

THE BUGGETTE



Bare in Mind by Dick Bare

This past May my wife, Sharon, and I visited France, and I want to tell you about it, but we're going to do something a little different this time. If you download Panorama 360, you can type in the places we visited and it'll be like you're there too. For starters, type in "Eiffel Tower, France." Then click on the icons to see some remarkable views.

If you're using a laptop or tablet, hold it up and you'll see the tower ascending above you. (Lower it and you'll feel like you're going to fall!) This program is so incredible, it actually brought tears to my eyes. (When I was a kid, if you wanted to

travel, you'd usually have to do it in a car with a manual transmission and without power steering, or power windows and locks for that matter. It probably didn't have heat — or AC — either! Amazing how far technology has come!



Paris, France

On Sunday, May 11, we boarded a night flight from Hartsfield-Jackson airport to Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport. Then we endured a wild ride in a stick shift BMW, whose young driver delivered us to the Viking River cruise ship that moored along the Seine River. What a sight! The Seine was lined with beautiful trees and stately homes.

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Do Your Part for the Team

We do our part to treat your lawn every 8 weeks or so. We alert you if there is an issue and treat it when necessary.

However, watering is the other part of this team effort. It's one of the most important tasks you are charged with as far as the health and color of your lawn are concerned. We can assist you in finding a company to install a sprinkler system if you don't have one. If you already have a system and need advice on how often to run it, we can help you with that too. Your lawn should get about 1" of water every week. Use a tuna fish can as a measuring tool. When you water your lawn, place the tuna can on the area being watered. When the can is almost full, you've watered enough. This can make a critical difference in the color of your lawn, as well as in its resistance to disease. And if you're wondering why we continue to treat during a drought, your lawn is a living organism that needs nutrients and weed control even though it is going through a dry period.



7 Things You Didn't Know About Memorial Day

- 1 It was originally called Decoration Day.** To honor the deceased, soldiers would decorate graves of their fallen comrades with flowers, flags and wreaths. Hence Decoration Day. Although Memorial Day became its official title in the 1880s, the holiday wouldn't legally become Memorial Day until 1967.
- 2 It wasn't always celebrated the last Monday of May.** After the Civil War, General John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, called for a holiday commemorating fallen soldiers to be observed every May 30. But due to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which took effect in 1971, Memorial Day was moved to the last Monday of May to ensure long weekends.
- 3 James A. Garfield delivered a speech at the first Memorial Day ceremony.** Garfield was a Civil War general and Republican congressman, not yet a president. On May 30, 1868, he addressed the several thousand people gathered at Arlington National Cemetery. "If silence is ever golden," Garfield said, "it must be beside the graves of 15,000 men, whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem the music of which can never be sung."
- 4 It's legally required to observe a National Moment of Remembrance.** In December 2000, Congress passed a law requiring Americans to pause at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day to remember and honor the fallen.
- 5 More than 36 million people will travel at least 50 miles from home this Memorial Day.** At least, according to AAA estimates. That's the highest total since the recession.
- 6 Waterloo, New York, is considered the birthplace of Memorial Day.** According to the town's website, in 1966 Congress unanimously passed a resolution to officially recognize Waterloo as the birthplace of the holiday. However, it remains a contentious debate, with other towns, like Boalsburg, Pa., also claiming the distinction.

Several states observe Confederate Memorial Day. In addition to the national holiday, nine states officially set aside a day to honor those who died fighting for the Confederacy in the Civil War: Texas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Georgia. The dates vary, and only Virginia observes Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of May, in accordance with the federal observance of Memorial Day.



Source: <http://time.com/110697/memorial-day-facts/>



Look Out for Fungus, Weeds & Moles

If you have dead or brown patches or raised mounds in your lawn, you may be dealing with a fungus or moles. There are several types of lawn problems that only respond to the application of specific fungicides. Water your lawn 1" per week. Watering is the most important thing you can do to keep your lawn green and healthy. A stubborn weed that also pops up frequently on Nashville lawns is nutsedge.



BROWN PATCH:

Watch for large, unsightly symmetrical patches, ranging in diameter from a few inches to a few feet.



MOLE DAMAGE:

While moles cause the visual damage to your lawn, the underlying problem are grubs and worms in the soil. Since moils eat these insects, controlling them is key.



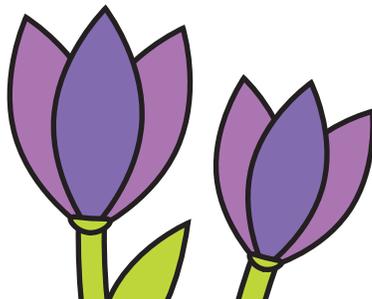
NUTSEGE:

This is known for its three-sided stems and star-like flower petals.

Call us at, **615.329.4151**, if any of these appear, so that we can give you an estimate and "nip it in the bud" before it spreads.

Home-grown veggies from your garden

There's nothing like getting your vegetables from your own home garden. You and your family can enjoy them at their just-picked freshness or preserve them and enjoy them later, when the growing season has passed. Even if you're working with limited space, a few well chosen, well cared for plants can produce a plentiful bounty. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and blueberries are just some of the crops that do well in Tennessee and give a high yield in small gardens.



Seasonal Garden Tasks for Tennessee:

- Keep seedbeds damp with shallow, frequent watering.
- Pinch the growing points from the stems tips of mum plants when they get 3-4 inches.
- Plant annuals among waning spring bulbs.
- Mulch to conserve moisture and control weeds.
- Control weeds while they are small.



Application #3

What we did today to your lawn:

1. Different lawns have different needs:
 - **FESCUE, BERMUDA & ZOYSIA** lawns received a treatment of Arbor-Organics fertilizer. This fertilizer will provide nourishment to the grass plants until our next visit.
 - **FESCUE, BERMUDA & ZOYSIA** lawns received an application of three kinds of herbicides for broadleaf weeds.
 - This time of year, brown patch fungus is active and causes havoc on **FESCUE** lawns. If you see brown circular patches, call our office to set up an inspection and quote for a fungicide application. Cut Fescue lawns at the highest setting on your mower. This will help to lower the soil temperature for this cool season grass.
2. Some weeds, such as **Virginia Buttonweed, Nutsedge** and **Wild Violets**, are difficult to control and require an additional application. Please refer to the newsletter for more information on **Nutsedge** or call our office to arrange for an inspection and quote.
3. **Gold** customers also received a **FREE Outdoor Pest Control** application.
4. **Platinum** customers also received a fungicide to prevent fungi, an application of Outdoor Pest Control and a nutsedge/grassy weed application as needed.

To your trees & shrubs: (ONLY for Gold & Platinum Customers)

1. Today we applied an insecticide to your trees and shrubs to help prevent bugs like lace bugs and aphids from settling into your trees and shrubs.
2. A fungicide was applied to control diseases like powdery mildew and leaf spot.

What you need to do until our next visit:

1. You don't need to collect clippings, as they "recycle" back into the soil and provide some extra nutrients. It is safe to mow once the application is dry.
2. Keep an eye out for **BROWN PATCH FUNGUS** on Fescue lawns.
3. Routine trimming will help your shrubs grow better.

If you have any questions concerning your lawn, trees, shrubs or our service, please call our Customer Service Department Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm at **615.329.4151**. If you call after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day.

Please note that our office is extremely busy during the summer months and there are times when we will have to put you on hold. If you do not want to wait to speak with a Customer Service Representative, please email us your question/concern at info@arbor-nomicsnashville.com.

Mowing Tips

Mowing the same day treatment is performed is no problem as long as any application that goes on wet has dried. It's also okay to mow after an application that goes on dry, even if you bag your clippings. While we recommend frequent mowing, we also recommend letting the clippings go back into the soil. It provides nutrients, shades the soil and helps maintain the thatch layer.

Here are some recommended mowing heights:



Turf Type	Cutting Heights (in.)
Tall Fescue	2 - 3
Common Bermuda Grass	1 - 1.5
Hybrid Bermuda Grass	0.5 - 1.5
Zoysia Grass	0.5 - 1.5



Helpful Contact Information

MAIN NUMBER

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri, 8:00am - 4:00pm
If you call after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day.

Share Your Secret & Get Rewarded

Refer one of your neighbors and get \$50! If any of your neighbors comments on how good your lawn looks, give them our contact information. If they sign up for service, you'll receive \$50 towards your account. Just tell them to mention your name when they sign up.





Eiffel Tower, Paris

Joggers, cyclists, people out for a stroll traversed the wide boulevards along the river. And not too far off in the distance, you could see the Eiffel Tower, a stunning feat of architecture and engineering.

Designed by Gustave Eiffel as the grand entrance for the 1889 World Exposition, the 986-foot structure was completed in less than two years with the help of 50 engineers and a crew of 132. It was the world's tallest structure until 1930, when New York's Chrysler Building took over that claim to fame. It takes 60 tons of paint, applied every

seven years, to maintain the iron structure. Offering incredible views of Paris during the day, the tower itself becomes a thing to behold at nightfall. Summertime offers hourly displays of shimmering light. During winter, elegant illumination captures the eye.

Of all the major cities Sharon and I have been to, my favorite is London. Sharon's is Paris. Around 44 million tourists from across the globe visit the City of Light each year, making it the most popular destination in the world, so it would seem that I'm a bit outnumbered. I shouldn't be surprised, because there really are so many things to do and see. You can spend hours exploring peaceful gardens, intimate courtyards, delightful galleries, opulent palaces, and grand boulevards. The beauty of a nighttime stroll along the Seine, spanned by lamp-lit bridges, is truly romantic. The cobbled streets of the bohemian le Marais district offer a wonderful collection of quirky shops and art galleries. A stop at any of the delightful sidewalk cafes (the best are along the Champs-Élysées) is the perfect way to drink in the atmosphere of this magical city while sipping a café crème or a cup of hot "chocolat."

The architecture in Paris cannot be beat. It is a mix of classical, Gothic, Art Nouveau, and very contemporary buildings. These styles appear randomly throughout the city and the sights are marvelous wherever you go. But I definitely recommend seeing the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Sacré-Coeur in Montmartre, and the glass pyramid at the entrance of the Louvre Museum.

Paris, the capital city of France, is situated on the Seine River, and is located in the northern part of the country. Its name derives from the Gaulish tribe known as the Parisii. The city is home to a little more than 2.2 million Parisians and spans 9 miles east to west at its longest point and 6 miles north to south at its widest, for a total area of 33.5 square miles. (New York City, for comparison, is 305 square miles with 8.4 million inhabitants.) The top visitor attractions are Disneyland Paris, with 15 million visitors per year; the Cathedral of Notre Dame, with 13.6 million visitors; the Sacré Coeur,



Seine River, France

with 10.5 million; the Louvre, with 8.8 million; the Eiffel Tower, with 7 million; the Palace of Versailles, with 6 million; and Centre Georges Pompidou, with 5 million.

We spent Monday touring along the Seine River for a while, and then it was off to the Louvre. (The gift shop is fabulous! I loved it because it was full of unique Christmas presents for the kids and grandkids. I bought a beautiful pen that was as thin as a regular pen refill — very unusual.) Monday night, our Viking cruise ship embarked for Giverny, France. This is one of the most beautiful little towns I have ever been in. It is just gorgeous! It is also the location of the home and gardens of Claude Monet.

We went on a tour of the house and gardens, and the flowering plants just took your breath away! It being May, we had missed the Yellow Bells (Forsythia) blooming, as well as the pink flowering Japanese cherry trees, tulips, daffodils, forget-me-nots, hyacinths, and azaleas of all colors. But the gardens were nonetheless stunning. Beautiful irises, peonies, poppies, geraniums, wisteria, and delphiniums were everywhere. The purple wisteria hanging over the Japanese bridge in the water garden was absolutely lovely.



Known as the founder of the French Impressionist style of painting, Claude Monet was born in Paris on November 14, 1840, to a grocer father and singer mother. At a young age, he was mentored by the artist Eugene Boudin, who taught the young student oil painting techniques. At the age of 30, Monet moved to England, where he met and married Camille Doncieux, who often modelled for him. They had two children but she died of tuberculosis at the tender age of 32. He was 43 when he came to Giverny, bringing with him his second wife, Alice Hoschedé — the widow of a department store magnate and art collector — and her six children and his two. He bought the large house and garden of two acres and lived there the rest of his life. Monet died December 5, 1926, at the age of 86. Despite rapidly failing eyesight and lung cancer in his later years, he painted until his very last day. He is buried in a Giverny cemetery.

Interestingly, a nearby town, Auvers-sur-Oise, was host to a number of Impressionist painters, including Camille Pissarro, Paul Cézanne, and Berthe Morisot. Of all the artists who found inspiration here, it is perhaps the spirit of Vincent van Gogh that haunts the stunningly beautiful riverside valley most vividly. He felt Auvers had a "medicinal effect" and he came here to get help for his depression and possible epilepsy. Ironically this beautiful and idyllic setting became the backdrop for his eventual suicide, in a wheat field just outside town. Today this tranquil hamlet looks unchanged from that long-ago period, and thousands visit this dreamy postcard of a town every year.

Next time, we'll journey on to Normandy, with stops in Rouen and the famed WWII beaches. Then it's off to London.