

**Editor's
Notebook**



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When he's not too busy visiting friends and going to farm shows, Art Long works on gas engines. On his 90th birthday, he was still riding a 1924 Harley that he restored himself.

100-Year-Old Subscriber

We don't know if Art Long of Flanagan, Ill., is the oldest subscriber to FARM SHOW, but I'd be willing to bet he's in the top 10.

Art will turn 100 on May 12. He recently received a gift subscription from relatives John and Marcia Carroll, who live nearby. "He farmed all his life and loves to go to farm shows to look at new equipment. He still drives his car to visit friends and go shopping and has a lot of interest in gas engines of all sizes and kinds. When Art was in his 80's he rebuilt a 1924 Harley Davidson motorcycle, which had been taken apart and was stored in boxes. He had to make some of the parts himself. On Art's 90th birthday, he was still riding the motorcycle. As a young man, he rebuilt a Hieder tractor that is now in a farm museum, so he's a real FARM SHOW kind of guy," says Marcia.

800,000 Fords Recalled

Since our story in the last issue about reports of F-150's, Explorers, and Lincoln Navigators burning up, Ford has issued a recall of 800,000 of the vehicles from the 2000 model year. Reason? They have a nasty habit of bursting into flames, even while parked and unattended.

Some Ford owners are pushing for a recall in other years as well.

A couple of TV stations - WESH in Orlando, Florida, and KHOU in Houston, Texas - have tracked down hundreds of cases of trucks that have caught on fire. In nearly all cases, station reporters say the problem has been traced to faulty switches located under the hood. Consultants hired by the station feel the recall should be widened to include vehicles from 1997 to 2002. The problem is so serious, owners are being told not to park the trucks in garages or near any other structures until the recall work is done. (Excerpted from www.poynter.org)

Outlawing Potluck Dinners

It is now illegal for churches in some parts of North America to hold potluck dinners. Several states have passed regulations outlawing them, turning church ladies into a new class of criminal.

However, the backlash from hungry church-goers might help turn back the tide of ridiculous regulations. Citizens in Washington state raised such a stink after such community meals were banned, that a new law exempting potlucks from state food safety laws was passed. Potlucks will be legal again this May.

Minnesota also had to pass a law recently to exempt churches and schools from anti-potluck laws.

In Canada, church fundraising potlucks and bake sales are being cancelled across the country, according to recent magazine reports. The issue came to a head last year at the Rosy Rhubarb Festival in Shedden, Ontario, when a person selling pies was told to stop because the kitchen where the pies had been baked had not been inspected by the health authorities. Witnesses reported that the ensuing discussion turned ugly, with pies being hurled at the inspector.



If you don't see two identical dolphins in this photo, please read the story below. You might have a serious problem.

Everyone Should Take This Test

An important new stress test was developed recently at a world famous mental health clinic. Here's how it works:

The photo above is of two almost identical dolphins. Researchers asked participants to look closely at the photo. A person under stress will detect differences between the two dolphins, despite the fact that they are identical. If a person spots a lot of differences, it means that person is experiencing a great amount of stress and is in need of a long period of rest and relaxation. The test is foolproof so please take a close look and evaluate yourself!



This bridge between Sweden and Denmark "disappears" under the sea so ships can still travel normally overhead.

World's First Underwater "Bridge"

A friend of mine recently sent me the above photo of a first-of-its-kind bridge that runs between Sweden and Denmark. You drive out over the water on a conventional causeway and then, about halfway across, the road heads down underwater through a tunnel that runs deep enough so ships can still pass overhead. Before reaching the other side, the road comes back up to the surface. Builders say the underwater "bridge" was cheaper than trying to go up and over.

Things Grow Better With Coke

Farmers in India have discovered that Coca-Cola sprayed on cotton and chili crops destroys pest insects. "I observed that the pests began to die after the soft drink was sprayed on my cotton," Gotu Laxmaiah, a farmer from Ramakrishnapuram, in Andhra Pradesh told The Guardian newspaper.

Laxmaiah says cola sprays are safe, don't need to be diluted and are cheap.

One litre of highly concentrated Avant, Tracer and Nuvocon, three popular Indian pesticides, costs around 10,000 rupees (\$200), but 1.5 litres of locally made Coca Cola is 30 rupees (50 cents). To spray an acre would be a mere 270 rupees (\$6).

Liberty Quotes

"I know no class of my fellowmen, however just, enlightened, and humane, which can be wisely and safely trusted absolutely with the liberties of any other class." *Frederick Douglass*

"When a government takes over a people's economic life, it becomes absolute, and when it has become absolute it destroys the arts, the minds, the liberties and the meaning of the people it governs." *Maxwell Anderson*

"When men are brought face to face with their opponents, forced to listen and learn and mend their ideas, they cease to be children and savages and begin to live like civilized men. Then only is freedom a reality, when men may voice their opinions because they must examine their opinions." *Walter Lippmann*

"Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth." *George Washington*

"I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it." *Thomas Jefferson*

"The worth of a state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it." *John Stuart Mill*

"It is not necessary that while I live I live happily; but it is necessary that so long as I live I should live honorably." *Immanuel Kant*

"The high-minded man must care more for the truth than for what people think." *Aristotle*

Job Interview "Don'ts"

Here are some things actual applicants for jobs have done during interviews:

"Applicant stretched out on the floor to fill out the job application."

"She wore a Walkman and said she could listen to me and music at the same time."

"A balding candidate abruptly excused himself. Returned to the office a few minutes later, wearing a hairpiece."

"Applicant announced she hadn't had lunch and proceeded to eat a hamburger and french fries in the interviewer's office-wiping the ketchup on her sleeve."

"Stated that, if he were hired, he would demonstrate his loyalty by having the corporate logo tattooed on his forearm."

"Interrupted to phone his therapist for advice on answering specific interview questions."

"Applicant pulled out a Polaroid camera and snapped a flash picture of me. Said he collected photos of everyone who interviewed him."

"During the interview, an alarm clock went off from the candidate's briefcase. He took it out, shut it off, apologized and said he had to leave for another interview."

How To Tell The Sex Of A Fly

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," he responded.

"Oh. Kill any?" she asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

A kind-hearted middle-aged woman offered to care for the eight-year-old daughter of her next door neighbor after the mother of the child was called away unexpectedly. She arrived in time to prepare breakfast, and placed an attractive plate of bacon and eggs in front of the young girl.

"Mother always has hot biscuits for breakfast," said the eight-year-old.

So the woman, anxious to please, hurriedly prepared some biscuits and placed the hot delicacies in front of the girl.

"No, thank you," she said.

"But I thought you said your mother always has hot biscuits for breakfast?" asked the surprised woman.

"Yes she does," says the child. "But I don't eat them."

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