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Home Improvement Deals With Life Crisis



Tim and Jill face 24 hours of parental hell when they learn their son Randy might have a life threatening disease in a heart-moving episode of "Home Improvement," airing April 2 on ABC.

The Longest Day: A Moving Episode

Tim (Tim Allen and Jill (Patricia Richardson) must face what every parent dreads -- waiting to find out if one of their children has a life threatening disease on "The Longest Day," a moving episode of "Home Improvement" airing Tuesday, April 2, at 9:00 PM (ET/PT) on ABC.

Andy Cadiff directed the episode from a script by Elliot Shoeman & Marley Sims.

What starts out as a routine checkup for the boys becomes an emotional tailspin for the Taylors when the doctor discovers a lump on Randy's (Jonathan Taylor Thomas) thyroid gland.

Tim and Jill spend the next 24 hours worrying about whether or not Randy has a malignant growth, while trying to keep it from the kids. However, when Jill prepares Randy's favorite breakfast and Tim suggests they play hooky and hit the video

game arcade, Randy begins to suspect that something's not right.

Jill and Tim finally reveal that there's a lump on his thyroid that may have to be removed. After the initial shock, Randy confronts Tim with the realities of the situation -- if the lump is malignant, he has cancer and could die.

Together, they anxiously wait for the doctor's office to call with the test results.

"Home Improvement," produced by Wind Dancer Production Group in association with Touchstone Television, also stars Earl Hindman, Zachery Ty Bryan, Taran Noah Smith, Richard Karn and Debbie Dunning. Matt Williams, David McFadzean, Carmen Finestra, Elliot Shoeman and Bruce Ferber are the executive producers.

Touchstone Television is part of Walt Disney Television and Telecommunications group.

RENTERS' RIGHTS FORUM

The Oregon Housing Now! Coalition and the Belmont Action Plan are co-sponsoring a free renters' rights forum.

This is a chance for renters to learn their rights under the Landlord/Tenant Law and how to strengthen these rights.

This event will be held Thursday April 18th, 6:45 pm at the Sunnyside Methodist Church, 3520 SE Yamhill. Bus routes 14, 15, and 75. Free refreshments and childcare will be provided. For further information, or to register for childcare, call Susan at Reach, 231-0682.

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