

Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

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A Dad's Wisdom

June 15th is

4 years old: My Daddy can do anything.

6 years old: My Dad is smarter than your Dad.

8 years old: My Dad doesn't know exactly everything.

10 years old: In the olden days, when my Dad grew up, things sure were different.

12 years old: Oh, well, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He's too old to remember his childhood.

14 years old: Don't pay any attention to my Dad. He is so old-fashioned.



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21 years old: Him? No way! He is so out-of-date.

25 years old: Dad knows about it, but then he should, because he's been around so long.

30 years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.

35 years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

45 years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise.

55 years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him.

We bet you know some great Dads – we sure do. Be sure to let them know you're thinking of them on Father's Day!

-- Tara & April

CELEBRATE FLAG DAY -- JUNE 14th

*This is the birthday of our national flag.
Each year, this day reminds us of the day
the Stars and Stripes became our national flag--June 14, 1777.
Honor our flag this Flag Day and catch the wave of flag fever!*

The basic flag of the United States is one of the world's oldest national flags. Only the basic flags of Austria, Denmark, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland are older.

The first official flag of the U.S. was created by Congress on June 14, 1777. It consisted of 13 alternate red and white stripes and 13 white stars in a field of blue, representing the 13 colonies that had declared their independence in 1776. Congress adopted a new flag of 15 stars and 15 stripes in 1795, to give representation to the two new states admitted into the Union -- Vermont and Kentucky. By 1817, there were 20 states in the Union, and it became apparent that adding one stripe for each new state would destroy the shape of the flag. As a result, Congress in 1818 restored the original design of 13 stripes and provided that each state was to be represented by one star. In 1912 President William H. Taft made the first official provision for the arrangement of the stars. He ordered that there be six even rows of eight stars each. Previously, the arrangement of the stars had been left to the flag maker's fancy.

The evolution of the Stars and Stripes reflects the growth of our country. After the admission of Hawaii (the 50th state) into the Union on August 21, 1959, the flag was officially changed for the 26th time since its creation. On this same date, an executive order authorized the new 50-star American flag. It became official July 4, 1960.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was first published in 1892 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage to North America, in Boston, Massachusetts. James Bailey Upham, the editor of *The Youth's Companion*, and his associate, Francis Bellamy, created the original words of the flag tribute, and school children from around the country were asked to join in a special salute to the flag. In 1939, the United States Flag Association ruled that Bellamy was the author of the original pledge.

In pledging allegiance to the flag, stand with the right hand over the heart or at attention. Men remove their hats. Persons in uniform give the military salute.

*I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which
it stands, one Nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

FLAG ETIQUETTE

The flag should be displayed on all days when the weather permits, especially on legal holidays or other special occasions. It is customary to display the flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings or on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, it may be displayed at night, preferably lighted. The flag should be displayed on or near the main administration building of every public institution--in or near polling places on election days--in or near schools when they are in session. A citizen may fly the flag on any day he or she wishes.

Five Tips For Yard Sale Success

Too much clutter in your garage or closets? Consider having a yard sale! It's a great way to turn unwanted stuff into a little extra cash, and summertime is a great time for bargain hunters.

The most successful yard sales do take a bit of preparation, so here's a checklist to help you get started:

- 👍 Determine if you need a permit from your local government and what, if any, restrictions are placed on signage, location and times.
- 👍 Make brightly colored signs to advertise your sale, using thick black markers to write your address. Also, use arrows to give directions. Try posting the signs the night before the sale, and *don't forget to remove them once the sale is over.*
- 👍 Have plenty of small bills on hand so that you can easily make change, even if someone pays with a large bill. Store the money in a fanny pack where it will be easily accessible but not easy to steal.
- 👍 Use little stickers from office supply stores to place a price on each item. If the object is used, it should be priced around 10% to 25% of its retail value. If it has never been used or unwrapped, you can ask 50% of its retail value. But be prepared to haggle.
- 👍 To attract attention and visitors, display the most colorful items out front. Prominently displaying power tools and sporting equipment may also entice more men into stopping by.



– Adapted from *Cooking Light*

Helpful Hints

GUM ON CLOTHING: Use egg whites to remove gum on clothing. Brush egg white onto gum with a toothbrush. Let sit for 15 minutes and then launder the items normally.

INK STAINS: Try putting rubbing alcohol on the stains -- the stains should disappear! This must be done before washing.



FIREPLACE SOOT ODOR: To diminish and remove this odor *after you clean out the ashes*, place a shallow pan of baking soda in the fireplace for a few hours -- or even overnight.

SOUR SPONGE: Soak the sponge in lemon juice and rinse it out. This will remove the odor for good, but keep in mind it's important to either dispose of, microwave, or run your sponge through your dishwasher regularly to keep bacteria from growing.

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!

Irene Bisson
(selling a home in the "Wood Streets")

Shawn and Lisa Sheehan
(selling a Riverside home)

Swan and Callie Wilson
(selling a home in the "Wood Streets")

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.

May Quiz Answer

Question: What is the human body's largest organ?

Answer: Skin -- it is the outside covering of body tissue, which protects inner cells and organs from the outside environment.

Source: <http://www.calicutnet.com/humanbody>

Congratulations to Martha Abild

Your name was selected at random from all of the correct quiz entries and you'll receive a \$30 gift certificate to a store of your choice!

June Quiz Question

Which land animal has the biggest eyes?

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Drawing to be held on 6/23/03



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The Benefits of Broccoli

If you need a reason to eat broccoli, here it is: Broccoli can kill the bacteria that causes ulcers, reducing the risk of stomach cancer.



Broccoli contains the highest amount of sulforaphane, a chemical that eradicates the bacteria *Helicobacter pylori*. Most experts now agree that ulcers are caused by these bacteria, not by stress and too much acidity in the stomach.

Physicians will often prescribe antibiotics for patients with ulcers. But studies are showing that *H. pylori* can hide in the cell lining of the stomach or can become drug-resistant. In fact, 20% of ulcer patients won't improve with antibiotics, or will have negative side effects from the drugs.

By contrast, broccoli, and its other cruciferous vegetable cousins like cabbage and kale, can kill off all bacteria-infected stomach cells, even the hidden ones, without side effects. And successfully treating an ulcer dramatically reduces a patient's risk of developing stomach cancer.

-- Adapted from *Alternative Medicine*

Quotes:

Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar.

-- Bradley Miller



When I was 14 years old, I was amazed at how unintelligent my father was. By the time I turned 21, I was astounded how much he had learned in the last seven years.

-- Mark Twain

Fatherly Teachings

Once upon a time there was a father whose sons were always fighting with each other. The father pleaded with them again and again to stop their constant quarreling, but nothing seemed to do any good.

Finally, the father asked his sons to bring him a bundle of sticks. He took the sticks and, handing them to his eldest son, asked him to break the bundle in two. The eldest son tried with all his strength to do so, but finally gave up. The other son, in turn, failed as well. Then the father separated the sticks and placed one into each son's hand, asking them to break the sticks in two. And, of course, they did so easily.

Then the father asked, "My sons, if you are of one mind, and help each other, you will be like the bundle of sticks. No one can break you apart. But if you are divided among yourselves, you will be broken as easily as a single stick." After this demonstration, the fights among the brothers soon ceased and there was unity in the family from that day forward.

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