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Dutch Comstock - Keeping metal shaping alive

by Al Dorantes

The first thing you notice when you pull up to Dutch Comstock's auto-body shop is the mailbox. It's not a \$19.95 black plastic job you find down at the local hardware store. The graceful slope of the mailbox looks as if it's perpetually in motion instead of just waiting for the mail. The silver mailbox, colorfully lettered with blue pinstriped letters, is the first hint that this is not your ordinary "you crash 'em, we fix 'em" body shop.

Dutch met me at the door and asked, "Are you okay with dogs?" After I said, "okay," he promptly sic'd a pack of the nicest Labrador retrievers on me. The dogs followed us into the shop. Dutch gave me the nickel tour and it was worth every penny.

Dutch started pointing out equipment and tools. The first machine that caught my eye was a big blue shear. The pre-WWII tool cuts pieces of steel like it was cut-

ting paper. The big blue machine can slice metal up to 3/8 inches thick. They looked like a group of killer machines from a Stephen King novel. The difference; Dutch knew how to control them and make them do what he wanted.

Dutch continued describing the tools of his trade. He took a piece of steel and bent it in half on a machine called a break. It folded the metal as easy as a kid makes a paper airplane. Dutch has been playing with metal for over 50 years. He started in 1957 or 1958 fixing dirt race car bodies.

A lot of modern body shops are interested in fixing cars and making clients and insurance companies happy. Dutch is all about the art of shaping the metal, stretching it or shrinking it so it fits. This lost art of shaping metal is his passion and that is evident when he took that small piece of folded steel and put it in the shrinker. With a couple pumps of the foot pedal he put a

gentle curve in the metal. On the next machine, a stretcher, Dutch bent the metal back in the opposite direction.

When he handed me that piece of metal I looked at it for a moment, mesmerized. The man had just, in the span of 10 minutes, cut a piece of metal, bent it in half, stretched it one way and then shrunk it the other way. Dutch said, "I can show you how anything in here works."

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Right - Dutch points out a Ford sign that came into his collection early on.

Photos by Al Dorantes



Waiting for a curtain call

by Jean Ronan

The wagon bumped along in the heat, the tractor tires snapping the hot road tar as we headed down a long hill. This ride was just for fun, and even the dogs seemed to enjoy the familiar sights (and smells) of the back roads just a few miles from home.

About halfway down the hill, I was gazing off to the east when the local country church came into view, just a couple of miles away "as the crow flies." The various shades of green from the farm fields and adjacent woods contrasted starkly with the bright white church atop the hill, a charming scene just longing for a painter and canvas. The founders of this Dutch Reformed Church, in the town of Manheim, obviously chose the location with care. Dating back to 1850, St. Paul's can be seen for miles around, its sun-lit beauty during the day giving way to a lighted steeple after dark.

Even though it was quite beautiful at this moment, I couldn't help imagining how it might look with a rainbow adorn-

ing it. I vowed to return here on the occasion of the very next rainbow.

It was not until weeks later, after a rain shower ended and the sunshine returned that a rainbow appeared in the east. In short order, my sister and I were racing along the wet and winding back roads, craning our necks skyward after each patch of trees that momentarily blocked our view. Was it still there? Would we make it on time? Would our change in location make it disappear altogether?

If the beauty of a sunset is considered fleeting, then the time that a rainbow graces the sky is "fleeting" on steroids. When we arrived, it was there but fading fast. I jumped out and put the camera up to my eye and focused, but only an "empty" gray sky greeted my viewfinder. After a minute or so of glaring at the disappointing sky, I gave up and climbed back in the passenger side. "It's gone," I said, ready to leave, perhaps to try another time.

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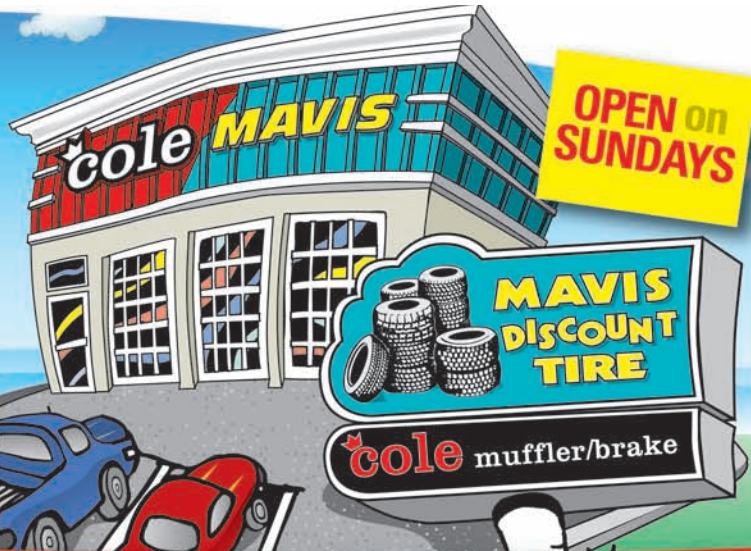


The rainbow that granted us a curtain call.

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Whistling with my fingers

by Terry Berkson

These days, much more than ever, there seems to be music playing in the background of almost every dramatic television program. Years ago an experimental show called *Cop Rock* was aired on television for a while. It blended the drama with musical numbers. I thought it was a great idea but at that time it didn't catch on. I've been working on a story for several weeks but I can't seem to pinpoint its conceit. In the meantime, a spontaneous score for the story keeps playing in my mind. In fact, there's always some kind of music going through my head, depending on the mood and situation I'm in. This was true of the title character in the movie *'The English Patient'* and I'm wondering if this phenomenon was what jump-started the latest trend of music once again prominently being blended into a story. Unlike scores for cinema, this type of musical background also has words and the words reflect what's going on in the plot.

In certain situations many of us whistle, hum or breathe an appropriate song that is stored in our mental hard drive and is brought up by our subconscious. For several weeks I haven't been able to get Eric Clapton's *'Lay Down Sally'* out of my head. The other day I was humming it while out for a walk in the woods when I realized that the title character in the story that I've been working on is named Sally.

Later, when I got home I sat down at

the piano and played the refrain of *'Lay Down Sally.'* I didn't have to think about it. My fingers played just the right notes to bring out the melody. It was like whistling. You don't think about how to whistle a tune. You just whistle it. I guess over the many years that I've been playing, I've developed the ability to whistle with my fingers, so to speak. A trained musician knows that if a song is in a certain key, specific notes don't belong in the melody and when figuring out a song he avoids them. Without having studied a lot musical theory, when I play a song, I rely on intuition — just like I do when whistling.

Sometimes I'm dead on to a melody and sometimes I have to hunt and peck. Occasionally, I fill in what I don't know or can't remember with my own rendition. That's when my wife Alice tells me that I've got a tin ear. But, it isn't that I don't hear the melody right, I just don't remember all of it.

So, I've been playing *'Lay Down Sally'* for weeks, just the refrain because I can't remember how the rest of the song goes. I called local musician Pete Hutchins to ask him if he knew the rest of the song but he didn't. Then another tune started to play in my mind. It was by the Eagles and must have been filed in my head in the same subconscious category as *'Lay Down Sally.'* The song was *'Peaceful Easy Feeling'* and I realized that singing the words from that song filled in what



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was missing from *'Sally.'*

What I came up with was: "I want to sleep with you in the desert tonight/with a thousand stars all around . . . So lay down Sally, and rest here in my arms/Don't you think you want someone to talk to?"

Alice heard my rendition and started shaking her head. "That's not right!" she said.

"I know that," I returned. "But now I

have a soundtrack."

"Soundtrack for what?" my wife asked.

"For my next story," I said.

"Stories don't need sound tracks."

"Today they do!"

"Is it a true story?" Alice asked suspiciously.

"Kinda."

"So, who's Sally?"



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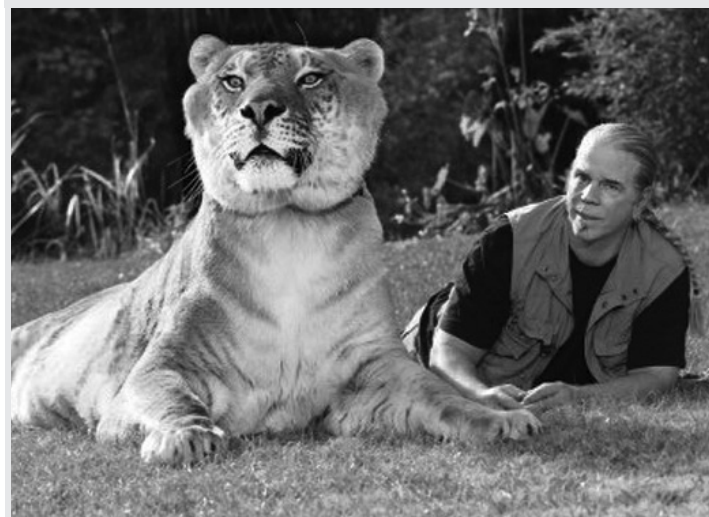
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I could see a big Gulf gasoline sign. Its big blue letters and orange background stuck out like a sore thumb amid the utilitarian metal shaping tools. I asked about all the gas station signs. You can't miss them as you come up the driveway. Dutch explained that he's always "had a thing" for gas station signs and gas pumps.

Petroliana, the collecting of all things having to do with gas stations, is a big hobby. Collectors scoop up gas pumps, gas pump globes, oil cans, road maps, signs. Dutch has all of these things. What was easiest to see though, were the gas station signs. These enamel signs hung on his shop and gloriously hung from posts in the side yard. Enamel signs are made by fusing powdered glass to a substrate by firing, usually between 750-850 degrees F. The powder melts and hardens to a smooth, strong coating on metal.

In a time where gas stations are LED lit and fixing a car means slapping on a panel that was made in China, Dutch Comstock is doing things the old fashioned way. If you need you hot rod chopped and channeled or you just want to talk about old gas pumps I suggest you look him up; just look for the cool mailbox and all the old signs.

Guinness: Largest cat lives in SC



Bhagavan "Doc" Antle, owner of Myrtle Beach Safari, rests by Hercules, a liger — a hybrid of a tiger and lion — and the 2014 Guinness World Records holder as the largest living cat.

Photo by www.myrtlebeachonline.com

MYRTLE BEACH, SC — The new edition of "Guinness World Records" says the largest cat in the world lives in South Carolina.

The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports he cat is a liger named Hercules weighing 922 pounds and living at the Myrtle Beach Safari wildlife preserve. A liger is a cross between a lion and a tiger.

Guinness spokeswoman Sara Wilcox says Hercules is included in the 2014 listing of the world records book being published Thursday.

Hercules is almost 11 feet long and stands about four feet high.

The safari site is also known as TIGERS — The Institute of Greatly Endangered and Rare Species — and offers tours by reservations.

Dad’s bike invention advances in Walmart contest

by Amanda Beam, News and Tribune

JEFFERSONVILLE, IN (AP) — Joe Clevinger’s kids had a problem. While riding their bikes through the neighborhood, the three girls heard the deep throttle of some Harley motorcycles. Enchanted by the mechanical roar, they wanted their own bicycles to mimic the noise. Only, the kids weren’t quite sure how to do it.

Luckily, their father has a way with inventing things. To solve the conundrum, Clevinger constructed the “Wheel Popper,” a metal device with a plastic flap that attaches to a bicycles’ wheel dropout and creates a loud motor-like sound when ridden.

“Ever since there were bicycles ... and there was a child, he was trying to figure out how to put a motor on the bike,” the Jeffersonville resident told the News and Tribune. “I did when I was a kid. We had fenders on our bikes though. We’d hook a clothespin and a card to it and it would hold it. But the new bikes don’t have fenders anymore.”

What began as a family project has turned into something more for Clevinger. He quickly discovered no other products delivered quite the same

results as his Wheel Popper did. Unlike similar inventions, this doesn’t wear down the bike tires, cause increased strain on the pedals or easily slip out of position.

“People have tried but most of this stuff they come up with just mounts (higher on the fork) and rubs on the wheel and has a tendency to move,” he said. “This stays in place.”

After obtaining a provisional patent, Clevinger entered his invention into Walmart’s “Get on the Shelf” contest. In its second year, the competition accepts a wide range of product ideas from budding American entrepreneurs and inventors. Once the entries make the initial cut, the public then votes online for their favorites. Winners receive an opportunity to sell their items at Walmart.com, while the overall champion has the chance to market their creations in actual Walmart stores across the nation.

At the beginning of August, Clevinger received notification that the Wheel Popper cleared the first hurdle. His invention had been selected to progress to the second round of the competition in the “For Kids” category. Now his advancement to the next stage depends on how many votes his invention receives online.

More than just a fun noisemaker, the Wheel Popper can also have a practical application. Drivers pay attention to bicyclists when they hear the loud noise. This, the 51-year-old inventor said, reduces the chance of a child getting hit by a passing car.

“It’s a safety thing. They hear them coming. With more and more people not paying attention while they’re driving, you’re more apt to turn your head if you hear an unusual noise,” Clevinger said.

“When I was riding my bike, every kid was looking at my wheel thinking it’s kind of awesome to have one,” said 13 year-old Brianna Clevinger. “My dad said just give them one but if you want another one it will be five bucks though.”

So far, the local handyman hasn’t yet sold his invention to the public. With a please and thank you, children in the neighborhood have received the item for free so they can try it out on their own bikes. It’s Clevinger’s way of doing market analysis. When they do go on sale, the price for the product will run between \$7 and \$10, with each piece having a guarantee.

Regardless if the item races off the shelves, Clevinger said his children already have gained

knowledge from the invention. All understand the science behind the product, and that in itself is a win.

“We’re promoting it for (the kids),” he said. “It’s all for them. It’s because of them that I came up with the idea.”



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 . . .

About two weeks ago I went for a Sunday drive with my brother. As we were cruising down the street we came upon a house where a dog — a pit bull — was chained to the front porch. The chain couldn’t be more than six inches long. The dog panted while somebody, its owner, lounged on the porch. My brother, normally soft spoken, stopped in front if the house and yelled to the guy on the porch, “If I drive by here again and see that dog chained up like that then I’m gonna break your neck!”

We drove by on our way home; no dog and no owner. I haven’t seen the dog tied up since then. Did my brother’s verbal chastisement solve the problem? Did it make it worse?

Even though dogs are man’s best friend sometimes they fall victim to our basest crimes. Thousands of dogs are abused every year. Add cats, birds, and other domestic animals and sometimes human beings are more animalistic than the animals. So, you’ve seen some sort of animal abuse. What should you do about it? Do you stop it? Report it?

Document the situation. Take notes; that includes all the who, what, when, and where you can get. Write it down. Take pictures if you can. Call your local authorities. Most towns and villages have dog wardens or humane societies. These agencies are trained for these situations. Let the professionals handle it. But, once you’ve made the call, be ready to testify. All your notes and pictures are what will put a stop to the mistreatment.

What happens if it happens again? That is the \$64,000 question.

What about that lost dog that shows up on your doorstep? Whatever you do, do not feed it. Oh, you already fed it. Ok. Don’t forget to give it water too. After Fido has been nourished and hydrated, look for a collar and dog tags. No collar or tags? On to the second step in identification: call the local police station and local dog shelter. Let them know you’ve found a lost dog. Your wayward pooch may match a description they have. If that doesn’t work you could always go high tech: ID chip. Most vets and some shelters can scan the surgically imbedded identification chips. You could always put up posters with, ‘found dog’ in big bold marker.

Hopefully with a little bit of effort you can reunite the dog and its master. Hopefully, if you have kids, you can resist the siren song of, “can we keep it, please?”

What if it comes back? That’s another excellent game show question.

When it comes down to it, dog abuse is unacceptable. Just stop and think, “What would my mother do?” She would make it stop. And, any strays or lost dogs would get fed.

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



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“Maybe it’ll come back,” was my sister’s optimistic reply. I knew better, as the shower that had been providing the ‘raindrop prisms’ for the rainbow had dissipated. She didn’t put the car in gear though, just stared out the windshield, seemingly willing the rainbow to return. I had no such hope. After all, how often does a rainbow completely disappear and then return after this long?

“It’s coming back!” she yelled! And there it was, its subtle pastel tints quickly transforming into more vibrant colors. Shocked, I couldn’t see that any-

thing had changed in the sky that beckoned it back, but there it was. A second chance!

For over two precious minutes, the rainbow was elegantly positioned over the church on the hill, next to the final resting place of the early settlers as well as many of their Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman descendants. After a century and a half, the builders’ work still stands tall, but I’m sure they wouldn’t mind that for a fleeting moment their fine handiwork was dwarfed by this resplendent rainbow — the rainbow that granted us a curtain call.

Self-driving cars could be the future of travel

The electronics and computer-driven features of modern automobiles continue to evolve at a rapid pace. Until now, however, most of

these features have been manually employed. But the self-driving car, once a concept reserved only for science fiction, may make driving even more

passive in the near future, with some slated to hit showrooms as early as 2017.

Google, as a pioneer of some of the more ad-

vanced self-driving automobile technologies, says that computer-navigated cars are safer than manually operated automobiles. But will the

public embrace such vehicles? Autonomous cars are already being operated in California, Nevada, Florida and certain areas

within the United Kingdom. At the 2013 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Toyota and Audi unveiled their prototypes to sell to regular car buyers, while Ford and Mercedes-Benz are working on their own self-driving technology.

Legislation within the United States has already paved the way for autonomous cars to be tested on private roads. Once these cars are made available to the public, legislators will begin the task of revising driving laws and may need to reconsider how drivers earn their licenses.

Although the technology differs depending on the manufacturer, in the Google autonomous vehicle, a number of components are working in concert to enable the vehicle to move safely. At the heart of the system is a laser range finder mounted on the roof of the car. This laser generates a detailed 3D map of the environment. The car then combines these laser measurements with established high-resolution maps of the world. The vehicle also employs other sensors in its technology. Radars mounted on the front and rear bumpers enable the car to detect its surroundings. Cameras detect traffic lights, while GPS and inertial measurement units will help to keep track of the vehicle's location and various movements. Data is also programmed into the car so it can differentiate stationary objects like poles and mailboxes from factors in the environment, such as pedestrians or construction. The Google vehicles also are programmed to follow road rules and make assessments of changing situations, such as advancing at a four-way-stop if other drivers have not yet moved into the intersection.

The goal of self-driving car manufacturers is to reduce congestion and accidents and keep traffic flowing more smoothly. Automakers will continue to conduct research to see how well self-driving cars and the people inside them work together.

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by Linda Thistle

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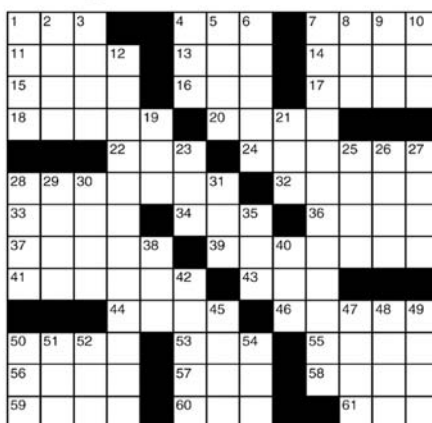
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4 Health resort
7 Recording venue
11 Swimming
13 LummoX
14 Thing
15 Opposed to
16 Buddy
17 Options list
18 Rife with foliage
20 Tooth-paste container
22 Hearing organ
24 Shoe without laces
28 Sleep-wear
32 Trap
33 Verve
34 Wrinkly-faced dog
36 Faucet problem
37 Gives temporarily
39 "The Big Bang Theory" star Jim
41 Birdcage attachment
43 Swab the floors
44 Way out
46 Stretchy candy
50 Pop singer Lady -



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56 Settled down 8 Dined
57 Legisla-tion 9 Corral
58 Into the sunrise 10 Flightless bird
59 Big party 12 Vitally important
60 Storm center 19 Sweet potato
61 Next-to-last Greek letter 21 Derek and Diddle
23 Knock
25 Gambling game
26 Ms. Brockovich
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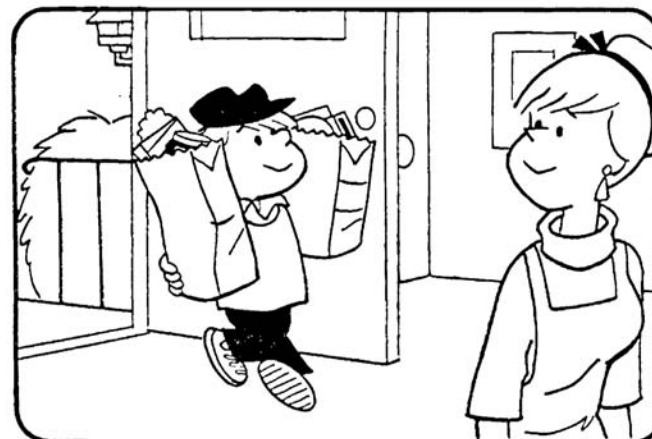
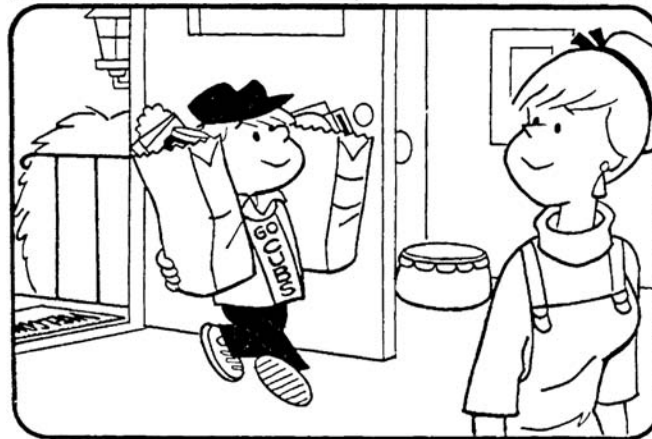
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Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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. Light is smaller. 2. Mat is smaller. 3. Bag is missing. 4. Shirt logo is missing. 5. Hossack is missing. 6. Straps are different.

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Answers

King Crossword

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Weekly Sales Every Monday starting at 11:30 with Misc. & small animals, 1:00 Dairy. Call for more info and sale times. Our Volume is increasing weekly - join your neighbors & send your livestock this way!

Monday, Sept 16th sale - cull ave. .68 Top cow \$.90, bulls/steers None, bull calves top \$1.40, heifer calves \$1.05, Dairy feeders \$.51 - \$.66, feeder bulls up to \$1.23, Lambs \$.65 - \$1.27, Sheep \$.35 - \$.9250.

Monday, Sept. 30th - Normal Monday Sale.

Monday, Oct. 7th - Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale.

Monday, Oct. 14th - Monthly Heifer Sale.

Saturday, Oct. 19th - sale held in Richfield Springs, OHM Holstein Club - Sale Chairman Jason Pullis 315-794-6737. Call with your consignments.

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9 AM Sat. - 6 pc. Harden cherry DR set; nice curio cabinet; cherry queen bed; super bedding; dressers; night stands; super sing. bed; leather 3 cushion sofa; leather recliner; Harden cherry stands; maple dresser; lovely 3 pc settee, wing chair set; black dbl door refrigerator; mod. pierced tin storage cabinet; lamps; stands; bookcases; over 20 chess sets; 8 Alba Scott oil paintings; 40 pc. collect. of fancy walking sticks, canes; sm. maple dinette table; microwave; house plants; nativity sets; coll. of Rembrandt sterl. silver medals w/ case; Bicentennial 13 colony bronze medals by Franklin Mint; youth Lincoln rocker; Belleek; pewter; H.P. china; serv. 6 sterling flatware; crocks; jugs; Eng. cups/saucers; Royal Copenhagen B/W miniature plate coll.; teapots; 5' conquistador floor lamp; pretty sm. elec. musical carousel; old, mod. Christmas; quad. plate tea set; lots of decorative art pieces; Harden kneehole desk; linens; brass cedar lined trunk; fancy old oak rocker; port. Brother sewing mach.; file cabinets; plus SO much more.

Approx. 2 PM Cast iron patio chairs, tables; cement lion; cement fountains; lawn decorations; lg./med. dog cages; planters; 8' alum step ladder; garden tools; reel mowers; lawn roller; **Approx. 3 PM** - Tools - 10" Skill table saw; 10" Delta chop saw; 8" drill press; sm. band saw; Milw. Saws all; dremel; roto zip; sanders; sm. tools; tarps; partial list. Expect quality, large quantity you've come to expect. One of our largest auctions ever; Get late leave! Bring a truck, a friend and a chair. Dress for the weather.

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Hello from 9

ing some of the burglary cases?" "Well, your honor," she said, "recently an abstract artist presented us with a sketch of a burglar he found in his home. Based on the sketch one of my officers said it looked like a vulture. One said a bottle of Utica Club beer with pointed ears, and my senior officer said it could be a Russian wolfhound." We would enjoy your opinion.

I understand President Obama was asked, "What do you have when you have three republicans up to their necks in cement?" He answered, "Not enough cement."

Well the little red Spyder begged for a run today but its driver forgot to wear his long johns. Still, it was great rambling out on our Mohawk Valley roads. A tinge of color is showing on the hillsides and a small flock of geese were feeding beside one of Logan's corn fields.

Soon the big gaggles of geese will fly into our valley, covering parts of the river and ponds. The multi-colored leaves along with the honking geese will officially call for the winter months.

When our children were young we loved the snow. Off we'd go on a moonlit night - with our Arctic cat and

ski-daddler snowmobiles towing a Santa Clause-type sled loaded with a Hibachi, hot dogs, and thermos' full of hot chocolate - ah, those were the times my friends, we thought they would never end.

Everything comes to the end except the love our Lord bestows on us. It is taught that church is actually a group of believers and the building itself is merely the church gathering place.

If you have children and desire to give them the very best that life has to offer, take them to a Bible-believing-teaching church building and someday you could find true happiness in becoming a part of the church.

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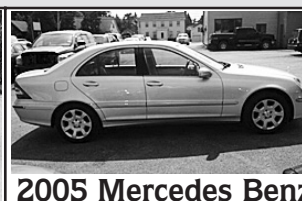
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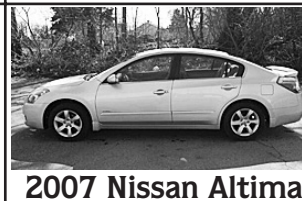
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2007 Toyota Corolla CE



2007 Nissan Altima
Hybrid 2.5



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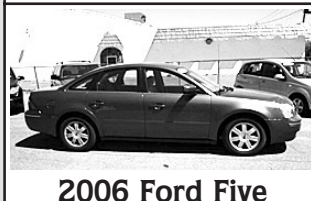
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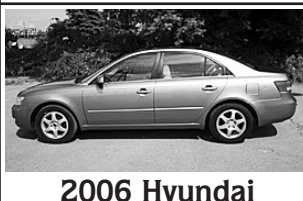
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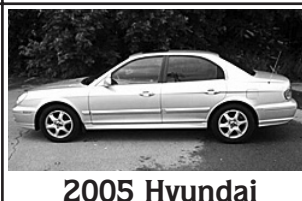
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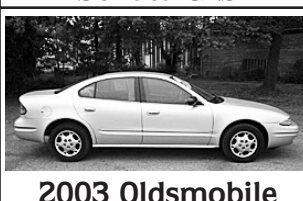
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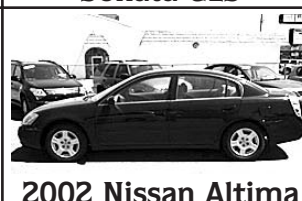
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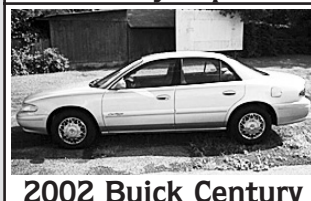
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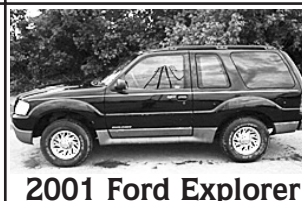
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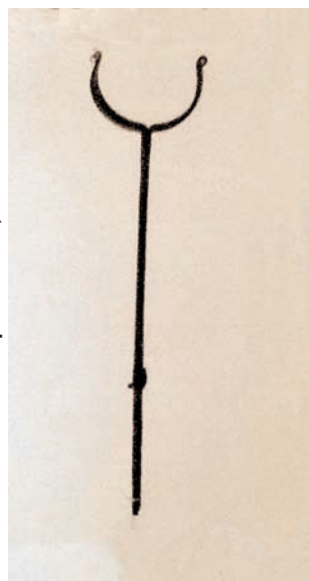
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Buckland, a former firefighter, says he crawled into the front room and felt something furry. He grabbed the animal, ran outside and



gave it mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

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The home inspector will check for many defects on the outside of the house. He will look for structural problems and check the roof for leaks or

other defects. He may walk on the roof if possible, or he might inspect it from a ladder.

The inspector will also examine doors, windows, and decks on the outside. Even driveways and walkways may be inspected. He will also check for proper rainwater disposal. This is important to prevent damage to the house's foundation.

Once the outside of the house has been thoroughly inspected, the inspector will move on to the inside. Ceilings,

doors, and walls will be checked for defects and signs of structural damage or water leakage. The attic will also be inspected for similar problems, as well as adequate ventilation and insulation.

The basement and crawl space are an important part of the inspection. The home inspector will check the foundation walls to ensure that they have no critical weaknesses. He will also look for signs of water intrusion and other defects.

The inspector will test the home's electrical system for shorts or other wiring problems. He will also test for proper grounding. He will check for proper capacity and size of the electrical panel, and check for unsafe wiring materials.

The plumbing will be thoroughly checked. The inspector will determine what types of pipes are used, ensure that they are functioning correctly, and check for adequate water pressure and flow.

He will inspect all fixtures, toilets, and drains for damage and proper function.

Heating and air conditioning systems will be checked for functionality and safety. The inspector will determine whether or not heating and cooling are distributed to all areas that they should be distributed to. He will check for carbon monoxide and possibly advise you if there are any ways that energy conservation could be improved.

The inspector will check throughout the home for evidence of termites or other wood-destroying insects. This is one of the most important parts of the inspection. Not only is it a vital consideration to the buyer, it is often required by mortgage lenders.

Home inspectors primarily look for signs of problems that could cause structural damage or safety concerns. These problems may or may not be known to the home's

current owner. It is important to know the condition of the home you are preparing to buy to

prevent any unpleasant surprises.

Source: Sir William Johnson Realty

Bible trivia

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Nimrod in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From the Law in Exodus 21, what's the penalty to whoever smiteth his father or mother? Death, Starved, Stoned, Blinded

3. Called Diana in some translations, who was the goddess of Asia having a temple in Ephesus? Dagon, Hermes, Artemis, Baal

4. From the book of Matthew, who referred to believers as "salt of the earth"? Jesus, John, Mark, Paul

5. Whose was the voice of one crying in the wilderness? Eli, Aaron, Samuel, John the Baptist

6. From John 3, what did Jesus compare the power of the Spirit to? Sea, Wind, Mountains, Masses

Answers: 1) Neither; 2) Death; 3) Artemis; 4) Jesus; 5) John the Baptist; 6) Wind

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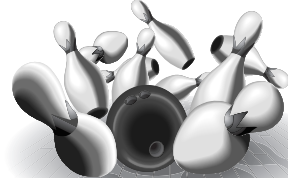
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How to “curb” car sickness in puppies and dogs



There are a number of treatment options available to help prevent car sickness for your puppy or dog. Physical comfort in the car, reconditioning, medication and holistic treatments can all help to make car traveling a lot easier on your dog.

Much like humans, dogs and puppies can also experience a feeling of illness while on car trips. This car sickness can make pet travel, whether short or long, quite an ordeal for dogs and their families. Fortunately, there are things you can do to help your dog in the car.

The most common reasons for car sickness in puppies and dogs are:

- The ear structures used for balance aren't fully developed in puppies. This can cause motion sickness. Fortunately, many dogs will outgrow car sickness.
- Stress can also add to travel sickness. For example, if your dog has only been in the car to go to the vet, he may make himself sick from the worry and apprehension of seeing the vet.

- If your dog has been nauseous the first few times traveling in the car as a puppy, he may have conditioned himself to see car travel as a time when he will get sick.

You can look for some common signs of car sickness in your pet, such as:

- Inactivity
 - Restlessness
 - Excessive Yawning
 - Whining
 - Hyper Salivation (drooling)
 - Vomiting
- Typically symptoms will go away shortly after the vehicle stops.

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treatment options available to help prevent car sickness for your puppy or dog. Physical comfort in the car, reconditioning, medication and ho-

listic treatments can all help to make car traveling a lot easier on your dog.

1. Physical comfort in car: Try these options to

help make the car ride as physically comfortable as possible for your dog.

- Face your dog forward in moving vehicle — if your dog is facing forward he will see less movement. Looking out of the side windows causes objects to blur and that can cause or compound motion sickness.
- Avoid letting your pet travel in the farthest backseat because this is where there is the most motion.
- Opening the windows in the car a little bit may help reduce air pressure inside the vehicle and allow for better ventilation.
- Don't give your puppy or dog any food for a few hours before getting in the car.
- Try putting him in a travel crate. Sometimes,

this helps to keep him from looking outside too much and helps to keep any sickness he may have in a confined space.

- Keep it cool in the vehicle. A hot, stuffy ride can make car sickness worse for your dog.
- Toys may help distract and entertain a

high-strung dog.

- Taking frequent potty breaks may also help.

- Exercise before getting in the car to travel.

2. Reconditioning: Sometimes reconditioning will help your dog to

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relax in the car. Reconditioning is needed if your dog associates riding in the car with something bad, like getting sick or going to the vet. Reconditioning takes patience for both you and your dog. Here are some tips to help recondition your dog.

- Try a different vehicle. He may associate your vehicle with unpleasant memories.

- Take short car trips to places your dog enjoys.

- Gradually build your dog's tolerance. Start by sitting in the car with your dog with the engine off. Do this over a few days. Then, when he seems comfortable, sit in the car with the car idling. After this, take a ride around the block. Now you can try a longer trip. By doing this slowly and over a period of time you are helping remove the stress of traveling

from your dog.

- Use treats to make the car a fun place for your dog.

- Buy a special toy that they can only play with in the car.

3. Medication: There are times when medications are necessary to help your dog during pet travel. Some over-the-counter and prescribed medications are listed below.

- Anti-nausea drugs — reduce vomiting.

- Antihistamines — used to lessen motion sickness, reduce drooling, and help them to be calm.

- Phenothiazine and related drugs — reduce vomiting and help to sedate.

Always discuss any medications with your veterinarian before using

to make sure your dog is healthy, the dosage is correct, and that the medication won't harm your dog.

4. Holistic approach: Holistic treatments are another option for a dog parents to try. Some common holistic choices are listed below.

- Ginger can be used for nausea. Ginger snap cookies or ginger pills can be given at least 30 minutes before travel.

- Peppermint, chamomile and horehound naturally help calm the stomach of your pup.

- Massage helps to relax your pet before you travel.

Always discuss any holistic remedies with your veterinarian before using to make sure your dog is healthy, the dosage is correct, and that the treatment won't

harm your dog.

Patience and training may help in preventing car sickness during pet travel. You may also need to stock up on cer-

tain medications or holistic remedies to help calm your dog if physical changes and reconditioning don't do the trick. Hopefully, with

time and a little effort your dog will be able to ride safely and happily in your car!

Home Country

by Slim Randles

It was Herb who first saw Janice Thomas, the art teacher, come in.

"She's putting something up on the bulletin board," Herb said.

"Wonder what it says," said Doc.

"Might be something from school," Herb said.

Steve is of a more practical way of thinking. "You ever thought about going over there and seeing what it is?"

Steve got up and walked over and read the poster. He came back.

"It's an art show," Steve said. "For anyone who wants to enter."

"Haven't had an art show here in a long time."

"Those city guys who moved in the Johnson place, remember?"

"That was an art show?"

"Maybe."

"You know," Dud said, "there's more than one way to do art. You take John Kennedy now. The way he can pick up a little stick with his backhoe. How many people can do that? I think that's a kind of art."

"You're right, Dud," said Herb. "You ever watch George when he's fly fishing?"

The members of the Mule Barn truck stop's philosophy counter and world-dilemma think tank nodded in agreement.

"Poetry, that is," said Doc.

"Dang near magic, to my mind," said Steve.

"How about the cream gravy here at the Mule Barn?" said Dud. "I don't know what they put in it, but you could eat a card-

board box if it had that gravy on it."

"I've never had better."

"Then there's Steve," said Doc.

"Me?" said the cowboy.

"You boys ever see anyone put a better rein on a horse than Steve?"

Steve blushed. "Now come on!"

"It's true, Steve."

"That," said Doc, "is art, too. Maybe art, maybe something like ballet almost, the way a horse moves when Steve's trained him."

"I guess there's more than one kind of art in the world," said Herb, "and I guess I personally know some artists."

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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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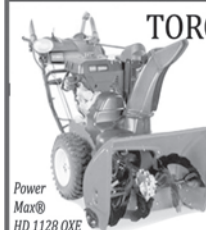
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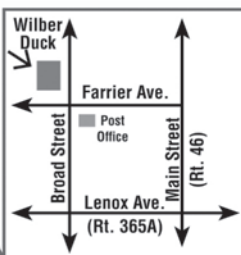
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owned the Pleyel piano for many years. After they died, their estate donated it to the nonprofit Butterworth Center in Moline, IL, which passed it on to the River Music Experience in Davenport in 2011.

The piano, which has

keys on two ends of the instrument, was built in 1896 and may be among only six in the world.

It's displayed at River Music Experience, a non-profit music venue, but can't be played until about \$15,000 in repairs are made.

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