

Did You Know...

- No word in the English dictionary rhymes with the word "Month."
- The first toilet ever seen on television was on *Leave it To Beaver*.
- The first Ford cars had Dodge engines.
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.



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Fuel For Thought

Hello, Friends!

I hope all is well with you and your family! The warm weather is finally here (hopefully to stay). By the time you receive this newsletter, the derby will probably be over. I hope you had the winner...I probably won the same as last year (a negative number!). I'm not very good at gambling on horses— they always beat ME!

Well, school is almost out for our kids. Gosh, where has the year gone? I know I have a son graduating from 8th grade this year. They really grow up fast. It's so hard for me to believe that he will be in high school next year. It seems like just a short time ago he was just learning how to dribble a basketball or swing a bat.

On a work related subject, we are trying to increase our e-mail list in order to offer you more valuable coupons and specials. With the increase in postage, increases in printing costs, and increase in paper costs, it has become very expensive to mail a lot of pieces very often. Therefore, we are asking you to please give us your e-mail address so we can send you some very valuable offers...targeted to the things your vehicle needs. In this tough economy, that will help save us some money on our advertising, so we can pass the

savings on to you—PLUS you will save some money with the valuable offers we send you! I promise not to bug you too often— we will only get in touch when we have a special you could benefit from. Check out the newsletter insert this month for a special gift that you can get for **FREE** when you send us your e-mail address!

I am also trying to put together a blog site that I can, hopefully, use to pass on some helpful automotive tips to you. I'll let you know when that is up and running so you can check it out (if we have your e-mail address, that will be even easier!). Being the dinosaur I am, these things are difficult for me, but I hope that when completed they will be beneficial to you!

Last, but certainly not least, I must put in a word for the summer picnic at my church, St. Athanasius. I know many of you belong there and already know how much fun it is, but for any of you that have never been to our picnic, come on out and join us! The picnic has a great chicken dinner on Saturday night— there is also fish and brats, and this year we are adding a fried pork sandwich!

There are many booths that you can try your luck at, along with rides for the kids. It is a great time for all, so come on out and join us! I'll be there both days working in the prize room— I'll be looking for you! Don't be shy, come on up and say hi! This year it s on Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th.

Well, I'm out of room for this month—I hope you all have a great month! See you soon!

John

P.S. To all you mothers...I wish you the VERY BEST mothers day ever!!!!!!

P.P.S. This month we're offering a FREE A/C inspection! Call for your appointment today!

Events

Kentucky Oaks 135	1st
Kentucky Derby 135	2nd
Cinco De Mayo	5th
Mother's Day	10th
International Nurse's Day	12th
Memorial Day	25th

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Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk

A noted research scientist likes to tell how he found his destiny at a very young age. As a small boy, he tried to get a container of milk from the refrigerator all by himself. He dropped it, and milk poured all over the floor.

His mother rushed into the kitchen, of course, but instead of scolding him, she decided to turn this minor disaster into an opportunity. "What a great mess!" she said. Since the damage had already been done, she encouraged her son to get on

the floor and play in the big puddles of milk. Then she moved on to the next step: responsibility for solving the problem. "Well, we've got to clean it up now," she said. "What do you think would be the best way to do that?" The young boy picked up a sponge, and they worked together to clean up the mess.

Then the mother looked to the future: "Let's see if we can figure out a way for you to get a carton from the refrigerator

without dropping it again." She found an empty carton, filled it with water, and took it outside so they could experiment until the boy figured out a safe way to lift and carry it without spilling it.

As an adult, the scientist credits his mother with teaching him not to be afraid of making mistakes. Isn't that a better response than anger and punishment?

Start The Summer Right With Grilling Safety Tips

For many of us, Memorial Day weekend is prime time to grill burgers in the back yard (or shrimp at the shore, or bratwurst on the balcony, or whatever). Don't let your enjoyment turn into a trip to the emergency room. Safe grilling calls for preparation. Take some simple precautions:

- **Choose the right location.** Position your grill a safe distance from home siding and deck railings, and out from under eaves or low tree branches. Establish a three-foot safety zone to protect pets and children from burns.

- **Be prepared for emergencies.** Keep a spray bottle or a fire extinguisher within reach to prevent a flare-up from spreading. Clean out the bottom of your grill thoroughly after each use to get rid of grease that can build up quickly.
- **Handle food carefully.** You can reduce cooking time by preheating your food in the microwave, but be sure to start grilling it immediately. Keep a thermometer handy to check food temperatures (165° F is a good internal temperature for most meats, but

check your cookbook to be certain). Don't place food on the same plate you used to carry it out to the grill—unless you wash it thoroughly with hot, soapy water—as it might otherwise retain dangerous bacteria. Use a clean platter to serve the finished meal.



A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary.
- Dorothy Fisher

Impress Mom on Her Big Day (Hint: Not Just a Card!)

Doesn't your mother deserve more than a generic greeting card on Mother's Day? Here are three ideas for a personal, thoughtful gift she'll treasure:

- **A Photo Album.** Fill it with photos that mean something to her: pictures of your family, pets, and places you've lived, as well as quotations,

ticket stubs, postcards, etc.

- **A Tribute Video.** It doesn't have to be long or involved. Use your digital camera to record a sincere message. If you have the resources, mix in a montage of photos or her favorite songs.
- **A Special Class.** Enroll her

in a seminar on something she loves or has always wanted to do but has never taken the time. Do some research so it's a really good fit. Give a gift that goes along with it: a sketch pad if you're signing her up for an art class, for example.

Clean Air Means Longer Life, Scientist Say

Take a deep breath—lots of them. You'll likely be breathing longer these days, thanks to improved air quality. Researchers at Brigham Young University and the Harvard School of Public Health, writing in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, say that

since the introduction of the Clean Air Act in 1978, American's life expectancy has increased by 2.72 years. Although changes in smoking habits and better socio-economic living conditions are a major factor in our increased longevity, the scientists note that as

much as five weeks of our lengthened lifespans are due to better air because of cuts in auto emissions, steel mills, diesel engines, and coal-fired power plants.

A good head
and a good
heart are always
a formidable
combination.
- Nelson
Mandela

U.S. Workers Satisfied With Their Jobs—Sort Of

It may not be an overwhelming sign of workplace happiness, but Salary.com's 2008/2009 Employee Satisfaction and Retention Survey reports that 65 percent of employees say they're at least somewhat satisfied with their current jobs, although 65 percent

also admit to being on the lookout (or conducting an active search) for a new job. Their managers, however, aren't fully on top of the situation: In the survey, employers estimated that 77 percent of their workers are somewhat satisfied with their jobs, and

think only 37 percent are looking to move on. Managers take note: Even in the current economic environment, it seems, employees aren't willing to stick around in a position they don't like.

What About The Poppies?

The idea of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day is said to have originated with a woman named Moina Michael. A former teacher at the University of Georgia, Michael was working for the YMCA Overseas War Secretaries at the end of World War I. In 1918, Michael read the poem "In Flanders Fields," by Canadian poet and doctor John McCrea. The poem's opening line, "In Flanders Field, the poppies blow/ Between the crosses,

row on row..." caught her imagination.

This was a few days before the Armistice was signed to end the war, and at the time the Overseas War Secretaries' annual conference was being held in New York City. According to some sources, grateful delegates gave Michael \$10 in recognition of her help with the conference, and she spent the money on 25 red silk poppies to hand out to participants. (Other sources say

she made the poppies herself) Michael then decided that the poppy was a novel symbol of remembrance, and she began a campaign for its acceptance. Two years later the American Legion adopted it at its own conference, and poppies have symbolized the day ever since.

How a Pocketful of Goopy Chocolate Altered Our Kitchens

A candy bar and some popcorn led to the invention of the microwave oven. One day in 1945 a smart engineer named Percy L. Spencer was working at his lab at Raytheon Company. Spencer was standing next to the magnetron, a power tube that drove radar technology. Feeling a strange sensation, he checked his

pockets. The candy bar that he'd brought to work that day had melted!

Curious, Spencer theorized that the magnetron might be emitting something that cooked without heating. To test it, he bought a bag of popcorn kernels and held it in front of the machine. Soon he heard pop-

ping. From this unexpected discovery, Spencer and Raytheon Co. developed the first microwave oven, changing the way people everywhere cook (and make popcorn!)

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The Answers To These Questions
And Many More Are Inside!

