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4 Summer Blockbusters for the Whole Family

DON'T MISS THESE FLICKS!

Summer is back, and, thanks to the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, so are movies! This June and July, a host of family films will hit theaters and streaming services. Here are four to put on your must-watch list.

'Vivo' — Friday, June 4 (Theaters)

If you loved "Hamilton" and your kids enjoyed the live-action "Mary Poppins," don't miss "Vivo"! This film tells the story of a musical Capuchin monkey who makes the journey from Cuba to Miami, Florida, to see his name in lights. It's all about friendship and adventure and is the first-ever musical from Sony Pictures. It also features original songs from the "Hamilton" writer and star from "Mary Poppins," Lin-Manuel Miranda.

'Luca' — Friday, June 18 (Disney+)

"Luca" will transport you to two places: a beach town in Italy and a world where magical sea monsters walk the land! This beautifully animated film tells the coming-of-age story of a young boy with a monstrous secret who just wants to eat gelato and ride scooters



with his friends. The heartwarming film is a Disney and Pixar collaboration and will premiere on Disney+ on June 18 without an additional fee for subscribers.

'Cinderella' — Friday, July 16 (Theaters)

We've already had live-action versions of "The Jungle Book," "The Lion King," and "Beauty and the Beast," but now, Disney is at it again! The latest live-action version of "Cinderella" is a musical rom-com starring Camila Cabello, Idina Menzel, Pierce Brosnan, and John Mulaney, among others.

'Jungle Cruise' — Friday, July 30 (Theaters)

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Emily Blunt will join forces this summer in "Jungle Cruise," a live-action Disney adventure flick. The movie follows a researcher named Dr. Lily Houghton as she travels down the Amazon river to hunt for a tree that has healing powers. Skipper Frank Wolff is her guide, but before long, things get sketchy and, as Disney puts it, "their fate — and mankind's — hangs in the balance."

These release dates are subject to change due to COVID-19 and may be delayed or moved to streaming services. If one of the movies sticks out to you, check online for updates!



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Don't Let Your Auto Insurance Coverage Let You Down

June 28 is National Insurance Day, which makes it a great reminder to review your auto policies. We battle insurance companies every day in the fight to get our injured clients the settlements they deserve, so I thought it would be a good time to give my view of Texas car insurance.

Texans are legally required to carry liability insurance on their automobiles. The state's minimum liability limits are \$30,000 for each injured person, up to a total of \$60,000 per accident, and \$25,000 property damage per accident. This is called 30/60/25.

Let's run through a hypothetical example: Mr. Smith runs a red light at 55 mph and plows into you and your minor child, violently T-boning you in your new car. You suffer a broken leg requiring surgery as well as some soft tissue neck and back injuries. Your 17-year-old son suffers a broken arm that requires surgery. He also has some soft tissue neck and back injuries.

Your medical costs are \$100,000, and your son's medical costs are \$50,000. Mr. Smith has the minimum Texas liability policy. Mr. Smith's policy will pay you \$30,000 for your injuries, \$30,000 for your son's injuries, and \$25,000 for that new car. The problem is your combined medical bills were \$150,000 and your car was worth \$55,000. That's \$90,000 shy on the medical damages and \$30,000 shy on the value of your car.

How can you make up the difference? I hope you carry a good uninsured/underinsured (UM) auto policy. If you carry the minimum UM policy of 30/60/25 yourself, that's better than nothing, but it still won't make you whole. You'd still be \$30,000 shy to cover the medical and \$5,000 shy on the cost to replace your new car. That's before you even get any pain and suffering for how the crash affected you both.

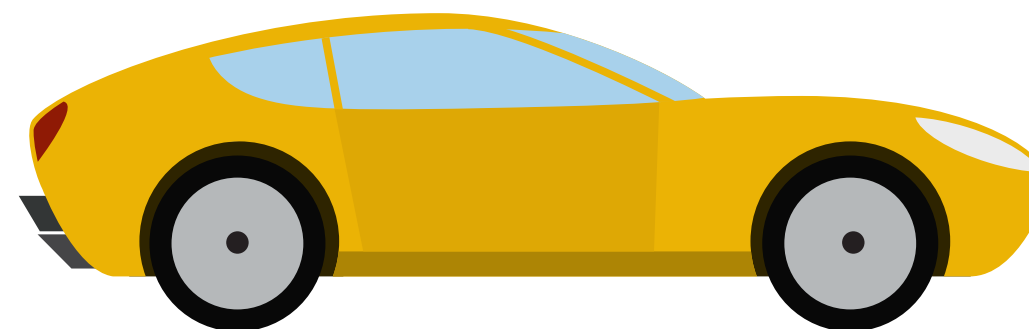
Your 17-year-old son had signed a letter of intent to play football for UT Austin on a full ride scholarship. Now, he's unable to play football for the rest of his life because of the injuries he

sustained from the crash. What's that cost you and your son? It could be even worse if Mr. Smith doesn't even have insurance, which is something we see all too often.

I recommend carrying the most coverage on your auto policy that you can afford; 100/300/100 with \$10,000 in personal injury protection coverage is a solid policy. With a decent driving record, the additional premium cost is well worth the benefit if you can afford it. Personal injury protection (PIP) coverage at \$10,000 is just a few more dollars a month and can be collected even if the crash is your fault.

I personally carry much higher liability limits on my vehicles because I see the sad situations where folks are catastrophically injured or even killed in car crashes and there's little or no coverage. It breaks my heart when I have to tell a client who lost their spouse in a crash that there's only a \$30,000 policy.

My suggestion is to carry good coverage on your car insurance policy. Call me if you have questions about your policy. It's a better conversation to have now, rather than calling after the crash and I have to tell you that I can't get you all the money you need because of insufficient coverage.



-Matt Aulsbrook

Is Animal Therapy Right for You?

Your Guide to AAT

There are just some things only a dog can understand — same with a cat, or a horse, or a bird, for that matter. That's the idea behind animal-assisted therapy (AAT), a treatment designed to help those with mental and physical challenges. AAT may look like snuggling and playing with animals, but it's much more involved than you may think.

What is AAT?

AAT relies on an innate human need to connect with animals. The idea is that humans form bonds with living things, and this connection can have a calming effect on our minds. Physical therapy and massage therapy involve tangible actions on the part of the therapist, while AAT relies on the relationship between a human and an animal. This could help someone cope with grief, lessen a medical patient's pain related to chemotherapy or surgery, provide connection to residents in long-term care facilities, or even offer exercise for those with limited mobility.

Aren't those just emotional support animals?

In recent years, emotional support animals have become increasingly popular both in the media and in their use. Emotional support animals offer their owners vital emotional assistance, but they differ greatly from trained therapy animals.

AAT requires the use of a trained animal under the direction of a handler, who will also coordinate with medical professionals to ensure the strategies that they deploy will target what a patient needs. Prior to practicing, trainers and their animals must each pass certification processes intended to help each party gain the skills needed to help patients. To qualify, animals also need to be clean and vaccinated, and the type of animal that is used during AAT also depends on a person's condition, the location of the therapy, and a patient's need.

Is AAT right for you?

AAT isn't for everyone, but it can be a vital component of your healing process. It's often seen as a supplemental form of therapy intended to bolster other therapies. The important thing to remember when considering AAT is to establish reasonable goals. Discuss the possibility of using AAT with your doctor or therapist and consider which animals may bring you the most comfort. Be realistic about what you want and need before attempting AAT.

ROAD TRIP SEASON BEGINS!

Is Your Car Ready?

Summer is road trip season, and you're probably eager to get out of town and visit places you weren't able to travel to in 2020. However, when planning a big road trip, don't forget to ask: Is your vehicle road trip ready?

The last thing you want on your road trip is car trouble — especially avoidable car trouble. So, as you plan for your next trip, check the following parts of your vehicle.

Battery

Take a look for any corrosion or loose connections. If there is corrosion, it may be easy to fix by cleaning it with a wire brush. If you notice excessive corrosion, it may be time for a new battery, or you may need it checked out by a trusted mechanic.

Brakes

You never want to go on a road trip without a brake inspection. If you recently had a brake inspection or had new brakes installed, you don't have to worry about it. But if it's been a while, now is a good time to check your brakes.

Fluids

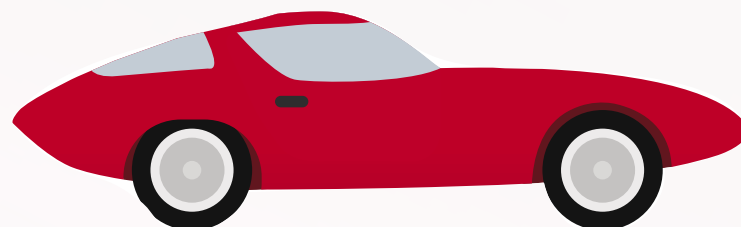
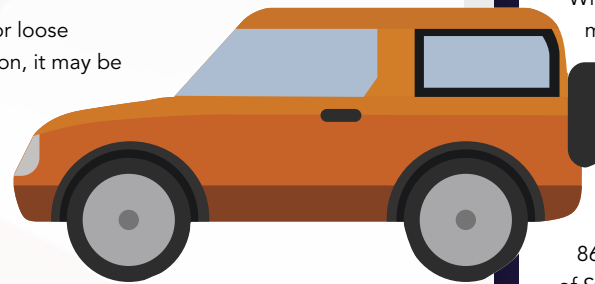
Your vehicle requires several different fluids to achieve peak performance. If you haven't had an oil change recently, get that taken care of. It's also a good time to top off brake fluid, transmission fluid, coolant, and windshield wiper fluid.

Tires

If you haven't purchased new tires recently, take a good look at your current set. You never want to take a high-mileage trip with worn tires. Check tire pressure and tire tread. Pressure is easy enough to fix, but if your tread is worn down, it may be time for a tire investment.

Insurance

While this isn't a physical part of your vehicle, it's still important to review your auto policy before heading out. Know how you're covered and whether or not you'll need additional coverages. Get that taken care of now, so when you're on the open road, you have one less thing to worry about.



The Sights of the American Road Trip

7 Curious Roadside Attractions

If you spend enough time driving along any American highway, then you're bound to see something interesting. Our country's highways are strewn with countless roadside attractions — throwbacks to the golden age of road tripping. While a few of these places are now considered off the beaten path, many of them are worth the detour.

American Classic Arcade Museum (ACAM)

Arcades may have declined in popularity since the 1980s, but ACAM keeps the memory alive. With hundreds of arcade games and pinball machines, this New Hampshire destination is considered the world's largest arcade.

Carhenge

England may be home to Stonehenge, but Nebraska is home to Carhenge. North of Alliance, Nebraska, off of Highway 86, road trippers can marvel at the replica of Stonehenge transformed into a tribute to American car culture.

Enchanted Highway

This unofficial highway, situated south of I-94 and Gladstone, North Dakota, is home to a series of large, bizarre sculptures. As you drive along, you'll spot massive pheasants and the world's largest grasshopper.

Four Corners

If you ever wanted to stand in four states at once, this attraction is for you. Four Corners is a monument built at the intersection of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah, right off of U.S. Highway 160.

Thermopolis

The name of this Central Wyoming town may sound like a place out of Greek mythology and it's a distinction well-earned. Thermopolis is the location of the world's largest hot springs as well as the Wyoming Dinosaur Center.

World's Largest Ball of Twine

Call it a cliché of the American road trip, but you can gaze upon the glory of twine in Cawker City,

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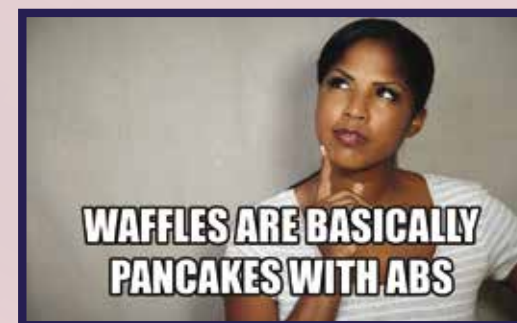


Kansas. At last measure, it was over 8 feet wide and 10 feet tall — and it grows every year!

World's Tallest Thermometer

Standing in Baker, California, this 134-foot-tall operational thermometer was built as a tribute to the area's ridiculous year-round temperatures.

Texas-Sized LAUGHS



HOME COOKIN'

EASY TUNA POKE BOWL

This protein-packed recipe is the perfect dinner for two on a hot summer night when you don't want to turn on the oven.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 2 tbsp orange juice
- 1-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and minced
- 10 oz canned tuna, drained
- 2 tbsp cilantro leaves, chopped
- 1 scallion, finely chopped
- 1 cup rice, cooked and cooled
- 1/4 cup avocado, cubed
- 4 cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds

DIRECTIONS

1. First, make the dressing. In a jar, add soy sauce, sesame oil, orange juice, and ginger. Secure the lid and shake until emulsified.
2. In a small bowl, empty the drained tuna and pour the dressing over top. Add the cilantro and scallions and stir until well coated.
3. Divide rice between two serving bowls. Top with the dressed tuna, avocado, tomatoes, and sesame seeds.

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