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Newsletter Is  
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## What's the Answer?

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- *Can You Make A Raw Egg Balance On End Any Day Of The Year?*
- *How Many Bones Do You Have?*
- *How Did The Slinky Come About?*
  - *Do You Remember When...?*



The Answers To These And Many Other  
Questions Are Inside.

## Ahhhhhhhhhh Memories!!!

OK, close your eyes...And go back.....Before the Internet or PC or the MAC.....Before semi-automatics and crack.....Before Play Station, SEGA, Super Nintendo, even before Atari.....Before cell phones, CD's, DVD's, voicemail and e-mail.....way back.....way.....way.....way back..... I'm talking 'bout hide and seek at dusk, Red light. Green light, playing kickball & dodge ball until the first... no second... no third streetlight came on. Ring around the Rosie, London Bridge, Hot potato. Hop Scotch, Jump rope, Duck....Duck....GOOSE!!! YOU'RE IT!!

Parents stood on the front porch and yelled (or whistled in my case) for you to come home. Endless summer days and hot summer nights (no A/C) with the windows open...The sound of crickets. Running through the sprinkler, cereal boxes with that GREAT prize in the bottom, ice pops with 2 sticks you could break and share with a friend.

*...but wait.....there's more....*

Watching Saturday Morning cartoons-Fat Albert, Road Runner, Tom & Jerry, Watching Sunday morning oldies (Abbott & Costello, Three Stooges, Tarzan, Shirley Temple) Wonder Woman & Super Man Underoos, catching lightning bugs in a jar, climbing trees, swinging as high as you could to try and reach the sky, a million mosquito bites and sticky fingers. A 13" black and white TV in your room meant you were RICH! Running till you were out of breath, laughing so hard that your stomach hurt, being tired from PLAYING. WORK: meant taking out the garbage or doing the dishes Your first crush, your first kiss (the one that you kept your mouth CLOSED and your eyes OPEN).

*Oh, I'm not finished yet....*

Kool-Aid was the drink of the summer, so was a swig from the hose, giving your friends a ride on your handlebars, when nearly everyone's mom was at home when the kids got there, when a quarter seemed like a fair allowance; and another quarter was a MIRACLE! When ANY parent could discipline ANY kid, or feed him, or use him to carry groceries...And nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it. When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited you at home. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat!

And some of us are still afraid of them!

Nobody was prettier than Mom! Scrapes and bruises were kissed by mom or grandma and made better. It was a big deal to finally be tall enough to ride the "big people" rides at the amusement park.



*Didn't that feel good?*

**If you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED!!!**

E-mail me your favorite things of yesteryear.  
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## Oh, Them Bones

Some facts about your bones:

- \* Besides allowing you to stand upright, your bones manufacture blood cells and store minerals.
- \* The longest and strongest bone in your body is the femur, or thighbone.
- \* The strongest bone in your face is the mandible, or jawbone.
- \* The smallest bones are in your ear: the malleus, incus, and stapes (also known as the hammer, anvil, and stirrup, respectively).
- \* Babies are born with 300 bones. But by adulthood, we have an average of only 206 because some of the bones fuse together as we grow.
- \* More than half the bones in your body are found in your hands and feet: each of your hands has 27 separate bones; 26 in each foot.
- \* It normally takes between six and eight weeks for a broken bone to heal.



***"If there is anything you want to do in life don't wait. The time will never be just right. Start right now, right where you are."***

*~Napolean Hill*

## March Events

March 2	Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 2	Texas Independence Day
March 14	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	First Day Of Spring
March 28	Palm Sunday
March 1-31	American Red Cross Month



## ***Do You Have A Question About Car Maintenance That You Want Answered?***

We love to hear from all of our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our monthly newsletter. If you have a question about anything related to your vehicle, feel free to give us a call at **713-623-4418**.

**March** is spring break time. Your car deserves a break, too, a **"brake check"**. How long has it been since your brake fluid has been inspected? Did you know the braking system should be flushed and the fluid replaced periodically? Did you know that when you're out of brake fluid you're out of brakes?

**Be car care aware and let us inspect your brakes soon!**

## *The Start Of Spring*

This year, the vernal equinox - the day when night and day are nearly the same length - starts on March 20th. According to American folklore, the first day of spring is the only time that a raw egg can be balanced on end because the sun's equidistant position between the poles of the earth generates special gravitational forces. This notion goes back to 1945, when a reporter for Life Magazine covered a Chinese ritual in which people balanced eggs on the first day of spring. But the Chinese calendar puts the first day of spring in early February, a month and a half before the equinox. This fact didn't stop Donna Henes, an artist and self described ritual maker, from rallying 100 people in New York City in 1983 to balance eggs on March 20. At the hour and minute of the equinox, she stood her egg on end and announced, "Spring is here." The following year, 5,000 New Yorkers convened at the World Trade Center to repeat the egg ritual, meriting coverage by the New York Times. To this day, many news and radio stations repeat the story and urge people to balance eggs on the first day of spring. But myth busters say the yolk's on them because there are no such special gravitational forces at work on this day. It's possible to get an egg to balance upright on any day of the year - as long as you have the patience to do it.

## *The Lighter Side*

As they were driving to yet another dinner, Albert Einstein mentioned to his chauffeur (who resembled him) that he was very tired of speech making. The chauffeur said he had heard that speech so many times, he could give it himself. So Einstein let him do it. At the dinner, Einstein wore the chauffeur's cap and jacket and sat in the back of the room. The chauffeur gave a nice rendition of Einstein's speech. Then a pompous professor asked a question about antimatter formation. Without missing a beat, the chauffeur said, "Sir, the answer to that is so simple that I will let my chauffeur answer it!"

## *Serendipity And The Slinky*

Inventors keep an eye peeled for serendipity, an accidental discovery. They know that an object used for one purpose can become useful for something else. That's what happened in 1943 when Marine Engineer Richard James accidentally dropped a tension spring from a meter used to test battleship horsepower. The spring "walked" end-over-end all across the floor. And it made a charming noise while it was at it. James thought it would make a great toy and two years later, the first 400 were on the market at Christmas time. The slinky recently celebrated its 78th birthday. Today, kids still like them, and adults use them as stress relievers as they pass them from hand to hand.

## *Don't be in the Dark About Child Care*

*Learn the facts before entrusting your child to someone else and always choose state regulated day care. Unregulated care means no inspections, no training, no one enforcing basic health and safety standards, and no record for you to check.*

### **What to Look For:**

- Research your options. Find a licensed or registered day care in your area and check its inspection record at [DontBeInTheDark.org](http://DontBeInTheDark.org)
- Visit the day care while children are there and look for features that will help your child thrive.
- Meet and interview the caregiver or director.

### **Stay Involved:**

- Keep talking with the caregiver. Discuss your concerns and make sure you are happy with their answers.
- Keep talking to your children. Ask them how the day went, what they did, who they saw, or if anything special happened.
- Report anything that may affect a child's health or safety, including child abuse or neglect or illegal care to the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400.

[www.DontBeInTheDark.org](http://www.DontBeInTheDark.org)

[Texas Department of Family and Protective Services](http://TexasDepartmentofFamilyandProtectiveServices)

## *Air Out House to Reduce Indoor Pollution*

If you suffer from eye irritations, headaches, nausea, or fatigue, your house could have "sick building syndrome" - a coin termed by the Environmental Protection Agency that refers to a phenomenon common in new homes and those that are well sealed against drafts. The biggest contaminants include:

- New carpeting and upholstered furniture
- Pressed wood
- Household pesticides and cleaners
- Fumes from stoves and heaters
- Aerosol deodorizers, air fresheners, and candles

Environmentalist Lee Dobbins advises opening the windows every time you clean the house to air out those troublemakers. "Even just a crack is effective in cooler weather," he says.

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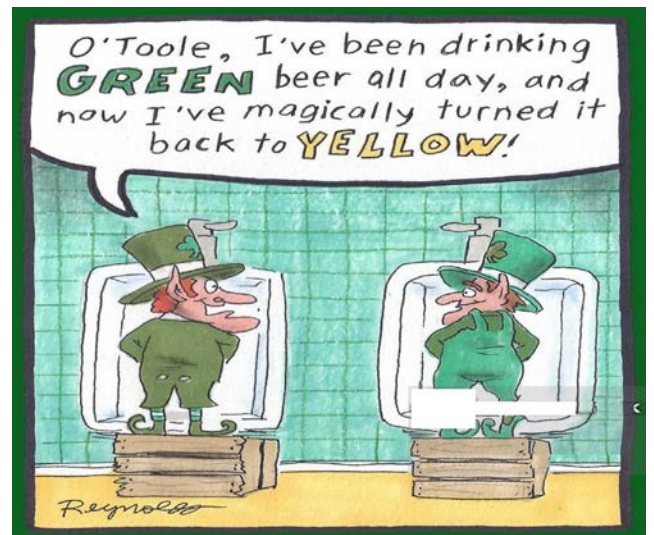


## Thank You and Welcome

to our new clients for the month of February.

Tyron Stampley	Cassie Messina	Madison Isbell
Troy Rosales	Alejandra Valdez	Beverly Meliscar
Thomas Buitron	Diane Kiecke	Roben Allen
Saquana Jackson	Abreen Fancy	Monica Levitz
Diego Montresor	Annete Henry	Andrea Thompson
Degmariy Cruz	Yoonhee Hwang	Odia Yansane
Sativa Martinez	Kumail Jafri	Kali Oliver
Quiang Googuo	Margaret Dawaghreh	Bob Riley
Giselle Ebuh	Ashley Hiatt	Joshua Ternes
Breantce Minnieweather	Toykyo Gas	America
Victor Bockelman	Shawn Gurwara	Randal Bracy
Shelby Acosta	Stephen Chiang	Tarek Abu-Hajar
Joshua Davis	Mark Farrar	Victor Castillo

Thank you to all who referred our company last month.  
We just couldn't do it without you! Thank You!



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