

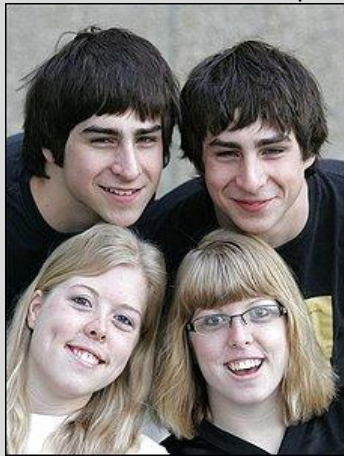


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N. Dakota twin sisters ask twin brothers to prom

JAMESTOWN, N.D. -- A pair of identical North Dakota twin sisters are hoping to double their fun at their high school prom. Adrian and Hannah McInnes asked identical twins Josh and Jerimiah Dockter to be their dates for Saturday's formal dance at Jamestown High School. The pairs met at the grocery store where they all work. The girls say they thought it would be cool to double-date with another set of identical twins. The Dockter brothers, who graduated in 2009 and skipped their prom, said yes. But don't expect the girls to wear matching dresses to go with their matching dates. Adrian and Jerimiah will wear white, while Hannah and Josh will go in black.



Woman's Stolen Car Found Completely "Pimped Out"



NEW YORK CITY -- More than three years after a Brooklyn teacher's car was stolen, she finally got her ride back - totally pimped out. Amanda Pogany's once-humble white 1996 Honda Accord was returned to her drag-race ready, with a brand-new V-8 engine, tinted windows, oversized tires with special hubcaps - and custom valve stem caps shaped like bullet casings. "When I first saw under the hood I thought it looked like, you know in the movie 'Grease?' Like the 'Grease Lightning' car," said Pogany, 31, who lives in Prospect Heights. The eighth-grade teacher was shocked when she picked up her long-lost vehicle in the Red Hook impound lot this month. The previous "owner" souped up the Accord, putting in a manual

transmission and leather interior and hanging a Dominican flag and a giant wooden cross from the rearview mirror. "I'm Jewish," Pogany said, "and I don't even know how to drive a stick shift!" When the car disappeared from her block in 2006, Pogany said cops laughed when she asked about tracking it down. So she and her husband, Aaron, assumed thieves had already stripped the poor little Honda for its parts. "It was goodbye to the car," Pogany said. Now the proud mother of a 1-year-old, Pogany had

basically forgotten about the car, simply using the car-sharing service Zipcar instead. Then she got a call from the NYPD. An officer told Pogany that cops found her Honda while busting a Queens chop shop and were able to trace it back to her even though the VIN number had been filed off. "I was like, 'Shut up!'" said Pogany, who teaches Judaic Studies and Hebrew language at the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan. Turns out, a major car enthusiast bought the Honda from the thieves and then put a ton of work into it, police told her. He was in the middle of paying to put in the brand-new transmission when the raid occurred. After months of phone calls and dealing with NYPD red tape, Pogany finally got her vehicle back. "The whole thing has been a little crazy - and hysterical," said Pogany. She's still waiting to take it for a joyride, though. Friends have begged for a turn behind the wheel and promised to give her stick-shift lessons, but Pogany still needs to get the Honda a new VIN number and registration. Until then, the hotrod is parked in her parents' New Jersey driveway, where it's been getting plenty of attention. "The mailman rang the bell the other day and asked about it," she said. "Everyone wants to buy the car now."

Alaska dog honored for leading troopers to fire



ANCHORAGE -- Buddy the German shepherd was hailed Friday as a hero for guiding Alaska State Troopers through winding back roads to a fire at his owners' workshop. "Buddy's pluckiness is a bright spot among an otherwise tragic event for the Heinrichs family," Col. Audie Holloway, head of the troopers, said in a statement. The dog, whose good deed was caught on a patrol car's dashcam video, received a stainless steel dog bowl engraved with words of appreciation from troopers for his "diligence

and assistance." The dashcam video shows Buddy meeting the trooper's vehicle, then dashing to the Caswell Lakes property on April 4. According to troopers, the dog and owner Ben Heinrichs were in a detached workshop when a heater ignited chemicals. The 23-year-old man ran outside to put out the flames, closing the door to keep the blaze from spreading. Heinrichs then realized Buddy was still inside the burning building and let the dog out, but suffered minor burns on his face and second-degree burns on his hand. Buddy was not injured. "Buddy, we need to get help," Heinrichs told the dog, who then ran into the nearby woods and onto Caswell Loop Road. That's where Buddy encountered the trooper, Terrence Shanigan, whose global positioning device had failed while responding to a call about the fire. He was working with dispatchers to find the property in an area with about 75 miles of back roads. Troopers said Shanigan was about to make a wrong turn at an intersection when his vehicle lights caught Buddy. The dog eyed the trooper and began running down a side road. The video shows Buddy occasionally looking back at the patrol car as he raced ahead, galloping around three turns before arriving in front of the blaze, which was very close to the Heinrichs' home. What came next was not caught on the video, but troopers said Buddy jumped up and down and nudged Shanigan as he approached the workshop, then darted into the woods. From there, the trooper guided firefighters to the scene. The workshop was destroyed and a shed was heavily damaged, but only some window trim on the house was scorched. ([Video](#))

Car goes airborne, lands on roof of house



STAMFORD, CT -- A Stamford driver went airborne during an accident around midnight Thursday and landed his car on a Newfield Avenue house after flipping end-over-end several times, police and neighbors said. Chenpai Lee of Pepper Ridge Road in Stamford was driving northbound on Newfield Avenue when he crossed into the southbound lanes, hit a stone wall, flew into a front yard, and then barreled into the roof of an accountant's office at 478 Newfield Ave. and ended up facing the opposite direction in the yard, police said. The car punched a hole through the roof before landing in the yard. Authorities said the car brought down some power lines in its flight, and the driver had to wait inside the car until Connecticut Light & Power crews could cut electricity to the wires. Lee was not seriously injured in the accident. He was treated and released from Stamford Hospital. Barry Gould, the 56-year-old certified public accountant who works out of the Newfield Avenue office, said the accident caused between \$20,000 to \$30,000 worth of damage based on early estimates. He was at home when the accident occurred, but he got a phone call from police shortly afterward. It looks like someone was trying to install a sun-window in his office space, Gould said. "The guy must have been going over 100 miles per hour," Gould said. Ann DeFilppis, 58, lives next door to the accountant's office and said the crash woke her up around 12:30 a.m. Friday. "It sounded like a bomb went off," she said Friday afternoon as pieces of her stone wall lay in the sidewalk and her walkway. A chunk of grass was torn up in her yard where she suspected Lee's car struck before going airborne and reaching the roof. Glass bits and plastic car parts rested in the yard of both DeFilppis' home and Gould's office. DeFilppis called 911 then looked toward the source of the noise and saw headlights shining into her yard. She said young men playing basketball at the park across the street witnessed the crash and said the car flipped over, front-end to back, several times before the rear of the car bounced off the roof. "I don't know how he is alive," DeFilppis said of Lee. "I don't know how this man survived the accident." Police performed toxicology tests of Lee, said police Capt. Brian McElligott, adding that it is too premature to say whether charges would be filed. "It's quite a feat to get up on the roof," McElligott said.

Meet Einstein, the world's smallest horse



UK - This pint-sized stallion could be a record breaker as the world's smallest foal. The three-day old pinto stallion, called Einstein, is just 14 inches high and weighs only an incredible 6lbs. The diminutive horse was born in Barnstead, New Hampshire, on Friday at Tiz Miniature Horse Farm. His tiny proportions may be more suitable for a human baby, but they are tiny for a horse, even a miniature breed like Einstein. Dr Rachel Wagner, Einstein's co-

owner, claims the Guinness Book of Records lists the smallest newborn horse as weighing just 9lbs. Breeders say that unlike the current record holder, Thumbelina, Einstein shows no signs of dwarfism - he is just a tiny horse.