says.

To soften menswear staples like gray flannel and houndstooth, which are so often fashioned into tailored items, add femininity by playing up the eyes or lips, experts advise, but not both at the same time so your features don't compete.

"You want to add feminine flair throughout the face if you can't have it on the body through the clothing," says Myiesha Sewell, a Sephora Pro makeup artist.

For a ladylike touch, Wells envisions soft hair with a little wave to it falling over the forehead along with a rich burgundy lipstick, or dark, smoky eyes featuring gray eye shadow, eyeliner and lots of mascara. "Who doesn't want to be a femme fatale?" she says of the "sexy androgyny" combination of feminine makeup and menswear.

If you want to keep the

menswear feeling consistent from head to toe, Wells recommends a simpler style that doesn't draw attention to the face: Hair is slick to the head and parted on the side "so it looks boyish," and styled in a low ponytail or bun. Keep makeup natural looking, with clear or pale lip gloss, taupe eye shadow, mascara and a darkened

brow to give strength and definition to the face.

However, Wells prefers the feminine face: "It's taking men's style and mak-

ing it feminine. It's the masculine-feminine — that conflict is always interesting.

That tension is what makes it exciting."

Sewell likes to add a shot of bold color while keeping the rest of it neutral to

help soften the straight lines and sometimes boxy shapes of the clothing. For the eyes, try a bold blue liner



along with a neutral brown or peach eye shadow. After mastering blue, Sewell says move on to experimenting with emerald or eggplant liner. "One of the easiest looks and colors to wear with a neutral eye is navy blue or a cobalt eye liner," Sewell says. "It really pops the whites of your eyes."

On the runway, man-tailored suits often are paired with classic red lipstick, but Sewell likes purples and magentas and berry shades, largely because she thinks they're an easier color range to pull off. "It's very feminine and it's going to make the lips look shape-ly and the eyes will gravitate toward them. It's a modern Technicolor, Marilyn Monroe."

With so much power to the menswear-inspired clothing, why not bring that strength up to the face as well? Says MAC senior artist John Stapleton, who helped bring to life the Victoria Beckham fall catwalk that turned tuxedos and trenchcoats into seductive silhouettes.

He favors a minimalist tomboy makeup look featuring strong eyebrows and cheekbones, which is what he did on the Beckham models.

"If you're going to go for it, you might as well go all the way," Stapleton says. Adding color to the faces would have distracted from the fashion. (If you really want that girlie contrast, do it through accessories, he suggests.)

This more masculine face features eyebrows that are brushed up and over and set with gel; natural-looking, contoured cheeks with an ashy or taupe blush; and muted, nude lips in a shade close to your own lip color or created through concealer and lip balm. Mascara darkens the root of the lash line but does not get applied to the ends to lengthen them.

"It's very chic looking," he says. "It's strong. It's commanding. Showing up to a meeting like that, it looks like someone who is going to take over the room and be in control and garner a lot of respect. You don't want to mess with her."

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by **B. Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension Consumer Horticulturist**

Q. My question is, can pine needles be used to mulch rhubarb? I've heard that rhubarb and walnut trees don't mix, but would pine needles hurt rhubarb? I'm afraid to let anyone put bark mulch around my rhubarb because the companies providing the bark do not know if there is walnut in the mix. — M.S.

A. Pine needles should be fine to use around rhubarb, a 2-3 inch layer would do nicely. Stick with fallen needles gathered from your own or local pines; there have been problems with fire ants hitching rides in pine straw from Southern states. Black walnut

trees produce a substance called juglone in all parts of the walnut,



but especially in the roots, foliage buds and fruit husks. Juglone is toxic to some plants, in-

cluding rhubarb, so it is best to avoid using any part of walnut in your mulch or compost. Other trees closely related to black walnut also produce juglone, including butternut, English walnut, pecan, shagbark hickory and bitternut hickory, but in such limited quantities compared to black walnut that toxicity to other plants is rarely observed. For more information on black walnut toxicity, see Purdue Extension Bulletin HO-193 "Black Walnut Toxicity."

Q. What can I apply to string bean and escarole plants that will deter rabbits from eating them? Also, Japanese beetles ravage the leaves on the fruit trees I have. I have used malathion in the past. Could you recommend something else? Is there anything new to try? — JM, Valparaiso, IN.

A. While there are some commercially available rabbit repel-

lents, they are of limited use in a vegetable garden. What makes the vegetables taste bad to rabbits will also make them unpalatable for humans. The most practical method of deterring rabbits is to fence the garden or at least the crops that are being damaged. The fence will need to be of woven wire or 2-inch poultry netting, 2 1/2-3 feet high to exclude rabbits. The fence should be in place at planting time as young plants are the most attractive and most susceptible to damage. More information on preventing rabbit damage to garden and landscape plants can be found at the Purdue Wildlife Conflicts website.

Fruit trees are among the most preferred foods of Japanese beetles, so it is a perennial battle. Adult beetles are most active from mid July through August and can quickly ravage foliage and ripening fruit, when

beetles are present in large numbers. They can feed upon more than 300 different species of plants, but are especially fond of roses, grapes, smartweed, soybeans, corn silks, flowers of all kinds, and flowering crab, plum and linden trees, as well as overripe and decaying fruit. There

are a number of strategies that can be employed to help reduce the damage. Check out Purdue Extension Bulletin E-75 "Japanese Beetles in the Urban Landscape," for more information.

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August

by **Joy Zientara**

The skies are blue, the rain has stopped
Summer's really here at last.

Time for camping, fishing and pools
But I think we'll have to swim fast!

I see in the stores pencils and pads
School supplies, I fear.

A sale on leather jackets
for a different time of year.

I see the mention of country fairs
"Get your tickets in advance."

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by Elizabeth Lipiec Zerbst

Saturday morning... a bright, sunny day.
To pick up my grandkids... I was well on my way.
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Poor creature in the road... stretched out and dead.

Long bushy tail... thick coat colored gray.
What was this creature? Too far off to say.
Once I got much closer, it was easy to see.
This was a coyote lying dead in front of me.

I turned on my flashers and pulled off to the shoulder,
To study this creature that would not get any older.
A male or a female? I didn't check to see.
But a beautiful creature lay dead before me.

I took a few moments and delayed my morning ride.
I dragged this unfortunate creature off to the side.
As dead as a doornail... I couldn't change that.
But I hated to think of him bloodied and flat.

This glorious creature, with its whole life ahead.

Coley's Kin

Its life was cut short on this highway instead.
Was it hunting for rabbits and cats for its food?
Was it out to hunt meat for a young, hungry brood?

Perhaps there were rabbits and cats spared that day.

But was there a litter of pups with a high price to pay?

The blank stare of death was etched on his face
As I pulled him aside to a safe resting place.

I relate many creatures that I chance to see
To the characters in the books that were written by me.

Coley the Coyote is a close friend of mine,
So in my heart this creature was from Coley's blood-line.

Route 29 east has long been familiar to me,
With many personal landmarks that I often see.
But whenever I travel to Johnstown again
That cousin of Coley's will pop up in my brain.

A haunting encounter from a moment in time.
It will stay in my heart as a memory of mine.
One glorious life suddenly ended that way.
Route 29 east, on a bright, sunny day.

Elizabeth, known to her friends and family as Betty, grew up on a dairy farm in the town of Danube. She and her husband Fred now live on their forty-nine acre

hobby farm in the town of Stratford. Betty has been writing poetry since junior high school, and presently has several self-published books. Visit her website at www.elizabethzerbst.com

Now here's a tip

by JoAnn Derson

• "Assorted hardware seems to collect in big, random piles in our tiny workshop. Nails, screws and bolts of all sizes are mixed together, tossed on the bench when a project is complete. Every so often, the kids and I make a game of sorting and organizing it using a muffin pan. It's easy to sort by size and type!" — JoAnn

• "After cleaning my paintbrushes recently, I decided to hang them from the clothesline to dry. It worked great, as the bristles were nice and soft after they dried. I think it helped to hang them straight down." —

O.C. in Washington

• Before you start a painting project and head to the hardware store, determine what you might need and raid your recycling bin for containers.

• Here's a great way to get your lawn tools organized and off the floor: If you have any PVC pipe, cut some 4- or 5-inch sections and screw them into the wall, vertically, a foot or two from the floor in your garage. Slip the handle of your rake, garden hoe, broom, etc. down into the pipe, and it will stay stable against the wall. Make sure the pipe is wide enough for the handle.

• There are lots of shop, lawn and garden fluids that are not allowed in the trash. Contact your waste-management provider to see if there's a place you can drop off hazardous waste in your community.

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When is buying a foreclosed home not a good idea?

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While it is possible to find a good deal on a foreclosed home, it takes lots of research and persistence. Most foreclosed houses sell for only slightly below market value, and those that sell for much less are few and far between. There are also certain risks when dealing

with foreclosed properties.

Many foreclosures are not in very good condition and this is sometimes one of the reasons that foreclosures sell more cheaply. The former owners almost certainly went through a time of financial hardship and that often results in a poorly maintained home. The owner may even purposely cause damage to the home when he realizes that foreclosure is imminent.

Another reason that a foreclosure may be offered at a lower price is because it is in a bad lo-

cation. Whether you're planning to use the home as a residence or rent it out, location is important. A home that is undesirably located will be more difficult to rent at a decent price, and living there could prove to be unbearable.

There are legal issues that the purchaser of a foreclosure may have to deal with as well. If the previous owner still lives in the home, he will have to deal with eviction. It is even possible that the lender may not have full ownership of the home,

resulting in major legal woes. Tax liabilities may be transferred to the new owner as well.

Foreclosures sold at auction pose their own unique risks. Prospective buyers often do not get the opportunity to inspect the property for sale, so they have no indication of what condition it is in. The full pur-

chase price is often due in a matter of days, if not on the same day. Buying foreclosures at auction is a risky proposition for the buyer and is usually not a good idea for first time homebuyers.

If you have the time and patience to actively look for good deals on foreclosures and the experience to know how to

handle them once you've bought them, they can be worthwhile. But they are usually not ideal for new homeowners. There are many problems that can occur with them and a new homeowner does not need to be exposed to the risks involved.

Source: Sir William Johnson Realty

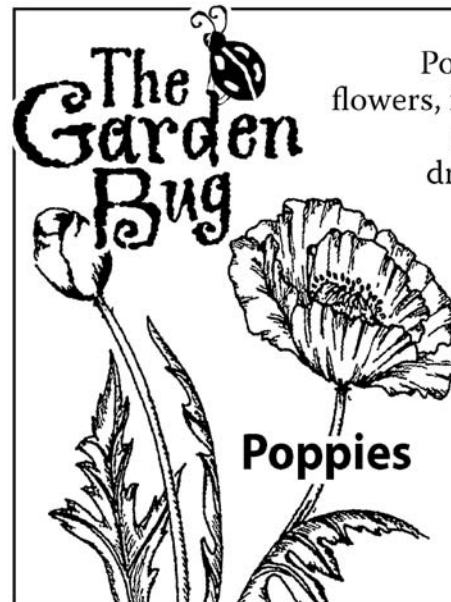
NY hunting, fishing, trapping licenses go on sale

Licenses for the upcoming hunting, fishing and trapping seasons are now on sale at sporting outlets across New York.

Licenses can be purchased at one of the Department of Environmental Conservation's 1,500 license sales outlets statewide as well as through the DEC website (www.dec.ny.gov).

The 2013-2014 sporting licenses are valid beginning October 1.

State biologists say the deer population has grown despite increasing antlerless harvests the past few years. That's attributed to an exceptionally mild winter in 2011/12 and below average winter conditions in most of the state again in 2012/13. In response, DEC will issue about 18 percent more deer management permits which allow killing antlerless deer.



Poppies can be grown for their flowers, for food and to make opium, a medicinal and recreational drug used since ancient times.

Following the trench warfare of WWI which took place in the poppy fields of Flanders, red poppies have become a symbol of remembrance of soldiers who died during wartime.

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tors, including ones that are either electric or gas-powered. Electric trolling motors are useful in situations where gasoline-powered engines are prohibited, such as on lakes or in close proximity to vacation and swimming areas. The trolling motor may be controlled by a hand control, foot pedal or even wireless remote on high-end models. The motor will either be affixed to the boat's stern or bow. When the primary engine is in operation, the trolling motor is customarily lifted out of the water to reduce drag.



A 12Volt, 30 pound thrust Minn Kota Endura 30 electric trolling outboard motor mounted on a eight foot inflatable.

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