

Car troubles remind her of first car, a jigsaw puzzle

For those of you following my car saga, it is finally settled, for now anyway. One thing I've learned, though, is how quickly things can change.

But I try to keep my sense of humor about it all. Every time I have trouble with a car, I think back to my first one and laugh. It was a 1978 Honda Civic, no bigger than a bumper car, and it had the dents to match. I bought it in 1992 for \$150. Why so cheap? When I bought it, it was more of a jigsaw puzzle than a car, but it wasn't my idea. I had help getting into that one. I was getting ready to go to college, and it occurred to my dad that if I didn't have a car, I wouldn't be able to come home to visit. I didn't have much money, so



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whatever I bought would have to be cheap, and if it cost more than \$100, some of it would be borrowed. One of Dad's coworkers had just the thing, or at least Dad thought so. When I went to look at the car, most of its parts, including everything that went under the hood, were scattered about the guy's backyard. He had taken it completely apart to try to find what was wrong with it, but gave up and decided to sell it.

I took one look and said, "Dad, this is a bad idea." He reminded me I wouldn't find another car that cheap and insisted he could put it together and get it running. "But Dad," I said, "you don't even know what's wrong with it. What if it takes \$500 to \$1,000 for parts? It'd be better to spend that money on a car that's actually worth that much." He insisted it wouldn't cost that much, and I couldn't afford any car without his help, so I bought the puzzle. Dad loaded all the pieces on a trailer and took it to his driveway to work on it.

There was a problem with the title, and the guy had to send some information to the state to get a new one. It took about two months to get the title so I could sign it, and in the meantime Dad got the car running. Sort of. Blackish-purple smoke poured out of it, and it made a lot of noise, but it managed to get me to Colby for school. It got about 40 miles per gallon on gas, but needed a quart of oil every week. And during the few months I drove it, it was broken down as often as it was running. Finally, one Friday after school, I was driving to Oberlin for the weekend, and about 10 miles from home, steam came pouring out from under the hood. A guy in a pickup truck was just behind me and

stopped to help. He took off the radiator cap, thinking he could add some water and cool it down enough I could drive it to town. A fountain of antifreeze shot out sky-high, dashing that hope. He replaced the cap, closed the hood and gave me a ride to town. I called Dad and told him what happened. When he got off from work, he went after the car. Dad called to say the car was toast, and I'd have to get something else. He had another bright idea, a car that had been sitting in a salvage yard for several years. I could borrow the money from him and grandma and pay them back when I got my grant money for the spring semester. The "new" car was \$465, but

what about the parts for the Honda? "You don't have to worry about that," Dad said. "How much did it cost to get it running?" I asked. "Don't worry about it," he said. "You don't have to pay it back." I figured if he'd rather lose the money than tell me how much, I couldn't afford to be right. The "new" car was a 1979 Datsun, which I drove for more than five years. It was faded yellow with lots of rust and plenty of dents. The interior was held together with duct tape. My friends affectionately called it "The Reproach." I really could tell stories about all my cars.

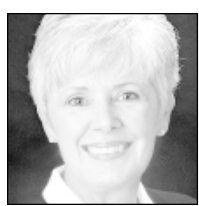
Cover the Uninsured Week's goal was to give kids health coverage

Annually, a national effort called "Cover the Uninsured Week" aims at focusing attention on issues facing the more than 44.8 million Americans (15.3 percent) currently without health insurance.

This year, Cover the Uninsured Week 2007 (April 23rd to 27th) focused on a clear goal: demonstrating broad support for the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the need to cover America's uninsured children.

Communities all across Kansas have participated in activities regarding this awareness campaign. In Kansas, this program is called HealthWave.

Now in its fifth year, Cover the Uninsured Week brings together business owners, union members, educators, students, patients, physicians, nurses, faith



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leaders and their congregations and organizations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to impress upon our nation's leaders the importance of finding solutions for the nearly 45 million Americans living without health insurance.

What started in 2003 as a week-long effort to raise awareness has become a nationwide movement to make sure that this issue is a top national priority.

An Investment in Our Nation's Children
Since 1997, the State Children's

Health Insurance Program has provided health care coverage to children whose parents work but cannot afford or are not offered health insurance.

Because of the program, more than 6 million children can now see a doctor when they are sick and get the health care they need to stay healthy. The program is up for renewal in September and must be reauthorized by Congress in order to continue.

Since it began 10 years ago, the program has effectively reduced the number of children living without health insurance by more than one-third and has provided coverage for children at a time when the number of uninsured adults has been on the rise.

Despite the program's success, 9 million children are still living without health insurance, more than the total number of kids enrolled in the first and second grades in U.S. public schools.

Most uninsured children come from families in which at least one parent works full time. Children who are uninsured suffer the consequences:

- Uninsured children are twice as likely as insured children to miss out on needed medical care, including doctor visits and checkups.
 - Uninsured children are less likely to receive care for childhood illnesses, such as sore throats, earaches and asthma.
 - 25.6 percent of children who are uninsured do not receive any medical care, compared to 12.3 percent of children who are insured.
- Ensuring that America's kids have the health coverage they need is an important investment in our country's future.
- Children with health coverage

are better prepared to learn in school and succeed in life.

• They are also more likely to get the care they need when they need it.

• An evaluation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program showed that children who enrolled in the program or Medicaid had fewer asthma-related attacks and had significant improvements in the quality of care they received.

Unfortunately, in our current system, far too many are still being left without the resources necessary to purchase and keep dependable health care coverage. This lack of coverage has real consequences for a person's health and financial well-being.

Because millions of Americans still have limited access to the health care services that many of us take for granted, their health is often put at risk by delaying treatment until their condition worsens.

Often times, when they do seek service, the cost of providing those

services can be very expensive, and the cost is shifted to those who have health insurance. By working together to address the health care crisis in our nation, we have a real chance to proceed down the road toward health coverage for all Americans.

Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, oversees the activities of the Kansas Insurance Department, which is headquartered in Topeka. Her objective is to protect consumers and help maintain the financial stability of the insurance industry.

The department regulates and monitors the activities of 23,000 resident agents, 48,000 non-resident agents and 1,684 insurance companies licensed to do business in the state. It offers financial, actuarial, legal, computer, research, market conduct and economic expertise. Call the Kansas Insurance Department toll-free at (800) 432-2484 or visit www.ksinsurance.org for more information.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

April 5 — John F. Crook, \$138 for speeding.
James A. Vanatta, \$156 for speeding.

April 6 — Eddie W. Bodin, \$171 for over weight load.
Brian C. Aragon, \$138 for speeding.
William G. Chaplin, \$144 for speeding.
Deziree L. Chapman, \$132 for speeding.
James E. Claxton, \$120 for speeding.
Kim S. Conley, \$126 for speeding.
James M. Hinton, \$114 for speeding.
Casey M. Patterson, \$138 for speeding.
Chianta V. Sheffield, \$192 for speeding.
Mormon W. Yoo, \$126 for speeding.

April 8 — Ryan R. Bevan, \$60 for improper parking, dismissed for no liability insurance and \$126 for no driver's license.
Peter W. Ingham, \$132 for speeding.
Michael S. Niles, \$96 for defective mirror.
Catherine Flint Warren, \$174 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.
Song Yang, \$132 for speeding.

April 9 — Martha E. Dahl, \$183 for speeding.
Nathaniel L. Crawford, \$133 for speeding and dismissed for no liability insurance.
John L. Curtis, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.
Richard D. Hastings, \$120 for speeding.
Troy T. Hoover, \$192 for speeding.
Nevin A. Shrage, \$120 for speeding.

April 11 — Deborah S. Quinn, \$144 for improper parking.

April 13 — James C. Wieker, \$192 for speeding.

April 14 — Aaron S. Hulbert, \$120 for speeding.
Austin M. Klemm, \$192 for speeding.
Alicia J. Vasquez, \$165 for speeding.

April 15 — Dermot P. Connolly, \$126 for speeding.
Jose O. Herrera, \$138 for speeding.

April 16 — Adrian S. Jenkins, \$251 for over weight load.
Maria I. Olivas, \$86 for no child safety belts.

April 17 — Karen L. Fehrenbach, \$246 for failure to yield to emergency vehicle.
Darrel D. Waters, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

April 18 — Angela M. Lawrence, \$132 for speeding.
Robert E. McDaniel, \$120 for speeding.

Bobby R. Moss Sr., \$126 for speeding.

April 19 — Ann M. Styles, \$126 for improper parking.
Mark B. Ferrance, \$120 for speeding.
Christopher Q. Conrad, \$144 for speeding.
William C. Gregory, \$126 for speeding.
Christopher Clark, \$150 for speeding.
John S. Longo, \$150 for speeding.

April 26 — John D. Antone Jr., \$126 for speeding.
David H. Bishop, \$132 for speeding.

April 27 — Bayani C. Apuya, \$144 for speeding.
Rafael Macias, \$183 for speeding.
Ronald E. Bradley, \$114 for over weight load.
Bobby D. Smith, \$456 for speeding and dismissed for no liability insurance.

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman

County Register of Deeds:

Richard D. Ziegler and Marilyn F. Ziegler of Douglas County, Colo., to Ziegler Family Trust of Douglas County, Colo., SE/4 Sec. 27, T8S R 41W.

Terry Connorton and Lori A. Connorton of South Carolina to Arnold R. Scott, Lot 14 except 5'10" off N side, Block 2, Sharps Addition to the town of Goodland.

Peggy McClung of Fort Worth, Texas, mineral deed to Jon Kelly, SE/4 Sec. 34, T7S R42W and SE/4 Sec. 36, T10S R40W.

Myrna Kay Reents Topliff and Dean Mather Topliff, trustees and any successor trustees of the Topliff Family Trust, quit claim correction to Myrna Kay Reents Topliff and Dean Mather Topliff, trustees and any successor trustees of Topliff Family Trust, NW/4 Sec. 34, T8S R40W.

Esther E. Elliott to Michael E. Elliott, Marilyn S. Bliss, Maxine E. Howard and Martin D. Elliott, Lots 23, 24 and 25, Block 4, and Lots 26, 27 and 28, Block 4, Town of Edson.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

DATE: Saturday, May 19th, 2007

Time: 10 a.m. CT (doors open at 8 a.m. day of sale)
Auction Location: T-N-T & Jones Auction Facility, 200 N. Franklin, Colby, Kan.
Preview sale items between 5-7 p.m. CT Friday, May 18, 2007

HOUSEHOLD: RECLINERS, REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS, LEATHER COUCH
TOYS & ANTIQUES: MARBLES, WALNUT PIE CABINETS, CROCKS, ERECTOR SETS
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT: NIKOTA HAND ROUTER(NEW), DEWALT RADIAL ARM SAW
GUNS, AMMO, KNIVES, COINS: REMINGTONS, COLTS, RUGERS, 1920 PETERS 16 GA SHELLS IN ORIGINAL BOX.

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