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practitioners whenever possible. Contact Nan for a list of possible alternative practitioners.



In 1969, actor and comedian Red Skelton spoke these words to his audience. It delighted and brought tears to patriotic eyes. Consider sharing this with family and friends this July 4th, and remember what it means to be a citizen of the USA.

RED SKELTON: "I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the *Pledge Of Allegiance* and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name... He said": "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge Of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word:

I Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance My love and my devotion.

To the Flag Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.

of the United That means that we have all come together.

States Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country.

And to the Republic

Republic — a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands, One Nation One Nation — meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice The principle, or quality, of dealing fairly with others.

For All For All — which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine. And now, boys and girls, let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: Under God. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer, and that would be eliminated from schools, too?"

https://red-skelton.info/articles/pledge-of-allegiance/



Hot Hot Hot!

June was HOT, and the rest of the summer will likely be the same. According to the NASA website, the sun is flaring all summer this year, which may cause electronic interference and lots of hot hot temps.

When we sweat, we not only lose fluid; we also lose mineral salts which are necessary to form electrolytes. We drink more water to replace the lost fluids, but we must also replace the mineral salts, lest we end up in an emergency room with a needle stuck in an arm dripping saline (salt water) into our veins!

Here are two fine **electrolyte drinks** you can make at home—free of artificial colors, flavors, and sweeteners. And they're yummy and refreshing after cutting grass, gardening, or enthusiastic game of frisbee!

Recipe #1:

3 cups water (purified, RO, or filtered)

1 cup Concord grape juice or pomegranate juice

a squeeze of fresh lemon

¼ tsp Celtic salt

Mix all the ingredients in a quart container and drink liberally when outside in the heat, or any time you need to boost your electrolytes.

Recipe #2:

For an alternative recipe , make a quart of fresh lemonade sweetened with either honey or pure maple syrup. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon Celtic salt.

NEVER use table salt! Table salt is nearly pure sodium (plus sugar and anti-caking agents). Celtic salt naturally provides approximately 60 minerals which form electrolytes. Perfect! I also carry a high potassium salt and river salt, which are lower in sodium than regular Celtic salt.

Camping, hiking, or traveling? No problem! Skip the bottled juices or lemons and invest in individually packaged electrolyte packets in a variety of flavors: grape, lemon, cherry, berry, and more at Natural Health and Home. Convenient, delicious, and refreshing all summer long! Keep a few extras in your first aid kit. All are available at Natural Health and Home.

Fun, Natural Gardening Tips

I planted a garden this year! While it's great exercise and quite exciting to see those first little tomatoes, peppers, and squash—the rewards of all that work—gardens come with ants that eat lacy holes in bean leaves, fungi growing on squash leaves, and hungry squirrels and nosy wild critters that steal or dig up the "fruit" of our work!

I found some gardening books in my home library—part of my parents' stash of books. One interesting one is Jerry Baker's *Terrific Garden Tonics!* (2004). He offers 345 DIY formulas for gardens and lawns. Below are a just a couple samples of fun garden tips. (The books offers greater details.)

Green Up Tonic (p. 247)

1 can of beer

1 cup ammonia

½ cups dishwashing liquid

½ cup liquid lawn food

½ cup molasses or clear corn syrup

Mix the ingredients in a large bucket, pour into a 20 gallon hose-end sprayer, and spray everything in sight. Apply this tonic every three weeks right up through the first hard frost.

(Nan's Note: If you're in need of 5 gallon buckets from cat litter, they are FREE at the Hillsboro recycle center. They even have lids. These are useful to store small garden tools, potting soil, ice melt in the winter, to catch rain water for the garden or other uses, and BBQ charcoal. Added bonus: You can sit on them while working in the garden!)

Fungus Fighter Soil Drench (p. 264)

4 garlic bulbs, crushed

½ cup baking soda

1 gal water

Mix the ingredients in a large pot and bring to a boil. Let the mixture cool to room temperature and strain into a watering can. Soak the ground around fungus-prone plants. Dump the garlic bits onto the soil and work them into the soil gently, so as not to disturb the roots.

This book includes many recipes for dealing with aphids, caterpillars, rodents, and other garden pests. I used the baking soda mix on my squash leaves when they developed a powdery fungus-looking condition, and it worked great! The book also includes composting tips and year-round garden and house plant tips. Happy gardening!

Jerry Baker. *Terrific 345 Do-It-Yourself, Fix 'Em Formulas for Garden Maintaining a Lush Lawn & Gorgeous Garden Tonics*. American Master Products, 2004. www.jerrybaker.com.

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