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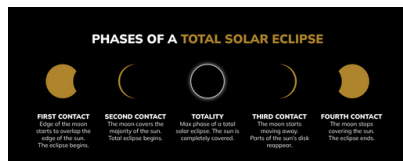
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The date of the solar eclipse that everyone seems to be waiting breathlessly for!



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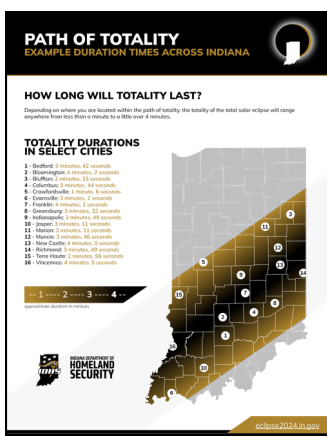
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Zero, nada, nil, zilch . . . the safety offered by homemade filters, camera viewfinders and even welder's glass (the glass in most welding helmets is not strong enough).



1 to 4

The number of minutes the totality of the solar eclipse will last. It all depends on where you are. The best spot in Indiana? Vincennes at 4 minute and 5 seconds.



4 to 12

According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, if your eyes feel a little funny after an eclipse, it may not be a sign of solar retinopathy. Damage from the eclipse is unlikely to cause pain or discomfort in your eyes because the retina does not have any pain nerves. Instead, you would notice visual symptoms within four to six hours. But some may notice symptoms after 12 hours. If you are concerned that you may have sustained damage, here are some symptoms to look out for:

- Blurry vision
- Headache
- A blind spot in your central vision in one or both eyes
- Increased sensitivity to light
- Distorted vision, in which a straight line looks bent, or a door jamb looks curvy
- Changes in the way you see color, known as "dyschromatopsia"

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Experts say the temperature may drop as much as 10 degrees Fahrenheit during the eclipse.

0 to Gazillions!

How many people are going to show up to watch the eclipse here, depending on who you believe.

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The number of years until the next solar eclipse visible in North America.

Ollie Has No Worries!!!

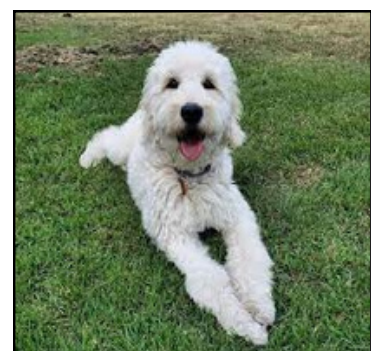


Photo courtesy Butch Dale . . . and Ollie

We could all learn a lot from Ollie



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Don't you just hate watching the news on TV? It usually puts me in a bad mood, and I start thinking of all of the problems of

today. After turning off the news in disgust the other evening, I looked down at Ollie, our Goldendoodle. He hadn't been watching the news. He could care less. He was laying on his back by my wife's recliner, legs up in the air, tongue hanging out . . . resting comfortably . . . no worries in the world. Yes, Ollie has a few moods and feelings. Sometimes he gets excited, or scared, or bored, or lonely . . . but most of the time he is just plain old happy! So why can't we humans be happy? I think it's because we think about too many problems that we really can't do much about anyway, and subsequently we forget about the things we are blessed with. I think we would be better off if we acted like Ollie. For instance . . .

Whenever visitors arrive at our house, Ollie runs to and fro, jumping with joy . . . he is so excited! They instantly become Ollie's best friend. He loves everyone and wants to be petted, and in return . . . lick their face! Humans are just the opposite, as we tend to be distrustful of almost every stranger. Many people have no desire to meet anyone new, and never strike up a conversation with a stranger. Trust in people has almost vanished.

Many people have forgotten how to enjoy simple pleasures. Not Ollie! It doesn't matter what the weather is, or if it's his dinner time, or if he is sleeping . . . if I grab his squeaky ball, he runs to the door and is ready for PLAYTIME! I throw the ball, he runs as fast as he can, clinches it in his choppers, proudly marches back . . .

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Get an eye exam regularly – some eye diseases don't have any symptoms until it's too late.



Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- 1 The Indiana State Fair and Corteva Agriscience recently unveiled the highly anticipated 2024 Featured Farmers that will be honored at this year's Indiana State Fair. In its ninth year, this popular program celebrates and helps put a face on Hoosier agriculture by connecting consumers with fellow Hoosiers who grow the food they eat. Fifteen farm operations represent a variety of regions through the state, showcasing different agricultural products and stories throughout the 15-day State Fair, Aug. 2-Aug. 18.
- 2 The Indiana Economic Development Association (IEDA) recently announced that Alan Tió is its new Executive Director. Tió, a seasoned economic development professional with over 18 years of experience, brings a wealth of experience to the IEDA, having worked in economic development at various levels throughout his career. Most recently, he served as the CEO of the Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation, where he oversaw all aspects of economic development for the county.
- 3 Teams of Purdue University students won a combined \$5,500 in prizes during the finals of the Moonshot Pitch Challenge, a semiannual, ideation-focused competition organized by the Purdue Innovates Incubator. Active Purdue undergraduate and graduate students across all colleges were eligible to compete. Fifty-four teams submitted a video to explain the problem they were addressing and propose the solution. Solutions were grouped in one of three categories: Earth, Moonshot and Orbit.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work in hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus."
Alexander Graham Bell

TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear about the springy baker?
He has a flour garden!

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

A Visiting Artist Reception for Todd B. Stokes is set for Friday at Athens Arts in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. Things get going at 6 p.m. and music will be provided by Kenn Clark and light refreshments will be served. Come and meet the artist as you enjoy seeing "Banjo," "Writhing River," "Quarantine," and other luminous glass works in person. Athens Arts (216 E. Main) is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10-6 and on Saturdays from 10-2. Admission is always free. The visiting artist's and resident artists' work is for sale at the Gallery.



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Is it Alzheimer's?



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
 Montgomery
 Medicine

It's very common for people who are middle age or older person who have some lapses in memory to wonder if they might be developing Alzheimer dementia (AD).

Encountering someone with Alzheimer's is becoming more common as the proportion of elderly individuals in our society increases. Forgetfulness, however, is a normal part of aging and usually does not indicate impending dementia.

The word dementia stems from the Latin root de- "apart or away" and mentis "mind." It is characterized by a progressive decline in cognitive and behavioral function due to damage or disease in the brain beyond what is expected in normal aging. Alzheimer dementia is the most common type of dementia.

Approximately 6.9 million people in the U.S. suffer from clinically significant AD. There are many more who have mild disease (mild cognitive impairment) and remain functional. Most cases of AD are sporadic while about seven percent of cases have a genetic component.

About 14 percent of individuals over age 65 and 40 percent of those over 80 have AD. The good news is that 86 percent over 65 and 60 percent over 80 don't have it. It is estimated that by the year 2060 there will be 13.8 million Americans over age 65 with AD. The cost of caring for Americans with various forms of dementia is estimated to have cost \$345 billion in 2023. The cost of caring for a patient with AD who requires nursing home care can reach \$100,000 a year.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia resulting from specific anatomic changes in the brain. The two hallmark findings in brain tissue examined under a microscope are neurofibrillary tangles (NFT) and senile plaques (SP). German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer first described these abnormalities in 1907.

Although NFTs and SPs are found in AD, they can also be seen in other neurodegenerative diseases such as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE),

the degenerative brain disorder linked to concussions in athletes. NFTs and SPs must be found in sufficient numbers and in a specific anatomic pattern in the brain to make the diagnosis of Alzheimer dementia.

Normally, nerve cells (neurons) are very organized and follow specific pathways that allow them to communicate with other neurons. These organized pathways and connections allow us to think clearly. The appearance of normal nerve cells would be analogous to straight strands of hair. The nerve cells in AD look like badly tangled hair and the senile plaques that form are like mixing bubble gum in the tangles. The resulting mess of nerve cells drastically reduces the ability of nerves to talk to each other effectively.

Identifying the cause(s) of AD has been very difficult. Research has focused primarily on tau protein, a normal protein found in nerve cells. However, when tau protein folds abnormally, it can cause the formation of the tangles found in AD. Researchers have been working on treatments that reduce the formation of neurofibrillary tangles, alter the abnormal folding of tau protein, or increase the destruction of abnormal tau protein. You may have read about two monoclonal antibodies that have been approved for treatment of early dementia that act by reducing amyloid plaque in the brain.

The diagnosis of AD is very complex and there are numerous criteria that have to be met that are too detailed to enumerate here. Diagnosis usually requires the involvement of a team of medical experts. Physicians start by doing a history and physical exam along with some basic blood work to look for other conditions that can mimic AD. These may include (among others): infections, metabolic abnormalities, vitamin deficiencies, depression, and thyroid disease.

Additional testing usually involves brain-imaging using a CT and/or MRI scanner, sometimes using molecules to tag the proteins that cause the plaques and tangles in the brain. A brain wave test or EEG may be performed and genetic testing may also be done if there is a family history of AD. Researchers are working to identify biomarkers in the

blood and/or spinal fluid, but they are not ready for prime time. Specialized neuropsychological testing may be performed by a clinical psychologist to identify exactly which parts of the brain are affected.

The earliest finding in AD is that of slowly progressive memory loss. Forgetfulness is what causes most people to worry they may be developing AD. Occasionally forgetting things such as where you placed your keys or why you came into a room is usually not a cause for concern. When memory problems start to consistently disrupt one's daily functioning, it's time to get checked out. There is a list of ten warning signs found on the Alzheimer's Association website at bit.ly/3ajnKKV. This site also contains a wealth of information about the disease.

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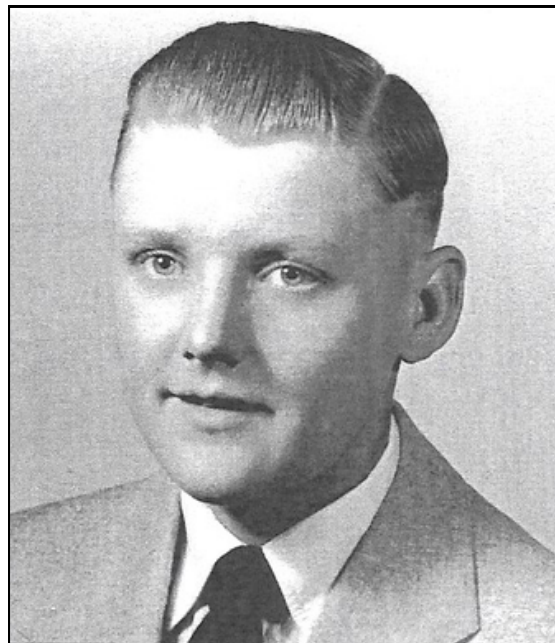
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NEWS

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



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HINT:

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Answer on Page A3

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What Cats Like



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

"I've been reading about cats," my husband, Peter, tells me. Peter has never had a cat before.

"Oh, yeah?"

"Salt is not good for their kidneys. We have to give Felix unsalted fish."

Felix is our adopted street cat here in Mexico. He is coming back to the U.S. with us in a fancy backpack carrier I found online. It has mesh on either side, with one big plexiglass bubble in the back, so Felix can watch his fellow passengers in comfort. He hasn't flown yet, but our trips to and from the veterinarian were uneventful, so I think he will adapt to it rather well.

Felix is adapting to everything rather well, especially considering he is not the five-month-old kitten we thought he was, but fully two years old. I learned this at the vet when he got his first vaccination.

"I don't know how old he is," I told them, explaining that he was a rescued street cat.

The vet tech was nonchalant. She peeled back Felix's lips and examined his teeth. "One or two years," she declared.

"Really?"

"I think so."

Then a second veterinarian's assistant came in. "How old is he?" she asked.

I told her again that I didn't know. (I figured it was good to get a second opinion.) Felix suffered the indignity of having his lips peeled back a second time in five minutes.

"At least two years old," she said.

"Two years?" I asked—for clarification. (I have misunderstood numbers in Spanish more often than I care to admit.)

"Yes," the vet tech said with certainty. "He is at least two years old." They recorded his date of birth as 2022, and Felix suddenly went

from being a scrappy kitten to a remarkably playful and adaptable adult cat.

But he is very thin, and unlike a lot of rescued animals, he does not seem to be especially interested in food. The woman who fostered him said she had dry cat food available for him all the time, so that's what we did as well. But Felix was not eating much.

I bought an overpriced package of soft chicken cat food. It smelled awful. Felix tried it. He was unimpressed. The food hardened in his bowl, and he was still not putting on any weight.

"Maybe he'd like a scrambled egg," Peter suggested. "Do cats like eggs?"

I've had several cats but, as far as I can remember, I had never made breakfast for any of them. Peter scrambled up an egg and gave Felix part of it. Felix loved the scrambled egg. Then Peter got reading up on what else cats like.

"They can have fish, but they should eat all the bones for better nutrition," Peter informed me. I believed him. Peter brought home a can of mackerel. The mackerel was a huge hit. Peter kept reading.

"It says here that cats like peas. Maybe we could give him some garbanzo beans."

At this point, Peter was miles ahead of me in his study of cat nutrition. We gave Felix three garbanzo beans. Felix ate them immediately and demanded more.

Now Peter is looking for canned fish—whole fish—complete with bones that we can give Felix for a bedtime snack. "I can get a case of salt-free canned sardines for a good price!" he announced. "Do you think Felix would like sardines?"

I looked at Felix lying contentedly in his furry bed. I don't know nearly as much about cats as I thought I did. But I'm willing to bet Felix will like sardines very much indeed.

Till next time,
Carrie

GENTLEMAN AND A TRAMP



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I am obsessed with getting in 15,000 steps a day for my fitness regimen. I am not a health freak by any stretch of the imagination, although that stretch is one of the few I can do without hurting myself.

If I haven't reached my goal by midnight, I often go down in our basement and trot around the rowing machine (which we never use) or dance around the recumbent bike which is our most versatile coat rack, or dash around the ping pong table, which has caused me real hip pain—not playing ping pong, but crashing into the table when I round the corners at 2 a.m.

To get those final steps in each night, I occasionally even walk up and down the street for ten minutes. Now, everyone in the neighborhood knows how obsessive I am. They also know the color of all my pajamas.

"You have to find a better way," I kept telling myself. That's also what several police officers told me after reports of streaking in the neighborhood. I don't wear the pink jammies anymore.

What I did do was buy a mini-trampoline. I had heard that bringing out your inner kangaroo could have some health benefits. And so, I ordered one.

The first page of the assembly instructions said you need two people to complete the job. I enlisted my wife to assist and it's a good thing I did. For a while, I stared blankly at dozens of screws, springs, poles, shims, nuts and bolts. I was confused by the directions. Thank goodness I had another person. Mary Ellen convinced me to call our handyman to put the contraption together.

Kevin didn't even need the directions. He grabbed his electric drill, popped on a few

accessories, and in 20 minutes I was ready to bounce like no one was watching. Well, almost...

My wife was still concerned about my safety. Springing forward is something I'm allowed to do only once a year...that would have been last week during the first Sunday morning of Daylight Saving.

There were several safety warnings on the instructions. First, the manual says: "Don't install the trampoline while out in bad weather. The frame of the trampoline can conduct lightning." What a bummer! Now I don't have anything to do in my backyard during the next thunderstorm.

Also, I learned from the manual that nothing should be placed under the trampoline. But that's half the reason I buy exercise equipment: storage space. Now I have to find another place for that case of baked beans.

The directions also make clear that "some parts can loosen when using the trampoline." I knew that right away when my shoulder and knee slipped out of their sockets after 100 bounces.

The first night I used it, I decided to watch Stephen Colbert's late-night show on CBS while I did some in-place jogging. Trust me, laughing and bouncing at the same is not a good combination.

Finally, it says that if you don't plan to use the machine for an extended period, store the device by "removing all the parts in reverse order." My handyman, Kevin, loved that part.

Now, he has steady employment for the rest of my life.

-Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

**Answer:
Bill Carpenter**

↓ BUTCH

From Page A1

displaying his catch, and waits for another throw. Ollie would literally do this for hours and hours and not want to go inside. If I go for a walk and take Ollie, he is all over the place . . . smelling things, chasing critters, running to and fro, and peeing at least 50 times. Happy as a lark . . . just on a simple walk down the road.

Ollie is also very affectionate . . . VERY affectionate. When we are at work, he has to stay in his pen all afternoon. But when we arrive home, Ollie goes BONKERS!!! You would think that he had not seen us in 10 years. He wants to be with my wife and me at all times. Ollie also likes all other dogs who might come his way . . . that is . . . after he checks 'em out the good ol' dog way . . . by sniffing their behind. Then he wants to play! It seems that nowadays many people just want to be left alone. At one time in our small town, people walked around the neighborhood, visited with neighbors and relatives, and enjoyed meeting anyone new to the community. Now they just stay home and park themselves in front of the TV or computer. So sad . . .

I know several people who are obsessed with accumulating as many material things as they can . . . the more expensive, the better. They must have that new car. They are not satisfied with their new house . . . and want a larger one. Need more jewelry, need more

clothes, need more playthings. Their goal in life is to possess as many material things as possible, keep up with . . . and show off more...than the Jones's down the street. Not our Ollie. His squeaky ball is enough to satisfy his desires. And when I give him a rawhide treat bone in the evening, you would have thought he'd had won a trip to the American Kennel Club Dog Show! Ollie knows that happiness does not depend on how many things you own.

Well, we are human . . . we can never become a dog. Besides, I don't particularly want to have people pet me, and I in turn lick their face. When meeting someone new, I would likely get in trouble if I sniffed their behind. And I do like to use the restroom . . . not hike my leg up at the nearest bush. I definitely prefer my coffee and Diet Pepsi, rather than sneaking in to drink out of the toilet, as Ollie sometimes does when we forget to close the lid. Also, I suppose it would not be good manners to hump another person's leg.

On the other hand, maybe we all should ask God to let us become a dog . . . just for one day. We could learn a lot from Ollie.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

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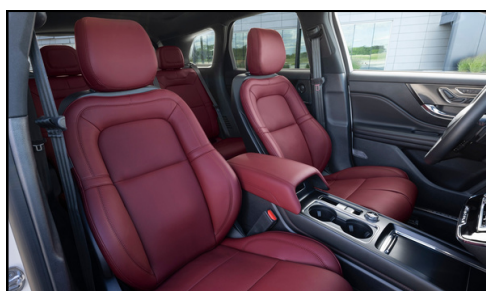
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2024 Lincoln Corsair is the Plug-In Crossover with a Touch of Elvis Glitz



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

On August 6, 1956 while on tour in Miami, Elvis Presley bought a Continental Mark II. The white over beige leather luxury coupe was one of the most expensive cars in America that year and Elvis, per usual, bought it on a whim. But the guy who barely kept cars long enough to change their oil before giving them away, kept the Mark II until 1976, the year before he died. I suspect he'd gift lots full of the 2024 Lincoln Corsair Grand Touring plug-in hybrid.

Fancy Ford or Little Lincoln?

Before it arrived, I was looking at the window sticker for this Lincoln Corsair – essentially a Ford Escape that's been sent to finishing school and endowed with a power cord. "How in hockey sticks does a Ford Escape get to nearly \$70 grand?" I asked myself loudly. Yet, spending time in the Corsair and enjoying it without churning fossils proves a compact crossover with all the Navigator's style and luxury makes sense.

It definitely cribs the Navigator's design cues with Lincoln's trademark "horseshoe" grille, floating sloping roof, wrap-around

windows, and 20" alloy wheels. A smoke chrome grille, dual chrome exhaust tips, and panoramic roof add bling. Lincoln's current SUV design cues clearly hearken from when Ford owned Range Rover, but work especially well on the compact Corsair. It looks nothing like a Ford!

That's also true of the interior where soft leather, 24-way adjustable front seats with split lower cushions, push-button gear selector, and 13.2-inch infotainment touchscreen dominate the view. Look closer to find heated/ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, heated steering wheel, and flatscreen instrument cluster. Connect wirelessly via Apple CarPlay or Android Auto and toss your phone in the console to charge wirelessly too. Active noise cancellation allowed every note of the Revel audio system to ring true.

Lincoln didn't scrimp on advanced safety systems either. Drivers enjoy a large head-up display, hands-off parallel/perpendicular parking system, and adaptive cruise. Going further is a full suite of crash avoidance systems that include automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, blind spot



warning and rear cross path detection.

EV Driving Without Hassle

For those who are curious about driving an EV, but aren't quite ready to give up gasoline, the plug-in hybrid powertrain makes a lot of sense. There's a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine, batteries, and motors that deliver 28 miles of electric range after which the engine fires up and carries on its merry way. Lincoln rates it 266 horsepower combined for quick acceleration. Expect 80-MPGe all-in or 33-MPG combined when away from a plug.

Driving the Corsair is more like piloting a baby Navigator than upscale Ford. For starters, ours came with Ford's BlueCruise hands-off cruise control system that makes sure drivers are paying attention to the road, but allows them to relax. The suspension is tuned more for comfort than ripping up backroads, but the adaptive suspension adjusts in

real time to soak up city streets, waft down the highway, or stiffen up for backroad romps. Better still, all-wheel-drive keeps it moving with grace no matter the weather.

Beyond the Mark II, Elvis owned a Continental limousine in the '60s, drove a Mark III around 1970, and gave away Mark IVs to anybody he liked in the '70s. Compared to his Mark II's \$113,000 inflation-adjusted price, the Lincoln Corsair starts at an affordable \$38,830, rising to brazenly lofty \$67,180 for our fully stoked PHEV. That's a fortune for a fancy Ford, but merely expensive all this baby Lincoln offers if you can get beyond Lincoln's stuffy brand image. Competitors include the Alfa Romeo Tonale PHEV and Lexus NX Plug-in Hybrid.

Storm Forward!

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