

Editor's Notebook



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Things I Learned From My Dog

- When your loved one comes home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Don't bite when a simple growl will do.
- Delight in the simple joy of a walk.
- Be loyal and never pretend to be anything that you're not.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

A Fix For Swinging Doors

I had to kick myself the other day when we received a "shop tip" from Louisiana reader Dennis Rich about how he stops doors from swinging back open after being pulled loosely closed, but not latched. He simply bends a couple hinge pins on the door to create friction.

The reason I was annoyed was because I had forgotten to pass along this simple idea myself. The bathroom door in our house has always been a free-swinger, so if you push it shut at night but don't want to make noise latching it, you can't. The door swings all the way back open. A while back I got the idea of taking a hammer to a couple of the hinge pins to bend them slightly, and then inserting them back into the hinges. Worked perfectly! Felt like a genius. I fixed a couple other doors the same way, including my office door at work which always had to either be shut or all the way open.

So thanks Dennis for sending the idea. I just wish I would have run my tip before getting yours!



Production will begin next year at AppHarvest's \$97 million greenhouse that covers 60 acres.

Biggest U.S. Greenhouse

A startup company called AppHarvest is working on a \$97 million complex of greenhouses just outside Moorehead, Kentucky. More than 60 acres will be under cover. The goal is to produce 45 million pounds of tomatoes annually to distribute on the East Coast. The growing systems are based on techniques used in the Netherlands, where greenhouse growers now produce up to 30 times more fruit and vegetables on a single acre indoors compared to conventional production outside. The Netherlands is 1/3 the size of Kentucky but is the world's second largest ag exporter. (www.appharvest.com)

Liberty Quotes

"In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed, and in the next place, oblige it to control itself." *James Madison*

"The opposition is indispensable. A good statesman, like any other sensible human being, always learns more from his opponents than from his fervent supporters." *Walter Lippmann*

"No one can read our Constitution without concluding that the people who wrote it wanted their government severely limited; the words 'no' and 'not' employed in restraint of government power occur 24 times in the first seven articles of the Constitution and 22 more times in the Bill of Rights." *Rev. Edmund A. Opitz*

"The press was protected so that it could bare the secrets of the government and inform the people. Only a free and unrestrained press can effectively expose deception in government. And paramount among the responsibilities of a free press is the duty to prevent any part of the government from deceiving the people." *Justice Hugo L. Black*

"Government, in my humble opinion, should be formed to secure and to enlarge the exercise of the natural rights of its members; and every government, which has not this in view, as its principal object, is not a government of the legitimate kind." *James Wilson*

"The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice." *Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi*

"The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous." *Frederick Douglass*

Rural Residents Put Up Their Own Wireless Tower

Tired of having slow internet? You might want to do what a group of rural residents in Pennsylvania did. They banded together and put up their own wireless internet tower.

Internet providers had been telling residents for years that providing higher internet speeds in rural Big Valley was too pricey. So a group of folks simply got together and put up their own tower. It provides high-speed internet via radio waves instead of cable.

They set up a nonprofit co-op called Rural Broadband Cooperative. The tower was erected on a local farmer's land, which had a high point at about 1,900 ft. Anyone who can see the 120-ft. tall tower can receive service. Users pay an initial setup fee of \$300 and \$40 to \$75 per month, depending on speed of service. Speeds range from 5 to 25 megabits per second. There are 40 paying customers.

About 25 members kicked in \$60,000 for the project in 2017 and all the work was done by members. Besides erecting the tower, which was formerly used for ham radio, they had to clear land and build a small bunker under the tower to house the electronics needed, says Kevin Diven, a founding member. The signal is bounced from town out to the tower and then to small dishes mounted at each home. The tower can service a 15-mile radius. To receive a good signal, the line-of-sight must be clear of leaves, branches, or other interference.

Points To Ponder

- Whenever you get discouraged, just think about the people you might have married.
- Senility Prayer: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.
- "Always and never are two words you should always remember never to use." *Wendell Johnson*
- "Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much." *Oscar Wilde*
- "No one ever steps in the same river twice for it's not the same river and he's not the same man." *Heraclitus*
- "If you're the smartest person in the room, you're in the wrong room."
- "The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it." *John Ruskin*
- "Mastering others is strength. Mastering yourself is true power." *Lao-Tzu*
- "One of the common failings among honorable people is a failure to appreciate how thoroughly dishonorable some other people can be, and how dangerous it is to trust them." *Thomas Sowell*
- "It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not." *Andre Gide*
- "I've got a right to say and believe anything I please, but I haven't got a right to press it on anybody else. Nobody's got a right to be a nuisance to his neighbors." *H.L. Mencken*
- "A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday." *Alexander Pope*

A little girl walked to elementary school every day. One afternoon a thunderstorm popped up so her mother got in the car and drove along the route to the school. She soon saw her little girl walking along happily. Every time there was a flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile.

The mother drew up alongside in her car and rolled down her window, calling to the girl, "What are you doing Honey?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty. God keeps taking my picture."

Ole was called as a character witness for his friend Sven who was being sued in court.

Judge: "State your name."

Ole: "Ole Olson."

Judge: "Occupation?"

Ole: "Manufacturer."

Judge: "Children?"

Ole: "No, ladies shoes."

Ole told Sven he was going to stop drinking coffee in the morning because it keeps him awake for the rest of the day.

Ole bumped into an old friend the other day. "Hey, Sven, I hafn't seen yew in years!" he said. "Yew used to be skinny but now yewr fat. Yew used to haf a lot of hair but now yewr bald. Yew used to be tall but now yewr short."

"Vell, my name isn't Sven. I'm Lars Nelson," said the man.

"Oh, wow!," said Ole. "So yew changed yewr name too!"

Getting Mail From Home

A note from John Humeniuk, Baudette, Minn.: "That article in your last issue on the replica of the Vietnam Memorial in a farm field near Perryville, Mo., was fantastic. I spent a year and a half in Vietnam and wanted to send you a photo of a memorial that we dedicated on the fourth of July at the Lake of the Woods Veterans Memorial in Baudette, Minn. No matter where soldiers served, there isn't an ex-GI anywhere who can't identify with the scene depicted in this statue of the moment you opened a letter from home. Mail call was the best (or worst) time of the day. I don't think an email or social media message today could ever compare to what those letters meant."



New statue shows soldier reading letter from home.

Dogs Trained To Smell Coronavirus

We've seen stories about dogs who have been trained to sniff out bed bugs, truffles, and even cancer, so it's probably not that surprising that dogs trained to detect the coronavirus have nearly a 100 percent success rate in detecting Covid-19 in sweat samples from infected people.

According to recent news reports, dogs are being trained in several places around the world. In Australia, they're working primarily with German Shepherds. Once enough dogs have been successfully trained, they'll be used to screen people at airports, borders, senior facilities, etc. It takes 6 to 8 weeks to train a dog that's already been trained to detect smells and 3 to 6 months for a dog that's never been trained. Dogs sniff samples through a cone in order to keep them safe from the virus.

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