Whether or not you love to gamble, take a gamble on a trip to Las Vegas, one of the top five vacation destinations in the U.S., according to Tripadvisor.com.

Located in Nevada’s Mojave Desert, Las Vegas is a resort city famous for its vibrant nightlife, centered around 24-hour casinos and other entertainment options.

The focal point of Las Vegas is “the Strip,” a four-mile long boulevard that is home to themed hotels with elaborate displays, like Bellagio’s famous fountains synchronized to music, as well as replicas of an Egyptian pyramid, the Venetian Grand Canal and the Eiffel Tower.

This city’s ties to “The Mob” are legendary, beginning with its roots from Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel, a Jewish American mobster who was a driving force behind the development of the Las Vegas Strip. He opened the famous Flamingo Hotel & Casino in 1946.

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You know how it is when you’re driving along and suddenly you notice in your rear view mirror that a police car is behind you?

If you’re like me (and I believe most people are in this case), the mental checklist begins — I am not speeding. My plates are current, insurance is paid up, license and registration are up to date. There are no tail light, brake light or turn signal problems that I’m aware of. Okay, phew, we’re good.

That’s how it is, too, when I see a speed trailer coming up. My foot goes on the brake immediately, before I even see how fast I’m going. In our Sunday, Sept. 9 edition, we published an article called “Surprise! Local drivers not speeding,” Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater pointed out that a vehicle’s recorded speed is usually captured before the driver has time to notice his or her speed on the trailer, thus not giving them time to change their pace.

With all due respect to Chief Slater, I beg to differ. That captured speed is likely much lower than what the driver was doing a mile back. If you’re paying attention, which you should if you’re driving a car, you can see that puppy from a quarter mile away, long before the 1,000 feet they say the speed recording starts.

This is all about the speed trailer that was placed on North LeRoy Street as a result of concerns expressed to the city by residents Robert and Marie Bechtel about speeding and pedestrian safety on North LeRoy Street between North Road and downtown Fenton.

According to the article, the results of recorded speeds on a few days in late August showed that “local drivers are not speeding.” I question those results because of the aforementioned natural reactions by most drivers. Thankfully, however, the city acknowledges that there is still a problem on that stretch of roadway with regard to traffic volumes and pedestrian safety, and will consider other options.

I applaud Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel for their gentle persistence in this matter. They are to be commended for doing what every citizen should do when they have a concern, approach their city administrators. They attended two Fenton City Council meetings and the community forum earlier this year.

Mr. Bechtel put his family’s concerns in writing and even offered solutions, one of which would in my opinion have garnered more accurate results — have an officer out there with a speed gun busting those going over the limit and writing tickets.

Anyway, the Betchels didn’t come forward because they have nothing better to do. They did it because they are concerned about the children and other pedestrians in their neighborhood.

Everyone should let this couple’s actions be an example of how to handle a community problem. Go to the city, explain your concerns and hold the people whose salaries you pay accountable for investigating the problem and doing something about it if, in fact, there is a problem. If they don’t return your phone calls or emails, go to city hall and attend a City Council meeting.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel, for doing your part to keep our children and citizens safe.
8 WAYS TO BEAT BACK-TO-SCHOOL STRESS

Going back to school can be stressful for the whole family — arm yourself with these tips to have the smoothest back-to-school season yet.

LISTEN

The first step in helping your kids with school stress is to listen to what's going on with them. Even if they aren't talking, watch for non-verbal cues, or trust your instincts if your kid just doesn't seem like themselves. Begin the conversation by casually asking about school while you're driving home, at the supermarket, or doing a chore around the house together. Don't pressure them and refrain from pressing for answers.

TALK ABOUT HOMEWORK

If they're new to homework, discuss the work with them at the kitchen table or before they sit down to work. Talk about what is due tomorrow or next week and help them to plan out how to get the work done. Don't focus on grades, but rather focus on completion and understanding the concepts of the assignment. Learning to manage their workload efficiently will help them not only succeed in school but in the workforce.

KNOW THE RULES

Understand the rules that your child's school has in place. What happens if they are late for class? Are electronic devices allowed? What is the dress code for school? Be attentive at parent meetings and understand the culture of the school so that you can have a solid grasp on what's expected of your child. Your understanding will help them better navigate demands and thrive at school.

UN-SCHEDULE KIDS

There are wonderful extracurricular activities for your child, but it is just as important that kids take time to relax and have some unscheduled time at home or outdoors. Keep one weekday after school that is “free day,” and stick to that schedule for the school year. Your child will be relaxed and prepared for the rest of the week when you allow them to have proper downtime.

ORGANIZE

If your child still has piles of schoolwork, papers, artwork, and supplies from last year, take an afternoon and go through it with them. Divide it into a “keep” pile and a “throw” pile. Be wary of little hoarders, and try to talk them out of keeping truly unnecessary items, like the gum wrapper a pretty girl gave them. Recycle the “throw” pile, and file away or display the “keep” pile. This little habit of organizing will make both you and your child less stressed when preparing the night before school starts.

EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE

Take a few minutes each day to go around the family and express things you’re grateful for. This can be done before dinner, during breakfast, right before bed, or any time the whole family is together. Taking time to recognize positive moments and blessings will reset your family’s minds to think more about the good things that are happening in their lives, and less about the back-to-school stress.

ESTABLISH A ROUTINE

Set a breakfast and morning routine that works for everyone. It may mean setting out plates and planning breakfast the night before or it may mean getting up a few minutes earlier to help ease morning stress. Try to make mornings calm and be enthusiastic about what’s planned for the day. Lead by example by happily sharing the plans that you have for your day.

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What to see and do
Your Las Vegas vacation will likely revolve around the iconic neon lights and famous sights along the Strip. But there’s much more to your Vegas trip than gambling. Other diversions are attached to the casinos, including a chance to ride a gondola at The Venetian, see views atop the Eiffel Tower at Paris, Las Vegas or enjoy the renowned fountain show at the Bellagio.

You’ll also enjoy world-class theatre, shows and musicals, Cirque du Soleil events, from Michael Jackson’s ONE to The Beatles LOVE, plus food tours and more.

If you can part with Las Vegas Boulevard (the Strip), you’ll find the rest of the city has plenty to offer. Don’t miss the Fremont Street Experience, a seven-block entertainment district in downtown Las Vegas. Check out Fremont’s light show, the world’s largest video screen and the Fremont East Downtown Container Park. Take in a history lesson at the Mob Museum or the Neon Museum or enjoy the relaxing, scenic Red Rock Canyon, just a few miles west of Las Vegas.

You can also use Las Vegas as a springboard to visit nearby Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon. Both can be one-day bus tour excursions.

Interesting facts
• The biggest Las Vegas land-based casino is the Venetian and the most profitable is Wynn Las Vegas.
• Drinks are still free in Las Vegas as long as you are gambling.
• Not all hotel swimming pools are for guests only. If they allow gambling, they are open to the public.
• Nevada is the only state in the U.S. where prostitution is legal; however, it is illegal in Clark County, including Las Vegas. Licensed brothels exist in eight counties in the state.

Your Las Vegas food bucket list
They don’t call it ‘Sin City’ for nothing. Las Vegas is known for 24-hour buffets and everything else in excess, including:
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Recognizing separation anxiety in dogs

Dogs that appear stressed or nervous when their owners leave the house or even the room may be experiencing a common problem known as separation anxiety. Many dogs become apprehensive when their owners are out of view, and such apprehension can be very tough on the dogs. The Humane Society of the United States says severe separation anxiety may be exhibited by extreme behavior problems and destructive actions. Dogs may engage in destructive chewing, excessive barking that annoys neighbors, digging or scratching at windows, breaking out of cages or enclosures, or urination and defecation, even among house-trained dogs.

Cases of separation anxiety may be simulated or true, according to professional dog expert Cesar Millan. Some attention-seeking dogs learn the behavior, knowing it will garner attention—even if it’s for the wrong reasons. True separation anxiety is a genuinely stressful event for dogs.

When treating dogs with separation anxiety, the ASPCA advises that owners should aim to resolve the dog’s underlying anxiety and help it to grow accustomed to being alone for long periods of time. This can begin through early socialization as a puppy. Try these techniques.

• While it’s tempting to take a new puppy with you everywhere or lavish constant attention, the ASPCA advises that owners provide comforting items, clothes that smell like you. Also, train the dog to follow a pack mentality, and pack leader. Training that the dog does not try to push boundaries. Knowing the pack order can relieve some of the dog’s stress.

• Exercise may help reduce anxiety. Tired dogs are less likely to grow bored and more likely to find contentment by sleeping instead of being destructive. Exercise, discipline and affection are the common mantras of dog trainers.

• Don’t make a fuss when coming or going. This way the dog doesn’t associate your leaving with a big deal, nor your coming home as something that is the pinnacle of his day. Be calm and consistent, and only reward desirable behavior.

• Provide comforting items, like worn clothes that smell like you. Also, train the dog to recognize that a particular word or action signifies your eventual return.

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DIRECTIONS
Preheat an oven to 330 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a baking dish large enough to hold the tenderloin without folding it.

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat, and brown the pork tenderloin on all sides. Remove the browned tenderloin to the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle all sides of the meat with salt, pepper, and parsley.

Cook and stir the onion and apple in the same skillet over medium heat until the onion becomes about 5 minutes, and pour in the Riesling wine. Scrape all the browned flavorful bits off the bottom of the skillet and stir to help dissolve them into the wine. Bring to a boil, and pour the onion, apple, and wine mixture over the tenderloin.

Mix together the apple jelly and balsamic vinegar in a bowl until the mixture is smooth and without lumps. Spread the jelly mixture all over the pork.

Bake loin in the preheated oven until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center reads 145 degrees F (63 degrees C), 30 to 45 minutes. Allow the tenderloin to rest for 10 minutes before slicing, and serve each slice with a spoonful of the apple-onion mixture.
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