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Bowfin Street Collectors Society

A young collector of shells and rocks, Meera, would like to form a club with other collectors on the block to have fun sharing information on their collecting activities. If you're collecting ANYTHING interesting and would like to tell others about that - and learn from others about theirs, she'd love to hear from you to set up a meeting and location schedule for the club. The club would be open to all ages - from 5 to 95.

If you would like to become a member of this club, or just learn more about this, please send an email to

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including your name, information about your collection(s), and your email address, and I'll forward the information to Meera and her family. Thank you and happy collecting!

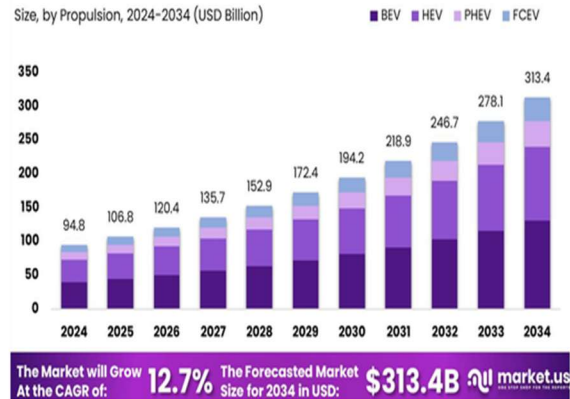
Election Day - Nov. 3rd



Aaron's Question Column

United States Electric Car Market

Size, by Propulsion, 2024-2034 (USD Billion)



A chart projecting growth in the United States electric car market size by propulsion type from 2024 to 2034. Photo: market.us

(Key: BEV: Battery Electric Vehicle; HEV: Hybrid Electric Vehicle; PHEV: Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle; FCEV: Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle)

Question: Is the growing adoption of electric cars causing disruption and/or big changes in America's 225,000 auto repair shops?

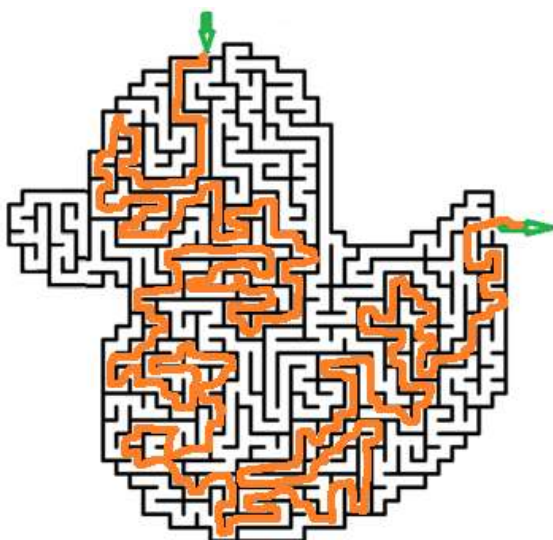
-Jerry

Aaron's Answer (A'sA): The rapid adoption of electric vehicles is forcing independent repair shops across the country to reevaluate their commercial viability. Electric cars require far less routine upkeep than internal combustion vehicles. Without spark plugs, oil changes, exhaust systems, or complex multi-speed transmissions, the standard service menu shrinks considerably. Brake pads also endure far longer due to regenerative braking systems. For local mechanics who depend on regular maintenance visits to maintain steady revenue, this declining service volume

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Solution to Last Month's Quiz

A-MAZING PLAY



This Month's Quiz

TRICK OR TREAT ?

Five of the four letter combinations here can be combined with letters T,R,I,C,K, and the five others with the letters T,R,E,A,T - to form familiar nine letter words.

First, make the correct matches and find all 10 of the nine-letter words. Then take the corresponding letter from each word (in the parentheses) – and read them in order of the definitions – to arrive at two words, either of which you might find preceding '31' around this time of year.

DEFINITIONS

a long-handled agricultural hand tool featuring sharp metal prongs (7)

to start a motorcycle engine by forcefully pushing down a foot pedal (3)

a professional designer of buildings (6)

the highest academic or professional degree awarded by a university (2)

a person who maliciously speaks ill, gossips, or slanders someone who is not present (1)

a fast-flowing, narrow band of strong winds high in the Earth's atmosphere (7)

the natural lipid or fat portion found in the milk of mammals (6)

the largest tree-borne fruit in the world, growing from a tropical evergreen tree (9)

to divert attention, a conversation, or a project away from its main course toward something less important (4)

a self-contained set of rooms that forms an individual residence within a larger building or property (8)

4 LETTER COMBINATIONS

AMNP, FHOP, AKST, CDOO,

CCHI, BFTU, ABBE, EJMS

ADES, AFJU

Aaron's Answers continued from pg. 1

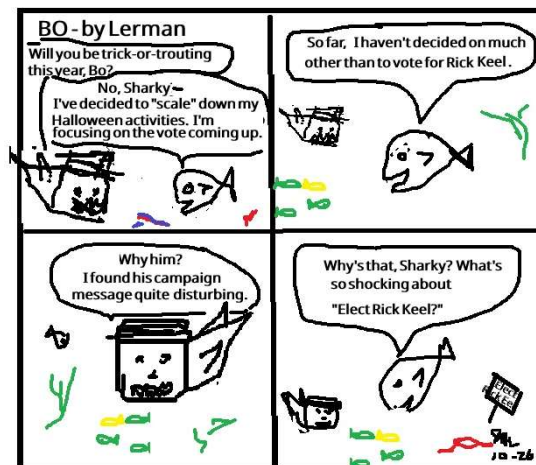
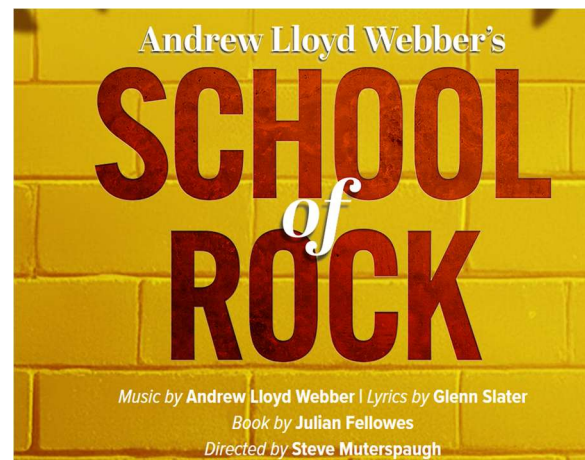
presents a tangible threat to profitability.

Adapting to this landscape demands substantial capital expenditure. Servicing high-voltage systems requires specialized insulated hand tools, protective safety equipment, heavy-duty battery lifts, and proprietary diagnostic software subscriptions. Beyond equipment overhead, technicians must complete comprehensive training programs to safely manage systems operating at several hundred volts. Independent shops operating on narrow margins must carefully calculate whether these steep expenses align with local market demand.

Nevertheless, traditional combustion engines will remain on American roads for decades, providing less adaptable repair facilities with a crucial operational buffer. The shops best positioned for long-term survival are those executing a hybrid model: sustaining core internal combustion business today while systematically acquiring the technical infrastructure required for electric vehicle service moving forward.

Coming Next to Hillbarn Theatre

Nov 19th - Dec 20th



Target Date for YOUR Contributions to the next BI:

November 25, 2026

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