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## Mark Your Calendar!

May 1..... Pool Opened  
 May 4..... Waste/Recycle Pickup  
 May 5..... National Day of Prayer  
 May 8..... Mother's Day  
 May 11..... Waste/Recycle Pickup  
 May 18..... Waste/Recycle Pickup  
 May 19..... Board Meeting  
 May 21..... Armed Forces Day  
 May 25..... Waste/Recycle Pickup  
 May 30..... Memorial Day  
 June 1..... Waste/Recycle Pickup  
 June 8..... Waste/Recycle Pickup

## MEMORIAL DAY MAY 30

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May, which is May 30 of this year. It was formally known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women, who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season. It is traditional to fly the flag of the United States at half mast from dawn until noon. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

## MEMORIAL DAY



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Willowlake Moms

"A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest."

"In virtually every language on Earth, the word for "mother" begins with the letter "m."

## ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 21

In the United States, "Armed Forces Day" is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. In 2011 it will be on May 21. The day was created in 1949, and was a result of the consolidation of the military services in the Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Days, but observance of these days, especially within each particular service, continues to this day. The purpose of Armed Forces Day is to honor Americans serving in the five services - the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

## DID YOU KNOW?

-One in three dog owners say they've talked to their pets on the phone.

-Ketchup was once sold as a medicine.

## DID YOU HEAR?

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

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*In the original comics,  
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Superman's dog?*

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CORNER**

### ANSWER:

**KRYPTO, ALSO KNOWN AS  
KRYPTO THE SUPERDOG.**

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## A LICK AND A PROMISE

*'I'll just give this a lick and a promise,' my mother said as she quickly mopped up a spill on the floor without moving any of the furniture.*

'What is that supposed to mean?' I asked as in my young mind I envisioned someone licking the floor with his or her tongue.

'It means that I'm in a hurry and I'm busy canning tomatoes, so I am going to just give it a lick with the mop and promise to come back and do the job right later.'

'A lick and a promise' was just one of the many old phrases that our mothers, grandmothers, and others used that they probably heard from the generations before them. With the passing of time, many old phrases become obsolete or even disappear. This is unfortunate because some of them are very appropriate and humorous. Here is a list of some of those memorable phrases:

- **1. An axe to grind** (someone who has a hidden motive.) This phrase is said to have originated from Benjamin Franklin who told a story about a devious man who asked how a grinding wheel worked. He ended up walking away with his axe sharpened free of charge.
- **2. At sea** (lost or not understanding something)
- **3. Barking at a knot** (meaning that your efforts were as useless as a dog barking at a knot)
- **4. Between hay and grass** (not a child or an adult)
- **5. Calaboose** (a jail)
- **6. Hoosegow** (a jail)
- **7. Bee in your bonnet** (to have an idea that won't let loose)
- **8. Catawampus** (something that sits crooked such as a piece of furniture sitting at an angle)
- **9. Blinky** (between sweet and sour as in milk)
- **10. Jawing/Jawboning** (talking or arguing)
- **11. Feather in your cap** (to accomplish a goal.) This came from years ago in wartime when warriors might receive a feather they would put in their cap for defeating an enemy.
- **12. Kit and Caboodle** (the whole thing)
- **13. Red up** (clean the house)
- **14. Pretty is as pretty does** (your actions are more important than your looks)
- **15. Picky** (overly particular or snobbish)
- **16. Scarce as hen's teeth** (something difficult to obtain)
- **17. Sparking** (courting)
- **18. Wearing your 'best bib and tucker'** (being all dressed up)



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*Drowning is a leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1-14.*

**May is National Water Safety Month.**

*NO ONE is "drownproof", but drowning is PREVENTABLE.*



**Join us in getting ready for a safe summer in the water!**

**Colin's Hope Night at Eastside Movies in the Park**  
**Tuesday, May 3rd, Doors open at 6PM, Movie at sundown**  
 Join us at The Expedition School Lagoon (On Lady Bird Lake in East Austin next to Fiesta Gardens) for a screening of Whale Rider. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the movie under the stars.

**Colin's Hope Day at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels**  
**Saturday, May 21st**  
 Join us for a day to promote Water Safety and Drowning Prevention at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels! Special tickets are available from Colin's Hope. Email [alissa.magrum@colinshope.org](mailto:alissa.magrum@colinshope.org) for more information.

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## TIPS FOR MASTERING THE FARMERS' MARKET

Many people are taking steps to improve their health and the environment by eating organically grown and raised foods. While some people are selecting organic items at their local grocery store, farmers' markets are becoming increasingly popular. Over the past year, according to the Department of Agriculture, the number of farmers' markets in the U.S. increased by 858, or 16 percent, from 5,274 in 2009 to 6,132 in 2010. When the USDA first began tracking farmers' markets in 1994, there were only 1,755 markets.

Outside of growing your own produce and raising your own livestock, shopping at a farmers' market is the best way to obtain fresh, local, and seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs, as well as farm-fresh eggs, meat, poultry, and dairy products. Many farmers' markets also offer artisan breads, honey, and seasonal jams, jellies, and preserves.

### BELOW ARE TIPS TO HELP YOU

#### MASTER YOUR LOCAL FARMERS' MARKET:

- **1. Do Your Research** – Before heading to the market, research what produce is in season in your area. Since all products sold at a farmer's market may not be organic, and some organic products sold may not be certified, familiarize yourself with the organic certification process and product labeling. Information on the USDA's National Organic Program can be found at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.
- **2. Bring Your Own Containers** – While some vendors have bags and boxes available for customers, bringing your own containers is the best way to ensure you will be able to transport and protect your purchases properly. Additionally, recycling containers helps the environment by reducing the number of natural resources used to produce new ones.
- **3. Bring Cash** – Swing by your bank or ATM before hitting the farmers' market. Most vendors do not accept checks or credit cards. Bring small bills, since it may be difficult for some vendors to make change.
- **4. Go Early or Go Late** – The best items usually go first, so try to get to the market early. However, before making a purchase, take a quick trip down the aisles, since prices can vary greatly among vendors. If you can't make it to the market when it first opens, go at the end of the market day to catch deals from vendors trying to unload their remaining products.
- **5. Speak with Vendors** – Shopping at a farmers' market allows you an opportunity to speak directly with growers and farmers. Not familiar with Swiss chard? Looking for a new way to prepare eggplant? Most vendors love to share their knowledge, including discussing their production methods, providing storage and

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## Mastering the Farmers Market - (Continued from Page 4)

transportation advice, and sharing recipes and cooking tips.

Buying organic products at your local farmers' market offers numerous benefits, including boosting the local economy, reducing the amount of toxic chemicals that enter your body and the environment, and decreasing the amount of fossil fuels used to transport products to consumers. However, organic products can be more expensive than conventionally grown and raised products, and some organic products may be difficult to find in some areas. If going 100% organic is not feasible, use the following list as a guide. According to the 2010 report of the Environmental Working Group, a non-profit organization specializing in research and advocacy related to public health and the environment, these 12 fruits and vegetables consistently contained the highest amount of pesticides when conventionally grown, and should be consumed in organic form when possible:

- |                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Celery       | 7. Sweet Bell Peppers   |
| 2. Peaches      | 8. Spinach              |
| 3. Strawberries | 9. Cherries             |
| 4. Apples       | 10. Kale/Collard Greens |
| 5. Blueberries  | 11. Potatoes            |
| (domestic)      | 12. Grapes              |
| 6. Nectarines   | (imported)              |

The EWG's annual ranking of produce pesticide contamination is based on its analysis of tests conducted by the USDA and the federal Food and Drug Administration. More information on the EWG, as well as the full list of fruits and vegetables ranked, can be found at <http://www.ewg.org>.

*-Submitted by Melanie Dragger*



## Recipe of the Month

### CHOCOLATE CRINKLES

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted)
- 4 eggs 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups plus 2 level Tbsp. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

Mix oil, chocolate, & sugar. Blend in one egg at a time until well mixed. Add vanilla. Stir flour, baking powder, and salt into oil mixture. Chill several hours. Drop teaspoon of dough rolled into small balls into powdered sugar. Place 2" apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 °

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					<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>DATE LEAVING</b>
AM/PM
<b>DATE RETURNING</b>
AM/PM
<b>PETS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Y / <input type="checkbox"/> N
TYPE & LOCATION

<b>ALARM</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Y / <input type="checkbox"/> N
<b>LIGHTS LEFT ON</b>
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<b>TIMER ON LIGHTS</b>
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WHAT LOCATION

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Meet the Citizen - 1  
Solicitors - 0  
Suspicious Person - 1  
Suspicious Vehicle - 1  
Traffic Stop - 6  
Traffic Initiative - 15  
Welfare Check - 0  
Vacation Watch - 0

### Re-Active Calls

Burglary/Habitation - 0  
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Credit Card Abuse - 0  
Criminal Mischief - 0  
Disturbance/Juvenile - 0  
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Disturbance/Other - 1  
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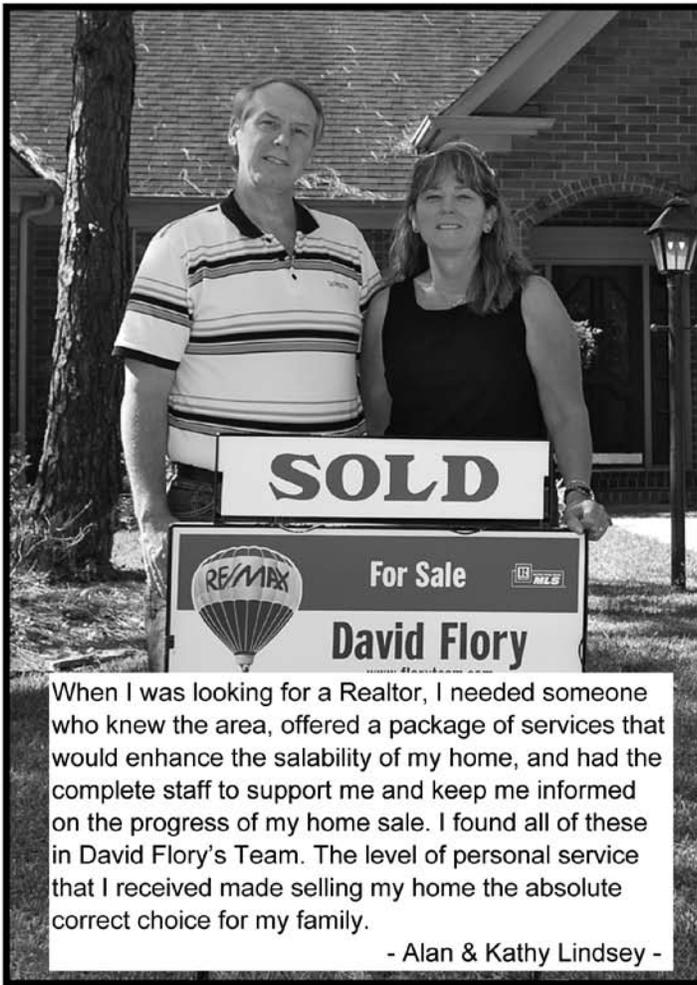
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