

A Free Monthly Newsletter From Your Friends At QH Automotive

## Don't Take Chances With Kids' Car Seats

Strapping one's child into the car seat is a regular task for most parents. Unfortunately, even very small children are able to unbuckle themselves, leading to distracted parents behind the wheel—and car accidents.

Researchers at the Yale School of Medicine surveyed 378 parents; slightly over half reported that at least one of their children had successfully unbuckled their seat-belts while in a car seat one or more times. Children as young as 12 months were able to extricate themselves, and 75 percent of the kids were 3 years old or younger. Boys were more likely than girls to unbuckle themselves (59 percent of boys, as opposed to 42 percent of girls).

More than 40 percent of kids who "freed" themselves did so while the vehicle was moving. The distraction to parents, as they pull over, reprimand their children, and then buckle them in again, increases the chance of a serious injury 3.5 times. So be sure to double-check that your child's seat is installed properly, and that children are fastened securely.



### August Events

August 20th	International Homeless Animals' Day
August 24th	International Waffle Day
August 7th-13th	National Assistance Dog Week
August 1st-31st	National Golf Month

### Quotes

- "Children reinvent your world for you."  
- Susan Sarandon
- "The strength of a family, like the strength of an army, is in its loyalty to each other."  
- Mario Puzo

## Golf...A Good Walk Spoiled?

The summer months are prime golfing season. The origins of this popular (and frequently frustrating) game are unclear, though some historians trace it back to an ancient Roman game called paganica, in which players used a bent stick to hit a leather ball.

A stained glass window dating back to 1340 in Gloucester Cathedral in England shows someone swinging something that looks like a golf club. And a Ming dynasty scroll, also from the 14th century, depicts a member of the Chinese imperial court swinging a golf club-like implement at a small ball with the apparent aim of sinking it into a hole.

The modern version of the game, played over 18 holes and without interference from other players, was developed in Scotland. The word "golf" comes from the Scots "gouf," and is considered to be a local equivalent to the Dutch "colf," meaning stick or club.

Golf was banned in 1457 by King James II of Scotland because he worried that it was distracting the citizenry from archery practice, which was considered more urgent for military purposes.

Though controversial for many years (Mary, Queen of Scots, was criticized for playing it), restrictions eventually eased and the game spread across the British Isles and around the world.



## Do You Have A Question About Car Maintenance That You Want Answered?

We love to hear from all of our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our monthly newsletter. If you have a question about anything related to your vehicle, feel free to give us a call at **661-949-8484**, email us at [doug@qhauto.com](mailto:doug@qhauto.com) or visit us at [www.qhauto.com](http://www.qhauto.com)

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**Dan Miller, Dede Roth,  
Howard Wilson**

## Napoleon Evades A Waterloo Onstage

An actor playing Napoleon on the stage was enjoying tremendous reviews in the press, making some of his fellow troupers jealous. An actor who played one of Napoleon's marshals in the production hatched a plan to bring him down to Earth.



During one scene, Napoleon had to read out loud a long letter delivered by the marshal. The actor had never learned the letter by heart; night after night, he simply read the text off the pages his colleague handed him.

So for one performance, the jealous actor brought blank pages for "Napoleon" to recite, and waited for the inevitable fumbling improvisation.

But the quick-thinking actor smiled and handed the pages back to his fellow actor. "Marshal," he said, "please read the letter to me."

## More Than One Way To Lick A Stamp

You should never assume there's only one way to get a job done. A writer on the NewsOK website tells the story of a friend working on Christmas cards with his wife and 6-year-old son.

The son's job was to lick stamps (this was a few years ago, before self-adhesive stamps were common) and put them on envelopes, but he didn't like the taste of the glue on the postage stamps. Still, after a while the child emerged from his room with every envelope stamped.

"But I thought you didn't like the way the stamp tasted when you licked it," one parent said.

"Yeah, it was yucky," the boy replied. "So I just licked the envelopes and then stuck on the stamps."



## Creative Scientific Minds Sometimes Play Jokes

Science calls for creative thought, but some scientists (and impostors) seem to put more effort into creative lying. Here are a few of the most famous scientific hoaxes of all time:

- **The Piltdown man.** An amateur paleontologist in Sussex, England, presented to the world in 1912 a skull and jawbone that seemed to belong to a half-man, half-ape "missing link." In 1943, scientists exposed the fossils as the skull of a human joined to the jaw of an orangutan.
- **The Cardiff giant.** A 10-foot-tall petrified human was dug up on a Cardiff, N.Y., farm in 1869. The find became an enormous story in the news media of the day. In 1870, though, the truth came out: A hoaxter had paid a sculptor to create the giant stone form.
- **The Nacirema tribe.** More a joke than a hoax, the Nacirema were described in an anthropologist's scientific paper as a group of people living in North America with many strange rituals which included "scraping and lacerating the surface of the face with a sharp instrument." The word Nacirema spelled backward, of course, is "American."

**HOAX**

## From Modest Beginnings, These People Rose To The Top

Even billionaires like Bill Gates had to start somewhere. Here's a quick look at the early jobs of some of the world's most successful people:

- ★ **Ben Cohen.** The co-founder of Ben & Jerry's worked as a taxi driver early in his career.
- ★ **George Clooney.** Now a world-famous actor and activist, one of Clooney's first jobs was cutting tobacco.
- ★ **Garth Brooks.** The country/western singer once sold cowboy boots in a mall.
- ★ **Tom Cruise.** The future superstar actor worked as a bellhop in a hotel.
- ★ **Dave Thomas.** Before founding the burger giant Wendy's, Thomas was in fast food already, at KFC.



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This month's Client of the Month is

**Darren Stevenson**

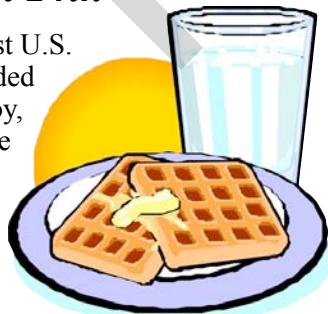
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### International Waffle Day Is August 24th

The anniversary of the first U.S. patent for a waffle iron, awarded to Cornelius Swarthout of Troy, N.Y., in 1869. His early waffle iron, used with a coal stove, consisted of a griddle and a cover, and required flipping the device to cook both sides of the waffle.



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## Giant Ants Discovered In Wyoming...

You think you've got ant problems? If you lived 50 million years ago, you'd be contending with ants the size of hummingbirds. Scientists have discovered fossil remains of a winged ant queen in a Wyoming rock that's 49.5 million years old.

The 5.1-centimeter long ant has been dubbed *Titanomyrma lubei* and is related to other giant ants unearthed in German fossils. And one of the German ant fossils is even bigger.



## Do You Want To Win A Free Lube, Oil & Filter Change?

The first 10 people to call with the correct answer will be eligible to win. At the end of the month we'll draw one lucky name. That winner will receive a FREE Gift Certificate for a Lube, Oil & Filter Change from us! Here is this month's trivia question: Which one of these Bens' was the co-founder of Ben & Jerry's ice cream?

*(Hint: the answer is somewhere in this newsletter)*

- a) Ben Harper      c) Ben Bunny
- b) Ben Bova        d) Ben Cohen

**Call right now with your answer!**

Last month's trivia challenge was, *200 copies of the Declaration of Independence were produced, but how many original 'Dunlap broadsides' are still in existence?*  
c) 26. Congratulations to last month's lucky winner!

**Anthony Salas**

## What Parenthood Teaches Us

Things you may not have known before you had children:

- ✓ How to change a diaper in total darkness in the back seat of a car on a child who's standing up.
- ✓ How brightly the moon can shine at 3 a.m.
- ✓ That you can never own too many sippy cups.
- ✓ What Cheerios sound like and feel like when you step on them in bare feet.
- ✓ How to balance a lunch box, an extra coat, a briefcase, a diaper bag, and a baby while opening a minivan door.
- ✓ How much you can dilute apple juice while still retaining its taste.
- ✓ The importance of naps.



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## *What's The Answer?*



*Does The Cardiff Giant Really Exist?*

*How Can You Read From A Blank Piece Of Paper?*

*What Fast Food Restaurant Did Dave Thomas Work For  
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*Are Boys Or Girls More Likely To Unbuckle Themselves  
From Their Car Seat?*



*The Answers To These And Many  
More Questions Are Inside*

