

Hoxie prom Saturday



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Jacob Morgan, left, talked with Michelle Patmon, owner of Plum Creek Ltd. of Colby, about the length of the tuxedo sleeve he will wear to Hoxie High School's prom Saturday. Looking on is

Morgan's mother, Shannon Morgan, who along with several other parents gathered at Patmon's building in Hoxie which housed her business before moving it to Colby in March.

Lawrence-area men claim 25 goats stolen since March 1

LAWRENCE (AP) — Someone is stealing baby goats from Bob Throop and Jeff Hill, and the two men are certain the predators are humans, not other animals.

Hill and Throop, who run a goat-raising enterprise near Lawrence, say they've had about 25 baby goats — called kids — stolen since March 1. They suspect the animals are being taken shortly after they're born and hand-fed until they are slaughtered from some sort of religious rite. Young goats are part of religious meals and celebrations this time of years in Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

"Obviously there's a lot of cultures that eat goat," Throop said.

Hill said he thinks someone figured out how to make some quick money off the kids.

"You figure at 40 to 50 bucks a pop, for those 20-plus kids, that's an easy grand," Hill said.

And the partners say they've seen no blood or carcass parts that would suggest the animals are being stalked by wild predators.

"We haven't seen as much as a scrap of hair," Hill said.

The men don't necessarily want the animals back because they would be hard to raise after being away from their mothers. But they have notified the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office because the

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Hilland Throop, owner

thefts hurt their operation in several ways.

They planted acres of grass for the young goats to eat this year, and now don't have enough kids to eat it. Mothers, especially those giving birth to their second or later litters, have udders filled and no babies to feed.

Most important, the newborns would have been the foundation for later herds.

"We'd have been happy to sell the males," Throop said.

The men hope anyone buying a young goat will check that they are buying from a reputable source.

"We're after the people who stole them, not the people who received them," Throop said.

"We figure our goats are lost. But we'd certainly like to stop this from going on again. We just want to catch the person responsible."

Quiz topic: Change, new beginnings following Easter

Since we began this week with Easter Sunday, I thought this would be a good time to think about change and new beginnings.

It can solve problems as well as open new doors.

How much do you know about this? Here's an opportunity to find out.

1. If you've made a mistake in your career or with your spouse, forget about it, don't admit it, get on with your life and make the best of it.

True () False ()

2. If you said you'd do something with your kids and you didn't show up, don't apologize, because you'll appear weak.

Just do something special for them so they'll put your failure out of their mind.

True () False ()

3. If you've been having trouble with your spouse and you're both on the verge of splitting, it's never a good idea to go away or take time out for a week away. Being together is the only way to solve problems.

True () False ()

4. Never, never give in when ar-



Dr. Joyce Brothers

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guing with a child; stand your ground so he or she will have no doubt who's in charge and who's the boss.

True () False ()

5. If you disapprove of your youngster's friends, whether they're teens or still in grade school, try to "talk" with yourself first and ask questions before you talk with your child.

True () False ()

6. If your doctor or your spouse wants you to stop smoking and you've tried and failed, settle for two cigarettes a day outside so you won't pollute others.

True () False ()

7. If you have a newly licensed, young teen driver in your house, make sure he or she doesn't drive

after dark without a buddy — male or female — in the car, rather than being alone.

True () False ()

8. If you're at work in your office or in your home, and you've lost patience with everyone or everything is too much to handle, make sure your kids are safe, close your office door and take a 20-minute nap.

True () False ()

1. **False.** Admit it to yourself, try to learn from it and begin again. Talk to your spouse about it; let him or her in on your desire to change.

2. **False.** Do apologize — you'll gain their respect, and at the same time you'll be sending the message that being able to admit wrongs and apologizing are signs of strength,

not weakness.

3. **False.** If you've tried to solve differences and talked with a marriage counselor and nothing seems to work, sometimes a temporary separation helps both partners put things in perspective, and they return aware that they truly do need and love each other.

4. **False.** Try beginning again, and make a great effort to listen to your child, put yourself in his or her position, let the youngster know you want to understand and work with the child to find a compromise.

5. **True.** Make sure your own personal bias or prejudice isn't getting in the way of your judgment.

Do you know the new friend, or are you letting rumors or stereotypes from your past rule?

6. **False.** It's easier and better for you and your family to try again with the help of a support group, plus skin patches and all the other aids to kick the habit completely.

7. **False.** Studies consistently have revealed that for many new teen drivers, there's a strong temptation to show off or try to impress

another boy or girl in their age group, with the result being that their attention is split and they actually drive less safely and are more apt to have serious accidents than when they're alone.

8. **True.** This is often the best solution; it's popular with CEOs and presidents.

This timeout from stress is valuable. The person wakes up refreshed and is far better able to solve the problem at hand.

If you answered six of these eight questions correctly, you're better

informed than most on this particular subject.

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One of the diagnostic tests was for sleep apnea, a condition in which air passages become blocked causing breathing to stop repeatedly during sleep and impacting the amount of oxygen and rest the body receives. Went learned that the lack of proper rest can affect the heart and — in the ensuing testing process — discovered serious cardiac problems.

“I had blockage in four arteries and so that lead to quadruple bypass surgery.”

Preparation for his surgery was thorough and informative.

“I had never been through surgery, except when I was a young kid.”

Went reviewed a videotape that walked him through the procedure.

“Knowing exactly what's going to happen, what all the procedures are, what the rehab is, everything you are going to be going through, then there's no surprises. You know what's coming.”

In discussing options with his doctor and cardiac specialist, he was given the option of going elsewhere for his surgery but wouldn't even consider it.

“This is my home. I am proud that we have a quality regional hospital here and I want my surgery done here,” he told them.

“During my surgery, the information beforehand, the procedures, the rehab afterwards, was excellent. Hays Medical Center gives excellent, excellent care.”



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