## Strolling down memory lane

It has been my privilege for several years to write a weekly article for the News Herald. I remember Mike and Doug giving me the liberty to choose whatever topics I like. There is always something special about having the latitude to pick the subject on your mind. I have written about our community, and special people, but mostly about subjects of the Biblical persuasion.

As I was thinking about new thoughts concerning future articles, I thought about some of the vehicles I have owned over the years. Do you remember the first car you owned? Now, if you are a guy, cars mean a lot more to you than it does to the girls. Every young guy, when I was growing up, wanted to own a muscle car. The only thing that stood in my way of owning one of those sporty vehicles was the money it took to buy one. I used to drive through Paul's Car Lot with my beat up car and just dream. There were Corvettes, Super Sport Chevy's, and any other powerful machine you could imagine. Doesn't that bring back old

memories? Now, let's get back to our first cars. When I

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turned sixteen and got my license, my dad gave me my first car. It was a 1953 Pontiac four-door that was black with a white

When Diane and I would go to the Hi-Way Drive-In it was too long to just pull into a parking place. You would have to pull up, backup, and then pull in. It looked like a funeral home car, but it had some special features. It was built so well that you could sit on the hood, leaning back on the windshield, and watch the movies. It was truly a tank, and it looked like one. The amazing part was that I didn't care because I had a set of

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wheels and I was finally driving my own car.

From the days of the '53 Pontiac we moved on to a '59 Chevy, '61 Impala, '63 Impala SS, and the list goes on. Cars have always been an important part of my life. There is a real satisfaction that comes to a young man as he sits behind the wheel of his own vehicle.

It is amazing to me how life changes us from the days of our youth. Yes, I still like muscle cars and I always will. However, I drive a pickup truck these days. Vehicles have changed drastically since the days of my youth, some things for the good, and some not so good. I enjoy the satisfaction of getting in my vehicle, turning the key, and hearing the engine start. There was a time that was a questionable issue. I don't carry jumper cables anymore because they are not needed. I can push a button and roll up the window, hit another one and the A/C will cool me to whatever temperature I choose. I can also enjoy a stereo system that I would have died for as a teen.

Someone said it best when they said, "We've come a long way, baby." When it comes to vehicles that is so true. I hope

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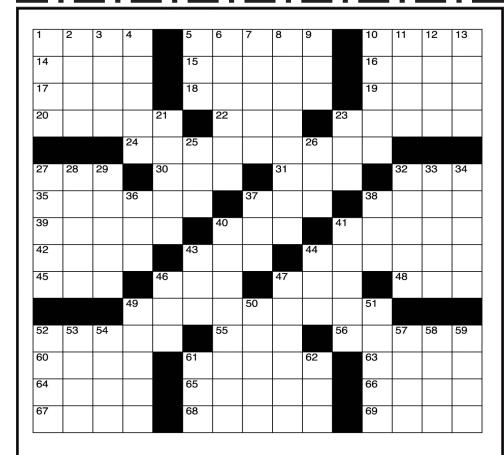
you have enjoyed my stroll down memory lane. There is no doubt it has caused you to reflect on precious memories. Just a note, I would still enjoy

taking another spin in that old '53 Pontiac, but I imagine it was crushed for scrap years ago.

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## Crossword and Sudoku answers, page 15



## **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Aurochs
- 5. Central Dravidian language
- 10. Split pulses in Indian cooking
- 14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
- 15. Well known constellation
- 16. About aviation
- 17. Bowfin genus 18. Proper
- 19. Expression of annoyance
- 20. Cabbies
- 22. Bro or sis
- 23. Spiritual leader
- 24. Where football coaches work
- 27. Old TV part
- 30. A way to color
- 31. Touch lightly
- 32. Surround
- 35. Breached
- 37. Aristocratic young woman
- 38. Dry ravine
- 39. Hebrew measurement units
- 40. Supporter

- 41. Type of sword
- 42. Influential Irish playwright
- 43. Witch
- 44. Flower cluster
- 45. Mark Wahlberg's animal friend
- 46. Psychedelic amphetamine
- 47. Actors' group
- 48. Cool!
- 49. Salts
- 52. Group of SE China
- 55. Illuminated
- 56. Semitic Sun god
- 60. Water (Spanish)
- 61. Employed
- 63. Japanese ankle sock 64. Fishing fly
- 65. Some pheasants are this
- 66. Literary name for Ireland
- 67. Must have
- 68. A way to write
- 69. One point east of southeast

## **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. American state
- 2. Hindu model of ideal man
- 3. Type of acid
- 4. Drenches
- 5. "The Raven" writer
- 6. Emerged
- 7. Alpha Centauri: \_\_ Kentaurus
- 8. Democratic Presidential candidate
- 9. Hostelry
- 10. Fathers
- 11. Any plant with leaves used for flavoring
- 12. Member of a Semitic people
- 13. Lesotho monetary unit
- 21. Lots
- 23. Jewish address for "Sir"
- 25. Male parent 26. A way to get
- 27. Body part
- 28. Seam in an organ
- 29. Landlocked African country

- 33. Fluid accumulation in tissues
- 34. Bogged down
- 36. Native American tribe
- 37. Unfashionable person
- 38. Female grunts
- 40. Well known
- 41. Gurus
- 43. Norse mythological site 44. Tell on
- 46. \_\_ Farrow, actress
- 47. Cotton fabric
- 49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems
- 50. Clouds
- 51. Satisfies
- 52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany
- 53. Phil \_\_\_, former CIA 54. Japanese seaport
- 57. Female horse or zebra
- 58. 1st month of ancient Hebrew calendar
- 59. Trigonometric function
- 61. Fashionable knowledge (Slang)
- 62. Insecticide
- 32. Process for producing ammonia