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Getting Ready for Tax Day

One of the most notable non-holidays on the U.S. annual calendar, Tax Day, falls on Monday, April 15, this year. Tax Day is the formal deadline Americans' individual tax returns are due. Uncle Sam does give taxpayers some leniency. If Tax Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, or on a state holiday, Tax Day is moved back to the following business day.



Tax Day is traceable back to 1861, when the U.S. Civil War shifted into higher (and bloodier) gear, when Abraham Lincoln was ensconced in the White House, and when the income tax was first levied on the American populace. At initial blush, the first income tax didn't amount to much. The federal government, through the newly installed Internal Revenue Service, levied a tax of 3% for American households with incomes over \$800, with the additional revenue going to fund the North's ongoing war effort against the Confederate states. Even then, U.S. taxpayers raged against the tax, and 11 years later, the tax was ruled unconstitutional and was rescinded by Congress in 1872.

It wasn't until 1894 that the idea of an income tax rose again in Congress, clearing passage that year as a 2% tax, as part of the Revenue Act of 1894. The tax remained in place for two decades, until the U.S. Constitution was ratified (as the 16th Amendment) that allowed for a nationwide income tax with oversight by the Internal Revenue Service. Whether you're an individual taxpayer or a business owner, this deadline is important.

Green Living Tip

If you are used to washing your clothing in warm or hot water, try washing your next load in cold water. In almost every case, you'll find that a load washed in cold water comes out as clean as a load washed in warmer water. In fact, your clothing will last longer if you only wash in cold, as there is less wear to the clothing while going through the wash cycle.

Reduce . Reuse . Recycle. 

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Playing @ The Movies

Epic Tails

Pattie, an ambitious and daring mouse has big dreams to be an adventurer and a hero. When her homeland in Ancient Greece is threatened by Poseidon himself, Pattie is determined to save her city! Defying the odds, the gods, and the wishes of her feline father figure Sam, she embarks on an epic sea-quest to save her city.

Movie Stats

Rating: PG — Animated

Release Date: April 5, 2024

Director: David Alaux

Starring: Rob Beckett, Sonja Ball, Pierre Richard



Your Monthly Internet Tidbit

***"FreeBirthdayTreats.com
is a free, easy to use,
one stop resource for
birthday freebies."***

Many businesses and restaurants offer freebies on your birthday. Celebrating your birthday is more fun when you can get things like a movie rental, bowling, a tanning session, a car wash, and a meal, all for free. You can also get discounts on travel, including hotel rooms, cruises, and other amenities. So how do you find all these great deals? Simply go to FreeBirthdayTreats.com. There you can enter your state and find a huge list of birthday freebies. As a bonus, many of the free items are available for your entire birthday month, allowing you to spread out your celebration.

Check it out today at FreeBirthdayTreats.com

April is National Stress Awareness Month

Stress Awareness Month is an annual designation observed in April. Have you ever been in a situation that was a little (or a lot) overwhelming, you had deadlines approaching and a mile-long to do list, and you were just in way over your head?! Well, you're definitely not alone. Everyone feels stressed from time to time, especially as we get older and the responsibilities really pile onto our plate.

However, a little bit of stress isn't necessarily a bad thing, but too much stress can be detrimental to our emotional and physical health. Learning to find that healthy balance is the best way to live a productive, happy life. This month, we are all challenged to keep our stress levels low, and our peace levels high.



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