



May 2020

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

5-5 Cinco de Mayo

5-10 Mother's Day

5-16 Armed Forces' Day

5-25 Memorial Day

5-28 National Hamburger Day

Yes WE'RE
OPEN

Retail businesses have been given the green light to open again and restaurants and other services are soon to follow. But we realize that some of our customers still need to take extra precautions. We want you to know that we are still here to help with anything you may need. We are just a phone call away!

Yes! We are open for your vehicle service needs. Just give us a call and we will pick up and deliver your vehicle. We are also here if you need any help with picking up groceries, prescriptions or other errands. Please stay safe and healthy!

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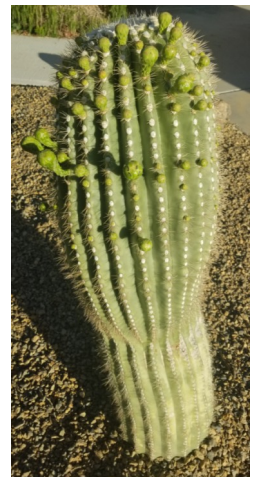
April Showers Bring May Flowers

Well, April didn't bring us much rain but our rainfall year-to-date is on the above-average scale. Our yearly average is just 4.2 inches. To date in 2020, we have already received 3.5 inches! This higher than usual rainfall is being displayed now with the blooming of many plants and trees throughout the city and desert (sorry allergy sufferers).

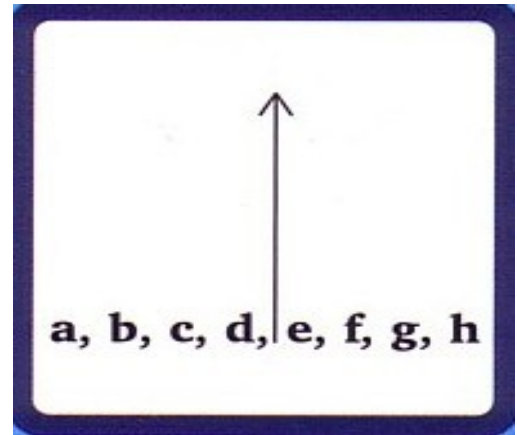
This blooming spell is especially evident on my saguaro cactus. The plant is an arm that fell from a friend's cactus about 6 years ago. In past seasons, we have had 5 or 6 blooms each spring. This year, we have over 90!

I'm anxious for the buds to start opening. They only stay open for less than 24 hours, during which pollination can occur from birds, bats and insects. If pollinated, the flower will turn into a fruit, which contains seeds that could turn into a seedling!

Follow our Facebook page where I will post pictures as the buds begin to open.



Frame Games



Answers to
Last Month's
Frame
Games

Scrambled Eggs

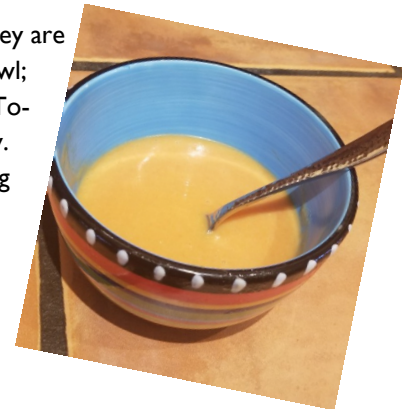


Forgive & Forget



Homemade Tomato Soup

I have 10 tomato plants that we started last October and they are going crazy! Each day, I harvest at least one overflowing bowl; some days 2 or 3. So what to do with all those tomatoes? Tomato soup! I've never been a soup maker, but I gave it a try. And it turned out pretty good. Here is a similar recipe using canned tomatoes so you don't need to have fresh on hand.



- ◆ 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- ◆ 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- ◆ 1 tablespoon freshly minced garlic
- ◆ 3 cups chicken broth
- ◆ 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes, undrained
- ◆ 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ◆ Kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper, to taste)
- ◆ 1 bay leaf

1. In a dutch oven or large saucepan, heat olive oil over medium high heat. Add onions and sauté for 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Add garlic and cook until fragrant (about 30 seconds), continuing to stir.
2. Add chicken broth, tomatoes with juice, oregano, salt, pepper and bay leaf. Stir well to combine. Bring to a gentle boil and reduce heat to a simmer.
3. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Remove and discard bay leaf. Purée to desired consistency with an immersion blender. If you don't have an immersion blender, place soup in small batches in a blender or food processor (I used my little Ninja blender in multiple batches. I let the soup cool, then blended and strained, then returned the soup to the pot and reheated).

Answers to the Ultimate Test

- 1) 26 = L etters of the A lphabet
- 2) 7 = W onders of the A ncient W orld
- 3) 29 = D ays in F ebruary in a L eap Y ear
- 4) 12 = S igns of the Z odiac
- 5) 54 = C ards in a D eck (with J okers)
- 6) 9 = P lanets in the S olar S ystem (Before Pluto was demoted)
- 7) 88 = P iano K eys
- 8) 13 = S tripes on the A merican F lag
- 9) 32 = D egrees F ahrenheit at which W ater F reezes
- 10) 18 = H oles on a G olf C ourse
- 11) 90 = D egrees in a R ight A n gle
- 12) 200 = D ollars for P assing G O in M onopoly
- 13) 8 = S ides on a S top S ign
- 14) 3 = B lind M ice (See H ow T hey R un)
- 15) 4 = Q uarters in a G ame
- 16) 24 = H ours in a D ay
- 17) 1 = W heel on a U nicycle
- 18) 5 = D igits in a Z ip C ode
- 19) 57 = H ping in a V ariety
- 20) 11 = P layers on a F ootball T eam

Answer to April's Riddle

What happens
once in a minute,
twice in a moment
but never in a
decade?

Answer:
The letter "M"

Congratulations
to the 5 winners
who will receive a
Complimentary
Tire Rotation!