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Quote of the month **Albert Einstein** There are only two ways to look at life: either everything is a miracle or nothing is a miracle..

Home Maintenance Tips You Can't Ignore–

A little home maintenance now can save you a boatload of money later. There are certain maintenance items that you can't ignore. Choose a time each year, like when you change the batteries in your smoke detectors and do an overall home protection and inspection.

HomeMaintenanceTips 300x200 Home Maintenance Tips You Cant Ignore
Roofs: Look for chipped, lifting or missing shingles, dull shingles or waves or ripples in the roof line. Also make sure to check flashings, soffits, fascia, and any wood trim that comes in contact with the roof.

Gutters and Downspouts: Make sure they are cleaned out and there are no blockages. Also look for leaks or places where gutters may have come apart from downspouts, or pulling away from the house.

Exterior Walls and Foundation: Check for cracks. Small ones may not be an issue and can be fixed with a mortar patch. Larger ones need to be checked by a professional.

Grading: If you see water settling around the foundation of the house you have problems. Make sure that any soil or landscaping slopes away from the house to the tune of 1 inch per 6 feet.

Doors and Windows: Check around the outside of windows and doors. Look for cracked caulk or weather stripping. Clean out window wells. Make sure windows and doors open, close and lock.
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Grandma's cures & remedies

Didn't Grandma always have a cure for what ailed you? Her concoctions sounded scary but who knew they really worked too

- **Vitamin C and Allergies:** Taking Vitamin C helps allergies, because of its ability to counteract the inflammation responses that are part of hay fever and asthma.
- **Fever and Flu:** Drink saffron tea made of half a teaspoon of saffron and boiling water.
- **Eat bananas:** Up your potassium levels by eating a banana especially good for leg cramps, growing pains and charlie horses.
- **Bruises and Arnica:** A small amount of the muscle soreness product Arnica helps minimize the appearance of bruises.
- **Tobacco free:** eating cayenne pepper reduces cravings and drinking ginger tea curbs nausea. Take a little salt on the tip of your tongue when you feel the urge to smoke. This is reported to break the habit within 1 month.
- **Dark circles:** A cold compress over eyes helps banish dark circles. A cold moist washcloth helps constrict blood vessels, which makes them less visible.



Quick Cleaning Tips

Coffee Stain Removal,
Mix one teaspoon of a mild ph balanced detergent (a mild non alkaline non bleaching detergent) with a cup of lukewarm water Blot Mix one third cup of white household vinegar with two thirds cup of water Blot Sponge with clean water Blot

Keeping you in the loop...

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

APRIL 6, 1896 - AFTER A BREAK OF 1500 YEARS, THE FIRST OLYMPICS OF THE MODERN ERA WAS HELD IN ATHENS, GREECE.

APRIL 6, 1917 - FOLLOWING A VOTE BY CONGRESS APPROVING A DECLARATION OF WAR, THE U.S. ENTERED WORLD WAR I IN EUROPE.

APRIL 12, 1861 - THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR BEGAN AS CONFEDERATE TROOPS UNDER THE COMMAND OF GENERAL PIERRE BEAUREGARD OPENED FIRE AT 4:30 A.M. ON FORT SUMTER IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

MAY 1, 1707 - GREAT BRITAIN WAS FORMED FROM A UNION BETWEEN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND. THE UNION INCLUDED WALES WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN PART OF ENGLAND SINCE THE 1500'S. THE UNITED KINGDOM TODAY CONSISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

MAY 19, 1930 - THE 27TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION WAS RATIFIED, PROHIBITING CONGRESS FROM GIVING ITSELF PAY RAISES.

MAY 31, 1889 - OVER 2,300 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD IN PENNSYLVANIA. HEAVY RAINS THROUGHOUT MAY CAUSED THE CONNEMAUGH RIVER DAM TO BURST SENDING A WALL OF WATER 75 FEET HIGH POURING DOWN UPON THE CITY.

Bizarre and Unique Holidays

April 2 National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

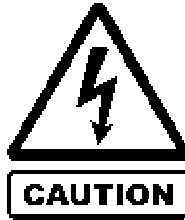
April 7 No Housework Day

April 17 Blah, Blah, Blah Day

May 3 Lumpy Rug Day

May 13 Frog Jumping Day

May 20 Be a Millionaire Day



CONSUMER WATCH PRODUCT RECALLS

Remington Electric Leaf Blowers Recalled by MTD Due to Laceration Hazard - The blower's impeller can break and strike the operator during use.

GunBox Recalls Gun Storage Boxes Due to Lock Failure (Recall Alert) - The GunBox storage box locking mechanism can open if dropped, allowing access to the gun stored inside.

BedHead Pajamas Recalls Children's Pajamas Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard - The two-piece pajama sets fail to meet federal flammability standards for children's clothing.

Lenovo Recalls Battery Packs for ThinkPad Notebook Computers Due to Fire Hazard - The battery packs, which were sold with computers and separately, can overheat.

Excel Industries Recalls BigDog and Hustler Mowers due to Risk of Injury (Recall Alert) - The seat switch can fail to detect that the rider has left the seat, allowing the mower to continue to operate.

J. Crew Recalls Baby Coveralls Due to Choking Hazard (Recall Alert) Snaps on the baby coveralls in sizes newborn to 3T can detach.



WHAT'S HOT AT THE BOX OFFICE



1. The Amazing Spider-Man 2	\$91,608,337
2. The Other Woman (2014)	\$14,407,264
3. Heaven is for Real	\$ 8,601,509
4. Captain America: The Winter Soldier	\$ 7,774,269
5. Rio 2	\$ 7,711,952
6. Brick Mansions	\$ 3,691,672

This news is for you ... our customer

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My business is built on word of mouth advertising and I'd like to thank the following people who were kind enough to recommend my services to their friends.

Thank you soooo much!

Done Rite roofing

Chuck Ankrom

Arrys roofing

Ed Gleason

Justin Jones

Molly Gilliard

Maintenance tips continued

Porches, Decks, and Patios, Driveways and Sidewalks: Look for any rot, loose rails or steps and deterioration. Seal your deck yearly to prevent rot. Patios, driveways and sidewalks should be checked for cracks or settling and patched as needed.

Attics and Crawlspace, Walls and Ceilings: Look for water leakage and damage, mildew, mold or fungus. Check attic vents or fans to be sure they are working properly.

Also look for signs of damage due to animals (birds, squirrels, rats, mice, etc.), or termites/carpenter ant. If you find either, call an exterminator.

Electrical: Look for loose outlets, broken switches, ground fault circuit interrupters near sinks and the breaker panel for signs of issues with shorts or fire damage. Unless you have good electrical knowledge, hire an electrician to do any fixes.

Heating and Air Conditioning: Check to see if it runs, or runs non-stop, and look for bent or misshapen ac coils. Also clean debris away from the fan blades, after turning it off, of course. Have air ducts professionally cleaned.

Plumbing: Look for leaky faucets and supply lines. Caulk any fixtures that need it. Check sump pumps to ensure proper function, and test the pressure relief valve on your water heater to ensure that it hasn't seized up.

Summer is almost here.

I can't believe it's almost summer and I'm already thinking about our traditional July family vacation. And the anticipation is growing, I really look forward to spending time with the grand kids and of course their parents. Isn't that why we had kids in the first place. Well that was not the thought when we had kids in the beginning.

It was a revelation when the grand babies came along. Time really flies the youngest Johnny just turned one and the oldest Abby is turning 12. 12 was a real interesting time with our daughters. I'm thankful that I don't have to go through the adolescent years with girls again. It's our daughters turn.

It's amazing how fast everything happens and how I get caught up in the moment.

When I sit back and think about my family I realize how truly blessed am and I need to let them know more how important they are to me.

Go give someone in your family a big hug today

The grandkids special!

Refer a friend, family member or even yourself.

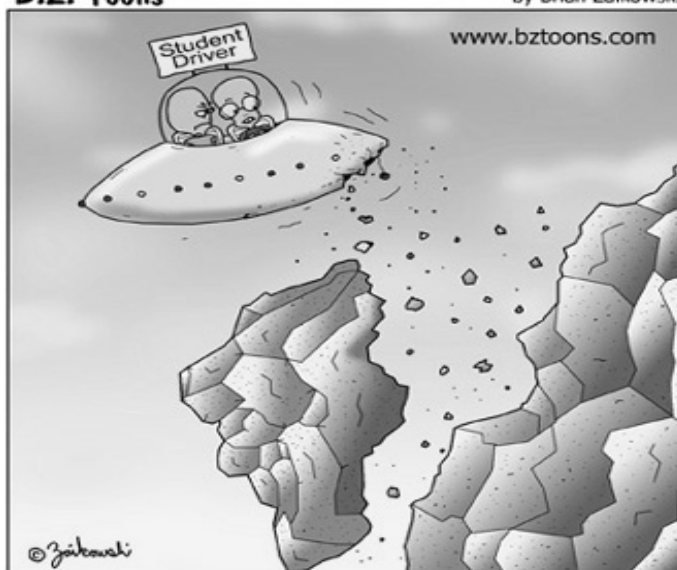
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SURPRISE!!

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by Brian Zaikowski

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What really happened to the Old Man Of The Mountain.

**EVEN MORE
TOP
SECRET
RECIPES**

Grilled Peaches and Pork

Ingredients : 4 (4-ounce) boneless center-cut pork loin chops, 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar, 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice, 3 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, 4 large peaches, peeled, halved, and pitted (12 ounces), Cooking spray, 6 cups trimmed arugula, 1 teaspoon turbinado or granulated sugar

- Place each piece of pork between 2 sheets of heavy-duty plastic wrap, and pound each piece to 1/4-inch thickness using a meat mallet or a rolling pin.
- Combine 2 tablespoons vinegar, juice, thyme, salt, and pepper in a small bowl. Reserve 1 tablespoon juice mixture. Pour the remaining juice mixture in a large zip-top plastic bag. Add pork; seal and marinate in refrigerator for 1 hour, turning occasionally. Preheat grill to medium
- Place peaches, cut sides up, on a plate; drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoons vinegar.
- Place pork on grill rack coated with cooking spray; grill 3 minutes on each side or until pork is done. Set aside.
- Place on rack cook 4 minutes soft and brown, drizzle arugula with juice mixture divide into 4 plates

Shiver-Me-Timbers Word Search Puzzle

Find the hidden words associated with the swashbuckling villains of yore.

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 LANDLUBBER
 MAP
 MARRAUDER
 MUTINY
 PARROT
 PEELEG
 PILLAGE
 PLUNDER
 RAID
 RUFFIAN
 SKULL
 SWASHBUCKLER
 TREASURE
 YARDARM