

Sometimes I'm grateful that thoughts don't appear as bubbles over our heads.

Bellaire family's dinosaur art car stuns at parade

A Jurassic-sized creature is turning heads at the Houston Art Car Parade. Hippysaurus is a 34-foot long, 2,000 pound fiberglass triceratops, painted in every color of the rainbow. The massive, motorized dinosaur is the creation of a Bellaire family who spent years going to the parade before they finally decided to build an art car themselves, according to abc13.com. "I'd always wanted to do an art car right from when the kids were tiny," said Gerry Waters, mom to three. "We used to go to the Art Car Parade every year and stand on the sidelines and I would mostly complain about being on the sidelines and not being in the parade," said her husband, Lou Waters. "Gerry called my bluff one year and said,

well, let's make an art car!" The Waters had seen an old, decaying amusement park dinosaur in a junk yard in West Texas. They decided to airlift it out of the area, and give it new life as an art car. "The two boys in the family did all of the mechanics and the engineering and the three girls did all the decoration and art work," said Gerry Waters. "It was about a year's worth of work, stripping her down and patching her and then priming her." Hippysaurus was a huge hit in the Art Car Parade last year, earning the Waters family the coveted Mayor's Cup. This year, Hippysaurus will return, along with the family's newest entry, Hippysaurtoise. "I just encourage anyone to give it a go because anyone can be an artist," said Gerry Waters.



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School cafe in Bedford built from 100% recycled waste

A school has become a 'living breathing example of sustainability' by transforming an unused area into a cafe made from 100 percent recycled materials.

The cafe at Castle Newnham, Bedford, was created using discarded items taken from around the school site, BBC wrote. Principal Ruth Wilkes said pupils had been shown exactly what can be achieved through recycling.

Designer Nikkita Palmer said, "I wanted to make something the pupils could learn from and love."

She said the project was one of the most enjoyable she had worked on and she had been given a £1,000 budget.

The money was raised by pupils at the state school, but the work was carried out by Ms. Palmer.

It meant she raided every skip and cupboard at the school to find the materials, which included old science stools, an old textiles cupboard and abandoned pallets.



NIKKITA PALMER

Ms Wilkes said, "This project really has become a living breathing example of sustainability for the pupils. "They are aware of the need to protect the environment and this is one way they have contributed to it."

One Year 9 pupil said the cafe was "much more relaxed than a normal dining hall — you feel like you're in a cafe in town", while another in the year below said "it makes us realize what you can do with rubbish".

Palmer, 25, lives on a narrow boat in Northamptonshire and has her workshop in Stevington, just outside Bedford, with her partner Billy Barker, 35.

She said she was brought up, out of necessity, to buy from car boot sales and charity shops.

"Being from a single parent family, we had very little money," she said.

"I hated it then, but now I love it, as it taught me to take unwanted items, do them up and sell them to make money."



Part of giant hammer artwork stolen in California returned



hdnux.com

Northern California authorities said that part of a giant hammer stolen last year has been returned.

The Press Democrat in Santa Rosa reported that a local attorney told Healdsburg police that someone had left the hammerhead portion on Sonoma County property owned by a

client, AP reported.

Santa Rosa attorney Izaak Schwaiger said his client wished to remain anonymous but asked him to 'mediate the artwork's return'.

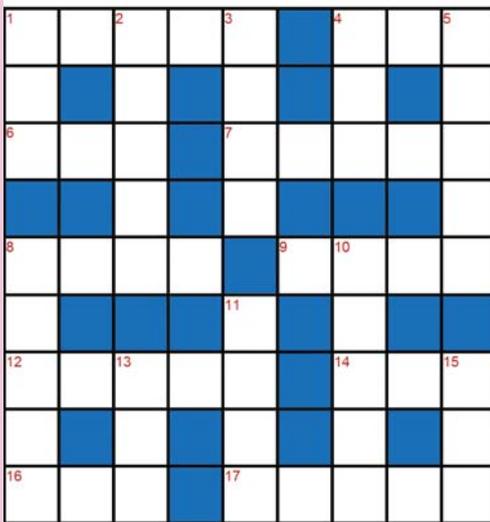
The hammerhead weighs more than 200 pounds (90 kilograms) and is six feet (two meters) tall. It disappeared

in October.

Artist Doug Unkrey said the head needs refurbishing. He also needs the return of the 21-foot (six-meter) long redwood handle, or make a new one. The entire piece weighed about 800 pounds (363 kilograms).

The art is valued at \$15,000.

Crossword Puzzle



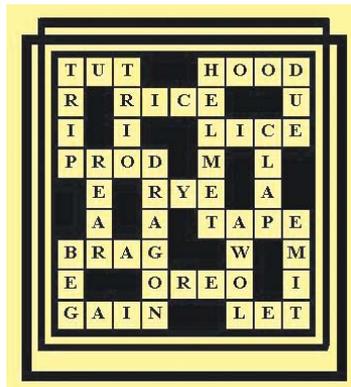
Across:

1. Foot warmers
4. Positioned
6. Informal word for leaving a place
7. Baby hooter
8. Undergo change
9. Make watertight
12. Diminish
14. Have dinner
16. Aardvark snack
17. Go in

Down:

1. Cry hard
2. Applaud
3. Broadway event
4. Buddy
5. Sum
8. A house usually in the countryside
10. Kick out
11. Factual
13. Not dry
15. Roofing material

Yesterday's solution



Sudoku

Sudoku was inspired by the table devised by Iranian mathematician Khwarazmi. Fill 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid, contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.

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