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Not a Lecture

If you take care of the dimes, the dollars will take care of themselves. That is not the actual quote; it has been modified for current times. I used to say pennies but today I think the scrap value of a penny is more than the actual value.

The tighter the economy gets, the more it is obvious that we were all pretty complacent for a long time and were living the good life. I used to rarely take a travel mug with me when I went to work because I always seem to leave it somewhere and forget it. Then that last sip of coffee I didn't drink turns into some alien life form and when I want to use the mug again after locating it, there are tentacles reaching out of it and it smells like roadkill. Anyway, I now realize that NOT using a cup at the gas station when I need a caffeine recharge saves me over a dollar. My travel mug gets new love because it probably saves me enough to get one more gallon of gas.

Basically, my travel mug gets me an extra 11 miles of travel each week. The point is that there are small ways we can adjust our lives to get more value out of the money we have. I don't want to develop any new haters but some of the vices we all have can really drain the last few disposable dollars in our pockets. I don't smoke but I know that cigarettes are extremely expensive. Not because they cost a lot to make but because the government wants to punish smokers, just like they want to punish drivers by adding ridiculous taxes to gasoline and diesel fuel. There may be other reasons for these taxes but I feel like I'm being punished. Anyone who ever really went down the lottery rabbit hole would also probably not buy lottery tickets anymore.

Personally I know how my luck runs. When I buy a raffle ticket, I don't save the stub because I'll never need it. The odds of winning the lottery are pathetic too. And I know, I know "someone is going to win" but if you put all of those people in one place for the drawing, like Rhode Island if they would fit, and they could see how many of each other there were, they would feel much less lucky. Save where you can. This winter is going to be an expensive one for everyone. Think about every dollar you spend like it was your last and it's easier to save.

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COLUMBIA SELF STORAGE Content Sale

Columbia Self Storage will sell the contents of the occupant's leased space at public auction to satisfy the owner's lien on StorageTreasures.com all personal property stored in this facility by: Unit #245 Shana Ceasar, consisting of boxes, toys and misc. items. Items will be offered for sale by auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage liens.

**Auction will be held at 9AM, Tuesday,
July 26, 2022 on StorageTreasures.com.**

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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Rare opportunity to BUY a fine home needing a little work, But in the areas finest residential area. This was the home of well known architect Jack Bardakjy, deceased, and must be SOLD to settle his Estate. Nothing like it on the market. Buy your dream home at auction.

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Remember: You are only going to pay one more bid than someone else was willing to pay.

Governor Wolf Announces \$49 Million for Pennsylvania's Airports

By Ronald J. Young, Jr., M.P.A. | District Press Officer
Harrisburg, PA – Today, Governor Tom Wolf announced that three Pennsylvania airports – Philadelphia International Airport, Pittsburgh International Airport, and Lehigh Valley International Airport – will receive a total of \$49 million in funding in Airport Terminals Program funding, a new federal grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

"Airports are a critical part of Pennsylvania's transportation network," said Gov. Wolf. "Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, these airports will have the means to make crucial terminal improvements, improving the travel experience for all."

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Airport Terminals Program, which made \$5 billion available over five years to provide competitive grants for airport terminal development projects that address the aging infrastructure of the nation's airports.

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) has been awarded \$5 million through this program, which will be used to help complete the airport's ongoing project to complete a terminal connector. The project includes a new four-lane Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screening checkpoint to address capacity limitations and insufficient space to accommodate existing passenger volume and the necessary security screening equipment.

Pennsylvania has 121 public-use aviation facilities including airports, heliports, and seaplane bases. For more information on aviation in Pennsylvania, visit the PennDOT website.



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