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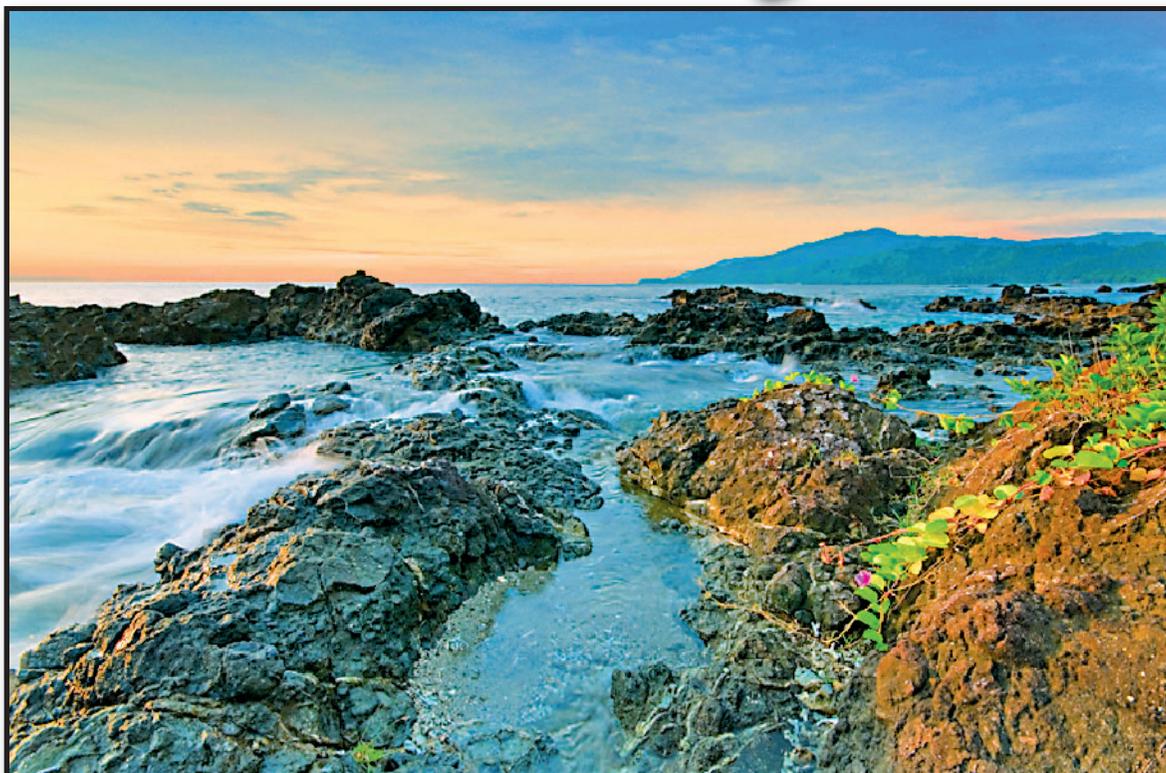
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LANDslide

They didn't even know she was gone. She was supposed to be at work. The trains provided just enough distraction to allow her mind to relax a little. She could sense their presence more than anything else. She just couldn't focus. So much tragedy had happened in such a short amount of time and she wanted more than anything to escape it. The thoughts that invaded her "fog" weren't helping at all. More than anything else she just wanted to be able to separate herself from the truths that surrounded her lately ... even if just for a while.

There ... she had consciously put a time stamp on the end of her thought which meant that doing anything stupid was out of the question. She had to go on ... not for the other people in her life. She just couldn't "think" them into her consideration right now. It was more of a conscious move towards self preservation.

All of a sudden the trains seemed more clearly defined and her thoughts took her to another possibility (one that didn't include getting a



glimpse of their underbelly) ... maybe now would be a good time to travel. Just get away from it all. Become anonymous for a few days. Go somewhere strange and be content in being a stranger.

Just then her father's face flashed into her mind and reeled her in. "Take care of your mother" ... the last direction in life he had given her. He would have to take care of her himself for she hadn't survived the loss of

him. Two days after he passed her heart had failed her and off she had gone to join him.

Now sitting here on the train platform her only reality was that she was all alone. Oh sure, her house was full of relatives that had come to take care of all of the "details" but it was as if they were just dark, whispering shadows that flitted in and out of her day.

"Mind if I sit here?" startled, she turned to see the face that the voice emanated from.

Sure ... that's fine. She scooted over just a tad to allow room for the newcomer.

"Have you been waiting long?" the voice inquired.

No, not long but I'm not really sure I'm waiting ... (she trailed off).

"I know." "It's okay, sometimes it's just better not to do anything until you're sure."

How weird, she thought, who was this person? I don't mean to be rude she volunteered but do I know you? (Even though the

face didn't look at all familiar something about the concern seemed very familiar).



"I knew your father very well ... you look just like

him."
This last remark caught her off guard and she could feel unexpected tears flow down her cheeks.

"Your father was so very proud of you. He talked to me so many times since the day you were born. He was so thankful for you." "Do you remember when you were 9 and he took you to St. Isles for the very first time?" "Do you remember the promise you made each other out on the reef?"

Yes, she whispered. I remember. He helped me up on the reef and told me to look out upon the ocean. I did and he talked to me about the beauty of the ocean and yet how dangerous it could be whether it seemed calm or was obviously in an uproar. He told me about the reef and how the reef was like life ... exhilarating to climb and yet precarious. He told me to respect the ocean, respect the reef and to respect life and the lives that come into mine throughout my life. He said the landscape of my life could change at any given moment but the lessons remain the same. My promise was that I would never forget. He promised that if I was ever about to fall he would be there to

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tering. (The only reference I could think of was our parrot ... he flutters his feathers and when he does it sounds just like ...)

"Perhaps it's something outside."

Hmm, perhaps. I no more believe its outside than I believe that there is a pot of gold at the end of every rainbow. I am pretty sure I

know what it is (whether imagined or real) and I find it to be very comforting.

You see, three short

weeks ago time and circumstance changed drastically in my life. I was running on pure adrenaline trying to keep everything together and worrying about the outcome. Now after months and months of prayer I feel vibrantly alive again. Two weeks ago another circumstance freed up even more of my time and my mind and I felt as if all of the thoughts and ideas about work, family, friends, obligations, etc. that have been stored up inside my brain (in a very tidy fashion) suddenly were bouncing all over the place and not finding any place to land; PURE JOY was the result. For a very long time I have been responsible for so many things that I had lost a certain zeal for life that I used to feel. Well, it's back!

We are experiencing so many changes now that it feels almost like shedding our old skin and realizing the beauty beneath. I am excited for every new day ... like the gift it is, I look forward to seeing it open before my eyes and observing the blessings therein.

Angels. They appear in physical form sometimes ("do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for in doing so you may be entertaining angels unaware") ... sometimes it seems we can feel their presence in another sense. We often refer to people who are extraordinarily kind to us or helpful as angels. All I know is that there have been many experiences in my life in which I have witnessed God's absolute and encompassing love through a person or a circumstance and this is one of those times. Nothing in my life is what it was 3 weeks ago ... it's as if I can see an entirely new dimension in everything. The stress that I was feeling is gone, as if it never existed, and it took with it the horrible pains in my neck and back. I have time for my animals again and will soon find my way back out to the garden.

In a day and time when we are overwhelmed with stress, grief, exhaustion, pain, suffering ... it is good to know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The

one thing I had overlooked for the past several years was caring for myself. Just a short while ago I decided that it was imperative that I take the initiative to make sure that I was taking care of me. I did and now there is no looking back. I have been blessed to such an extent that I almost feel unworthy and yet I am so very thankful.

Examine your life. Are you totally stressed? Let me give you a tiny bit of advice, my friend ... love yourself (again) ... enough to step back, delegate what you can to others and LIVE YOUR LIFE! Life should be all about spreading love and kindness but that's impossible to do if you don't love yourself enough to care for yourself. Come on ... what are you waiting for? LIVE!



Shhhh ... did you hear that?
"What?"
That swooshing sound ... it's kind of like feathers flut-

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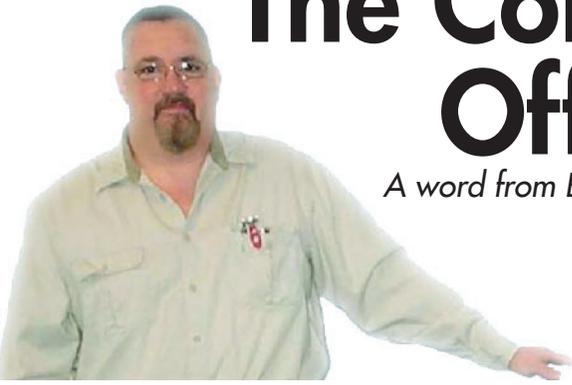
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The Corner Office:

A word from Bob Dwyer, Jr.



How do you know?

"Should I have my furnace checked every year?" "My neighbor never gets his furnace cleaned or checked and he says it's just fine."

I hear this all the time so let me be very clear; all manufacturers suggest regular maintenance. Every year people die in their homes from carbon monoxide or fire. The problem is the fact that the furnace keeps running whether or not it has been breached in some way.

It keeps heating your house ... it sounds and feels ok. You can't smell anything but this is exactly what makes a furnace so dangerous. Now I will tell you what's even worse. Every year we see dozens of furnaces that people had maintained and

checked by professional heating contractors that passed inspection and were later found to be defective. It's easy to miss a breached or cracked heat exchanger.

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"What if I get a carbon monoxide alarm, won't that tell me if my furnace is leaking carbon monoxide?"

Unbelievably I have had customers tell me their old heating contractor told them to go and buy a co alarm because their furnace had a crack but it's just a "little" crack. This is the same kind of contractor that puts a probe from a meter in your duct work and tells you if your furnace is safe or not. This is how people die.

I just want to scream "stop the madness!" No contractor has the right to guess with your life to say "this is just a little crack it can only leak this much or that much". His job is to inspect the furnace and tell you if it's breached; answers like "a little" or "maybe" or "maybe not" are unacceptable. This is a "yes" or "no" answer. Is the furnace cracked or dangerous: "yes" or "no"? There is no "just a little" or "it's just starting" and for a contractor to tell you to depend on a carbon monoxide alarm to protect your family once he knows that your furnace is breached is just ridiculous. Now I'm not telling you not to have a carbon monoxide alarm. Every home should have one or more. What I'm saying is do not live with a defective furnace and feel protected by an alarm. The

truth is that most contractors don't realize that UL listed carbon monoxide alarms won't even sound an audible alarm at low levels of poisoning. As a matter of fact the next time you're in a store that sells carbon monoxide alarms read the small print here's a sample: The "wording" on the Nighthawk Model #KN-COP-DP (P/N 900-0056) packaging is as follows: "Pregnant women, infants, children, senior citizens, persons with heart or respiratory problems and smokers may experience symptoms at lower levels of exposure than noted. Individuals with medical problems may consider using warning devices which provide audible and visual signals for carbon monoxide concentrations under 30 ppm."

The fact is that many alarms won't sound until they reach 70 ppm for 1 to 3 consecutive hours and yes, you can suffer from chronic low level carbon monoxide poisoning because your alarm will not go off. Fortunately there are manufacturers of low level monitors that will sound a warning at low levels but they are not available in stores; that's a whole other story.

If you're interested in learning more about carbon monoxide alarms; give me a call. I would love to give you some free information. My article is getting a little long.

So in closing, let's get to the "meat" of my answer ... get your furnace checked, hope the place you call is not sending the new kid or the guy that thinks he knows everything and therefore has no reason to learn anything new to your house. Do Not Permit yourself or your family to become one of the 50,000 Citizens having to be taken to the ER this year.

FROM: MPLS. STAR-TRIBUNE

1 1/2 HOURS AFTER the DEAD BODY was found CO detector sounds, but not in time to save St. Paul man.

The carbon monoxide detector didn't sound in time to help a man, 21, who was found dead in the basement of a St. Paul home, about 10 feet from a malfunctioning boiler.

About 1 1/2 hours after Benjamin Little Walker, 21, was found dead in the basement of a house in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood on Monday, a clue as to the cause finally sounded.



The Cat's Meow

As fate would have it, on this particular day the sound he had decided to mimic was that of my clan. It sounded just like a cat was caught up in the tree. The funny thing about Catbirds is that once they tire of making one sound they move on to another, such as a siren, a dog barking or a piece of machinery. It's just beyond amusing but what was hilarious was seeing Bob's face because he was so intent on rescuing the poor kitten in the tree.

Once he realized that it was the bird and not a cat at all the look changed to one of pure disbelief. Off he went to the office to tell Brenda and Janice ... and he did ... tell them. Well, the windows were all open in the office because it felt like the per-

fect Fall day outside and I could hear every word spoken. Brenda and Janice, it appeared, thought Bob was just up to his usual teasing and dismissed his claim without another thought. Silly Bob ... only the very next day found Brenda in the house tending to the dogs when I saw her bolt to the window and look up in the tree. Do you know what she saw? The cutest little gray bird perched happily on a lower limb just meowing to his heart's content. I wish you could have seen the smile that crossed her face!

For now our visitor is still with us and still embracing the "meow". It's just another whimsical day at the ranch. Prrrrrrrrrrrr

I don't know if I'll be able to sit still long enough to get this all down because I still find it so very funny that it is hard not to just almost split in two with laughter every time I think about it.

I was laying out under the bear bench in the front yard enjoying the sound of Papa's incessant crowing as he called his clutch of hens from the side yard when all of a sudden Bob appeared and he looked as if he was puzzled. He came down the sidewalk and was peering up into the tree directly above me. Then it hit me ... the dawn of realization and I almost lost my composure but my age (and therefore expertise) helped me to "stay in check" long enough to see the entire event play out right before my eyes.

Earlier in the week a visitor came to the yard and took up temporary residence in the tree. I say visitor because when he appeared he couldn't stop talking about his travels and his plans to move on soon.

This visitor happens to be a Gray Catbird (a near relative of the mocking bird) and his favorite past time is to imitate the sounds he hears - and is he ever good at it!!! He has kept us all entertained since his arrival.

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From the Pulpit

I did not have an article submission for From the Pulpit this month. Although this saddens me, perhaps I am at fault for not being diligent enough in my invitation. I apologize.

I know that there are many readers that are feeling displaced right now. There are so many reasons some of you look forward to this space ...

"I'm new to the area and am not familiar with the churches here."

"The church I used to attend doesn't have a sister church here and my pastor didn't have any suggestions."

"I've been out of church for so long I have to admit I'm kind of scared to go back."

"The last church I attended

never really paid any attention to me and although I miss parts of it I don't feel comfortable going back."

"I can't get out to go to church anymore but I look forward to the Pastors that contribute to From The Pulpit every month."

"I fell away a long time ago but I enjoy the articles."

Whatever your reason for enjoying From the Pulpit it's good to know you do. I will try to be more dedicated to securing a message for you in this space. I would like to offer a bit of solace, if I might:

Finding out about any of our local churches is as simple as a phone call usually ... the clergy or their staff are readily



available and are committed to those seeking.

Even if you don't have a sister church, please feel free to canvas the local churches and find one that fits just right. It's a wonderful journey!

It doesn't matter how long you've been out of church ... you do still need church and

church still needs you. :)

If you can't get out to attend a church – let church come to you. Call any one of the churches, make them aware of your plight and allow them to help you stay more in touch (I'm sure you miss the fellowship!) You'll be surprised at just how much a part of a

church you can still be!

We are thankful for the pastors that press hard to take time out of their personal schedules to make time to contribute to From the Pulpit ... and we are also so thankful for the readers that keep coming back for your message(s).

Grandmas



"Grandma ... why do you have chickens?" my 4 year old grandson asked with innocent curiosity written all over his face.

"They're just pets, honey. "Do they have names?" his little inquiring mind wanted to know.

No, cowboy, they don't have names.

"Then how can they be pets?" he demanded with concern starting to furrow his little brow.

Good question ... how could I call these chickens pets when I haven't even taken the time to name them? Well, some of them have names because Dinky was named and Henny Penny is named, Papa is

our proud rooster and Snowwhite is our huge white hen. It made me stop and think for a minute ... why hadn't I named the rest? They don't look alike. They all have their own personalities and are easily discernable. All of a sudden I felt that I had neglected them in some tangible way.

You know what, cowboy, what do you say you and grandma go out there in the yard and name all of them so that they'll feel more loved.

That little boy just lit up like a Christmas tree and couldn't wait to pull on his little boots

and tromp outside to perform this very important duty. I have to say I was very proud of him as he considered every single bird and named each one appropriately. Pets are wonderful and now all of our chickens seem even more special than before as their assigned names will always remind me of a very special day when my little cowboy and I went out into the yard and faced our "caring" responsibilities head on.



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From Our Kitchen

Summertime Sugar Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 3-3/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened (not melted)

- 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

- Cookie cutters

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together in a medium sized bowl. Set aside.
2. Beat butter or margarine, sugar, eggs, and vanilla in a large bowl with electric mixer until fluffy. Gradually add flour mixture and stir with wooden spoon until thoroughly mixed.

3. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to 1/4 inch thick. Cut out circles with a cookie cutter or other round object, such as a glass or round plastic container. Place circles 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
4. Bake for 6-8 minutes, checking after 6 minutes. Cookies will be done when edges are lightly browned. Do not allow cookies to get too brown. Remove from oven and allow cookies to cool on cookie sheets for 5 minutes. Remove from cookies sheets to aluminum foil on a flat surface and allow to cool completely.
5. Using a butter knife, spread frosting on top of each cookie. (If you want to color the frosting, use food coloring and mix it beforehand.)

VANILLA FROSTING INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 3 drops red food coloring

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine confectioners' sugar butter, vanilla and milk, beating until creamy. Thin with a few more drops of milk (if necessary) to reach desired spreading consistency. Stir in optional food coloring. Spread frosting over cooled cookies and decorate with colored sugar, if desired.



One of my friends on facebook is an avid gardener. I love to hear her talk about her garden. She lovingly tends it every single day from spring until fall. I can't even imagine the leisure, enjoyment, fulfillment and sense of accomplishment that must come with a lifestyle that affords you to spend your days one on one with nature.

Her mums opened up about 3 weeks ago. She lives up North and things tend to "turn" a bit faster there than here. When she

first posted about her mums I found myself really noticing my mums for the first time this year. They were still asleep and yet were lush and full. Now, three weeks later, they are just beginning to open and their beautiful little rust and yellow colored faces are just as healthy as can be.

The grasses are already looking as if they are thinking about their long winter's nap ahead and the lavender is giving up the last of its nectar. It won't be long before the hummingbirds will

take off and the butterflies will flutter to parts unknown.

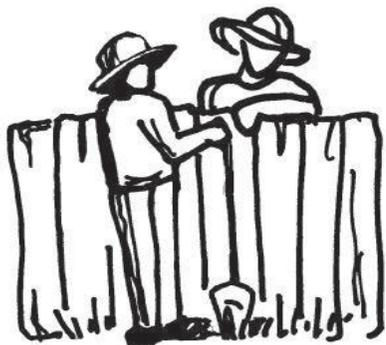
I was amazed that the bunnies this year didn't eat any of the plant life in the garden. They love to play hide and seek in the foliage but there is no evidence anywhere of them misbehaving.

I look forward to planting bulbs, weeding, trimming, discarding mulch and laying the plants down for the year. It won't be long before that time will be upon me. In the meantime I still love to just walk through and allow



the creation before my eyes to embrace me. Is it how I imagined it would be in its beginning(?) ... no ... it's so much better!

TALK ACROSS THE FENCE



Garage Sales are so much fun! Who knew???

Was this like the best kept secret ever or what? There are treasures to be found out there!

Okay, before I get too carried away, I think it's just amazing how one man's junk can be another man's treasure and I always wondered why we don't all get together and have a huge swap meet someday? It takes the whole "getting rid of things you don't want or need any more" to a whole new level! Instead of tendering cash ... just tender your wares ... ex: I would love to have that saddle ... is there anything I have that you would trade for it? Swap swap. Easy peasy! If folks from Bristol, Middlebury and Shipshewana all got together and swapped amongst ourselves can you imagine the great stuff we could all acquire?

When I lived in Chicago I would get together with my

girlfriends and we would swap tons of stuff; clothes, unopened makeup, perfume, house wares, furniture ... you name it. I think someone even swapped best friends once. (Just being silly!!!)

Okay ... maybe a huge swap meet wouldn't work here; who knows. I know I sure wouldn't mind revisiting the smaller version again! For now though garage sales are simpler and readily available. They are full of mystery and everyone loves to hunt for treasure. Sometime if you are feeling a little self-indulgent and you happen upon a garage sale sign, stop in, peruse the goods, you might find a thing or two you never knew you needed and a few you did.

Garage sales are almost a community service if you stop and think about it ... especially in a suffering economy. It's reassuring, if you are having tough times, to know that you can still clothe your family and buy much needed household items for pennies on the dollar. So, having said that ... I will say this ... thank you to everyone who has held a garage sale this year or is planning on one still. I only have one request ... give me a head's up ... I love a good deal! :)



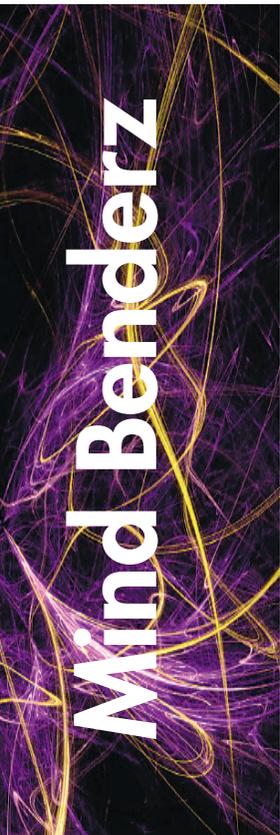
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CONTACT: SHARON PEDLER

St John of the Cross Episcopal Church in Bristol has had a outstanding summer. During the July Bristol Homecoming weekend the church Strawberry Social sold enough strawberry shortcakes to be able to donate \$300.00 to the Bristol Community Food Pantry to use for food items or vouchers.

When driving by St. John of the Cross on SR 120, look at the children's playground area beside the church. There is a modern play system and an up to date soft surface to play on plus an new attractive fence. The church school and neighborhood children will all enjoy the latest in swings, slides and a climbing wall.

Two other new items inside St. John of the Cross will be for the enjoyment and also the comfort of the parishioners. For enjoyment a new portable sound system is going to be installed. This will consist of speakers, powered board, wireless transmitter and lapel microphone. And for comfort, the 40 year old boiler is going to be taken out and replaced by a new and more economical one



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4. Overweight
5. Heavyweight great
6. Winter mo.
7. Dispersed
8. Tailed celestial body
9. Operatic melody
10. Come ashore
11. Scheme
16. Tractor-trailer
19. Wise people
21. Scrutinized
22. Stately home
23. Cry loudly
24. Horse food
25. Gold measure
26. Got together again
27. Gallery contents
28. _____ West of Hollywood
34. Morse or ZIP
35. Gall
37. Valley
38. For all time
39. Salty drop
41. Barn ornament
42. Throat-clearing sound
44. Cape _____
45. Owned
46. Byron's "before"

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1. Garden vegetable
4. Passing Fancy
7. Head skin
12. Sick
13. Brewery product
14. Reef material
15. Rubber band
17. _____ acid (protein component)
18. Speed contest
19. Not wavering
20. Pierre's friend
22. Actor _____ Damon
23. Amount decreased
26. Male sheep
29. Cereal grass
30. More sensible
31. Distintive period
32. Farewell!
33. Initiate a criminal trial
35. Not far
36. Put on
37. Notice
40. Opera star
43. Turn aside
44. Fast feline
47. Depart
48. Rowing blade
49. Compass reading (abbr.)
50. Miscalculated
51. Ike's inits.
52. Carter's party (abbr.)

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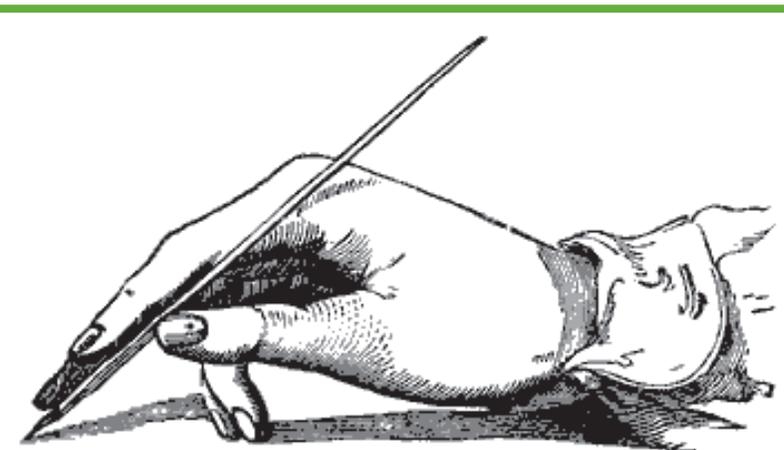
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TECH Talk

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT AIR DUCT CLEANING



Abbreviations: IAQ = indoor air quality; HVAC = heating, ventilating, and air conditioning
What is "duct cleaning"?

Ductwork sometimes can become both the source and the pathway for dirt, dust, and biological contaminants to spread through your home. In this case, duct cleaning usually means the removal of dirt, slime, mold, debris and other materials found in ductwork and other HVAC components (e.g., cooling coil, drain pan).

When should duct cleaning be performed?

Supplier Schedules HVAC equipment suppliers and manufacturers sometimes provide instructions on when and how cleaning should be performed. Cleaning schedules typically depend on equipment operating schedules, climate, filtration used, air contaminants, costs and home occupant expectations.

New Ductwork When new systems are being installed or when older systems are being updated, suppliers should provide access for cleaning system components that are cleanable or replaceable when they become contaminated. New equipment should be kept sealed until installed. If not, new construction or updating of older equipment should always include duct cleaning. New ductwork often contains oil, tools, construction debris, and dirt sometimes even discarded lunch bags, drink cups, etc. These must be cleaned from the ductwork before connection to the air handling system.

Older Ductwork As time passes; ductwork can become contami-

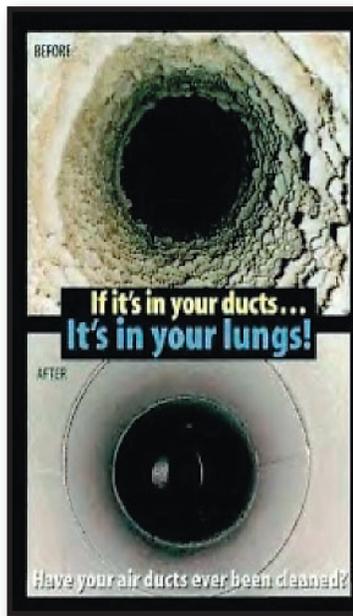
nated with dust, dirt, debris, mold, slime, dead rodents, dead bugs as well as other contaminants. The presence of these materials does not necessarily mean IAQ problems or complaints will occur. Most ducts have small amounts of dry dust collected on their surfaces ... a common occurrence that occasionally requires duct cleaning.

You definitely would want to provide cleaning (or possible duct replacement) if:

- There is permanent water damage
 - There is slime growth
 - There is debris that restricts airflow
 - Dust is actually seen emitting from air supply registers
 - Offensive odors originate in the ductwork or HVAC system
- A duct cleaning professional says we need our ducts cleaned but how can we know this is true?**
 (Remember ... duct cleaning is a competitive business. You have probably seen their advertisements ... don't be taken in by extreme claims.)
- Are there observable or known contaminants in the ductwork?
 - Has testing or observation confirmed their type and quantity?
 - Can or do they (or their odors or byproducts) leave the duct and enter the occupied space?
 - Do you have a good idea of the source of these contaminants?
 - Can the source be controlled?
 - Will the proposed duct cleaning effectively remove the contaminants?
 - Is duct cleaning the only (or the most cost-effective) solution?
 - Have you identified a

qualified and reputable duct cleaning firm? Have you checked the firm's references? Does the firm offer a sensible, sound approach? Do they have the right kind of equipment? Will the cleaning process protect your HVAC equipment and the occupants of the space during the cleaning? Are there standards for duct cleaning and duct cleaners? Currently, official standards and guideline are not yet available to determine when duct cleaning is necessary. Common sense and the ground rules provided here can help you decide when cleaning is necessary.

Are the vacuum and collection equipment located outside of the building? Where vacuum collection equipment is inside ... is HEPA filtration provided for the discharge? Is the vacuum coupled with brushes to lift the settled materials from the inside of the ducts? (Vacuum cleaning alone is not very effective.) Will they avoid using sealants to cover interior-contaminated ductwork? (Sealants have not been shown to be effective as a barrier to microbiological growth, their long-term health effects are unknown, and they may void fire safety ratings.) Are they removing (rather than cleaning) water-damaged or bio-contaminated porous materials? A duct cleaning firm says it wants to use sealants, encapsulants, disinfectants, biocides or other chemicals in the ductwork. Is this okay? Not normally. Remember, you are cleaning the Air Ducts. You do not want to re-introduce other sources of "debris" into your system. Any additives are simply a tool to take more of your money. It is not necessary, once air ducts are completely evacuated, to "disinfect" them in any way. Anything that you spray into your system will only "coat" it and make it a more adhesive and



inviting environment for the very contaminants you just paid to get rid of.

What can we do to avoid the need for duct and system cleaning?

Dirt, debris and microbiological growths can be minimized by:

- Well-maintained filter systems
- Using filters rated at MERV 6 or greater
- Regular HVAC maintenance
- Providing good housekeeping in the occupied space
- Locating air intakes in non-contaminated locations
- Keeping all HVAC system components clean and dry

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Are duct cleaning firms licensed to perform cleaning?

Not at this time. Do your homework. Look for a reputable firm with references. Preferably a firm with a long history of customer satisfaction is desired.

What actually happens during duct cleaning?

Duct cleaning typically consists of contaminant removal (e.g., through brushing/vibration plus extreme negative pressure).

If duct cleaning is performed by contractor personnel, ask them about the following typical good practices:

- Will they keep the ducts being cleaned under negative pressure during the cleaning operation? (This minimizes the discharge of dirt and dust into the occupied space.)
- Will they protect the duct system? (Avoiding unnecessarily cutting holes in the duct or duct liner, for example.)



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catch me.
 They sat for a few moments in silence.
 "Oh ... here's my train now." And the voice was gone ... just like that ... when she finally looked up all she could see were the long flowing locks of hair and the back of the trench coat. She hadn't even been able to say thank you but in the same instance she realized that it wasn't necessary.
 It was time to go back home and embrace the love of her family members that had come because they too had suffered a great loss and yet they were committed to seeing her through this next phase of her life.
 She looked to the heavens and declared, "I'll be okay you two ... my "landscape" did change but I will never forget that the lessons remain the same."



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