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A Simple Gesture

A little boy selling magazines for school walked up to a house that people rarely visited. The house was very old, run down and the owner hardly ever came out. When he did come out he would not say hello to neighbors or passers by but instead simply just glared at them.

The boy hesitantly knocked on the door and waited, sweating from fear of the old man. The boy's parents told him to stay away from that house. Several of the other neighborhood children were told the same from their parents.

As he was ready to walk away, the door slowly opened. "What do you want?" the old man said. The little boy was very afraid but he had a magazine sales quota to meet for school.

"Uh, sir, I uh, am selling these magazines and, uh, I was wondering if you would like to buy one." The old man just stared at the boy. The boy could see inside the old man's house and saw that he had dog figurines on the fireplace mantle. "Do you collect dogs?" the little boy asked. "Yes, I have many collectibles in my house. They are my family and all I have." The boy then felt sorry for the man, as it seemed that he was a very lonely soul. "Well, I do have a magazine here for collectors and it is perfect for you. I also have one about dogs since you like dogs so much." The old man was ready to close the door on the boy and said, "No boy, I don't need any magazines of any kind, now goodbye."

The little boy was sad that he was not going to make his quota with the sale. He was also sad for the old man being so alone in the big house that he owned. The boy went home and then had an idea. He had a little dog figure that he got some years ago from an aunt. The figurine did not mean nearly as much to him since he had a real live dog and a large family. The boy headed back down to the old man's house with the figurine. He knocked on the door again and this time the old man came right to the door. "Boy, I thought I told you no magazines."

"No, sir I know that. I wanted to bring you a gift." The boy handed him the figurine and the old man's face lit up. "It is a Golden Retriever. I have one at home; this one is for you." The old man was simply stunned; no one had ever given him such a gift and shown him so much kindness. "Boy, you have a big heart. Why are you doing this?" The boy smiled at the man and said, "Because you like dogs."

From that day on, the old man started coming out of the house and acknowledging people. He and the boy became friends; the boy even brought his dog to see the man weekly.

This simple gesture changed both of their lives forever. Each learned important lessons from the other all because the young boy was willing to take a chance and show genuine kindness to someone in need.

By Jackie Sagner



What a girl wants...what a girl needs...what a girl knows...

A Fresh New Look

Spring is in the air and it's time for change. Give a bedroom a quick, inexpensive facelift with these six easy steps:

1. Move the furniture. It is one of the easiest ways to liven up a room. Try putting the bed in a corner for a more roomy, intimate and homey feel.
2. Change the walls with a new color or fresh coat of the same color of paint and it will make a big difference. For added appeal, try a wallpaper or stenciled border around the top or in the middle of the walls.
3. Change the bed, whether entirely or just new accent pillows, to help set a new tone in the room.
4. Hang framed prints, artwork or even posters to add splashes of color and depth.
5. Put out vases of silk flowers or floral greenery in colors that compliment those used in other areas of the room.
6. Add a new bedside lamp, nightlight or pair of sconces for the finishing touch of elegance to your new space.

Nip it in the Bud

Those beds of pansies will bloom more prolifically if you take a few moments to pinch out early buds. This encourages plants to bush out and, in the end, produce more flowers.



Eggs-actly!

For perfect hard-cooked eggs, cover the eggs with cold water and bring to a boil. Then turn off the heat and let the eggs sit on the burner for 10-15 minutes.

Chalk it Up

Place a piece of white chalk in your silver chest or jewel box to absorb moisture and help prevent tarnishing of silverware and jewelry.

Hue Done It?

Whether it feels like it or not, it's officially spring. The new trends are already in the stores. What should you look for to stay on top of the fashion ladder? The hottest color this season is honeysuckle, a bright shade of pink. Pair it with traditional khaki or denim for a classic look. To be a bit bolder, add other splashes from the new spring palette: bright orange, yellow, tropical blue and lavender.



April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.

—William Shakespeare

Black Out

Almost all of us ladies have been there... You pull on (or off) your favorite blouse and you get mascara on it. Now what? Wet the mascara spot with water and gently rub bar soap on it until the stain loosens. Rinse with warm water and launder garment according to its label. Inspect the garment. If stain is still present, apply dish detergent directly to spot and massage. Rinse with warm water and launder according to directions. If stain is still there, rub shampoo in to the spot while the garment is still wet.



Try Mary Kay Facial Cleansing Cloths for a clean feeling on the go. Perfectly packaged to



tuck into a purse or bag, you'll always be one step away from clean! To remove eye makeup, you can't go wrong with May Kay Oil-Free Eye Makeup Remover.



Beauty Buzz

What's NEW for you...



Flawless comes in all types of formulas. Whether you need an age-fighting wonder or a skin-loving mineral powder, there's a perfect Mary Kay® foundation for you.

With the **NEW TimeWise Liquid Foundations**, your best foundation match is also an

age-fighting formula. Skin instantly looks firmer, younger and healthier. The new **Matte-Wear** formula works all day on combination to oily skin to absorb oil and control shine with a matte finish. For dry to normal skin the **Luminous-Wear** formula leaves skin with a dewy and luminous radiance.

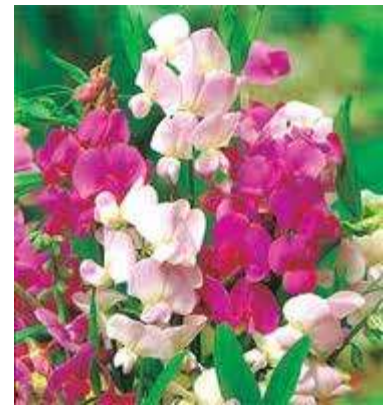
Tiny enough to tuck anywhere, the new **Mary Kay® Compact Mini** (unfilled) is a sleek new compact perfect for the woman on the go. Enjoy thousands of customizable options. The mirror makes touch-ups a breeze and the hidden well underneath holds tools and applicators. Plus, the patented compact design features the easy-to-use magnetic refill system.



This must-have foundation accessory perfects skin as it enhances foundation benefits and extends wear. The **NEW Mary Kay® Foundation Primer** glides on like a dream so makeup applies smoothly and blends easily. Its patent-pending, oil-free gel formula is mineral-enriched to absorb oil and diffuse light for skin-perfecting benefits. Dries to a lightweight, matte finish and can be used with any Mary Kay® foundation.

*The beautiful
spring came;
and when Nature
resumes her loveliness,
the human soul
is apt to revive also.*

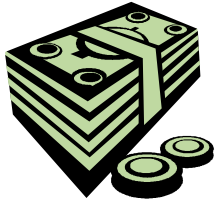
~Harriet Ann Jacobs



April

Reasons to Celebrate

- 1 April Fools' Day
- 1 International Fun at Work Day
- 2 Children's Book Day
- 3 Tweed Day
- 4 School Librarian Day
- 7 No Housework Day
- 7 World Health Day
- 8 Draw a Picture of a Bird Day
- 9 Winston Churchill Day
- 10 Golfers' Day
- 11 Barbershop Quartet Day
- 12 Russian Cosmonaut Day
- 13 Scrabble Day
- 14 International Moment of Laughter Day
- 15 Titanic Remembrance Day
- 18 International Jugglers' Day
- 20 Look Alike Day
- 20 Volunteer Recognition Day
- 23 World Laboratory Day
- 24 Easter
- 26 Hug an Australian Day
- 30 Hairstyle Appreciation Day



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Simple Chef!

Bacon Quiche Tarts



Money Magic

How the Little Things Add Up

- 5-8 slices bacon
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion
- 1 (10 ounce) can refrigerated flaky biscuit dough



- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease 10 muffin cups.
- Cook bacon until crisp. Drain, crumble and set aside.
- Place the cream cheese, milk, and eggs in a medium bowl, and beat until smooth with an electric mixer set on low. Stir in Swiss cheese and green onion, and set aside.
- Separate dough into 10 biscuits. Press into the bottom and sides of each muffin cup, forming 1/4 inch rims. Sprinkle bacon into the bottoms of the dough-lined muffin cups. Spoon about 2 tablespoons of the cream cheese mixture into each cup.
- Bake 20 to 25 minutes, until filling is set and rims of the tarts are golden brown. Remove from pan, and serve warm.

Use different cheeses, crumbled sausage, diced green chilies or dried tomato flakes for different variations of this great recipe.

Would you like to find \$100 this month? Not many people would answer "no" to this! But how? Try these tips and keep track of every penny that you pick up and dollar that you come across unexpectedly. Watch how it quickly adds up!

- Do you have a crafty hobby such as sewing, making jewelry, painting or pottery? Consider selling your handmade treasures online. Several websites allow you to list pictures of your items and make them available to potential buyers all over the world.
- Clean off your bookshelves. Second-hand stores often offer less-than-desirable buy-back prices. Get on the internet and list them for sale. Even if it's a couple of books at \$3 each, that's more money than you had before and you've helped to de-clutter your home.
- Speaking of de-cluttering... have a garage sale! While this can be a lot of work, the benefits can REALLY add up. Consider having other families participate to draw more buyers. Be sure to get the proper permits when necessary.