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REAL ESTATE, RATES AND RECIPES

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Service With an Old-Fashioned Touch

Pearls of Domestic Wisdom

Unique Solutions and Quick Fixes to keep your household running smoothly!

- Have you tried baby wipes on carpet stains? They work so well, you'll be wondering why no one told you sooner!
- Keep candles in the refrigerator for several hours before use to slow down dripping and make them last longer.
- The best way to attack cooked-on spatters in your microwave: Heat a half cup of water for two minutes on high. The steam will soften the food and the mess will wipe right out.
- To eliminate cooking odors (fish, bacon, garlic, mushrooms, broccoli, etc) heat white vinegar in an uncovered pot on the stove (don't boil). Remove after 30 minutes. The light vinegar smell dissipates quickly, taking odors with it.
- Place unusable remnants of soap in a ventilated plastic bag and pack it away with seasonal clothes. This will keep the moths away, and your clothes will smell much better when you remove them from storage.
- To clean tarnished silverware: Line a large cake pan with aluminum foil. Fill with 8 cups of warm water (150°) mixed with 1/4 cup of baking soda. Lay silverware in pan, and watch the stains disappear.
- Fill nail holes with a paste made from cornstarch and water. Works just as well as putty!
- Squeaky doors? For a dripless solution, use petroleum jelly on the hinges instead of oil.

(Thank you Marcia Brown and Buffini Systems)

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Average Mortgage Rates

(Source: FHLMC "Freddie Mac" www.freddiemac.com)

June 21, 2005	30-yr	15-yr	5/1-yr ARM	1-yr ARM
Average Rates:	5.73%	5.32%	5.26%	4.42%
Fees & Points:	.4	.4	.5	.6

Crispy Cinnamon Snack Mix

A snack of raisins, peanuts and chocolate that is great any time of day. Prep: 15 min

- 4 cups bite-size crispy wheat squares cereal
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup candy-coated milk chocolate pieces
- 1 (12-ounce) jar dry roasted salted peanuts

Stir together cereal and butter in large bowl. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon evenly over cereal. Stir in all remaining ingredients. Store in tightly covered container.

Makes 14 (1/2-cup) servings

(Recipe created by Land O'Lakes)



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