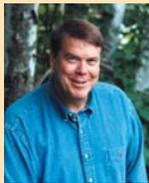


**Editor's Notebook**



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A mobile garden in the back of a Dodge Ram pickup, used to educate kids in New York City, might also make an eye-catching exhibit in the country.

**Pickup Garden**

Here's an eye-catching idea that might help bring in business to a roadside vegetable stand or a farmer's market. Or you might just want to impress your friends and family.

Curt Ellis and Ian Cheney converted the bed of an old Dodge pickup into a mobile garden, growing tomatoes, basil, lettuce, chard, and more. They drive the truck around New York City, demonstrating to kids and adults that you can grow your own food in many more places than most people think possible. You can see a video of the educational project here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSFJPqZJp8M&feature=related>.

**"Hot" Combine Ideas**

Jim Lindquist does a lot of work with custom harvesters and big farmers in his area. He says there are a few simple things they can do to prevent or reduce fires in combines and big forage harvesters.

The first is to keep an infrared sensor gun handy, along with a schematic of the machine and its bearings. He says he knows custom harvesters and top farmers who never take a break from the machine without scanning bearings and checking them against normal operating temperatures. If the temperature is above normal by 20 degrees, they'll keep an eye on it. If it keeps warming, they'll replace it before it can fail. Failed bearings are common causes of fire.



Infrared sensor guns like this can be used to monitor bearings and other combine components that might get hot during harvest.

The second point is to keep crop trash from accumulating in, under or on top of the machine. Keep an air compressor handy with a wand so you can blow trash out of tight spots.

Third is to understand when to use a fire extinguisher and when not to. If a fire is underneath a volume of trash and residue, blowing into it with an extinguisher may create an explosive situation rather than put out the fire. You need to get into a position where you can clearly see the fire before using an extinguisher on it.

**Organic Boom Stalls**

Sales in the U.S. of organic foods sold mostly at supermarkets are expected to drop 1.1 percent to \$5.07 billion this year, according to the Chicago-based research firm Mintel. While the drop is small, it is the first in an industry that has seen annual growth of 12 to 23 percent since 2003. The organic dairy industry has been the hardest hit, with farm-

ers squeezed by soaring feed costs and plummeting milk prices.

A growing number of farmers are losing their certifications in the nation's two top organic states, California and Wisconsin. In a typical year, the California Certified Organic Farmers, one of the nation's largest certifying groups, sees about 20 farms among its roughly 2,000 certified farms lose their certification because of nonpayment of feeds. But this summer, letters went out to 100 farms warning that their organic status would be revoked because of nonpayment. The numbers losing certification are also up in Wisconsin.

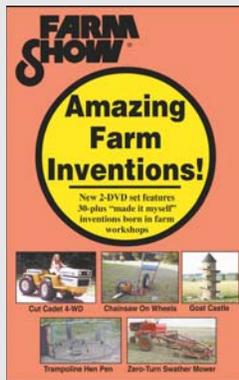
Still, interest in organics remains strong because the industry is not as bad off as others. Even though demand has slowed, there continues to be strong interest. (AP)

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**Liberty Quotes:**

"One of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the great struggle for independence." *Charles A. Beard*

"As a taxpayer, you are required to be fully in compliance with the United States Tax Code, which is currently the size and weight of the Budweiser Clydesdales." *Dave Barry*

"Government does not tax to get money it needs; government always finds a need for the money it gets." *Ronald Reagan*

"Dissent and dissenters have no monopoly on freedom. They must tolerate opposition. They must accept dissent from their dissent. And they must give it respect and the latitude which they claim for themselves." *Abe Fortas*

"It has been said that all Government is an evil. It would be more proper to say that the necessity of any Government is a misfortune. This necessity, however, exists; and the problem to be solved is, not what form of Government is perfect, but which of the forms is least imperfect." *James Madison*

"In those wretched countries where a man cannot call his tongue his own he can scarce call anything his own. Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech." *Benjamin Franklin*

"Fraud may consist as well in the suppression of what is true as in the representation of what is false." *Justice Heath*

"Life and liberty can be as much endangered from illegal methods used to convict those to be criminals as from the actual criminals themselves." *Earl Warren*

"The history of liberty has largely been the history of the observance of procedural safeguards." *Felix Frankfurter*

"A theory deeply etched in our laws (is that) a free society prefers to punish the few who abuse the rights of free speech after they break the law rather than to throttle them and all others beforehand." *Clarence Thomas*

"Finding the occasional straw of truth awash in a great ocean of confusion and bamboozle requires intelligence, vigilance, dedication and courage. But if we don't practice these tough habits of thought, we cannot hope to solve the truly serious problems that face us - and we risk becoming a nation of suckers, up for grabs by the next charlatan who comes along." *Carl Sagan*

A friend of ours spotted this sign at a recent antique tractor show.



**When Insults Had Class:**

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." *Stephen Bishop*

"He is a self-made man who worships his creator." *John Bright*

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." *Irvin S. Cobb*

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" *Mark Twain*

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." *Oscar Wilde*

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." *Oscar Wilde*

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." *Forrest Tuckener*

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America for an amount of up to and including my life".

It is an honor to pledge your life to your country, and there are too many people in this country who no longer understand it.

**Weird Product Warnings**

- Warning found on a bottle of drain cleaner: "If you do not understand, or cannot read, all directions, cautions and warnings, do not use this product."
- A label on a snow sled: "Beware: sled may develop high speed under certain snow conditions."
- A label on a compact-disc storage rack that warns: "Do not use as a ladder."
- A warning label on a fishing lure: "Harmful if swallowed."
- A smoke detector which warns: "Do not use the Silence Feature in emergency situations. It will not extinguish a fire."
- On an electric router made for carpenters: "This product not intended for use as a dental drill."
- A warning label found on a baby stroller cautions the user to "Remove child before folding."
- A prescription of sleeping pills stating: "Warning: may cause drowsiness."
- On a cartridge for a laser printer: "Do not eat toner."
- A household iron warns users: "Never iron clothes while they are being worn."
- A 13-in. wheel on a wheelbarrow warns: "Not intended for highway use."
- A warning on a pair of shin guards manufactured for bicyclists: "Shin pads cannot protect any part of the body they do not cover."

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she asked, "Johnny, what is the matter?"

Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

A man told his doctor that he wasn't able to do all the things around the house that he used to do.

When the exam was complete, he said, "Now Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me."

"Well, in plain English," the doctor said, "you're just lazy."

"Okay, okay," said the man. "Now, just give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."