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## The mystical wild apple

by Troy Bishopp aka The Grass Whisperer

While many were using the internet to Facebook friends or Youtube a favorite homemade video, this grass/apple whisperer was Google-ing for inspiration on wild apple lore while raising a ceremonial, tart cup of unpasteurized, hand-pressed cider to the taste-buds. The cool thing about surfing the web is that sometimes you are reunited with the past.

It's good to have my wild friends back in production after the early frost and drought of 2012 which decimated the local harvest. Or was it Mother Nature's way of resting the fruit trees for a greater purpose?

As the morning sun peaked through the changing hues of foliage, I found myself morphed back to Walden's pond in 1862 reading Henry David Thoreau's book entitled "Wild Apples" where

he celebrated the iconic tree and its fruit.

I wish I could converse with my ancestors to find out what kind of apple tree varieties dot our draws and hillsides. I must be getting older because I have played around these secret groves as a child, never thinking any deeper beyond which tree climbed the best. But now I am starting to see through the blinders of my ungrateful youth to fully appreciate these natural assets.

My fascination with the unknown reds, greens, yellows and even purple mystery varieties came at the hands of farmers who abandoned my pasture walk in favor of the "trees". As I listened to their crispy chomping and critiques of which would make a good pie apple, it reminded me of the flavor intricacies in grass-finished beef or of wine tasting.

Liberty Hyde Bailey had it right

when he posed this question, "Why do we need so many kinds of apples? Because there are so many folks. A person has a right to gratify his legitimate taste. If he wants 20 or 40 kinds of apples for his personal use...he should be accorded the privilege. There is merit in variety itself. It provides more contact with life, and leads away from uniformity and monotony."

Upon researching these organic gems I learned about the terrific health benefits that keeps the doctor away. One medium apple contains only 80 calories and the pectin in apples lowers LDL ("bad") cholesterol. French researchers found that a flavanoid called phloridzin that is found only in apples may protect post-menopausal women from osteoporosis and may also increase bone density. Boron,



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Wild apple varieties from red to purple  
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## Firebirds Model Air Show

by Al Dorantes

On a beautiful, sunny day, the sky daubed with white swatches of clouds, the Mohawk Valley Radio Control Club, aka the Firebirds, held their 2013 annual air show in Frankfort, NY.

The Firebirds started off almost 70 years ago. In 1992 the club moved to their flying site at the Highland Airport in Frankfort. The club is a chartered member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), a national organization of model aircraft builders and flyers. They have over 50 members and offer educational programs as well as other club activities.

Larry Faraci of Clinton, NY said, "There are two types of RC pilots, those that have crashed and those that will." He chuckled and added,

"Taking off is optional; landing is mandatory."

The air show focused on a number of different disciplines including: Aerobatic performances, precision flying, RC Combat (dog fighting), limbo competition and more. The flyer advertised, "Continuous flying from 10a-3p" and, as advertised, the planes, helicopters, and other flying machines were in the air non-stop.

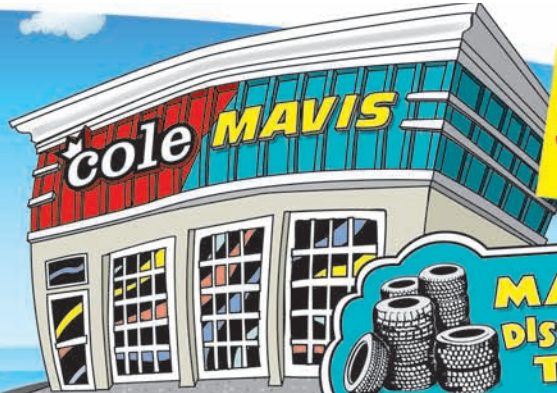
When the dog fights - simulated air combat - began, a number of pilots took to the sky with long streamers fluttering behind their planes. The aircrafts dodged, darted and dove, trying to clip their opponents streamers all the while avoiding getting their own streamers clipped.

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# Family Fundamentals: Establish routines to ease back into school schedule

**Q:** *It's back-to-school time. I think I dread it more than the kids do because it's always such a struggle to get them back into a routine after summer break. What can I do differently this year to help things go more smoothly?*

**A:** It's all in the routine. And the more quickly you establish that routine at the beginning of the school year, the more it will pay off.

Although they might complain about adhering to a new day-to-day routine at first, young people need such structure. If they know what's next on their daily schedule, it helps them feel more secure and well-rested. Being organized is even more important if your children have after-school or evening activities. Making lists and finding ways to get chores, homework and everything else done will help the whole family in the short term, and will help them in the long term to develop time-management skills.

So as school begins, figure out what your routines will be. After school or after dinner, you might

want to first have some quiet reading or homework time. Then have the kids set aside clothes for the the next day and be sure their backpacks are ready and by the door. Then help them prepare lunches and store them in the refrigerator, or look at the cafeteria menu and help them decide what they will buy — and be sure they have enough lunch money.

In the morning, your children's routine should always include breakfast, whether at home or at school. Your kids may think they're not hungry, but if they don't eat they'll regret it an hour later. Research from Cornell University shows that children who eat breakfast feel better and tend to learn and behave better in the hours before lunch than those who don't eat breakfast. Ideally, a breakfast should include a protein, a grain and a fruit.

After about two weeks of sticking to the new daily schedule, it should become a habit. But if something just isn't working, be sure to talk about it. You might want to debrief every once in a while —

maybe even once a day — and ask the kids what's going smoothly for them about the new daily routine and what needs to change.

Finally, as a parent you need to remember that if you want your children to have a positive attitude about the school year, you're going to have to have one, too. So try to shake off that dread you're feeling. If you're feeling anxious or negative about anything school-related, they will likely pick up on it. So, try to be excited for your kids and the new school year they're facing. Ask them what they like about school so far, and find out what they're most interested in doing during the school year. Help spark an attitude of curiosity and creativity in your kids, and they'll be better off for it.

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another ingredient in apples, also strengthens bones.

People who eat two apples per day may lower their cholesterol by as much as 16 percent. A study on mice at Cornell University found that the quercetin in apples may protect brain cells from the kind of free radical damage that may lead to Alzheimer's disease and other research shows that the pectin in apples reduces the risk of colon cancer and helps maintain a healthy digestive tract.

Health benefits aside, the wild trees conjure up a deeper value for the farm. Yea, it's the one you can't exactly put a price on. The sacred branches are prized by dowers to find water. The dead wood cut to flavor charcoal for a prize-winning

brisket. Big bucks and tom turkeys are drawn to harvest the drops or rub the velvet off. The pollinators use the blossoms and the birds make nests in the canopy. And the roots bind the soil while the cascading shade cools livestock.

In the last two years, there has been a kind of renaissance surrounding the fruit in waiting due to the anticipation of hosting apple harvesting parties for my farming neighbors. In years past, the apples would simply fall to the ground and feed the soil, wildlife and cattle with a few bushels going into apple sauce. Now that the secret is out on the quality of these old-world varieties, my friends can no longer accept them as worm food and show up with smiles, lad-

ders and apple crates when they get the phone message of — fruit on!

Harvesting apples by agile moms, dads and climbing children hardly seems like real work compared to my brief stint picking drops from the ground while fighting off the Yellow Jackets for 25 cents a bushel at a local orchard. When you have 15 family pickers it's pretty easy to fill the bed of a pick-up and still have time to relax in the warm sun of September lying in the pasture munching on a piece of history.

Some would say, why don't you charge for the privilege to pick your wild apples? Well, I suppose it has merit being organic and all, but for at least 40 years no one has done much of anything with the forgotten fruit

except let the drops fatten animals. From my vantage point, I feel rewarded beyond monetary gain that our farm and my ancestor's sweat equity have once again nourished fellow farm families with over 120 gallons of cider, countless jars of apple sauce, many pies, pomace for their animals and stories: Lots of stories.

The wild apple of our eye is in receiving the fruits from our friend's labor with countless quarts of cider, apple jelly and one secret-recipe, caramel-encrusted apple pie from Kristine Weaver which I have aptly anointed; "Heaven Pie".

An unknown author once said, "Climb a tree — it gets you closer to heaven." I say, bite into a wild apple and you're already there.

## Firebirds from page 1

The excitement concluded with Tom Paciello, club president, being the last pilot still in the air. Tom said, "I won a free hot dog."

Since the dawn of time, man has been consumed with flight. We watch birds and airplanes and we wonder how we can fly. RC model planes are an easy way for us to play Icarus without worry. Find out more at: [www.mvfirebirds.com](http://www.mvfirebirds.com).

*Right - Not all planes land where you hope they will. This one had to be rescued from a nearby field.*

*Below - The aircrafts dodge, dart and dive, during the dogfights, trying to clip their opponents streamers all the while avoiding getting their own streamers clipped.*

*Photos by Al Dorantes*







The ferris wheel is always a fair favorite.

Photos by Al Dorantes

by Al Dorantes

Since medieval times, the county fair has been a meeting place for people. In rural areas across the nation it was a chance for neighbors to come together. In Herkimer County that tradition continues. In August, folks from all over the county came together at the fairground in Frankfort and showed off their agricultural prowess. 4-H groups and farm families across the county showed off cows, goats, sheep, pigs, chickens, rabbits, and more. There were truck pulls, tractor pulls, a demolition derby, and this year marked the first rodeo.

When you were a kid the fair was *big*. It was bright lights and loud noises and the biggest cows you had ever seen. At that time, there were more people in line for the Tilt-A-Whirl than you had ever encountered in your short life. The exotic foods, the candy apples and fried dough and cotton candy were the best things to ever touch your tongue.

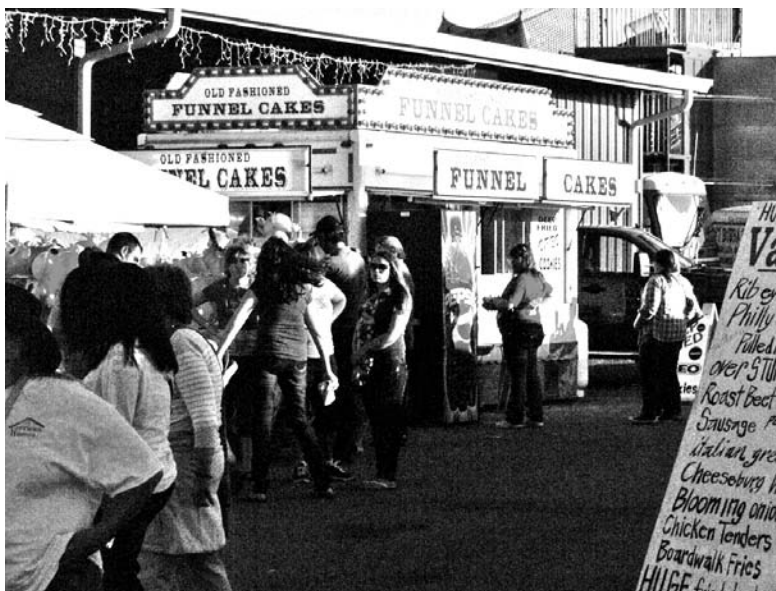
The rides entranced young minds. The carousel twirled you 'round and 'round and the ferris wheel took you to heights normally unattainable. Bumper cars and roller coasters magically moved on metal rails. It

was amazing.

During your teen years, the fair was a place to impress the fairer sex. It was easy to impress would-be girlfriends with feats of strength; ringing the bell with a hammer swing or shooting out the paper star with a BB gun. Nothing was more impressive than strutting the midway with your best girl beside you and a giant stuffed monkey in tow.

Eventually you grow up and like most things, the fair loses a bit of its luster. Like a bad lounge magician, you can see all the strings and wires. You know the goldfish come from some pet supply wholesaler and cost approximately nine cents. Why spend \$20 on ping pong balls trying to win one? The food you used to love gives you heartburn or you've become allergic or you know it's just plain bad for you. It's disillusionment. It's ok. It's what happens when you grow up, get a job, and start worrying about taxes and responsibility.

There is a way to add shine back. Taking your own kids (or borrow a niece or nephew) to the fair. The rides are magical again. The games are fun and the food will taste like it did when you were a kid. The fair will be big again.



The food at a county fair can seem like the best thing to touch your tongue!



## WHAT WOULD YOUR MOTHER SAY?!

by S.D. Shapiro

In the fast paced 21st century we've traded common sense for the ability to quickly look up information on the internet. We've forgotten our manners and civility. How do we get back to our roots? Can we get back? Food for thought . . .

The elevator is a perfect example. Elevators have been moving people and things up and down since Archimedes' time and all along there has been one simple rule: you have to let people off before you can get on. They get off and then you get on. Simple. It's actually based on physics. Two objects cannot occupy the same space. When the bell rings and the doors slide open, let the people off before you try to cram into the car.

Speaking of doors, would it kill you to hold the door? The tradition of holding the door goes back to the days when ladies (of privilege) wore bulky, heavy clothes. Thus, gentlemen would hold the door open for ladies. Today you are more likely to be struck by lightning than encounter a lady in a hoop dress or bustle. When you do run into someone at the egress of a building, be nice and hold the door.

And if by some miracle someone does hold the door open, do not just walk through without saying thank you. It's easy. Smile and say "thanks."

You can apply the elevator rule to many things in your everyday life. Perhaps you're at the bus stop; let passengers off before you try to barge on. The same goes for trains and taxis and more.

When it comes down to it and you're faced with an elevator full of people or someone is holding a door for you and you're suddenly confused, just stop and think, "What would my mother tell me to do?" She'd say let the people off or say, "thank you."

Would your mother have a different opinion? Do you have another moral dilemma you'd like to see featured? Email S.D. Shapiro at sdshap@gmail.com with "What would your mother say?" in the subject line.

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## Home Country

by Slim Randles

September means pencils, books and teacher's dirty looks for the youngsters, but it also means state fair season. That's when the world's largest zucchini squash is at its prime, of course. The farm animals are all shed off and shiny and cute, their horns polished to diamond-like perfection by hard-working and hopeful kids.

The state fair is an annual pilgrimage of sorts, the fairgrounds another temporary home. We need to touch base with turkey legs, corn dogs and deep fried everything. We who sport gray in our hair, or no hair at all, can look with relief at that giant slingshot that shoots high school kids into a state fair orbit. It's a relief because no one expects us to do that. And when we were young enough to actually do that, thankfully, the diabolical state fair scientists hadn't invented the darn thing yet.

Cruising around, you get to see everyone at their best.

Best fair-type clothing. Best behavior. Best smiles. If you scowl at any point during a visit to the state fair, you either aren't trying very hard or someone ran off with your date.

And we make those little secret promises to ourselves, too. You see, we'd love to win a ribbon for making a quilt, or raising an animal, or taking a fabulous photograph or coming up with the best painting in the whole state. But not all of us can do those things. Maybe there should be some other categories for the rest of us, such as finding a parking spot close to the fairgrounds that doesn't cost \$5. Practical things. Or how about a ribbon for not missing a day's work all year? Or for being a nice guy and always letting other drivers change lanes in front of you.

Somehow, though, we have to be content with just knowing we did those things, so we can feel like a state fair blue-ribbon winner inside.



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## Winterizing 101: How to prepare your yard for winter

Changing seasons can be tough on a lawn. Always exposed to the elements, lawns can fare especially poorly upon the arrival of winter, a season known for its harsh and unforgiving weather. Even the most perfectly manicured lawn can suffer at the hands of winter weather, causing homeowners to sit idly by and hope spring arrives that much sooner.

But as punishing as winter weather can be on a lawn, homeowners are not without recourse. Much like homeowners can take steps to help their lawns survive sizzling summer heat waves during the warmer months of the year, they also can take steps to help their lawns make it

through the often stormy weather synonymous with winter.

- Don't procrastinate. Lawns will turn dormant the closer you get to winter, and they may reject the nutrients found in fertilizer as a result. Those nutrients will prove valuable once spring weather returns, so start the winterization process in early fall so the lawn has sufficient time to absorb nutrients and strengthen itself for the seasons to come.

- Treat trouble spots. Certain spots on the lawn seem to be hit harder than others, and those spots should get special attention when winterizing the lawn. Check the soil's pH levels before fertilizing or applying any treatments.

Such a test will reveal which spots need the most attention, and treating trouble spots now will make spring lawn care that much easier.

- Aerate the property. Aerating, which involves puncturing the soil or removing cores of soil from the ground, can restore a lawn to health by im-

process that can be reversed via aeration.

- Take steps to strengthen the roots. Aerating promotes stronger roots, but homeowners might also want to find a winterizing product with potassium and phosphorous, both of which can strengthen roots. Different types of lawns will



Removing debris, including dead leaves, from a lawn before the arrival of winter weather can help prevent suffocation.

proving its drainage and allowing more water and air to reach the roots of the grass. Aerating also makes it easier for nutrients to penetrate the soil, which encourages a healthier lawn over the long haul. Parents of small children who spend lots of time in the yard may need to aerate their lawn more than most, as heavy lawn traffic compresses the soil, a potentially harmful

respond differently to certain winterizers, so discuss your options with a lawn care professional who can help you find the right fit for your property.

- Remove debris from the lawn. Piles of debris left scattered around a lawn can suffocate the blades of grass, leading to long-term damage and a potentially unsightly lawn come the spring. In addition, piles of debris might make good homes for organisms that can damage the lawn. As fall moves into winter, periodically remove all debris, including leaves and branches fallen from trees.

- Make the lawn off-limits once the temperatures dip below freezing. When winter arrives, people should avoid using the lawn as a short-cut into and out of your home and stick to driveways and sidewalks instead.

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(NAPSI) — How many times have you tried to accelerate onto a freeway with cars zipping by and couldn't get the power to do it safely? It's kind of scary, right? Or how about when the van's filled with kids you're taking to a soccer game and the super-slow-going uphill quickly turns the trip downhill. It's kind of frustrating, right? The problem isn't your driving. Most likely, it's something lacking from what you're driving: automotive performance. You don't have to be a car nut, watch "Pimp My Ride" reruns religiously or have a "Fast & Furious" tattoo to know your vehicle is underpowered. All you need to do is step on the gas and wait and wait...and worry.

For the automotive novice, Peter MacGillivray, vice president of events and communication for the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) offered some performance upgrade suggestions:

- Breathe easy: Like a human body, a car's engine needs air to run better (and faster). A variety of products, ranging from performance air filters to air intake systems, will make your car breathe easier, and the extra airflow will translate to more horsepower and better gas mileage.

- Keep cool: We've all seen overheated cars on the side of the road, hood up, steam pouring out and frustration boiling over. In short, the biggest performance killer is heat, so let cooler engines prevail. To make sure the heat's not on, there are a number of cooling performance upgrades such as thermostats, cold-air intakes, inter-coolers and automotive cooling fans.

- Sound off: Performance exhaust systems and sporty mufflers

boost horsepower and can improve gas mileage. But wait, there's more: They sound so cool. Dropping the kids off at school and watching their friends do a double take when your engine growls: priceless.

- Chip in: Used to be a big, bad gas-guzzling engine was the key to power. Today, a small performance chip can do the same, sans the fuel consumption. Consider it a computer upgrade for your car that will bring better engine efficiency, which will al-

low you to do things like accelerate faster, pass quicker and tow more without burning extra fuel.

- A real kick: As mentioned, forcing more air into an engine creates more horsepower. The air force will really be with you with a turbocharger or supercharger. These are big-time fun boosters with acceleration aplenty.

- Take a seat: OK, a race-style performance seat won't make your car go faster, but they are supercomfy and will make you look and feel

like Speed Racer.

- Rubber hits the road: Tires are, unfortunately, mostly overlooked, but they are the only part of a vehicle that touches the road. If you're upgrading your car's performance, supersticky rubber should

be considered. The correct set of tires will provide more grip for sharper road handling and braking. Also, keeping them properly inflated will get you better gas mileage.

"Performance prod-

ucts are very mainstream and easy to buy and get installed," says MacGillivray. "They are readily available from local auto parts stores, mass retailers, car dealerships and, of course, online."



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## GM gets back in the Super Bowl game

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Co. is bringing its ads back to football's biggest game.

The automaker says its Chevrolet brand is returning to next year's Super Bowl because the game falls in the middle of several new model introductions.

GM announced in May of 2012 that it was walking away from this year's National Football

League championship game, saying a price increase from the CBS network was too steep. At the time, the automaker said it couldn't justify spending well over \$4 million for 30-second TV spot.

Later the company dismissed the marketing director who made the decision, largely related to a huge advertising contract with Manchester United, the British soccer club.

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# Vintage Chevy auction to deal in low-mileage gems

by Grant Schulte, Associated Press

PIERCE, NE (AP) — Seventeen years have passed since Ray Lambrecht closed his Chevrolet dealership, a small-town operation in northeast Nebraska with a big and valuable secret.

For decades, the owner of the Lambrecht Chevrolet Co. in Pierce held on to new cars and trucks that didn't sell right away. He stashed them in warehouses, at his farm and in other spots around the town he worked in for 50

years.

Now, his automotive nest egg — about 500 vintage cars and trucks — will go on the auction block. Next month, visitors from at least a dozen countries and throughout the U.S. will converge on the 1,800-resident town, or bid online.

The two-day auction will feature mostly unsold Chevrolets that have sat untouched for decades. They'll go on the block in as-is condition. About 50 have fewer than 20 miles on the odometer, and some

are so rare that no one has established a price. The most valuable, including a rare Chevy Cameo pickup, could fetch six-figure bids from collectors who view them as works of art to display or as restoration projects.

"To find this many new, old vehicles is unheard of," said Yvette VanDerBrink, the auctioneer coordinating the event. "It's like a white buffalo."

Preparations for the auction began in June, and VanDerBrink has taken calls from as far as Iceland, Singapore and Brazil. The two least-driven cars, a 1959 Bel Air and a 1960 Corvair Monza, each have one mile on their odometer. The oldest vehicle with fewer than 20 miles dates to 1958; the newest is a 1980 Monza with nine miles.

On a recent after-

noon, VanDerBrink stepped over hubcaps and engine parts in the cramped, dust-caked dealership that closed in 1996. In the corner sat the sky-blue 1958 Cameo with 1.3 miles, a cracked windshield and a dented roof — but its interior is unblemished.

Nearby, a red-and-white 1963 Impala waits with 11.4 miles logged. Manufacturer's plastic covers the seats. The car was never titled. A yellowed, type-written window sticker touts its original price: \$3,254.70.

Ray Lambrecht opened the downtown dealership with his uncle in 1946, on the corner of Main Street and Nebraska Highway 13. Live elephants meandered out front that day, with Chevrolet banners across their backs.

His low-price, high-volume approach helped secure regular government contracts, and he often sold cars to the state. In 1954, Lambrecht drove then-Gov. Robert Crosby down Main Street in a parade celebrating the

100-year anniversary of Nebraska as a territory.

Lambrecht rarely sold cars or pickups that were more than a year old, and he used holdover models as a kind of rainy-day fund. Unlike most dealers who lowered prices to move out-of-date inventory, he assumed the older cars would appreciate over time.

The most valuable vehicles were stored for decades at a nearby warehouse, until a heavy snow collapsed the roof. Some were damaged, but many were saved and moved elsewhere. And the models at the dealership are among the best preserved, even as the building gave way to bats and holes in the roof.

The rest of the cars sat under trees at a nearby farm the Lambrechts owned, in the company of trade-in vehicles he didn't want to resell. Years passed, and trees started to poke through fenders and rusted pickup beds. The dealership's longtime mechanic lived on the farm, but

when he died, his family moved away. Vandals and thieves pounced.

Ray and his wife, Mildred, retired in 1996. Ray, 95, and Mildred, 92, live in town, but the couple's health has declined. They decided to sell the collection so others could enjoy the cars and pickups, Stillwell said.

News of the auction enthralled the vintage car community, where rumors have swirled for years about a quirky Nebraska dealer who held on to his old vehicles. Nowadays, most classic cars have new paint jobs, interiors and engines. A true 'survivor' has most, if not all, of its original material.

"This kind of stuff is absolutely the rarest of the rare," said Mark Gessler, president of the Historic Vehicle Association in Gaithersburg, MD. "You can see plenty of cars that have been restored. We want to ensure that we're celebrating the original craftsmanship, the original technique. It's a touchstone of our past."

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On Friday, however, GM announced that it had reversed course, saying that the Feb. 2 game at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ, comes as the Chevrolet brand is rolling out a dozen new models. The rollouts started at the middle of this year and run to the end of next year.

The model launches

include the Chevrolet Silverado, which began arriving in showrooms this summer. It's GM's top-selling vehicle and an important profit center for the company, which makes an estimated \$10,000 per truck. NFL games traditionally draw large audiences of male viewers, who are typical pickup truck buyers.

This year's Super Bowl ranked as the third most-watched program in U.S. television history. The

Nielsen Co. said an estimated 108.4 million people watched the Baltimore Ravens' 34-31 victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

"The timing of Super Bowl XLVIII lines up perfectly with our aggressive car and truck launch plans," Tim Mahoney, Chevy's marketing chief, said in a statement.

The game, the first outdoor cold-weather Super Bowl, will be televised on the Fox network.

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# Choosing the right restaurant for your dinner party

Getting together with family and friends for a good meal is a great opportunity to reconnect and share a few laughs. Though such gatherings have traditionally taken place at private homes, today's busy adults are increasingly turning to restaurants to host their mini reunions. Restaurants don't require hosts and guests to wash any dishes, and hosts won't have to find time to clean their homes top to bottom like they would if they were to have a party at home.

Such a reality makes a dinner party at a local restaurant a lot less stressful for the hosts. There are a number of things to emphasize when looking for the right restaurant to host the next dinner party.

## Proximity

The restaurant where you will be gathering should be easily accessible to all people who plan to attend. A centrally located restaurant that's only a short drive for

guests and hosts alike is ideal, as it cuts back on the time people will spend driving to and from the restaurant.

## Price

Perhaps the only downside to hosting a dinner party at a restaurant is that such gatherings tend to be more expensive than parties at private residences. Hosts should first determine who will be paying the bill. If everyone has agreed to pay their own portion of the bill, this gives you a little more flexibility when choosing a restaurant. If you, as the host, intend to pick up the tab for everyone, then you might want to find a nice restaurant with reasonably priced entrees.

If each guest intends to pay for his or her own meal, discuss with guests how much they would like to spend before making a reservation. Once you have an idea of what everyone is willing to spend, you can start to narrow down

your options.

## Menu

The menu is an impor-

tant thing for hosts to consider when choosing a restaurant for their

next dinner party. Discuss any dietary restrictions with your guests

before you begin the

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by Linda Thistle

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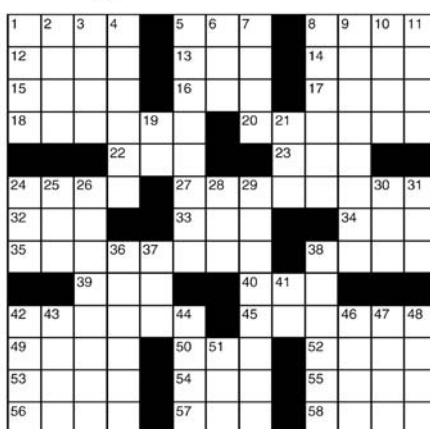
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- Sleeping
- "Avatar" technology (Abbr.)
- Reverberate
- Georgia city
- Young fellow
- Thick chunk
- Poetic foot
- Work with
- Remedy
- Wood nymphs
- Meager
- Deterioration
- Annoy
- Harbor structure
- "The Defiant Ones" duo
- Web address
- Prot. or Cath.
- Genetic letters
- Breach in a levee
- "Hey, you!"
- Have a bug
- Way back when
- "Lord Jim" author
- Soft fabric
- Neighborhood
- Haven't paid yet



- Early primary state
- Dave of "Mad" magazine
- Rowing need
- Dance lesson
- Not good, not bad
- "— as I say ..."
- Dame Myra at the piano
- Petrol
- Mid-month date
- Steep slope
- Some old cars
- Rodgers collaborator
- Follow instructions
- "— as I say ..."
- Spy novel org.
- French nobleman
- Hockey great
- Bobby
- Laundromat alternative
- French possessive
- Butchers' tools
- Type measures
- Perched
- Shrew
- carte
- Shine
- "We Bring Good Things to Life" co.
- Urban fleet
- Sandwich cookie
- Armageddon
- November responsibility
- Rams fans?
- Spigots
- Doves' aversion

### DOWN

- Desertlike
- Wild hog
- TV trophy
- Come ashore
- Groups of grapes

Answers

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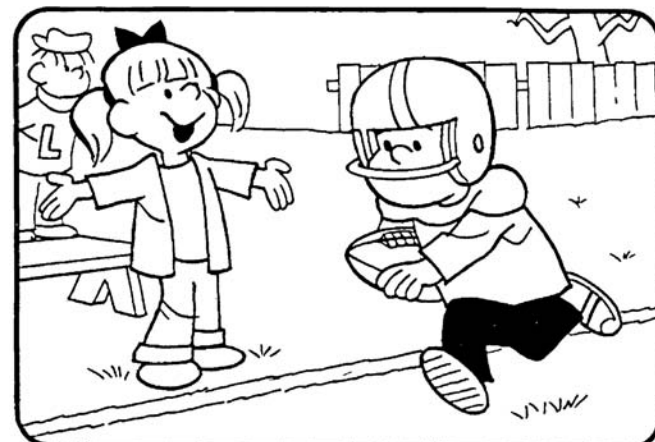
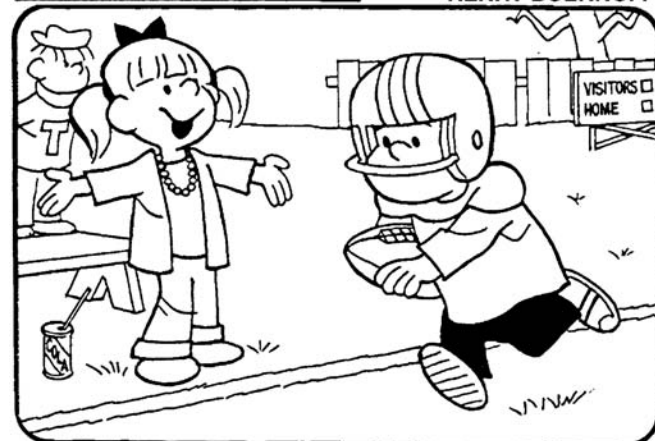
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Letter is different. 2. Can is missing. 3. Beads are missing. 4. Stripe is missing. 5. Shift is different. 6. Scoreboard is missing.

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# The Country Preacher

by Dan West

Since about 1962 the Ten Commandments have not been allowed in our schools. In the Capitol building in Washington D.C. they are posted on a wall, but an adja-

cent door is kept wide open covering them. They are inlaid in the floor, but the tour guide stands on them and doesn't point them out. Have you ever wondered which one is supposed to

be harmful to us?

"Remember the Sabbath" means to take a day of rest every 7 days — it's good for your health. "Respect your parents" is certainly one our kids need to learn. "Don't hurt others" — who would argue with

this one? "Be faithful in marriage" — this is a bad thing? Studies have shown that kids in a stable home do better in life and have many advantages. "Don't steal" — does anybody have an argument against this? "Don't lie" — well I can

see why some politicians wouldn't like this one. "Don't be envious of others" — envy never led to anything good.

That leaves the first three: Honor and respect the One who was smart enough to give us these tenets, and don't put ultimate value on anything that is not living, and

loves you more than your parents, and wants to guide you, provide for you and enjoy your company.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish [be separated from Him] but have everlasting life."

## Hunting rules changed in New York to kill more geese

ALBANY, NY (AP) — State wildlife managers are making changes to the September Canada goose hunting season around New York to trim a goose population that continues to be too high in many areas.

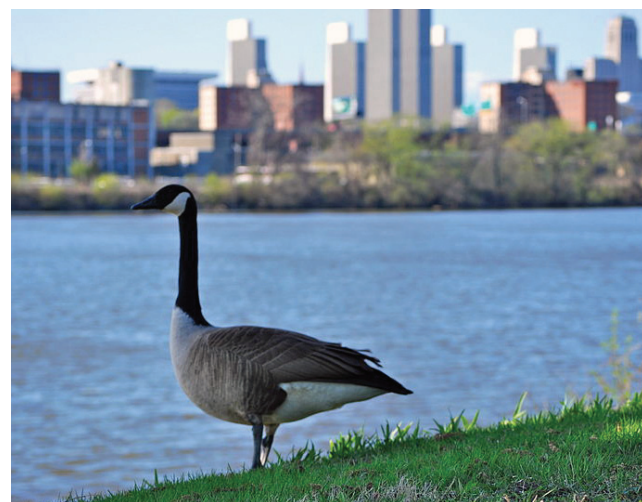
State Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens says the state's resident Canada goose population was estimated around 130,000 birds when the goose hunting season was established in the early 1990s. Now, the

population has grown to more than 200,000 birds.

That's despite hunters killing more than 50,000 each September.

Wildlife managers want to eventually trim the Canada goose population to around 85,000 birds to reduce the problems they're causing in urban, suburban and rural areas.

Updated opening and closing dates and bag limits for each region are outlined on the DEC website (<http://bit.ly/19V0hfw>).



A Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) stands on the banks of the Hudson River overlooking Albany, NY, from Rensselaer. Source: wikimedia.org

### Dinner Party from 8

process of finding a restaurant. If the responses are slow to

come in, you can still go ahead with your search, but look for restaurants that offer vegetarian and gluten-free fare.

When examining the menu, take into consideration any offerings for kids if any guests are planning to bring their children along.

### Accessibility

When looking for a restaurant, try to find one that's easily accessible for any older guests who might not get around as easily as they used to or any guests who might have a disability that requires handicap accessible seating and restrooms. Many restaurants can fill both of these needs, but it's still up to hosts to ask in advance so all guests have a comfortable evening.

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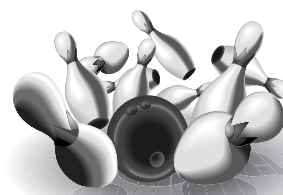
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"America's public lands, particularly our national forests, are among the most spectacular venues to view the changes in fall colors," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "The Forest Service offers numerous resources to help you plan your experience. Nature is closer than you may think."

The Forest Service has launched an online map to help visitors see if trees are peaking in their state. The map will be shaded in green (not peaking) to bright red (peaking) to brown (past peak). Another map will help visitors find a national forest nearest them to enjoy the colors of fall.

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School is starting

again. I think mothers invented school. I never had trouble passing my grades. The teachers were so happy to see the last of me – they made sure I passed. I ain't got no bad memories of the teachers except that I had a little trouble getting them to understand. They insisted we had to study English and I couldn't understand what was wrong

with the Middlefeldeze we already speaked.

My mother seemed to be real interested in my schooling, as she always made sure I never missed a day. Thinking back, wasn't that awful nice of her?

Most of the old timers sitting around Charlie Hearn's chunk stove in his general store used a form of English sprinkled with words we couldn't use at home, school, or church and everyone understood what they said. No one cared to suggest they wash their mouths out with brown soap.

We could ramble on about school – good or bad – but sooner or later we would end up talking school taxes and some of those words the farmers used would come out. So enough about education.

A hillbilly just down from the mountains walked into a publishing

office and placed a rather large ad. When told he would be required to pay in advance, he said "That's okay, I have a whole book of checks I haven't used yet." The clerk made out the check for him and he started to sign it with an X and then drew a circle around the X. The clerk asked, "Why the circle?" He said, "I only do that when I want someone to know my correct name."

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This article appeared in the May 30, 1938 Life Magazine, written by Raymond Moley, Professor of Public Law, Columbia University – former Assistant Secretary of State.

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# Autumn travel ideas in Yankee Magazine fall issue

## AP Travel Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Leaf-peepers looking to visit New England this fall can find travel ideas for New Hampshire's White Mountains and the Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts in the September-October issue of Yankee Magazine.

The magazine also offers live foliage maps

and best drives for autumn color around the region at [www.YankeeFoliage.com](http://www.YankeeFoliage.com).

For hikers, Yankee recommends five trails in the White Mountains, including the Edmunds Path and Mount Eisenhower Loop, 6.6 miles, with a steep 4,760-foot ascent, beginning at a trailhead on Mount Clinton Road

in Crawford's Purchase. Less challenging but with some rock scrambling is a 4.4-mile hike on the Welch-Dickey Loop Trail in Waterville Valley, with vistas of the Mad River Valley. Also on the list are the Mount Willard Trail, 3.2 miles, and longer hikes on Franconia Ridge (9 miles) and Mount Chocorua

(Champney Falls Trail, 7.6 miles).

Since October is a peak month for color, it's only fitting that Yankee's travelogue on the Berkshires focuses on a place called October Mountain. The area may be better known for summer cultural offerings like the Tanglewood music festival and dance performances at

Jacob's Pillow, but while fall is a quieter season, there's still plenty to do. Literary types will want to visit Arrowhead, where "Moby-Dick" author Herman Melville lived. Places to stay include the Topia Inn, a self-described "eco B&B" in Adams, while the Dream Away Lodge in Becket is known for a

lively music scene — including a famous visit decades ago by Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Review. Café Adam in Great Barrington is big with foodies.

The fall issue of Yankee also profiles Connecticut's Litchfield Hills, and follows Vermont's official foliage forecaster as he does his leaf-spotting.

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This utopian way of manufacturing, distribution, retail and pay as you use, worked well in this country until the credit system was abused by the general public and those offering time payment credit and our manufacturing plants closed their American doors and opened in China and elsewhere.

You could easily ask why can't we return to the old reasonable, responsible economic system? My answers would start with a question: "How can the American factory workers find the money for the monthly payments when their

former factories are in China or some other foreign country?" and end with: "When leaders of our federal and state governments along with the leaders of big business obviously do not care or do not have the integrity or ability to correct our problems. Is it profit first — with America not even a close second? Maybe we should openly demand that our American owned companies return their manufacturing factories back to this country."

Is it possible that a few common sense key words should come into play; sensible industrial management, sensible union management, sensible government service, sensible installment buying — with all thinking and trusting America first.

I am amazed at the short memory of the

American Press. In the August 19, 2013 issue of the Investor's Business Daily (IBD) weekly special, they reported that house minority leader, Nancy Pelosi said, "Blah, blah, blah." Who in their right mind could possibly care or trust what Nancy Pelosi said. After hearing her famous statement concerning the proposed national health bill it is obvious she is not capable of thinking. Remember what she said — to paraphrase: "We are going to pass the bill and then figure out

what it says." I, for one, do not want to read anything Nancy Pelosi says.

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## NBC trying to create big event with game

by David Baude, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A giant hourglass structure being built on the rooftop of an abandoned Manhattan car dealership may look like Godzilla's futuristic toy but instead represents NBC's hope for the television event of the season.

It's the set for "The Million Second Quiz," a prime-time competition with Ryan Seacrest as host that will play out over two weeks starting Sept. 9. Someone adept at trivia will win a \$2 million prize on the Sept. 19 finale.

More than a game,

the event is a peek into the future of broadcast television.

With the sources for quality content expanding along with the ability of viewers to watch when and how they want, showing big live events like football games and awards shows is becoming the most reliable way broadcast networks can draw a big crowd and distinguish themselves from rivals.

"The rewards of doing the same thing every day are relatively small in TV land these days," said Paul Telegdy, head of alternative and late-night programming at NBC Entertainment. "We have

to be taking risks. We have to be doing things to scale. We have to do everything we can to energize the audience."

NBC moved quickly to build the show from scratch after Telegdy heard a pitch from executive producer Stephen Lambert last December. There's the physical structure, which includes a chamber for the top four players to stay day and night, and a duplicate indoor set in case of rain. Three truck trailers provide 600,000 watts of generator power.

Producers also needed to build the infrastructure of the game:

composing nearly 25,000 quiz questions, processing applications for the estimated 800 to 1,000 participants in the round-the-clock contest, and building an app that allows people to play at home. The free tablet app became available in mid-August; NBC won't say how many have been downloaded, but estimated that 4.5 million "bouts" have already been played online.

With the play-at-home app, NBC hopes to capture the imagination of people who have grown accustomed to watching television with a second screen open.

"If things play out the way we hope things

play out, we could be changing the course of television" with the integration of digital and viewer participation, said David Hurwitz, an executive producer.

During the prime-time broadcasts, local NBC personalities will arrive at the door of a person playing online somewhere in the country and send them to New York where they will play on TV the next night.

The game continues even when not on TV, and is designed to test speed and endurance. A player's goal is to stay in the "money chair," where the number of seconds they control the game corresponds to a cash prize. The



chamber for top players includes cots and televisions because some of the quiz questions are plucked from the day's headlines.

The event is timed for a two-week fallow period for television before the introduction of new fall programming and, if it works, will give NBC a platform to promote those shows. NBC isn't talking publicly about expectations.

If it does work, "The Million Second Quiz" will appear again as a special event, not a regular series. The design of the game — the million seconds — locks that format in, Telegdy said.

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# There's more to the story of rock piles in Denton

by Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe,  
Denton Record-Chronicle

DENTON, TEXAS (AP) — People who live in the apartments or shop at the businesses at Londonderry and Teasley lanes likely give little thought to the big red rocks that line the alleys and dot the landscape there.

The rocks look similar to the red rocks that some early Denton residents used to build sturdy homes or form the cornerstones of their foundations.

The Denton Record-Chronicle (<http://bit.ly/1dmZm7P>) reports today's strip malls, gas stations and apartment buildings sit among those storied rocks, although their almost-forgotten tale is not like that of Rome's ancient ruins or Egypt's antiquities.

Denton's close call with world fame is more of the Cadillac Ranch and Corn Palace variety.

In 1907, Denton resident A.G. Lee decided the world needed another

pyramid. He would build one on his farm as a monument to John D. Rockefeller, the founder of Standard Oil and richest man in the world — that scandal triggered by Ida Tarbell's muckraking book notwithstanding.

Despite amassing a 100 ft. pile of boulders for a 200 ft. by 200 ft. base, and an even larger pile of publicity, the pyramid was never built, though not for Lee's lack of public relations prowess.

In addition to a passel

of stories about the proposed pyramid published in newspapers around the country, including one in The Washington Post, Lee also got publicity for a spiritual center he wanted to build in the center of the continental U.S.

Local historian Mike Cochran came across the old news stories and went hunting for other information to pinpoint the likely location of the rocks. Last week, Cochran and several

other local history buffs converged on the Denton neighborhood and found what was left of the pile.

Today, people might look askance at a man who wanted to build a pyramid. But back then, people thought big, Cochran said.

Busts-of-presidents-in-the-side-of-the-mountain big.

Some of those big ideas never happened, like a round-the-world train across the Bering Strait.

But Mount Rushmore did, thanks to South Dakota historian Doane Robinson and Danish-American sculptor Gutzon Borglum and his son, Lincoln Borglum.

"They pulled that off," Cochran said.

Peggy Riddle, director of the Denton County Office of History and Culture, was with the group when they found the remaining rocks and is watching the developments with interest. The pyramid-that-wasn't could bring a new historical marker for the city, likely somewhere in the area of Lee's former farm.

Cochran said he plans to write and deliver a paper on the topic.

In the meantime, Denton residents can point visitors to the area's other oddities cataloged on RoadsideAmerica.com — a giant jackalope smoker on Bolivar Street and the World's Largest Ball of Barbed Wire, spun by the late J.C. Payne.



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