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David & Sherry with
Granddaughter Callie

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Fixing Daylight Saving Time

One of life's disappointments for me is waking up on a Sunday morning each Spring and realizing it is an hour later than our body tells us. An hour in my life has vanished.

On the other hand, one of the best feelings of the year for me is waking up on a Sunday morning in the Fall and realizing I have an extra hour in the day.

Such are the trials and tribulations of changing our clocks from Standard Time to Daylight Saving Time. November 4 is when we move off Daylight Saving Time this year.

But I have come up with a solution that removes the disappointment and replaces it with what we love.

Naturally, the easiest course of action is to stop changing our clocks twice a year. Just

abandon Daylight Saving Time completely. But some people don't like the dark mornings while other don't like the early afternoon darkness. Since this is so simple and there is no uprising by us citizens, I don't think our lawmakers will tackle the issue.

So here is my solution.

In the Spring, when we lose an hour moving our clocks ahead to Daylight Saving Time, move the clock ahead at 1:00 pm on Monday afternoon instead of 1:00 am on Sunday morning. We would start to work at our regular time and end at our regular time. But the work day is an hour shorter. So we have made the least-liked day of the week an hour shorter. That's something to celebrate!

In the Fall, leave the process exactly as it is so we get that

extra hour on Sunday, a day with a slower pace for most of us.

Dreaming a little further with this approach . . . what if we did this same adjustment every week – adding an hour to Sunday and deducting an hour on Monday? When we change to Daylight Saving Time in the Spring, we just won't get that extra hour on Sunday - but we still deduct the hour on Monday.

And in the Fall when we move off DST, we will get two extra hours on Sunday.

Having 25 hours on Sunday and only 23 hours on Monday can't be a bad thing – can it?

I bet the clock companies would love this!

David



“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

ANIMAL NAMES THAT ARE ALSO VERBS!!

Courtesy of Merriam-Webster



BADGER

The badger is a burrowing mammal of the weasel family. It's also the nickname for a resident of Wisconsin. As a verb, to badger means to harass or annoy someone persistently.

Fulminating about the canonical importance of Greedo not shooting first has metastasized into badgering fledgling stars off the internet for having the temerity to be female.

— **Chris Baker**, *Wired*, 18 Sept. 2018

While some animal names get used as verbs because the action is similar to something an animal does, that's not the case with a badger. More likely, it comes from the sport of baiting badgers, usually with dogs. (Appropriately, the verbs dog and hound can also mean “to harass or annoy.”)

FERRET

Ferret is the name for the small domesticated animal descended from the European polecat. While now kept as pets, they were previously used to flush out rabbits and other game animals or vermin that had burrowed underground. That's how ferret came to be used as a verb (often followed by out) to mean “to find and bring to light by searching”:

She is a tenacious investigator, ferreting out stories from the wispiest hints — a rumor or a mysterious photograph.

— **Parul Sehgal**,
The New York Times, 3 Oct. 2018



CLEANING TELEVISIONS

Television screens used to be easy to clean. You'd use the same things you use to clean window since the screens for CRTVs (“tube” TVs) were made of glass. If you have one of these older models, they are easy to clean. Windex works just fine. But these sets began to be phased out in 2008.

New technology changed our TVs so now we have LCD, LED and OLED TVs. The screens are much more sensitive. They can easily get scratched or damaged.

Here's what you should use on these newer sets: Start with a clean soft dry cloth — a microfiber cloth is perfect. Don't use paper towels, toilet paper or Kleenex.

They have fibers that can scratch. And don't press hard.

If problems remain on the screen, use a little distilled water on a clean cloth. And if you have a really stubborn stain, try some very mild dish soap in **highly** diluted distilled water. By highly diluted, Panasonic recommends a 100:1 ratio. The one commercial product that I can recommend is Pledge Multi-Surface Cleaner. Spray it on the cloth — not the screen.

Some other suggestion:

- Turn the TV set off and allow it cool before cleaning. It's also easier to see the dark screen with the set turned off and cooled down.

- Don't spray water directly on the screen. It could cause a shock or damage the component if it drips into the inner workings of the set.

- Avoid harmful chemicals, like ammonia and alcohol.

These ideas are brought to you by **CRDN of Birmingham**, our Textile and Electronics Restoration Insurance Division. We clean a ton of TVs every year at our Calera location!

If you have a question about cleaning electronics, contact Tyler Spigner at 205.882.9559 or Tyler@ChampionCleaners.com.

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Thanksgiving trivia quick facts — the speed round!

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.
- The heaviest turkey on record, according to the Guinness Book of Records, weighs 86 pounds.
- Californians consume the most turkey in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day!
- Female turkeys (called hens) do not gobble. Only male turkeys gobble.
- The average turkey for Thanksgiving weighs 15 pounds.
- Campbell's soup created green bean casserole for an annual cookbook 50 years ago. It now sells \$20 million worth of cream of mushroom soup.





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Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots

And we do...

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

Thanksgiving Jokes

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road twice?

A: To prove he wasn't a chicken!

Q: Why did the police arrest the turkey?

A: They suspected fowl play.

Q: Why shouldn't you look at the turkey dressing?

A: Because it will make him blush.

Q: What would you get if you crossed a turkey with a ghost?

A: A poultrygeist!

Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

Q: What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?

A: If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his grave



Time To Do This...

- ☒ Plant garlic cloves and shallots
- ☒ Start planning for Thanksgiving
- ☒ Clean your garbage disposal
- ☒ Clean Sink Faucet Aerators
- ☒ Lubricate Door Locks
- ☒ Get ready for black Friday
- ☒ Polish the silver and dust off the china

