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Labor Day

by Al Dorantes

Just as Memorial Day has become the unofficial start of summer, Labor Day has become the unofficial end of summer. The date looms, circled in red, on calendars hanging on refrigerators and office walls everywhere. People take their last vacation days of summer, some close up their camps for the season, and some have a barbecue.

Approximately 55 percent of the country fire up barbecue grills to celebrate Labor Day. The average household spent about \$700 over Labor Day weekend. But, most people don't know what they're really celebrating.

While many correlate Labor Day to great sales at furniture shops, car dealerships, and other stores, the holiday is more than summer's Black Friday. The holiday started in 1882 and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day was officially proposed as "A street

parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and spirit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" followed by a festival for the workers and their families."

We're supposed to be celebrating the 155.7 million workers (people over the age of 16) in the work force of the USA. Approximately 5.7 million workers commute to work. The average time stuck in your car, train, or bus on the way to work is a mind numbing 25.5 minutes. Once we're at work we spend an average of 8.6 hours toiling away.

The labor movement is responsible for such modern amenities as the 8 hour work day, 40 hour work week, safe work places, and fair pay. Did you know that a big moment of labor history happened here in the Mohawk Valley? Just over 100 years ago there was a big labor strike in Little Falls, NY. Affectionately known as the Little Falls Textile Strike of 1912,

approximately 700 workers, mostly immigrant women, stopped working in the textile mills of Little Falls to protest working conditions and a cut in pay. The strike lasted from Oct. 9, 1912 to Jan. 4, 1913. Seven hundred local workers fought for better work conditions right here in Little Falls.

I hope this Labor Day, you were able to take a second between cheeseburgers and great sales deals to reflect for a moment on the workers; the workers that came before and built this great country. The 146 workers who perished in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. All the workers who suffered while striking for better pay or better working conditions. The strength and determination that build our great country. The future workers and the great accomplishments they will make.

Now get back to work.



Pee Wee's in the stew

by Terry Berkson

On the afternoon of the 21st day, the first chick began to chip away at its shell so that a tiny hole appeared. I was amazed to hear the chick peeping even before the shell was broken. Then another crack appeared in another egg and then another. In a couple of hours three chicks were stumbling around like drunken sailors. After that, the hatching seemed to stall. Many of the eggs had cracks that eventually became holes but progress was slow if at all. In one case I could see movement inside the tiny hole but the chick didn't appear to be making any progress in chipping his way out of the shell. I was worried that it was too thick and that the chick would wear out its tooth which is mounted on the top of the beak like a rhino's horn. I consulted Vaughn and McNulty, two local experts and

they advised me to let nature take its course. After many hours, movement stopped inside the shell and the chick, having worn out its tooth, died as I looked on. This happened with several more eggs and when I did an autopsy, many of the chicks appeared to be fully developed. Other eggs hadn't developed at all and the chalazae, a jelly like substance that my friend, Brooklyn Bob, used to make his mother remove from his breakfast eggs, was still in tact. I was thinking that either the chicks were too weak or the eggshells were too strong. Finally there was only one cracked egg left with the chick actively trying to enlarge the hole it started but again progress was negligible. I decided to give the struggling newcomer a little help and opened the hole minimally with

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Alabama woman, 92, works to protect bees, butterflies

by Al Benn, The Montgomery Advertiser

SELMA, AL (AP) — Alabama's Capitol has been the scene of raucous behavior at times, but smiles abounded in the state Senate during a friendly "invasion" three decades ago.

The leader wasn't a legislator, but she was an expert when it came to gentle persuasion and guile to get the state to honor a flying bug.

Mallieve Breeding not only got the Legislature to designate the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail as the State Butterfly, she also won approval for Selma to become the "Butterfly Capital of Alabama."

How did Breeding, known to many people in Selma as "Madame Butterfly," turn a part-time hobby into an important part of her life?

Well, the secret is finally out. She admitted that she didn't know beans about butterflies back in 1982, but she was worried about something else that she felt might negatively affect America.

Pollination pollution. That's what got her dander up. The more she studied, the more her concern grew until she took the lead to bring attention to butterflies and their entomological importance.

A devoted member of the local garden club, she had read a report that butterflies and bees were in danger of potential extinction due to increased use of herbicides, insecticides and other agricultural poisons that also touch shrubs, flower beds and other greenery.

As she headed to Montgomery in 1982 to accept a state resolution honoring the butterfly and Selma, she let everyone within listening distance know that a two-year campaign had been launched by national garden club federations to focus on the "plight of the

butterflies."

"There has been a noticeable lessening of their numbers and this has become a great concern to all environmental groups who love not only the beauty of the butterfly but realize its importance in nature's balance," she said that day.

Recently, she said the situation hasn't improved much, "and I'm still worried about what might happen if we don't protect our pollinators."

"A world without butterflies would mean not only a great loss of beauty but would surely affect our survival," she said. "The butterfly is a major pollinator that is essential to create seeds and fruits."

Age and infirmities have slowed her down quite a bit in recent years, but she doesn't plan to stop her call for greater protection of butterflies and bees.

One look out her expansive kitchen window can testify to that environmental commitment. Birds of all sizes, shapes and colors zoom around her trees while squirrels scamper up and down the trunks and branches.

Then there are the butterflies. If ever there is a haven for them in Selma, it's her backyard, where hummingbirds have invitations to rest a spell on her feeders.

When it came to picking a specific butterfly to be honored, she and her garden club friends opted for the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail. She said it's because they are Alabama butterflies by choice as opposed to Monarch butterflies — pretty but "just visitors passing through."

Recent years have not been kind to Mallieve. She's had two broken hips, strokes, back problems and a

heart attack.

Selma has gone out of its way to recognize her, and she appreciates it. A butterfly garden was built outside a local school and named for her. Last December, she was in the city's inaugural group of honorees selected as "Golden Gate Builders."

It was the latest in a long line of honors for a great-grandmother who will celebrate her 92nd birthday.

No doubt one of her birthday presents will have a butterfly on it.



Female Eastern Tiger Swallowtail (dark form) *Papilio glaucus*.

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Back to school

by Katie Ranno

The nights are getting colder, meaning fall is in the air, which also means that it's back to school for many. Some of you are sending your little ones off to school for the first time. Others might be half way through the 12-year stretch, and some of you are counting down the days till graduation.

As for me, all three have past and college is my home away from home. This year, that phrase is taken in a literal sense for myself. I did my first two years of secondary education at Herkimer County Community College (Go Generals!). Now, I've transferred to a school where it's more sensible to stay on campus rather than take on the extremely long commute. But, no matter what part of the educational journey you're on, even if you're a parent of someone in one the past four categories, you know that there's a lot to get and get done. Pencils, pens? Check! Binders, notebooks? Check! And

who can forget that all important first-day-of-school outfit. Check!!! Anticipation builds as every item gets checked off and your school supply bin starts getting fuller by the week.

For some of us, it's less about the list and more about the question "How am I supposed to fit all of this stuff into my car let alone my shoebox-sized dorm?" This was something that I had been trying to figure out since I got my room assignment, and it's still something that I'm trying to figure out as I right this.

But, for all of us, "back-to-school" is more than a Walmart sale phrase. The summer gives us a clean slate, a fresh start for the school year ahead. We are given a refreshing hope for our immediate futures. It's the anticipation of creating new memories, making new friends, and the promise that through all of the ups and downs, papers and late study sessions, we are preparing ourselves for something great.

We don't know where the future's gonna take us or if that five year plan we made in freshman year of high school is even going to turn out the way we'd hoped. But, what we do know is that all of those hopes and dreams start with learning, and school is therefore our catapult to the dreams we've been longing to achieve.

So, to all of you kindergarteners, elementary learners, mid-

dle schoolers, high schoolers, and college bound students, may you find your classes with ease, find that best friend to stick with you through the roller-coaster years ahead, have plenty of pens in your backup, be mindful of what the word "mystery" means when it's used to describe an item on the lunch menu, and make the most of the opportunities ahead. Here's to the bright future.



Amber Nolan, The JetHiking Gypsy, has the idea to hitchhike across America to all 50 states on airplanes. She only has nine states to go.

Photo source: jethiking.com

'JetHiking Gypsy' traveling all 50 states by plane

SIoux FALLS, SD (AP) — A 29-year-old woman is hitch-hiking all 50 states — by airplane.

Amber Nolan is a self-described "JetHiking Gypsy" who bagged states 40 and 41 this week with stops in Fargo, ND., and Sioux Falls, SD.

A travel writer by trade, she started the quest in July 2012 in her home state of New York.

Nolan gave up her apartment, sold her car, put her belongings in storage and

reduced her main gear to the basics: a tent, sleeping bag and backpack.

Now she's traveling the U.S. by thumbing rides on corporate jets, with private pilots, crop-dusters and even in home-built planes.

Nolan's blogging her adventures and plans to write a book when she's done.

She's on Facebook and Twitter as "JetHiking Gypsy" and her website is JetHiking.com .

Safety tips for outdoor enthusiasts

Outdoor enthusiasts typically cannot wait to get outside and make the most of a beautiful day. But in their haste to enjoy the great outdoors, men and women can easily overlook safety precautions that protect them from potential hazards.

Though it's easy to get excited about a sunny day, it's important for outdoor enthusiasts to take safety seriously. No matter your activity, always bring adequate sunscreen to protect your skin from the sun, and remember to bring enough water to stay hydrated throughout the day. In addition to packing sunscreen and water, outdoor enthusiasts can employ various additional safety methods depending on which activity they choose to enjoy.

Cycling

Cyclists must always be on alert for those with whom they are sharing the road. While many motorists respect cyclists, there are some who see cyclists as a nuisance, and such motorists may drive recklessly around cyclists in an attempt to scare them off

the road. Cyclists are oftentimes at the mercy of motorists, so it pays to stay as attentive as possible. Never listen to an MP3 player or another music player while riding a bike. Such a distraction could prove deadly if it takes your attention away from the road. Alertness is important when cycling, as are the following precautionary measures:

- Always wear a helmet and reflective clothing that makes it easy for motorists to see you.
- Obey the traffic laws.
- Always ride with traffic.
- Inspect your bicycle and address any mechanical issues before each ride.

Hiking

When the weather permits, few activities combine the benefits of physical activity with the aesthetic appeal of nature as well as hiking does. Hikers should never hike on poorly developed trails or trails that are too difficult for them to handle, and they should have at least a basic understanding of the symptoms of altitude sickness. Always share your route with friends or family members before embarking on a hiking trip. This protects you if you should get lost or injured and you need a rescue team to find you. Hikers should also pack the following supplies before hitting the trails:

- Compass
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Whistle and signal mirror
- Map of the park that includes the trails you plan to hike
- Waterproof matches
- First aid kit

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with a pair of tweezers. Fluid began to ooze from the area I had disturbed. The chick was still trying to break out but wasn't making any progress. One warning I got about interfering with the opening of the egg was that the chick would become dehydrated. This bird looked like he was going belly up like the others so I felt I had nothing to lose.

I brought a bowl of warm water out to the coop, dipped the partially opened egg into it and with the chick's head above water, began to peel away the rest of the shell which seemed to contain a placenta-like membrane. When finished, I put the chick on the floor of the incubator and it just lay there hardly moving. It didn't seem to have much life in it but every once in a while it would move spastically. Later the membrane that was still attached to it was stuck to the wire floor restricting the chick's movement. I cut it off, just like the umbilical cord is cut from a human. This seemed to allow for more movement and the little black bird began to flap and thrash around. Meanwhile, his buff sib-

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Inline skating and skateboarding

Inline skating and skateboarding are popular activities for adults and children alike. But even though you may associate such activities with your childhood, that does not mean the risk of injury is insignificant. In fact, even seasoned skateboarders and veteran inline skaters have suffered broken bones or head injuries while skateboarding or skating. Proper attire is essential for skaters and skateboarders hoping to prevent injury, so be sure to wear the following gear the next time you hit the half-pipe or go skating by the boardwalk:

- Helmet
- Knee pads
- Wrist guards
- Elbow pads

Water sports

Water attracts the sun, so it's imperative that anyone planning to spend ample time on or around the water take steps to protect their skin. Wear appropriate clothing and apply sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor of 15.

Never take to the water after you have consumed alcohol. Alcohol can dull your senses, making you less likely to recognize a dangerous situation should one present itself.

If you plan on entering the water, always enter feet first and do your best to avoid swimming alone. When you employ the buddy system while swimming, you are ensuring there is someone there to help you should you begin to struggle or to alert lifeguards or other safety personnel should something go awry.

If you to plan to fish on a boat, let your loved ones staying behind on land know where you plan to fish so they can share this information with authorities if your boat has problems or you don't return on time. While on the boat, always wear a flotation device and make sure the boat is not running as you board and dismount.

The great outdoors can be enjoyed throughout the year. But outdoor enthusiasts will have a much better time if they take the necessary steps to reduce their risk of injury.



When participating in water sports like rafting, adults and children alike should wear flotation devices at all times.

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lings who were almost a day older were well coordinated, much bigger and walking around easily. I started calling the little black chick Pee Wee. A few days later he was so much smaller than his siblings that he constantly tried to get under their wings as though they were mothers. In spite of Alice's protests I had the birds set up in a clear plastic box in the kitchen so that they saw a lot of me and became used to being handled. At one point Pee Wee's eyes were half closed and I consulted my mentors who told me that Pee Wee's sinuses were the problem. When Alice wasn't around, I laid down my tools and applied a warm compress over Pee Wee's eyes several times. The problem cleared up after about a week of sneak treatments. The chick became healthy and very active but he was slow to catch up to his siblings in size. I had planned to just keep the hens and unload the males at the market or try to get Alice to prepare them for broiling on the barbecue but she mumbled something that sounded like she'd rather make chicken fricassee!

Now, after several weeks, I'm wor-

ried because the little black chick whose life I saved is beginning to develop a rather large comb on its head that tells me it may be a male. Imagine having to butcher him, after delivering the bird like a baby — in very much the same way that the great Julius Caesar was born — and using the water emersion technique and cutting the umbilical cord!

Lately, no matter how much work I do on the house, Alice complains that we're progressing too slowly. She's even threatened to make me get rid of the chickens. I don't know how I could bring myself to do that. One night this week I woke up in a cold sweat hearing some kind eerie call. At first I thought it was our rooster crowing, "cock-a-doodle-doo!" but it wasn't near light yet. Then it sounded like my wife down in the kitchen singing "There's a lot for you to do!" Or, maybe it was, "Pee Wee's in the stew! Pee Wee's in the stew!"

This was a serious threat and I pictured my beloved bird floating in a sea of vegetables.

"Okay, dear!" I yelled slipping into my work clothes. "I'll put up some more sheet rock!"

Ten reasons why buying a new car might be cheaper than you think

(BPT) — Are you driving around in a car that's a decade or more old? If so, you're not alone. The number of older vehicles on the road in the United States has increased by more than 17 million since 2009, according to Experian Automotive. The average age of the more than 245 million vehicles on U.S. roads is up to a nationwide-high of 11 years old.

As your car ages and

the miles pile up, it's important to consider your options before you're left on the side of the road wondering why you didn't upgrade sooner. While buying a new car might seem like the pricier way to go, just think of the costs you pay to keep your old car running — constant trips to the shop for repairs can certainly start to add up and often come without warning.

But buying a new car

these days doesn't have to break the bank, either. With new safety features including crash avoidance technology and anti-

insurance coverage.

Here are 10 increasing-ly common new-car features that could help reduce your insurance pre-

3. Passive restraint systems

4. Alarm systems/anti-theft devices

10. Lane departure warning systems

Because discounts vary by state and coverage,



New-car buyers have a reason to smile with a list of 10 common new car safety features that could help reduce insurance premiums.

theft systems, you can actually save some money in the long run, especially when it comes to

miums. Some include specific insurance discounts, while others simply lower the overall cost of insurance because of their positive effect on reducing crashes or thefts.

1. Air bags
2. Anti-lock brakes

5. Automatic vehicle disabling devices

6. Back-up cameras

7. Electronic stability control

8. Automatic braking systems

9. Intelligent cruise control

you'll want to talk to your insurance agent. Also, some of these discounts will be applied automatically when you tell your agent what kind of car you drive, but it's always a good idea to double check to make sure you're getting all the discounts you deserve.

So if you think it might be time to spend money on an upgrade, remember which features could not only make you safer, but also save you money on your insurance premiums. You might be able to put the money you save toward another new car 11 years from now.

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Hello Again,

Have you any idea what we should chat about this week? Bet you didn't know – birthdays are good for you. Those who have the most, live the longest.

And something else: Ponce De Leon's aim in life was to find the fountain of youth. Instead he found Florida – the retirement garden. Next time you visit Florida, note the large number of seniors walking, swimming and riding their bikes – maybe ol' Ponce found what he was looking for and didn't know it. Could be he was just like me – when he got back home, he couldn't remember what it was that he found.

Getting old is not so bad. Something bad can happen on Monday and you won't be able to remember it on Tuesday. Strange though – if someone owes you a few bucks, you will never forget it and the borrower won't seem to be able to remember. I've heard old age brings on convenient hearing. They say we can hear what we shouldn't. Do you suppose old age memory, as far as money is concerned, travels the same path? The lender remembers an amount higher than it was while the borrower will only remember a lesser amount, or can't remember it at all.

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Is success measured in the way we think of it? Just imagine, if your pet dog Fido was lying in the doorway of your dining room on Thanksgiving Day, watching everyone overstuffing on turkey, mashed potatoes, yams, giblet gravy, and all the other fixin's while moaning and groaning – patting their too full bellies saying "Oh – I ate too much," then adding to the misery with pumpkin pie – what would poor Fido think? Here I am, only a dog and fed only dog food and water. No turkey for me. Or would he be thankful and think, "Today I'm glad I'm not a turkey."

No problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking.

Page A19 of Investor's Business Daily dated August 19, 2013 was headed by these words: "Read what's really going on in the country" with two single column heads, "Obama needs to speak truth about Egypt" and "Obama history of economy is a fairy tale." Now my big question: Isn't it about time that we U.S. Citizens stop participating in this – Democrat/Republican slamming and start supporting issues in the best interest of this country?

The actual economy shows real GDP falling well below 2 percent. This so-called recovery remains the worst in modern history dating back to 1947.

And as far as solutions go, Obama keeps giving us the same old, same old: End the spending-cut sequester, lower tax deductions and raise taxes on the rich – all to free up money for infrastructure, green energy, 'manufacturing innovation initiatives' and the teacher of unions.

Of course, this would all come on top of ObamaCare, which, if it doesn't fall of its weight, will add so many new taxes, regulations and mandates that it will sink the economy more.

How about a new heading: So-called recovery worst since 1947.

My second question –

why are we sticking our nose into Egypt's and Syria's problems? Shouldn't we spend all of our effort and money trying to fix our own country? Are we not the United States of America and merely one member of the United Nations and not the lord and master of the entire world? England tried to be and ended up nearly broke. The Soviet Union tried to own and control most of Europe and went belly up. Are we next?

The one thing experience will teach is change will happen even if we do not plan for it to happen. In Ireland, my grandfather was a dairy and horse farmer. In this country, my Dad grew a large garden and I have an electric can opener. Is that evolution or change?

Some changes seem to change back to the way it was years ago. For example,

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Earn college credit for hiking Appalachian Trail

by Joe Tennis, Bristol Herald Courier

EMORY, VA (AP) — On a bright day late last year, a couple of friends and I tore off on the trail: the Appalachian Trail, to be exact. And it was not in Washington County, VA, but the Washington County of Maryland.

Michelle Kershner, the marketing director for nearby Frederick County, MD, got a big kick out of getting out of our vehicle and getting in the woods. So did Chris Haugh, the scenic byway and special projects manager for Frederick County.

I suppose Haugh and Kershner got a jolt of get-away fever because they were hiking into the next county — a place not called Frederick. As for me, I simply had fun being on the same trail that passes through my beloved Washington County, VA.

I have hiked just bits and pieces of the fabled

AT. Yet I have interviewed many who have tackled the entire trail, which runs from Georgia north to Maryland and eventually into Maine.

To reach the true alpha and omega of the AT, you have to go all the way north to Mount Katahdin in Maine and south to Springer Mountain in Georgia.

Kasi Quinn did it. So did J.B. "Jason" Hibbitts. Both also came back to Emory, VA, and reported on their hikes — even earning college credit through a program called Semester-A-Trail at Emory & Henry College.

Jim Harrison, the college's director of outdoor programming, calls this "a special studies opportunity that allows degree-seeking students to attempt a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail while remaining fully enrolled in an academic semester."

Get to know Harrison:

He is not like one of my old journalism professors at Radford University — the guy who has never worked at a newspaper a day in his life. Turns out, Harrison has the field experience a student should envy: He thru-hiked the AT in 1997.

"To backpack from Maine to Georgia turns out to be way more difficult than anyone thinks it will be," Harrison said, "but it is also way more beautiful in so many ways."

J.B. Hibbitts, 30, relayed his experience. A resident of Bristol, TN, Hibbitts tore off on the trail in 2006 — restless, yet wanting to get out and see the woods of the world. A U.S. Air Force veteran, Hibbitts used the G.I. Bill to get through college. He also needed to stay in school full time, so Harrison made plans to help as Hibbitts hiked the trail.

Turns out, that's how

Semester-A-Trail was born.

Today, this program is listed in the course catalog at Emory & Henry:

"The Semester-A-Trail Program offers students the opportunity to build independent studies and projects with broadened field-based implications. Student hikers have developed imaginative projects across the curriculum in ecotourism, human physiology, water quality, wellness, and photography."

It sounds both fun and serious.

"It would be easy for a student interested in economics, for example, to examine-explore the AT corridor's economic impact on trail towns, and to do this in context is cutting edge scholarship," Harrison suggested.

Students have to be ready, of course, to incur costs — what Hibbitts estimates is \$1 a mile for

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a trail spanning more than 2,000 miles.

Participants in the Semester-A-Trail Program cannot embark on their trip any earlier than the spring semester of their sophomore year. They must also be certified in CPR and have completed Physical Education 164, Hiking/Backpacking, with a B or better, among other requirements.

Still, all of the above is not scaring away Will Leigh, 18, a student from Hamilton, VA.

Leigh plans to thru-hike on the trail during 2014 in Semester-A-Trail.

"Thru-hiking the AT has been something that has inspired me since I was a young Boy Scout doing overnights with my troop on the trail," Leigh said. "As I have grown a little older, the

trail has been there punctuating the beginnings and endings in my life. There have been few summers since freshmen year of high school that I have not done a solo hike on the AT."

It has been nearly a decade since Hibbitts completed his thru-hike. He now serves as a trail ambassador for the Town of Damascus and also works as an adjunct professor at King University in Bristol. And, this 2001 graduate of Honaker High School has advice for anyone contemplating the long haul on the Appalachian Trail — not just moseying through a meadow, like I did in Maryland.

"It's going to be the most challenging experience of your life," Hibbitts said. "But, it's also going to be the most rewarding."

Hello from 6

now several of our Amish farmers have large teams of horses and mules — not tractors. What is a mule? — First of all, a mule is the offspring of a male jackass (its biblical name) and a female (mare) horse. A hinny is the offspring of a female jackass (a Jenny) and a male horse (a stallion.) And a jackass — like all jackasses, remains a

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Chow Line: New to pickling? Do your homework

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A: First, if the cucumbers you're growing aren't a suitable variety for pickling, you might be disappointed in the results. Pickling cucumbers are usually smaller than cucumbers grown for slicing, and they tend to have thicker, bumpier skins. According to the cooking encyclopedia *The Cook's Thesaurus*, the best varieties for pickling

include gherkin, cornichon, Kirby and lemon cucumber.

But if you want to try, your first decision will be whether you want to make fermented pickles, which are pickled from lactic acid in a fermentation process over three to four weeks in a crock or other suitable container, or quick-process pickles, which are pickled from acetic acid from vinegar in a process that takes just a few days.

If you have a burpless variety growing in your garden, go for the quick process, because burpless varieties produce an enzyme at maturity that causes pickles to soften during fermentation. Always choose smaller cu-

cumbers — they make crisper pickles.

You can find detailed guidance for pickling cucumbers (and other vegetables) in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Complete Guide to Home Canning, available online from the University of Georgia's National Center for Home Food Preservation at http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html. In addition, Ohio State University Extension offers two fact sheets, "Making Fermented Dill Pickles" and "Quick Process Pickles," at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/food.html>

Among the tips you'll want to follow:

- Pay strict attention to all guidelines, and process in a water bath canner according to recipe directions. Otherwise, your pickles may spoil or, worse, cause food poisoning.

- Always trim about a quarter-inch from the blossom end of the cucumber to prevent pickles from softening.

- Use only non-iodized

salt made for pickling or canning. Regular table salt has anti-caking agents that can make the brine cloudy. Flake salt varies in density, so you can't be certain you're using the proper amount. If you want to make low-sodium pickles, use a tested recipe. Don't try to make fermented pickles with less salt than in the recipe; the amount is

necessary to inhibit the growth of undesirable bacteria.

Chow Line is a service of Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and its outreach and research arms, Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.

The Country Preacher

by Dan West

There is an old saying: "When you help a mule that is stuck in the mud, you are bound to get kicked." Does this apply to people, too? Like mules, many people are very independent and even proud. When forward progress in their lives comes to a halt, they need help. They are too proud and independent to admit it or accept it, but those around them see it clearly. When a kind hearted person steps in to help, the one in need rejects — kicks — the helper.

Should we allow this to stop us from helping? The Apostle Peter said, "For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer for it, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God." (1 Peter 2:20)

Often this concept applies with teenagers. While they want to act grown up and independent, they don't have the life experience of their parents and teachers to base good decisions on. When we try to help, they may outwardly scoff us, but inwardly are glad for the advice.

So, go ahead and offer your help. Don't force it, don't argue, just clearly state your thoughts. Take the 'kicks' and chock it up to experience — theirs. You both will be better off for it.



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## Tips for writing your own wedding vows

A wedding is a once-in-a-lifetime event for many couples, so brides and grooms wish for the event to be momentous and memorable. As such, couples are increasingly integrating personal nuances into their ceremonies and receptions to tailor weddings to their unique visions. The desire to include personalized wedding vows continues to be a popular trend.

If you are considering personalized wedding vows, first realize that it may not be a simple task. That's because you want the message conveyed to be dear to your

interviews with photographers, it can be easy to put off the important task of writing vows for another day. But as any great writer can attest, it takes writing — and rewriting — to achieve a finished product you can be proud of. Give the task of writing your vows your undivided attention. Mark it in on your calendar or set a reminder on your computer just as you would any other appointment.

- Be aware of ceremony guidelines. It is best to check with your officiant and confirm that personalized wedding vows are allowed. During

- Jot down your feelings. Answer some questions about what marriage means to you and how you feel about your spouse. Try to avoid trite sayings and think from your heart and personal experiences. Think about what is the most important thing you want to promise to your future partner. These notes can serve as the starting points for the actual vows.

- Read inspirational writings. Perhaps there is an author or a poet who inspires you? You can quote certain writers in your vows or let the tone of their works help

friends and family. Feel free to tap into your unique personality. Humor can be used if it aligns with the way you normally express your affections. Be sure to weave this tone into more traditional passages to create a cohesive expression of your feelings.

- Establish an outline. Put together all of the words and phrases you've jotted down into an outline to help you organize the flow of the vows, using these words as a blueprint for the

vows and building upon them. Make sure the vows will be concise. Aim for your entire speech to be around one minute in length to keep everyone engaged and the ceremony moving along.

- Put everything together. Draft your vows and then practice them by reading out loud. You want to avoid long sentences or anything that trips you up. Although large words may sound impressive, they could make the vows seem too academic and not necessarily heartfelt. Enlist

the help of a friend or two to act as your audience to see if the vows sound good and are easily understandable.

Writing your own vows can be a way to include personal expressions of love into a couple's wedding day. Public speaking is seldom easy, nor is finding the perfect words to convey feelings about a future spouse. However, with some practice and inspiration, anyone can draft personalized vows.



heart, and that can be challenging when faced with the pressures and planning of the rest of the wedding. That isn't to say that writing your own vows is impossible. Here are some guidelines for personalizing your ceremony with your own sentiments.

- Schedule time for writing. Amid the bustle of dress fittings and in-

civil ceremonies it's often acceptable to customize vows as you see fit. However, during religious ceremonies there may be lines of scripture that need to be read or certain passages required. Before you spend hours working on the task, be sure that it is allowed and that your spouse and you are on the same page.

shape the words of your vows. There also are suggested wedding readings and other quotes about marriage readily available at the library or with a quick search online.

- Decide on a tone. Although the day is based on love and affection, you may not feel comfortable spouting words of adoration in front of



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# What's the workout wardrobe for the Mudder?

by Samantha Critchell, AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Participation in mud runs and obstacle courses such as the Warrior Dash or Tough Mudder is growing by leaps and bounds. With that come some carefully plotted training schedules and well-balanced diets.

But did you think about the wardrobe? You probably should. The right clothes and gear make the difference in performance, comfort, and the cute Facebook photo you'll want to post at the end of the day, say product developers and seasoned recreational athletes.

Eileen Berner, marketing director for insulator PrimaLoft, is a self-described 'weekend warrior' who does obstacle races and climbs mountains and ice in her spare time.

"Clothing is one of the first key decisions you are making in one of these events. You've

checked the weather forecast, but the race starts out and you're running up a ski mountain and sweating when it's still cool and by the afternoon, it's really hot," Berner says. "It could be an eight- or nine-hour day, and you can really have the gamut in weather. . . The best gear is the gear that when you come back from the event, you weren't cold or hot or have blisters."

For Margaret Schlacter of Salt Lake City, a regular on the Spartan Race circuit, that means nothing cotton. "I made the awful mistake the first time and wore cute cotton yoga capri pants, cotton underwear and a cute cotton T-shirt. After the swimming portion of the race, I had to roll the yoga pants into shorts and keep peeling the shirt away from my body."

She adds: "Wearing cotton underwear is like wearing white after Labor Day — it's a cardinal

sin."

Synthetic fabrics not only help take care of the moisture and regulate temperature better, but they also dry quickly, resist stains and don't retain as much odor, says Greg Thomsen, managing director of Adidas

Outdoor.

This new generation of fitness buffs likes outdoor workouts, so makers of athleticwear had already started making the shift to moisture-moving and water-repellant materials, says Susan Branch, global head

of products for Roxy. Such features are becoming standard, she says. "The things to look for if you're going to be in a boot camp or mud run or mini-triathlon are really things that are fairly common these days."

Her other recommen-

dations are slim, body-hugging silhouettes for ease of movement that don't snag on obstacles and wider bra straps for support.

Choosing footwear, though, is more specific, Schlacter says. There's a difference between running through a few puddles and submerging your foot. For a race that does involve more wetness, she skips the water-repellent trail shoes because, while they keep a certain amount of water out, they'll also keep the water inside the shoe if it gets inside.

Schlacter says she isn't all that concerned what she looks like when she is on the starting line, but there is no reason not to put fashion with function. She favors simplicity, down to her ponytail reinforced with an elastic headband and sheer lip balm. There's definitely no mascara, she says with a laugh.

Roxy's Branch, however, makes the case to have it all: "You should have the expectation that products made for this stuff will perform — and that you can look cute doing it. There are trend-right silhouettes that deliver on technical features," she says. "And you know you will put up a photo of you crossing the finish line on social media, so go for it!"



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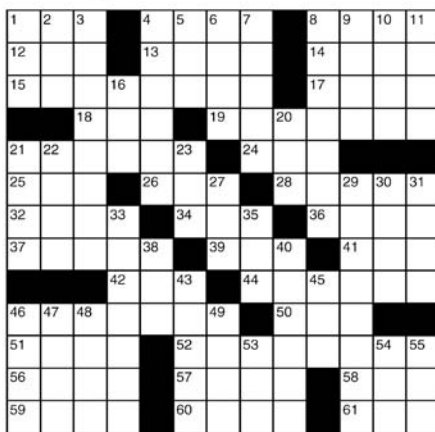
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Chic, to Austin Powers  
4 Crooked  
8 Implement  
12 Tramcar contents  
13 Decorative case  
14 Unslightly  
15 Relinquish the throne  
17 Smile  
18 Squid squirt  
19 Big-time operator?  
21 19-Across, e.g.  
24 Chart format  
25 "Eureka!"  
26 Run-down horse  
28 Financial advisor Suze  
32 Teeny bit  
34 Deviate off course  
36 Antitoxins  
37 Dickinson output  
39 Space  
41 Water barrier  
42 Suitable  
44 Literary comparison  
46 Last major battle site of WWII  
50 Lobbyists'



- 7 Traffic jam  
8 They're in for the long haul  
9 Shrek is one  
10 Hodgepodge  
11 Singer Loretta  
16 Bankbook abbr.  
20 Carnival site  
21 Moist  
22 Canton's place  
23 Shaft of light  
27 Choke  
29 Treat an ailment  
30 Asian sea, really a lake  
31 Appellation  
33 Spring (from)  
35 Existed  
38 Hot tub  
40 Ornamental material  
43 Checker move?  
45 Buddy  
46 Muscat's land  
47 Narc's measure  
48 Press  
49 Con  
53 Press for payment  
54 - Aviv  
55 Moray or conger

### DOWN

- 1 Bygone bird  
2 Sphere  
3 Commit (to)  
4 Signal, as with a nod  
5 Schedule abbr.  
6 "Phooey!"

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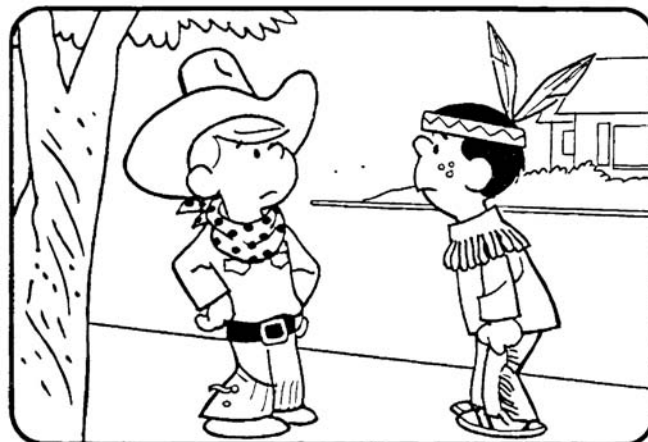
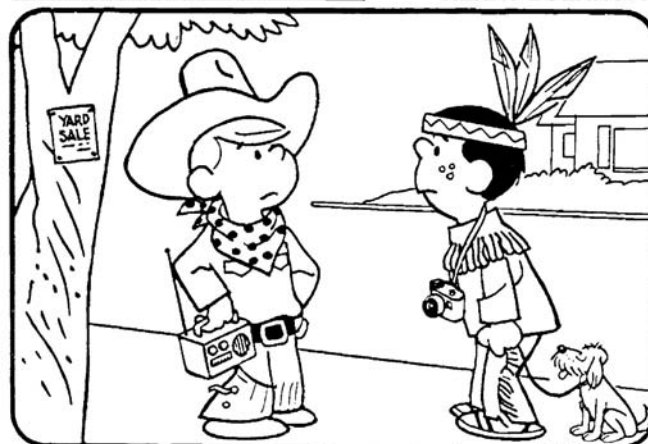
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No matter how many affordable homes are available, if a buyer cannot get approved for a mortgage, then his or her chances of owning a home are slim. In the wake of a tumultuous economy, many lenders tightened restrictions on mortgage lending. And even though the economy has rebounded, many lenders have continued to follow strict guidelines before lending money. In order to secure a mortgage

with a good interest rate, buyers must take control of their financial situations and fix problems that could lead to loan rejection.

Many things can impact a mortgage application. Here are the ways to overcome liabilities and improve your standing with prospective lenders.

- Know your credit rating. Your credit rating is a score that lenders rely on when deciding whether or not to approve your mortgage application. The higher the credit rating, the more attractive you look to prospective lenders. But the lower your score is, the more difficulty you will have getting a loan. Should you get a loan with a low score, you may have to pay a higher interest rate than someone with better credit. Prior to making any big financial decisions, such as applying for a mortgage, it is vital to find out your credit score. You can request a free copy of your credit report, which includes your credit score, once a year from the three major credit reporting agencies in the United

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- Address any issues on your report. Once you know your score, you can take steps to address any issues on the report. Pay down revolving consumer debts, such as credit card balances and auto loans. Report any errors on your credit report so they can be adjusted. Pay bills on time and address any notices of collections before they make it onto your permanent record. If you will be applying for a loan soon, avoid opening any other credit accounts for the time being.

- Maintain steady employment. Having a job is often vital to getting a mortgage. Lenders tend to look for long-term financial stability, which is best illustrated by maintaining steady employment. Jumping from job to job may be a red flag to lenders, so it's better to make a switch after you have been approved for a loan.

- Save, save, save. Having more money in the bank lowers your loan-to-

value ratio, or LTV. This will make you appear less risky to lenders. Individuals who have saved for a considerable down payment on a home are also seen in a better light.

- Make sure you have a credit history. Some people are too cautious with their credit and think closing accounts or avoiding credit entirely will make them more attractive to lenders. But this can backfire. Lenders will want to see a strong credit history that indicates your ability to pay your debts on time.

- Get a cosigner. If you are uncertain about your ability to secure a loan on your own, then consider a cosigner to make you more attractive to prospective lenders. The cosigner helps guarantee the lender that your mortgage payments will be made.

People looking to buy a home in the near future must make themselves attractive to mortgage lenders, many of whom are still reluctant to approve loans for candidates without strong financial backgrounds.

## Home improvement projects recouping more at resale

In its annual Cost vs. Value Report that compares the cost for 35 popular remodeling projects with the value those projects retain at resale, Remodeling magazine found that the overall average cost-value ratio has improved for the first time in six years. Cost-recouped percentages increased for all 35 projects examined for the 2013 survey, a remarkable turnaround from just a year earlier, when only three of the 35 projects saw an increase in cost-recouped percent-

age.

Replacement projects proved especially beneficial for homeowners, who likely also benefitted from a real estate market that finally started to stabilize after an extended period of economic uncertainty that heavily influenced both buyers and sellers.

While an economy on the rebound no doubt benefitted homeowners looking to recoup as much of their home improvement investment at resale as possible, other factors likely contributed as well.

For example, homeowners surveyed for the 2013 report who added a backup power generator recouped more of their investment than in previous years. That's likely because heavily publicized storms, such as Superstorm Sandy in late 2012, have forced homeowners and prospective homeowners to place a greater emphasis on being prepared for such storms.

Among the upscale projects surveyed, none recouped more of a homeowner's investment than replacing existing siding with fiber-cement siding. Homeowners who financed such a project recouped 79.3 percent of the project's cost, placing it just ahead of a garage door replacement, which recouped an average of 75.2 percent of its cost.

After years of many home improvement projects recouping little of their initial costs at resale, the tide finally seems to be turning for homeowners. More information about the 2013 Cost vs. Value Report is available at [www.remodeling.hw.net](http://www.remodeling.hw.net)

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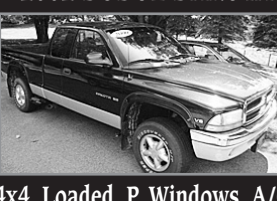
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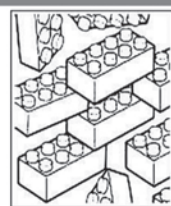
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This feature adds to TripsWithPets.com's current services, all of which are designed to help pet parents find the best travel options for themselves and their furry companions. The site's database currently features hundreds of pet friendly accommodations, allowing users to easily find hotels, vaca-

tion homes, condos, cabins and bed and breakfasts that welcome pets. Now the site will expand to feature hundreds of pet friendly restaurants, diners, pubs, bars and cafes throughout the United States and Canada.

TripsWithPets.com owner and founder Kim Salerno is thrilled to debut the new search option. "Pet parents are always looking for fun new ways to include their pets in their everyday lives and activities," she notes. "What better way to bond with your dog than to bring him along for a relaxing meal out? It's exciting to open up that option to people who otherwise might not have known it was available."

Salerno herself has a favorite spot to hang out with her furry friend. "I personally enjoy dining out with my dog at a local

café," she notes. "I grab a latte and sit with him outside — he people and dog watches while I take advantage of the free WiFi and feed him treats!"

It should be noted that, due to health codes, pets are only allowed in outdoor seating areas. In addition — much like human patrons — only well-behaved pets are welcomed in restaurants.

Salerno is looking to build a comprehensive, interactive site experience. Users of the restaurant search option are encouraged to leave reviews of pet-friendly dining establishments, and to suggest restaurants that are not currently on the list. To find pet friendly restaurant in your area, or to leave a restaurant review or make a restaurant suggestion, visit [www.tripswithpets.com](http://www.tripswithpets.com)

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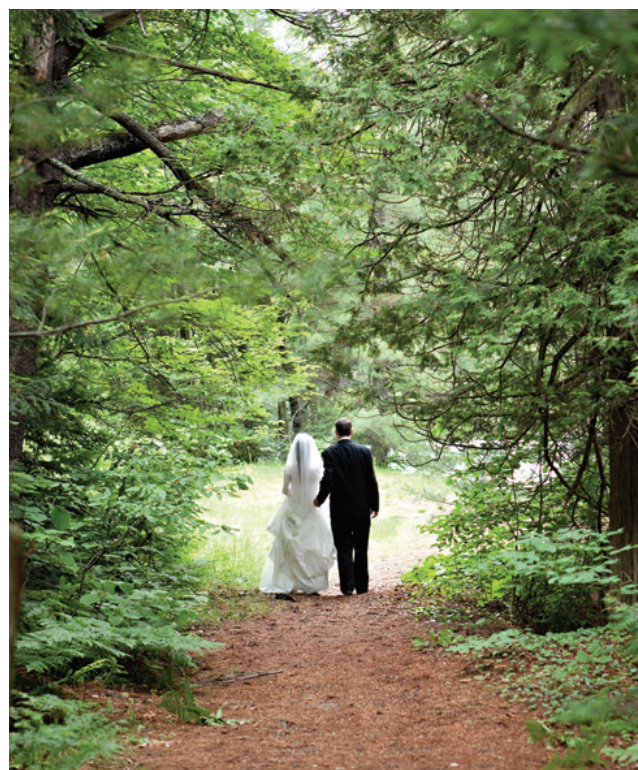
Depression, World War II and the death of one of their three children.

The pair met in Mount Sterling in Kentucky while Thelma was working in her family's garden and Ormond was grooming his horse.

Thelma is now 93, and Ormond is 92. They say they never go to bed angry.

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