

# Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

A P R I L 2003

## What Happens in the month of April?

It is mainly a sowing time on many northern farms, and in some parts of the world April is a harvest time for grain. The professional baseball season begins in the U.S. and amateurs in many other sports are lured outside with the first warm days. Homeowners begin their spring-cleaning and start work on their gardens and lawns.

Easter Sunday nearly always falls in April, and is preceded by other Christian celebrations such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. The Jewish festival of Pesah (Passover) often comes early in April and the Chinese celebrate the Pure and Bright Festival in early April. People in England and Canada celebrate St. George's Day to honor the patron saint of England.

The flowers for April are the sweet pea and the daisy. The birthstone for April is the diamond.



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## Historical April Days

- 1621 - American colonists and Indians sign the first treaty
- 1653 - The first postage stamps are used (in Paris)
- 1775 - The Revolutionary War begins in Lexington
- 1798 - Department of the Navy is established
- 1828 - Noah Webster publishes first American dictionary
- 1849 - Walter Hunt invents the safety pin
- 1860 - Pony express service began in St. Joseph, Missouri
- 1901 - New York is the first state to require license plates
- 1902 - First motion picture theater opens (Los Angeles)
- 1912 - The Titanic hits an iceberg in the North Atlantic
- 1913 - Gideon Sundback patents an all-purpose zipper
- 1919 - First successful parachute jump
- 1939 - Television is first publicly broadcast, from the Empire State Building
- 1947 - Boulder Dam changes its name back to Hoover Dam
- 1964 - Ford Motor Company unveils its Mustang model with a base price of \$2,368
- 1975 - Vietnam War ends with South Vietnam's surrender to North Vietnam

# How to Handle "Gadgets" When Flying in an Airplane

The increased security in airports and on airplanes has given rise to some confusion over which electronic devices can be used where and when. Here are guidelines for portable electronic device usage when traveling by air:

## Devices that may be operated at all times:

- Hearing aids
- Implanted medical devices such as pacemakers
- Electronic nerve stimulators
- Electronic watches



## Devices that may be operated in flight, but must be turned off and properly stored prior to departure from the gate, during taxi, takeoff and landing:

- Portable computers with or without an umbilical cord or mouse
- Electronic calculators
- Audio recorders or players
- Handheld electronic games, including Furbys
- Electronic cameras
- Global positioning satellite receivers
- DVD players
- Personal digital assistants, like Palm Pilots



## Devices that may be turned on and used when the aircraft is on the ground and at least one entry door is open:

- Cellular/Mobile Phones
- Pagers, including two-way pagers
- AM/FM radio receivers
- Television receivers



## Devices that may not be operated inside an aircraft at any time:

- Handheld scanners
- Two-way radios, such as walkie-talkies
- Remote-controlled toys
- Wireless mouse or joystick
- Watches capable of transmitting data
- Other transmitters, unless otherwise noted



-- Adapted from Southwest Airlines *Spirit*

## Eggs-actly!

*As you try to figure out ways to get rid of all those Easter eggs, check out these interesting facts about the zygote:*

- 🥚 A hen requires 24 to 26 hours to produce an egg -- 30 minutes later, she starts all over again.
- 🥚 The eggshell may have as many as 17,000 tiny pores over its surface. Through them, the egg can absorb flavors and odors. Storing them in their cartons helps keep them fresh.
- 🥚 Egg yolks are one of the few foods that naturally contain Vitamin D.
- 🥚 Occasionally, a hen will produce double-yolked eggs throughout her egg-laying career. It is rare, but not unusual, for a young hen to produce an egg with no yolk at all.

## Eating Wisely

*Here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies.*

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Japanese drink very little wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Italians drink large amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

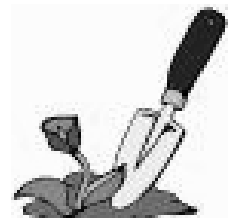
**CONCLUSION:** Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you!

## Helpful Hints

**EMERGENCY SILVER POLISH:** Just imagine pulling out your silver for a special occasion, only to discover a tarnished spoon -- AND you're out of silver polish. Eeek! In a pinch, here's a great substitute: *toothpaste*! However, only the real paste works, not the gel kind. Just rub the toothpaste onto your silver, and then rinse thoroughly with warm water. Buff with a soft dry cloth and your silver looks like new!

**TIRED OF LOSING YOUR GARDENING TOOLS?** Because the handles become weathered, gardening tools can be camouflaged when laying in the dirt. Here is a tip to eliminate this problem: paint the tool handles a bright color! First, sand off any dirt, oil and/or varnish from the tool's handle. Paint the handle bright yellow, red, or orange. These colors will be almost impossible to "lose" in the dirt.

Brush on three coats of paint, letting the paint dry between coats. Sand lightly between coats for a hard, bright finish that will stand up to wear and tear. While painting the handles, eliminate rust on the blades. Remove the rust with sandpaper and steel wool. Then, condition the blades by rubbing motor oil on with a cotton cloth.



## Welcome

*Here are some of the new clients who became members of our "Real Estate Family" this past month. We'd like to welcome you and wish you all the best!*

**Doug Bowen**  
(owns a home in the "Wood Streets")

**Roberta Mower & Susan Timmons**  
(new clients)

**Robert Shipley**  
(referred by Doug Bowen, a new client)

*We love giving recognition to our new friends and our wonderful existing clients who are kind enough to refer their friends and relatives to us.*

## March Quiz Answer

**Question:** What is the loudest animal on earth?

**Answer:** The "blue whale." Their foghorn blasts have been measured at up to 188 decibels—louder than the 180-decibel noise of a rocket launch!

Source: <http://www.wonderquest.com/loudestanimal-southpole-galaxies.htm>

**Congratulations to**  
Sandi Fay

Your name was selected at random from all of the correct quiz entries and you'll receive a \$30 Nordstrom Gift Certificate!

## April Quiz Question

What is a group of sea otters called?

*Whoever responds with the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for:*

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*Drawing to be held on 5/05/03*



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## If You've Been Rejected, You're In Good Company

- At age 12, Lauryn Hill was practically booed off stage while performing for a TV amateur night. Little did they know she'd grow into a multi-Grammy-winning singer.
- Katie Couric's boss at CNN saw her first appearance on the 6am news and called the studio saying he never wanted to see her on air again. Now she's everyone's favorite anchor of the *Today* show.
- A single mom and unemployed teacher, J. K. Rowling had her original *Harry Potter* manuscript rejected by numerous publishers. Do you think those editors are kicking themselves now?
- Abraham Lincoln lost elections for state legislature, Congress and the vice presidential candidacy before becoming our 16th president, abolishing slavery, and getting his face on the \$5 bill and Mount Rushmore.
- When Jim Carrey made his debut at a Toronto comedy club, he was booed off the stage for his bad material and even worse outfit.
- Michael Jordan was cut from his high school's varsity basketball team as a sophomore, but went on to lead the Chicago Bulls to victory and become basketball's most celebrated player.

## You Should Be Thankful...

- ...for the taxes you pay, because it means that you are employed.
- ...for the mess to clean after a party, because it means that you have been surrounded by friends.
- ...for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.
- ...for the shadow that watches you work, because it means you are out in the sunshine.
- ...for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means you have a home.
- ...for all the complaining you hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.
- ...for the parking spot you find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means you are capable of walking and that you have been blessed with transportation.
- ...for the huge heating bill, because it means you are warm.
- ...for the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means you have clothes to wear.
- ...for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that you are alive.

*Count your blessings every day!*

## Quarterly Activity Report

### Listed and/or Sold by "The Sister Team"

#### LISTED and/or SOLD

4050	Adams Street, Riverside 92504	\$432,500	3 bed, 2.75 bath	2500 sq ft	2-car garage & pool
5192	Challen Ave, Riverside 92503	\$155,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1014 sq ft	Garage conversion
4242	Edgewood Pl, Riverside 92506	\$175,000	2 bed, 1 bath	1208 sq ft	2-car garage
3533	Elmwood Ct, Riverside 92506	\$201,000	3 bed, 1.25 bath	1465 sq ft	2-car garage
3494	Elmwood Dr, Riverside 92506	\$165,000	2 bed, 1 bath	1074 sq ft	2-car garage
5758	Eugene Street, Riverside 92506	\$155,000	2 bed, 2 bath	710 sq ft	1-car garage
5581	Fargo Rd, Riverside 92506	\$230,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1532 sq ft	2-car garage
4685	Gardena Dr, Riverside 92506	\$175,250	3 bed, 1 bath	1119 sq ft	2-car garage
4458	Linwood Pl, Riverside 92506	\$198,000	2 bed, 1 bath	1174 sq ft	1-car garage
3279	Pine Street, Riverside 92501	\$239,900	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1470 sq ft	2-car garage
4211	Ramona Dr, Riverside 92506	\$226,000	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1658 sq ft	2-car garage
4350	Ramona Dr, Riverside 92506	\$296,900	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1716 sq ft	2-car garage & pool
4984	Red Bluff, Riverside 92503	\$208,000	4 bed, 2 bath	1900 sq ft	2-car garage
19953	Silvercrest, Riverside 92508	\$231,000	4 bed, 2 bath	1550 sq ft	2-car garage
3923	5th Street, Riverside 92501	\$148,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1200 sq ft	5-car garage

#### AVAILABLE

4374	Rosewood Pl, Riverside 92506	\$209,900	3 bed, 1 bath	1292 sq ft	2-car garage & bonus
4405	Mission Inn Ave, Riverside 92501	\$499,900	5 bed, 3.5 bath	3300 sq ft	2-car garage

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5159	Brockton Ave, Riverside 92506	Prices will	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1365 sq ft	2-car garage
4310	Edgewood Pl, Riverside 92506	be posted in	2 bed, 2 bath	988 sq ft	2-car garage
4326	Linwood Pl, Riverside 92506	next quart-	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1527 sq ft	2-car garage
4005	Maplewood Pl, Riverside 92506	erly report	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1700 sq ft	Garage conversion

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