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Inside This Issue:

- Little Ways You Can Help Safeguard the Clean Drinking Water Supply
- How to Purchase the Perfect Fridge
- The ABCs of Contingencies

Plus much, much more!!!

Tis the Season for Family Fun!

Just because summer is almost over, doesn't mean that the fun has to stop! August is National Family Fun Month and we've lined up some great activities to do with your kids.

Host a dance party: Turn your living room into a party zone by dressing up in funky party attire, dimming the lights, and turning on your favorite dance jams. Disco ball is optional!

BBQ potluck: Throw a family BBQ in your backyard or at the local park. If your kids are old enough, let them create their very own dish, but don't forget to bring a back-up dish, just in case!

Beach outing: If you're lucky enough to live in an area close to the beach, take full advantage while there is still a little bit of warmth! Take your kids out to the beach and let them boogie board while you soak up some sun and relax.

Backyard movie night: These days, it costs an arm and a leg to take the entire family out to the movies, so why not watch a movie in your own makeshift movie theater? Play your family's favorite movie using a projector and a blank wall. You can also set up a snack station with popcorn, candy, chips and other munchies!

Ice-cream party: What's better than eating ice cream? Eating ice cream that you've made yourself! Using a recipe you find online let your kids make their own ice cream. Put out a spread of different toppings so that they can make their ice cream unique to their own taste and preference!

Scavenger hunt: Give your kids a list of things that they will need to find around the house or in your neighborhood. Have some prizes ready for the person who finds all items on the list!

Family music video: Start your own family tradition and produce your own music video! All you need is a camera, a fun and upbeat song, and high-energy! Let your kids pick several different outfits to rotate during the music video shoot. If you're daring, post the video on Youtube...who knows, maybe the video will go viral!

Baking party: Teach your kids how to bake their own cupcakes, cookies, or even cake! You can even host your own family "baking show" by letting them compete as if they were on a baking competition, with you as a judge!

Backyard camping: Set up your own camp by pitching some tents in your backyard! Play fun board games and tell spooky stories around your "campfire".

Trip to the zoo: Kids love animals and what better way to let them interact with their furry friends than at the zoo! Take them to the local zoo and you can even teach them how to make their own memory book using photos that they take at the zoo.

Water Quality Awareness at Home

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated August as National Water Quality Month. With the uninterrupted availability of clean drinking water in the U.S., we often fail to recognize how regular human activities impact our water quality. National Water Quality Month reminds us how our actions affect our waterways.

Congress has passed two benchmark acts, the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, to help protect our waterways. The Clean Water Act, passed in 1972, is the primary federal law governing water pollution. The act established goals of eliminating the release of high amounts of toxic substances into water, eliminating additional water pollution, and ensuring that surface waters meet set standards for human sports and recreation. While the Clean Water Act addresses surface waters, the Safe Drinking Water Act, passed in 1974, ensures the quality of American's drinking water by protecting groundwater and public water systems.

The Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and environmentally responsible Americans help safeguard the availability of clean drinking water in the U.S. Below are some ways you can help:

Use a broom, not a hose, to clean off your driveway – get toned arms while helping the environment!

Install a rain barrel to collect rainwater – use the collected water to wash your car or water your lawn or gardens and save money on your water bill!

Reduce or eliminate pesticide and fertilizer application by testing your soil before applying chemicals – save money and the environment by only applying when you need to!

Take used oil or antifreeze to a service station or recycling center – most places do not charge a fee for recycling, some even offer discounts on future purchases!

Walk pets in grassy areas and parks, instead of by waterways, and always pick up after your pet – you don't have to clean muddy pets or clothes and you can see gorgeous flowers!

Get involved in your local community by adopting a watershed and organize stream cleanups, plant trees to prevent erosion, and monitor water quality – meet your neighbors, spend time the beautiful outdoors, and help the environment!



"These homework patches really reduce your cravings. This one is 'Chemistry,' but you can get them in any subject."



"I'd like to run a few more tests just to rule out 'Baseball Fever.'"

Just for Fun

1. Home - Diner - License
2. Jackie - Dolly - Eleanor
3. Corn - Baby - Olive
4. America - Kangaroo - Crunch
5. Sharp - Cream - Cottage
6. Santa's Sleigh - Churches - Schools
7. Debtors - Congress - Ducks
8. Picnic - Easter - Wastepaper
9. Twilight - End - No Parking
10. Secret - Double - Real Estate

COMMONYMS

What's a commonym you ask?

A commonym is group of words that have a common trait in the three words/items listed. For example: A car - A tree - An elephant ... they all have trunks. These will make you think!

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How do you prevent a summer cold?

Answer on page 8

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August Is:

- Family Fun Month
- National Catfish Month
- National Golf Month
- Peach Month
- Water Quality Month
- National Picnic Month

Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite

That fabulous, famous dog nose sniffs out more than crime.

These days canines are also used to sniff out the scourge of bed bugs.

According to the New York Times, bed bug sniffing dogs are not 100 percent effective in finding the biting insects. False alarms do happen, but handlers say the dogs are effective in up to 96 percent of hits.

Dogs can sniff out a bed bug infestation in minutes, as opposed to a human bug inspector who might take an hour or two to find evidence.

Many pest control companies are now using sniffer dogs to find bed bugs.

For the traumatized families who have found themselves infested by the critters, this can be a quick way to find out if they are imagining things, or if that itchy feeling is the real thing.

According to bedbugger.com, if you are considering hiring a company with a sniffer dog, you should ask some basic questions.

1. What is included in the inspection?
2. Do handlers mark areas where the dog alerts?
3. Do handlers visually confirm alerts?
4. What type of documentation is left with the customer?
5. How much time is included in the visit?
6. If the dog inspection company is also a pest control firm, can you use the pest control firm of your choice for any necessary treatment?
7. If you choose to use a different firm for treatment, does the price of the dog inspection change?

Buying a Fridge 101

Buying a major appliance takes calculation and decisions in order to find the one that will serve you best. Some things to consider:

How much electricity does it use? All refrigerators have the EnergyGuide label that shows how much power they use in kilowatt hours. The cost is based on 10.65 cents per kWh. Check your electric bill to see your actual kWh cost.

Does the cubic-foot number reflect how much will it hold? Refrigerators are sold with a cubic-foot capacity, but that doesn't take into account the amount of space used by shelves, drawers and ice makers that take up space. How you use the space isn't taken into account.

A tall, thin freezer might not be able to hold a pizza or a big ham. Some refrigerators don't have room in the door shelves for a gallon of milk.

Will it maintain a consistent temperature? Various authorities say a refrigerator should be set at from 34 to 40 degrees. Better models allow you to set the temperature directly; others give a selection between one and 10 for both refrigerator and freezer. In that case, you'd have to calculate the best settings with a refrigerator/freezer thermometer. Recommended freezer temperatures are between zero and 4 degrees.

Some models offer energy-saver features that cut the amount of electricity the unit uses. But this feature increases temperature variations, which might make foods spoil more quickly.

Be sure to measure kitchen space before a purchase. Allow at least a quarter of an inch on all sides for air circulation, more for ease in moving the unit. Check height limitations when a cabinet is mounted above the fridge.

A counter-deep refrigerator is shallower so it will fit flush with your kitchen cabinets.

Hail the End Table

Well-known room designer Alexa Hampton says maybe the end table's name is the reason it seems unimportant. Other pieces of furniture have more prestigious names, like center, console or buffet. But the end table is so important that a selection should be made very thoughtfully.

The first thing to consider is the height of the sofa's arm. The table should be at that same height or not far below it. If there's a table at each end of the sofa, they should be the same height. One reason is that if you are using a pair of lamps, one should not stand taller than the other.

There's no need to have matching end tables. In fact, Hampton likes to mix silhouettes with a round table at one end of the sofa and a square table at the other. It provides interest. These little tables can have a big impact on the room.

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To solve a sudoku, you only need logic and patience. No math is required.
Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has a number 1 through 9 with only one occurrence of each number.

Each column and row of the large grid must have only one instance of the numbers 1 through 9.

The difficulty rating on this puzzle is easy.

WE WELCOME THIS MONTH'S NEW CLIENTS TO THE "PRECISION ROOF CRAFTERS" FAMILY

Here are some of our new clients that became members of the "Precision Roof Crafters' Family" this past month. I'd like to welcome you and wish you all the best!

Gayle D., Pasadena * Darrell B., Spring * Anna A., Spring * Daniel K., Houston

We are giving recognition to our new clients and our superb friends who are kind enough to refer their neighbors and relatives to us.

Toxin-Eating Buildings

A whole new line of building materials has been created to help fight environmental problems. These products either break down pollutants into harmless byproducts or absorb them for discarding in a safe place.

* Alcoa has metal panels that are used as an architectural covering for buildings. The EcoClean panels break down the chemical elements of smog and turn them into byproducts that are then washed away by rain.

The panels are made of aluminum with a titanium oxide coating, according to researchers for USA Today and Arizona Business & Money. Alcoa teamed up with Japanese manufacturer TOTO to develop the EcoClean product.

While now being used on the light-weight architectural panels, titanium oxide has been used for several years on concrete and concrete block buildings.

* Now available in stores across the country, ionic light bulbs are offering a breath of fresh air. Imbedded elements in the new compact, energy-efficient fluorescent lamps are designed to eliminate dust, allergens, pollen, and smoke. They are highly recommended but have not yet been studied by independent testing agencies.

* Formaldehyde fumes have been linked to many health problems. They can now be absorbed by a new ceiling tile product from Armstrong Ceiling and Wall Systems. The Armstrong Ultima tiles with AirGuard coating have been certified by Universal Labs (UL), an independent non-profit testing group.

* Dow-Corning is now using silica fume (SF), a very fine solid particulate generated during silicon metal production. Historically considered a waste product, SF is now used to make concrete more efficient.

Silica fume can be used in a variety of productive ways. It increases the compression and abrasion resistance of high-performance concrete. SF seals it from attack by other chemical elements, increasing its thermal barrier properties.

Contingents Explained

A contingent offer is a standard way that buyers agree to purchase a home if certain conditions are met. If the conditions are not met, then the buyer can back out of a sale.

For example, the home inspection is the most common contingency. Most buyers are not willing to spend money on inspections unless they can back out of the purchase, or renegotiate it, at the end of the process.

A home inspection can reveal all sorts of problems from mold to bad floor joists. It is one contingency that is nearly always made on a sale.

A mortgage contingency is also common. This protects the buyer and the seller from a situation where the buyer can't get a loan to cover the sale price. The buyer has a certain amount of time to get a loan. He may think he has the mortgage lined up, but things happen. If he can't get a lender to agree to the loan, then the buyer can back out of the agreement. This wastes everyone's time and that's why there is also an appraisal contingency.

The appraisal contingency is good for buyer because it helps ensure the property is actually worth what he is paying for it. In this case, a lender hires a third party to put a value on the property. If the value is less than the buyer is paying, then the buyer can cancel deal.

You might hear of non-contingency deals in hot real estate markets.

These can be very risky for buyers and sellers.

You might hear of them in a case where the price is low and the buyers have cash. In this situation, the buyers sign the contract without an inspection. It is somewhat risky for the seller because if there is something dramatically wrong with the property, the buyers could sue. On the other hand, it is terribly risky for the buyer because they don't know what the pitfalls of the property are.

TV energy gobbler: Noah Horowitz, senior scientist at Center for Energy Efficiency Standards, says that Ultra-high-def 4K TVs need bright backlighting. The TVs use 30 percent more power compared with other high-definition sets. You can lower energy usage by turning on automatic brightness control and turning off quick-start booting options.

Cajun Catfish Supreme

Ingredients

- 1 ½ pounds catfish filets, cut in strips
- 2 teaspoons Cajun-style blackened seasoning
- 4 tablespoons mayonnaise
- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 cup sliced green onions
- 1 pound small peeled shrimp
- 2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of shrimp soup



Directions

1. Sprinkle catfish strips with blackened fish seasoning. Spread catfish with mayonnaise. Place in a shallow dish, cover, and refrigerate for 1 hour.
2. In a large skillet, heat 4 tablespoons butter until it begins to sizzle. Sear the fish strips until golden, turning once. Transfer to a 9x13 inch baking dish, and arrange fish in a single layer.
3. In the same skillet, heat remaining 4 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Cook and stir mushrooms in butter until golden. Stir in parsley, green onions, and shrimp. Reduce heat to low, and cook until shrimp are pink and tender. Stir in cream of shrimp soup, and blend well. Ladle soup mixture over fish in baking dish.
4. Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 30 minutes.

Source: allrecipes.com



The Dreamiest Peaches

- 1 (15 ounce) can peach halves, drained
 - 10 vanilla wafers, crushed
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon butter, softened
 - ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1. Preheat oven on broiler setting.
 2. Place peaches hollow side up in a pie pan. In a medium bowl, mix together crushed vanilla wafers, brown sugar, butter and cinnamon until crumbly. Sprinkle over peaches.
 3. Place under broiler, and cook until sugar is melted and bubbly, about 1 minute.

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Every month we choose a Precision Roof Crafters' Client Of The Month. It's just our way of saying thanks and giving a little recognition to our good friends and clients who help support us!

This month's client of the month is **J. O'Neil!** Congratulations! **Mr. O'Neil wins a \$50 Gift Card.**

You can be the client of the month too! Watch for your name here in an upcoming month! You can be the client of the month too!

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1. plates
2. first ladies
3. oils
4. captains
5. cheese
6. they have bells
7. they have bills
8. baskets
9. zones
10. agents

Riddle Answer:

Catch it in the winter!

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