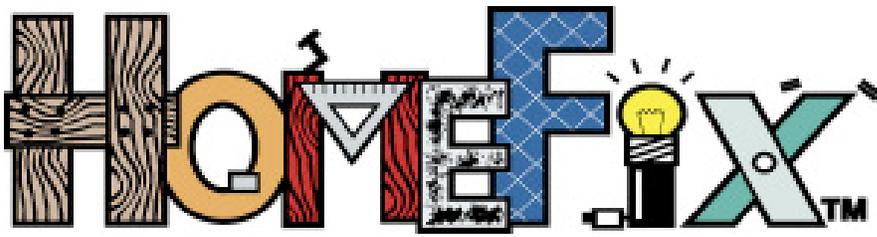


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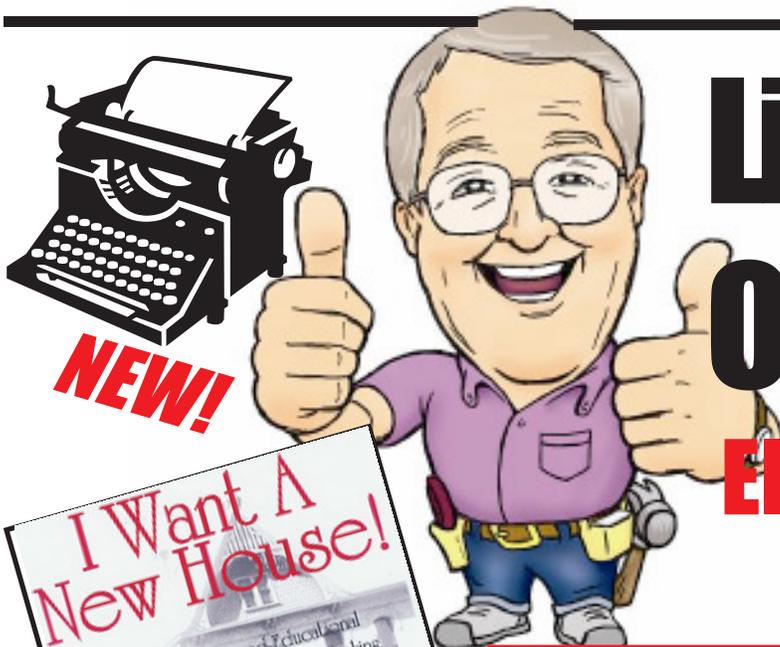
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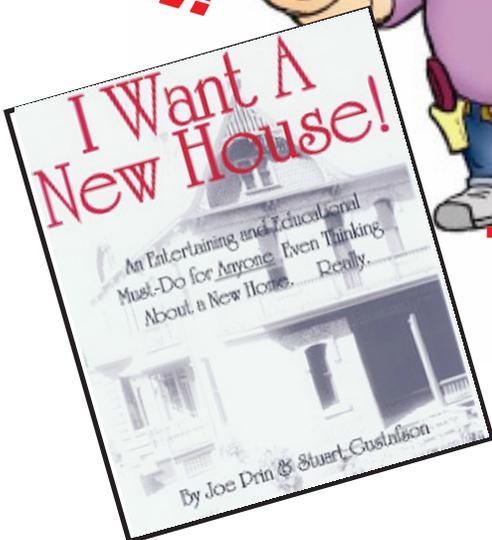


The HomeFix Show has moved! Yes, it is now official and I can talk about it all. Wow, was that an interesting couple of weeks. I was so nervous about going on the air on KBOI I don't think I got more than an hours sleep the night before the first show. You would think that after 23 years on "the other station" that I would not have much to get nervous about. Wrong!

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So here is the inside scoop on how it all came to be.

As you may know, the HomeFix show is one of those "Paid Programs" you see listed in the schedules. I essentially have been renting the studio on Saturday mornings, selling ads on the show to help pay for it, and delivering to the listeners the HomeFix Show. And thanks to you, the listeners, the show has done remarkably well in the ratings. Not only do good ratings help out the shows sponsors, but it is very much noticed by all the other radio stations out there competing against the show. And quite frankly, for many years we have been absolutely kicking their rear ends all over the charts.



A little bird, who shall go nameless (D.M.) told me that KBOI wanted to talk to me about the show and how to get it on 670, but they wouldn't make first contact for ethical reasons. However, they would gladly accept a call from me if I was interested. I made the call, first out of curiosity.

We set up a meeting and I was presented with a lot more than just available air time. KBOI is determined to make the weekends as strong as the week days on their station. They wanted me to be part of this new team to help them do it and not just a tenant. We discussed the vision and I got more and more excited. The broadcast signal is much stronger too, and more people would be able to hear the show. This is good for the sponsors, as well as for the variety of the program.

There are also a few technical advantages I will now be able to access, like being able to do remote

broadcasts from just about anywhere.

Since making the move on March 6th, I have gotten a lot of feedback and so far.... 100% of it has been positive. Most of the comments say that they are glad I am on the station that their other favorite shows are on and that the show sounds clearer and stronger. BUT... They also want the show to go to two hours again as soon as possible. Me too. And count on it, I will be doing all I can to make it happen sooner than later. Stay tuned!

- Joe Prin

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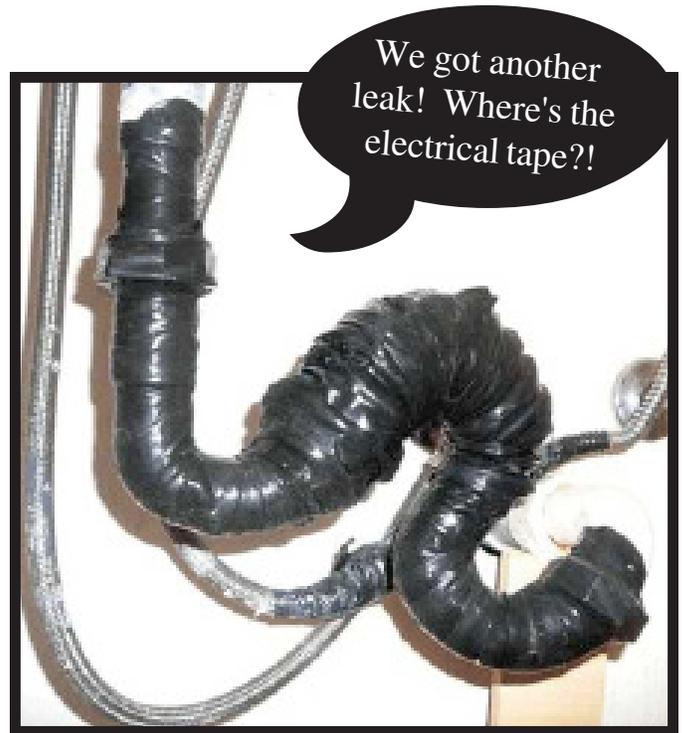
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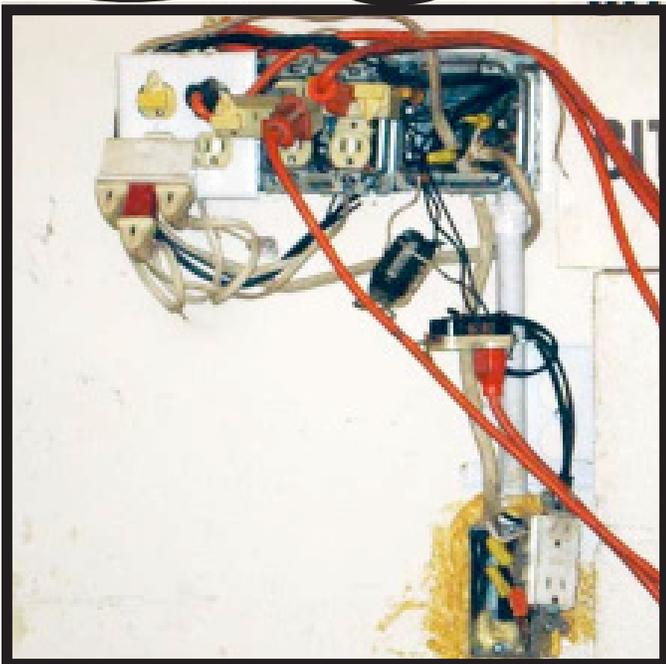
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# The Independent Newspaper Column

by Joe Prin for April, 2010



Spring brings changes. They are all around us. One that happened for me is the moving of The HomeFix Radio Show to 670 KBOI. A bit of a mental challenge for me, but like most things, I adjusted and got used to it. Thanks to those of you who twisted the radio dial and have found the new home for the show. It is going to be a great move.

More on the home improvement front, do you have a few things on the to-do list that got put off so long that you didn't get them done last year? I know I did.

We all had a lot of factors that influenced what we did or didn't do. Our economy drove a lot of those decisions. I just can't see how we will ever look at our homes, their condition, their size, and the upkeep of them the same way ever again. We have all learned some valuable lessons.

A management instructor of mine once said that "You will worry less about what people think of you, when you realize how infrequently they actually do!". How true. We have all gotten caught up in the appearance of "us". What we drive, what we wear, what we eat, and where we live.

Guys like Dave Ramsey preach being debt free and looking at how we use our money. Joe Dominguez and Vicki Robin urge us to live more simply and to find comfort in their classic book "Your Money or Your Life". Your Pastor has been telling you to be a better Steward of what you have and to not worry about what you don't have.

So how does this all fit into you home repairs and improvements? My take on this is that now more than ever, you should invest in quality and durability. Given the choice to wait, save, and incorporate a quality piece of hardware or material to your home, I feel, is a better choice than buying junk only to be doing it over again sooner than you want.

Yeah, you might have to put off building that deck for another year. But wouldn't one project done well, with quality materials, be better than two done with stuff that doesn't last? Who cares what the neighbors think. I'd rather you saved up, paid cash, bought a great quality house paint, than some inferior bargain paint just to get it done.

The truth be told, many people who look like they are spending like crazy, are. They are charged up to their eyeballs on credit cards trying to project an image and perception and are trying to impress people that don't matter.

The person we all should emulate in 2010 is the person who makes quality choices, informed decisions, and pays cash because they worked hard and saved.

For a while in my remodeling business I thought about taking Credit Cards for customers to pay their bills. I am really glad I didn't, as some of them would still be trying to pay off those projects.

Repairing rather than replacing is another way to keep things going. It might not be what you want to do right now, but it is probably what you need to do right now.

Are you of this philosophy? Have you known this for decades? It is not a new concept, but it is new to many people never before faced with hard decisions to make.

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# Landscaping for Energy Efficiency



Each year, the onset of spring beckons us to the nurseries in search of bright colors to cheer our yards and flower beds. Before heading out this year, Idaho Power suggests you take a moment and look for other planting opportunities.....ones that will pay not only dividends in beauty but in cash savings. A well-landscaped yard increases your home’s value and can save up to 30% on heating and cooling costs. Plants absorb the sun’s heat during the day and create cooler microclimates by using the heat to evaporate water, thus cooling daytime temperatures.

- When combined with shade, air temperatures near trees can drop as much as 9° F.
- Because cool air settles near the ground, air temperatures directly under trees can be as much as 25° F cooler than air temperatures above nearby blacktop!
- And summer daytime temperatures are 3°- 6° F cooler in tree-shaded neighborhoods than treeless areas.

### Tree Tips:

- Plant deciduous trees on the south and west sides of your home.....they’ll provide shade in the summer and won’t block the winter sun.
- Plant trees with the highest leafy crowns on the south side and lower crowns on the west
- Evergreens are best used on the north and east sides and can be part of an effective windbreak
- Vines are an inexpensive way to provide quick and effective shade.

Create dead air spaces around your home that insulate your home both winter and summer. Do this by planting shrubs, bushes, and vines next to your house, leaving a one foot space between full-grown plants and your home’s wall.

And lastly, although keeping your air conditioning unit shaded may provide a small efficiency gain, it is perhaps more important to provide enough airflow so that the hot air emitted from the condenser can flow away from the unit easily. Some recommend at least two feet of clearance all around the equipment and at least five feet above it.

Always remember safety comes first. Pay attention to power lines. Avoid the danger of accidentally cutting into underground power lines or other utility cables by notifying Idaho Power before you dig.

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# WINNERS!

Congratulations to Sam, Lowell, Mike, and Doug for being the March, 2010 HomeFix Club Winners! They each recieved a new Channellock tool to add to their toolboxes. More goodies are being sent out in April, so watch your mailboxes!



# Joe's Getting Goofy!

This is a bit out there, but here is the story. My oldest Daughter has a 1951 Chevy. With a blown motor. So, I helped her take out the old 216 and put in a better 235. I tried to sell off for her the old 216 parts but no takers. I tried to give the parts away, no takers. I just couldn't throw them all away... There had to be a use! So I took out the grinder, welder and a cold adult beverage. This was the result. Recycle! Reuse!



## YARD ART!

**Parts used-** 8 push rods, 6 rockers, rail springs, timing cover, oil diverter, two lifters, oil pan, rail towers, pivot clips, valve cover (cut in half) oil fill cap.

**Time wasted-** 2.33 hours of my life



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