

car talk

by Tom and Ray Magliozzi

TOM AND RAY SETTLE A BET, BUT NOT IN READER'S FAVOR

Dear Tom and Ray:

Please help me settle a bet with my father-in-law, the winner will buy the loser his next battery. My father-in-law claims that even though car batteries may be marked "maintenance-free," if the battery has vent caps you can pry off, you should do so to check and, when necessary, refill the electrolyte levels as needed. I say no, modern car batteries do not require checking electrolyte levels, and by prying off the vent caps, you actually could cause some harm to a maintenance-free battery. Can you help settle our bet?

— Michael

RAY: We can, but you're not going to like the settlement, Michael.

TOM: Back in the 1970s, battery manufacturers switched over to calcium lead plates because they seriously reduced outgassing.

RAY: Outgassing, aside from being a byproduct of eating a beef-cheese-chorizo burrito, is when the fluid inside the battery heats up and boils off. It's similar to what happens when water boils and gives off vapor – eventually, you run out of water.

TOM: Because calcium lead grids reduced outgassing significantly and all but eliminated the need to add water to the battery cells, these batteries were called "maintenance-free."

RAY: But they don't eliminate outgassing completely. And if the engine compartment is subject to extremely high temperatures, even a maintenance-free battery can lose fluid.

TOM: With maintenance-free batteries, outgassing is most likely to happen in areas of the country that get extremely hot in the summer, or where cars are in constant stop-and-go conditions that heat up their engine compartments to very high temperatures.

RAY: Most people will never need to add water to their maintenance-free batteries. In fact, the vast majority of batteries don't even allow you to check the fluid levels anymore. But if your maintenance-free battery does have removable caps, there certainly is no harm in removing them and adding water if the fluid happens to be low.

TOM: It's not a regular maintenance item like it was 20 or 30 years ago, Michael. But you owe your pop-in-law his next battery. If you're really lucky, his next battery will be for his flashlight.

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To buy or not to buy – options, that is. Are options worth what you pay for them, or are you better off just going with the basics? Order Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" to find out. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, PO Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Hospital District (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$3,036.64** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 53rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, on July 24, 2007.

I, on the 27th day of September, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 2nd day of November, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 19, Block A, Greenwood Heights, Plat No. 9/42, as described in Volume 2205, Page 20 and Probate Cause No. 75474 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$3,036.64** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of September, 2010.

BRUCE ELFANT,
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY ON THE PROPERTY SOLD, THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. YOU BUY THE PROPERTY "AS IS". BIDDERS ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY AT THIS EXECUTION SALE MAY NOT EXTINGUISH ANY LIENS OR SECURITY INTERESTS ON THE PROPERTY. YOU ARE SIMPLY PURCHASING WHATEVER INTEREST THE DEBTOR HAS IN THE PROPERTY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU NEED TO CONSULT COUNSEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

**D-1-GV-08-001427
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order of Sale issued by the clerk of the 126th District Court of Travis County, on the 16th day of September, 2010 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-08-001427, wherein Plaintiff is Leander Independent School District and Intervenor is Travis County, and Rodney Allen is defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiff and intervenor, for the sum of **\$3,239.27** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiff and intervenor, in the 126th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on February 27, 2009.

I, on the 27th day of September, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 2nd day of November, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights,

title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

2.32 Acres being Lot 13, Phase III, Leander Hills, Travis County, Texas being that property more particularly described in document number 2002018994 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$3,239.27** Dollars in favor of plaintiff and intervenor, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

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**D-1-GV-09-000580
CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES
BY VIRTUE of a certain Order of Sale issued by the clerk of the 98th District Court of Travis County, on the 17th day of September, 2010 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-09-000580, wherein Austin Community College, Man- or Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12 and Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and James Aubrey Cannon and USAA Federal Savings Bank (In Rem Only) are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of **\$14,260.83** Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on June 10, 2010.

I, on the 27th day of September, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 2nd day of November, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

2.00 acres out of Lot 4, Block B, The Post Oak, Plat Vol. 78, Page 350 as described in document number 2006110810 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for **\$14,260.83** Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 27th day of September, 2010.
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NOTICE Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Patrick Q. Fennessy, Deceased, were issued on August 25, 2010 in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001469 pending in the Probate Court No. One of Travis County, Texas, to Quentin Fennessy of Austin, Texas (the "Representative"). Claims against this Estate may be presented in care of the Representative's attorney at the following address:

Estate of Patrick Q. Fennessy, Deceased
Attention: Mr. Lee Vanderburg
301 Congress Avenue, Suite 1910
Austin, TX 78701

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present such claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this the 22nd day of October, 2010.

LAW OFFICE OF LEE VANDERBURG

By: Lee Vanderburg
Attorney for Independent Executor
Estate of Patrick Q. Fennessy, Deceased

NOTICE Wattinger Company, Inc. is soliciting bids from all certified HUB subcontractors

and suppliers for the following project: TX DOT, D.C. Greer Bldg Renovations. Bid date is November 5, 2010, @ 1:00 p.m. Our phone number is (512) 282-0616, fax is (512) 282-5405.

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Virginia Sweetman, Deceased, were issued on October 12, 2010 in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001468 pending in the Probate Court No. One of Travis County, Texas, to William E. Sweetman of Austin, Texas (the "Representative").

Claims against this Estate may be presented in care of the Representative's attorney at the following address:

Estate of Virginia Sweetman, Deceased
Attention: Mr. Lee Vanderburg
301 Congress Avenue, Suite 1910
Austin, TX 78701

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present such claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 12th day of October, 2010.

LAW OFFICE OF LEE VANDERBURG

By: Lee Vanderburg
Attorney for Independent Executor

Estate of Virginia Sweetman, Deceased

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE Pursuant to the Texas Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, the following vehicle will be sold at public sale unless charges are satisfied. Storage Facility: AusTex Towing, 1408 Three Points Rd, Pflugerville, TX 78660 (512) 836-7443. Vehicle: 1996 Chrysler Sebring White, No LP. 4C3AU42Y1TE273803, Pflugerville PD requested tow from 1200 York Castle Dr. Pflugerville, TX 78660, 10/11/10 at 3:45pm

NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS Notice is hereby given that Travis County, Texas, proposes the approval of the following traffic regulations:

KEY SIGN WARRANTS ON WEST SIGHT COVE AND PORT ROYAL DRIVE IN PRECINCT THREE.

Any resident of Travis County, Texas, aggrieved by this proposal action may make written request for a mandatory public hearing. Such request must be addressed to the Transportation and Natural Resources Department, Travis County, Texas, 78767, and must be received within seven (7) days of this notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE to be held at AusTex Towing & Recovery, 201 E. Braker Ln. Austin, TX 78753 on 10/25/10 & also on 10/29/10, both at 9am. For more information call (512) 836-7443.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, BEN WHITE MINI STORAGE located at 405 E. BEN WHITE BLVD, AUSTIN, TX 78704, POND SPRINGS MINI STORAGE located at 13444 POND SPRINGS ROAD, AUSTIN, TX 78729, and MOPAC SELF STORAGE located at 12900 N. MOPAC, AUSTIN, TX 78727 will hold a public auction of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Auction to begin at **10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 9th, 2010 at BEN**

WHITE to be followed by an auction after 11:00 A.M., November 9th at POND SPRINGS MINI STORAGE, then to be followed by an auction at approx. 12:00 P.M. at MOPAC SELF STORAGE. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Property in each space

may be sold item by item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following:

BEN WHITE: Stuart Self, Lenora Gonzales, Truitt Adams, Carlton Whitehurst, Paul Klingemann, Marc Morales.

POND SPRINGS: Myra Cross, Denise Gonzales, Monte Crow, Myra Cross, Latia Smith, Slade Brown, Ricardo Delagarza, Jill Vanreen, Austin Simmons.

MOPAC Vanessa Mulkey, Krystal Bizzell, Charlene Lengyel, Leo Loza

Sale items to include: Coleman grill, clothes, work bench, desk chair, 4 new mattresses, lamps, end table, recliner, stereo, shop vac, 2 mini fridges, boxes, washer dryer, tools, TV, wicker furniture, shelves, dressers, couch, coke cooler, pictures, work shelves, exercise bike, old windows, antique stereo, bike, bedroom set, armoire, posters, crib, futon, microwave, motor for car, jewelry chest, room divider, drafting table, totes, luggage, misc.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapters 59, 70, Texas Property Code, Pensive Properties will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale will begin at 1:30 pm, November 13, 2010 at St. Elmo Self-Storage, 405 E. St. Elmo Rd., Austin, TX 78745 (Unit 220). Property sold "as is" to highest cash bidder. Seller reserves the right to set a minimum bid. Property includes contents of spaces of tenant Wayne Neil and Rock Safaris: custom motorcycle, 2005 trailer, amp sets, JBL SRX speakers, Soundcraft Ultra mic, graphic equalizer, Pearl Forum drumset, lights, stands, steel frame. All items must be removed within 48 hours. Auctioneer: Ace Auction Company 512-219-0209.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Storage Pflugerville, located at 445 FM 685, Pflugerville, TX 78660 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy landlord's lien. **Sale will begin at 10:00 am, November 06, 2010 at AAA Storage 445 FM 685 Pflugerville, TX 78660.** Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following tenants: J B Cook 111: 17' Boat Delta 1974; Ben Moore, Benjamin R. Moore: 1991 F150 2 door; Phillip Hill: 1987 Ford Mustang 2 door; Ben Moore, Benjamin R. Moore: 1980 NOMD Travel Trailer; Terry Lee Bresser, Terry L. Bresser: shelving's, boxes, ladders, misc. stuff; Carlos J. Flourmoy: household appliance, household furn., boxes, misc. items: Alecia O. Wells: household furn., boxes: Hayden J. Fitzpatrick: household furn., boxes: Jacqueline D. Guerra: Construction equipment; John R. Frias: household furn., TV's, misc. boxes; Judy J. Clough: many boxes & plastic tubs; Herbert F. Robinson: boxes, 6' Christmas tree; Tamala Tatum: 1995 Buick 4 door, misc. items; Amissa R. Robinson: household furn., misc. baby stuff, misc. items.

Property sold to highest CASH bidder. Clean up & removal deposit maybe required.

AUCTIONEER: KENNETH HIERHOLZER 6568

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DAISY CARRIGER WESTERMAN, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Daisy Carriger Westerman were issued to Gary W. Westerman and Rhonda Westerman Noble, on September 28, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-09-000810, now pending in Probate Court No. One, Travis County, Texas, Sitting in Matters Probate.

The residence of Gary W. Westerman is 12309 Blue Water Drive, Austin, Travis County, Texas 78758. The

quired. Contact AAA Storage Pflugerville, 445 FM 685 Pflugerville, TX 78660. 512-670-0265.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Great American Storage located at 16450 FM 620 Round Rock TX 78681 (512-248-1518) and Your Storage Solution located

at 12506 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78753 (512-339-6300) will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. **Sale will begin at Great American Storage at Noon, November 6, 2010 and end at Your Storage Solution at 2pm.** Sale to highest cash bidder. Sale contains household furniture and goods from the following tenant's spaces: Great American Storage: Bruce Rodgers. Your Storage Solution: Robert Wiede, Jose Loya Jr, Leisa Bailey, Gus Gonzales, Harvey G Johnson, Billy R Washington, Belton Osborne.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

U-STORE-IT hereby gives notice of Public Sale under the provisions of Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code. This sale will be held on November 4, 2010 beginning at 9:30 A.M. at the U-STORE-IT located at 610 E. Stassney Lane Austin, Texas. This sale will continue to each designated address location listed below after the completion of the beginning sale. This sale is being held to satisfy a Landlord's Lien. Everything sold is purchased "as is" "where is" for cash. U-STORE-IT reserves the right to set a minimum bid, refuse any bid, or to cancel any Public Sale that is advertised. Announcements made the day of the sale take precedence over any printed materials related to the sale.

U-Store-It #751

610 E. Stassney Lane Austin, TX 78745

512-441-8300

David Farrar III, unit 3173 - bags, boxes, chest of drawers, desk, dresser, laptop. Danielle Buetow, unit 3060 - bags, box spring, bed frames, chairs, dryer, lamp, TVs, washing machine, entertainment center, cabinet, tools, blower, weed eater.

U-Store-It #753

10025 Manchaca Rd Austin, TX, 78748

512-292-1760

Sergio Oglesby, unit 126 - baby chair, baby crib, bags, bicycle, dressers, shelf, suitcase, table, toys, TV, Vacuum Cleaner, washing machine, totes.

Joe Christian, unit 224 - chairs, dressers, suitcases, table, tool boxes, toilet, table saw, chain saw, router, china hutch, ladder.

Gus Gallenkamp, unit 747 - box springs, mattress, chair, microwave oven, shelf, sofas, stereo, table, TV, clothing.

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