



AP PHOTO

Cleanup work goes on Tuesday at the New Church truck scales after a waste truck leaked poultry fat.

## IN BRIEF

### Spilled poultry fat causes traffic woes

ACCOMAC — A waste truck leaked poultry fat along 20 miles of roadway Tuesday, causing at least four crashes and making a stinky mess.

Virginia State Police said the tanker truck hauling a waste product of poultry grease to Maryland from a Perdue Farms plant had a valve open and the liquid fat leaked onto U.S. 13 from the plant to the Maryland line.

Sgt. Joe Bunting said there were at least four crashes and several spinouts reported around 6 a.m. on northbound U.S. 13, the primary road on the Eastern Shore. One person injured in one of the crashes was taken to a local hospital, he said.

Virginia Department of Transportation spokeswoman Tia Freeman said crews dumped 380 tons of sand — or 44 truckloads — over 20 miles of the roadway. The work stopped at dark, but crews were expected to put down abrasive and more sand Tuesday morning to try to absorb the remaining oil and grease, Freeman said.

Julie DeYoung, a spokeswoman for Perdue Farms, said the company's priority is to clean up the spill.

She said Perdue hired a contractor to coordinate the effort with state transportation and environmental officials.

### Man cuts off arm after it got stuck

CAMDEN, S.C. — A man whose hand got caught in a corn harvester cut off his own arm with a pocket knife after the machine started a brush fire.

"I just told myself, 'I'm not going to die here,'" Sampson Parker said recently on NBC's "Today Show."

"I just kept fighting, kept praying. And then when I did get loose, I jumped up running, I had blood squirting from my arm," he said of the September incident.

Parker, a construction supervisor in Kershaw County about 20 miles east of Columbia, farms as a hobby. When he tried to remove a cornstalk stuck in the rusty harvester, his hand became stuck.

"I went up with my hand, and the roller that takes the shucks off the corn had grabbed the glove and pulled my hand into the rollers," he told WIS-TV in Columbia.

Parker called for help, but no one was around.

After about 90 minutes, his hand went numb.

He jammed a rod into the machine and started cutting away his fingers, but the rod and machine sparked a fire.

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## David and Anita join friends from television show at tour event

A few weeks ago, we decided to head back out from Virginia to Ohio to join our friends from the Best of America by Horseback TV show on their Grand Tour event at Smoke Rise Ranch, Gloucester (smokeriseranch.com), a working cattle ranch that caters to those "dudes" and happy campers amongst us.

We had debated about whether it was really worthwhile traveling all that way for another few days at a Grand Tour Ride, and it turned out to be raining most of the time we were there, but we had been on the road for almost six months and hadn't seen the guys from the Best of America in all that time. This was probably going to be our last opportunity of the year to get together with everyone, so we really couldn't afford to miss it.

In the end, we were glad we decided to go, not just to catch up with old friends, but, as often happens on these rides, we met some other wonderful people who have now become our friends too. Joyce and Terry Moyer were two of the most amazing characters in their own right, and were full of interesting, funny stories about their farm, their families, horses, friends and just life in general. They are great lovers of the Tennessee Walking horse and raise many of them at their ranch a couple of hours further upstate.

They were giving an exhibition of the breed to all who were interested, and not only did they show us each of the seven horses they brought with them, but we were also allowed to try them out in the arena. For those of you unfamiliar with the breed, the Tennessee Walking horse is what is known as a "gaited" horse, as opposed to standard Western breeds such as the "paint" and "quarter" horses, whilst English Riders generally use lots of "warm blood" and "Thoroughbred" horses, especially when competing!

As their proud owners will always tell you, gaited horses offer a much smoother ride to those in the saddle than the non-gaited horse, and it is often said that you can ride a gaited horse with a glass of water in your hand and not spill a drop. I have actually seen it done myself, although to a degree, it does depend on the horse and the rider as to how smooth that ride actually is.

When Joyce allowed me on one of her young horses in the arena, I didn't find the ride that much more comfortable (at the trot) than I did riding Max. However, when I was given the privilege of riding Joyce's personal horse — the 17-year-old "Electra" — I was just amazed at the difference.

It's no wonder us middle-aged folk learn to appreciate the gaited horse, the older



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

David and Anita set out from a rest in Virginia to join their friends at "The Best of America By Horseback" for their grand tour event in Ohio. A group of the event's participants are seen setting out for a ride in the above photo.



DAVID AND ANITA HASBURY-SNOGLES

we get! No bone-jarring bouncing up and down in the saddle, and you'd be surprised how fast you move on one at the walk — your average non-gaited horse has to trot just to keep up! Anyway, gaited horses, whether they be Tennessee Walkers, Rocky Mountains, American Saddlebreds, or any one of another 40 or so breeds are a rare find in the U.K., although there are plenty to choose from over here. I should say that the "art" of gaiting a horse is more complex than first envisaged — suffice to say that there are five different types of gait in a horse that only the trained eye can spot.

If you want to know more, go take a look at this neat Web site I found - thefabulousfloatinghorses.com - for more.

In addition to the fun with the horses, we observed several demos of new interesting products in the arena, and one of those was the amazing "one-hander" bit, which is declared by its inventor as the most humane bit available today, and proudly made in America to boot!

It is quite something to realize that a lot of the problems with troublesome horses can be put down to an ill-fitting bit, and it isn't until you see something like this



A young rider is seen at the Grand Tour event in Ohio. While at a demo there, David was introduced to a "one-hander" bit, which he says improved Max's behavior 100 percent.

that you realize just how big the problem is.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating," as we say in England, so as Max had been causing me a few problems with head tossing and general naughtiness lately, I thought I would try one out on him.

I had ridden in my usual bit the previous day, and Max was just so "dodgy" that half way round I had to call it a day and head back to camp - sometimes it is better to be safe than sorry and live to ride another day!

Well, of course I was a little skeptical of these bits and expected little more than a slight improvement from the boy.

In all honesty, I found Max to be 100 percent better behaved than he had been before in his old bit; he was

like a different horse - calm, comfortable and just happy to be walking and trotting along the trail. You're advised not to expect miraculous results the first time around, but this was way above any of my expectations!

As if to confirm my findings, as I rode Max back to the barn and returned the demo bit to its owner, there was another rider coming back from her own ride, saying exactly the same thing as me — her horse had shown a 100 percent improvement in behavior on the trail, and she wanted to buy a bit there and then!

So impressed were we with these bits that we are carrying them on the new Best of America by Horseback Web store; you'll find a link to it on the Web

site — bestofamericabyhorseback.com — go take a look and buy something both you and your horse will really appreciate!

David and Anita Hasbury-Snogles are British residents riding across the U.S. for charity. David can be reached at david\_hasbury@yahoo.com.

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