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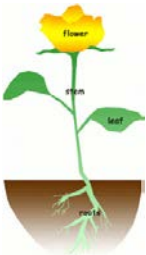
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The Answers To These And Many Other Questions Are Inside.

A Free, Friendly, Fun Monthly Newsletter From Your Friends At **auto world WEST LOOP**

ST. Patrick:

The Myth And The Man

For some, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) is a reason to wear green, go to a parade, and drink more Irish whiskey than usual. But just who was this St. Patrick fellow? The most common belief is that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. Ireland probably never had snakes, though, and the myth may refer to Patrick's efforts to stamp out the serpent imagery used by the Druids. He also may have used the three-leafed shamrock to illustrate the concept of the Holy Trinity to the people he was trying to convert to Christianity as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century.

Historians agree that Patrick was born in Roman-occupied Britain, the son of a Christian deacon. At age 16 he was captured and taken to Ireland, where he was a slave for six years. During this time, his Christian faith strengthened, and one day he heard a voice (according to a letter he wrote about his early life) promising he would soon return home. Shortly afterward he escaped, found his way to a ship, and went back to his family.

An angel appeared to him in a dream, he later wrote, telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. After a long period of religious training, Patrick went back to the land where he had been a slave to convert the Irish and to minister to those Christians living there.

March 17 is believed to be the day of his death.

Although never formally canonized, Patrick came to be considered a saint, and March 17 was celebrated as a religious holiday until 1903, when it became a public holiday in Ireland by an act of the British Parliament.



Quote

If it weren't for the fact that the TV set and the refrigerator are so far apart, some of us wouldn't get any exercise at all.

—Joey Adams

March Events

March 1st – 30th American Red Cross Month
March 16th Daylight Saving Time starts
March 17th St. Patrick's Day
March 20 First Day Of Spring



Save Dough When You Rent Wheels

Travel is expensive enough. When you need to rent a car, don't spend money unnecessarily.

Here's a tip: Don't rent your car at the airport. Often it's cheaper to take a cab or public transportation into the city, where you can avoid extra taxes and user fees that city governments often impose on airport rentals.

You can usually return the car at the airport with no extra charge, as rental companies generally allow customers to drop off their vehicles at a different location. If you're staying at a hotel, park at a public lot down the street. Chances are the rates will be cheaper than the hotel's overnight parking fees.

A Few Good Ways to Inspire Your Kids

If you want to get your kids into learning, but you have a small budget, you might want to try some of the following suggestions for cheap ways to inspire young minds:

- Help your kids appreciate musical styles. How? Tune into a classical station and encourage your kids to move to the music. Then switch to a jazz station and have them move to it, too. Keep switching to stations that play particular styles. When you're done talk to your child about how the music made them feel and move.
- Take your child to a story hour at the local library or at local bookstores. While you're at the library don't forget to check out some books.
- Check out an educational video at your local library.
- Go to the beach and collect some things, driftwood and seashells, for instance. Take your loot home and help your child make art projects out of his finds. When he's done, have an art show, hang the pieces on your wall—and don't forget to put up strips of paper with titles of the artworks on them.
- Go to a state park. Before you go on your trip, call or check the Internet for free programs for youngsters that the park might offer.

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 **713-623-4418**.

March is spring break time. Your car deserves a break, too, a "brake check". How long has it been since your brake fluid has been inspected? Did you know the braking system should be flushed and the fluid replaced periodically? Did you know that when you're out of brake fluid you're out of brakes?

Be car care aware and let us inspect your brakes soon!

Dangerous Liaisons: Know Your Teenager's Friends

Parents never stop worrying about their children. And it gets worse if your child starts keeping company with friends who don't seem to be good influences.

Before any problems begin, follow these tips:

- 1) Be involved.** Pay attention to your teen and what he or she is doing. Don't be overbearing. There's a difference between controlling your child's life and supporting his/her interests.
- 2) Set limits.** Most teens want reasonable limits for their own security. Concentrate on doing your job as a parent first and foremost.
- 3) Get to know their friends.** Before you make any conclusions about friends, have them over a few times. Get to know what they value. And try to get to know their parents, too.
- 4) Provide direction.** Find something your child feels passionate about, and direct him or her toward it. This allows your child to have another peer group outside of school. And when the peer pressure gets too high, your teen has other options and sources of support.

Urgent Text Message: Water The Plants!

This is what the telecommunications revolution has come to—plants sending text messages.

Scientists have developed a soil-moisture sensor that not only monitors when a houseplant needs water, it sends a text message or e-mail to alert the plant's owner (or a thank-you note, or even a notice that it's been watered too much).

Fortunately there's little chance that your African violet will be tweeting about its sex life on the Internet—at least so far.

Get Rid of Your Bad Mood

What do you do if you're at work and you feel a foul mood taking over? A recent study suggests that maybe you should get outside and take a walk—especially when it's sunny.

A study of 600 persons in the United States reported that spending a little time outside on a nice day really can make a difference in how you feel.

While weather is just one of many factors that can affect mood, it really can make a difference. So if you're having a tough day at the office, you may want to get out for a stroll in the sun. Adapted from ABC News Web site

Make Time for Life When Work Gets Busy

You've done all you can to strike a balance between your work life and your personal time. But suddenly a new project lands in your corner at work, and you've got to kick into overdrive.

Before you and your family become strangers, try these two techniques from the book *Coming Up for Air*, by Beth Sawi (Hyperion):

• **On again, off again.** Schedule one to three days when you'll plan to work late or come in extra early. On the other days, work your normal hours. This method allows you to set more realistic goals both at work and at home—like when to say “yes” or “no” to certain projects or activities on any given day.

And knowing that there are days of reprieve in the week helps you get through the longer days you've scheduled.

• **Marathon and rest.** Sometimes the work at hand may leave you with absolutely no free time. This is when the marathon/rest technique will work best. Commit to working extra long days for several days or even months (if need be). But set a definite end date when you'll stop the grueling pace.

This helps you focus on what you need to get done at work and keeps expectations realistic at home.

It's Good To Be Thorough—Sometimes

A couple arrives at an auto dealership to pick up their car after a tune-up. They're told the keys have been accidentally locked inside.

At the service department, they find a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.

As the husband watches from the passenger's side, he tries the door handle and discovers that it's unlocked.

“Hey,” he calls to the mechanic, “It's open!”

“I know,” the young guy replies. “I already got that side.”

American Red Cross Month

A month to focus on first-aid and emergency care and recognize the role the Red Cross plays in saving the lives of thousands of people around the world. The Red Cross was created by Clara Barton in 1881; in 1943, Red Cross Month was launched with the goal of collecting \$125 million in contributions. By June 1943, donations had reached nearly \$146 million.

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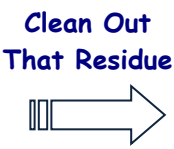
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"Great Job, car running smoothly. Raul at the front desk did an excellent job from beginning to end. You guys have a great team. Keep up the great work." Justo R.



Thank You and Welcome to our new clients for the month of February.

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We just couldn't do it without you! Thank You!



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State Inspection and Registration Due In March.



Discount applies to regular price services. Cannot be combined Exp. 3-31-25

- \$12 OFF** service over \$100
- \$24 OFF** service over \$200
- \$55 OFF** service over \$500