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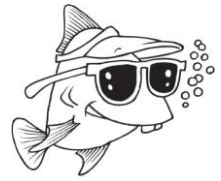
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Protect Your Eyes!

Wear sunglasses outdoors -- even in the winter. This is the best way to minimize eye damage from ultraviolet (UV) light. Consistently wearing sunglasses that block UV rays will halve your risk for cataracts and macular degeneration, the leading causes of vision loss in adults.



Drink more water. The body's blood supply does not feed the lens of the eye, so drinking lots of water to flush toxins can reduce the risk for cataracts.

Eat cold-water fish three times weekly. Salmon, tuna, mackerel and sardines are the best dietary sources of *docosahexaenoic acid* (DHA), a long-chain fatty acid that rebuilds damaged cell membranes in the retina and may improve night vision.

If you don't eat fish, take a fish oil supplement containing 500 milligrams (mg) of supplemental DHA daily, or consume 500mg of supplemental algae, which is also rich in DHA. - Robert Abel, Jr. MD

We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter. It is a great time to spend with your family!

We are looking forward to serving you in any way we can.

All our best,
Jamie Miller, Manager

August is National Golf Month

- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- A titanium driver hitting a golf ball can create a sonic boom.
- The longest hole on a golf course is the seventh hole at the Satsuki Golf Club in Japan, which measures 914 yards, and is a par 7.
- Scotland invented golf -- but then banned the game in 1647.
- The lowest 18-hole golf score ever recorded in competition was a 55, by pro golfer **Homero Blancas**, who played on the PGA Tour in the 60's and 70's. In 1962, when he was an amateur and playing in the Premier Invitational, in Longview, Texas, Blancas had a front nine of 27 and a back nine of 28. He had 13 birdies and one eagle, using only 20 putts.
- The longest drive on record in tournament play was hit by pro **Mike Austin** in September of 1974. Playing in the *US Nations Seniors Open Championship* at Winterwood Golf Course in Las Vegas, the 64-year-old Austin unleashed a blast on the par-four 5th hole that flew more than 400 yards, bounced in front of the green and came to rest 65 yards beyond the green. When it was paced off, it was recorded as a 515 yard drive.



August 13 is International Lefthanders Day

August 13 is designated *International Lefthanders Day* by Lefthanders International. It was first observed August 13, 1976. As its name suggests, it is meant to promote the awareness of the inconvenience facing left-handers in a predominantly right-handed world. It celebrates their uniqueness and difference; they represent seven to ten percent of the world's populations.

International Lefthanders Day is now celebrated worldwide. They're particularly into it in the U.K. Their celebrations include things like: left-v-right sports matches; a left-handed tea party, pubs using left-handed corkscrews where patrons drink and play pub games with the left hand only, and nationwide "Lefty Zones" where left-handers creativity, adaptability and sporting prowess are celebrated, whilst right-handers are encouraged to try out everyday left-handed objects to see just how awkward it can feel using the wrong equipment.

Althea Gibson: A Pioneer

Althea Gibson (8/25/1927-9/28/2003) was an American sportswoman who became the first African-American woman to be a competitor on the world tennis tour and the first to win a Grand Slam title in 1956. She is sometimes referred to as "the Jackie Robinson of tennis" for breaking color barriers. Gibson was ranked in the world top ten from 1956 through 1958, reaching No. 1 in those rankings in 1957 and 1958, winning back-to-back Wimbledons. In 1958, Gibson retired from amateur tennis.

In 1964, she became the first African-American woman to join and play in the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA). In 1971, Gibson was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Have a Question?

Do you have a question about home inspections or home maintenance that you want answered? Let us know and you could win a \$25.00 Gas Card.

We randomly select a winner from the questions you submit!

We love to hear from all of our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our monthly newsletter. If you have a questions about anything related to your home, feel free to give us a call or e-mail us at:

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Your Questions...

Question:

We are planning to sell our house in the spring. Is there anything we should do to help get our house ready to sell?

Answer:

Exterior:

- Clean the driveway and clear all vegetation from the walkway and driveway cracks.
- Keep garbage containers in the rear of the house or garage and keep toys and bicycles from the yard.
- Clean the front and interior doors and frames.
- A few colorful potted flowers can go a long way in dressing up the front!
- Mow the lawn and trim the vegetation. Keep lawn mowed on a regular basis.

Interior:

- Odors. Don't just mask, remove the source until the house sells. Keep the pet areas clean.
- Pleasant aromas will help sell a home quicker. Fresh bread, cookies, etc., are great but may not be practical. Scent devices can help but don't overdo as too much can be worse than the bad odors!
- Clean and dust everything – cobwebs, light fixtures, fans, windowsills, etc., and keep blinds open/raised. Make the home as bright and cheery as possible.
- Replace burned out light bulbs. Not too many people respond well to gloomy or dingy feelings.
- Keep kitchens clean and free of clutter which can make the kitchen seem small. De-clutter refrigerator doors which can contribute to the feeling of clutter.

The Wizard of Oz Fun Facts

Did you know...?

- Gelatin dessert crystals were used to color the Emerald City horses - a makeup which consistently needed to be reapplied, as the animals eagerly licked it off.



- Near the end of filming, Frank Morgan discovered the name **L. Frank Baum** sewn into the lining of his jacket he wore while playing Professor Marvel. The jacket had been obtained from a used clothing store, and Baum's widow later confirmed it had belonged to the renowned author.
- In a year widely considered to be Hollywood's best, the nominees for 1939's **Best Picture Oscar** were *Dark Victory*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*, *Love Affair*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *Ninotchka*, *Of Mice and Men*, *Stagecoach*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Wuthering Heights*.
- Reacting to criticisms that followed the first sneak preview of the film, studio head Louis B. Mayer decided to remove the "Over the Rainbow" sequence. After much intervention on the part of Arthur Freed, the milestone song was restored.
- Although Buddy Ebsen (the original Tin Woodman) is not in the film, his voice is heard in the quartet version of "We're off to See the Wizard."
- The Wizard of Oz first aired on television on November 3, 1956.
- Jack Haley Jr. (son of "the Tin Woodman") and Liza Minnelli (daughter of "Dorothy") were husband and wife from 1974 to 1979.

The Purple Heart

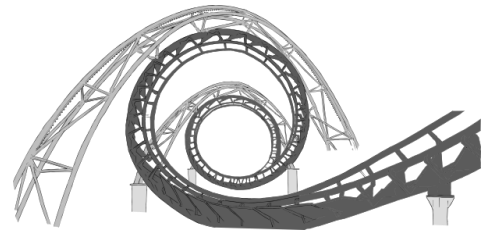
The **Purple Heart** is the oldest award that is still given to members of the U.S. military. The original Purple Heart (then called the **Badge of Military Merit**) was established by George Washington while he was still the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, on August 7, 1782. The Badge of Military Merit was only awarded to three Revolutionary War soldiers. Although never abolished, awarding the badge was not proposed again officially until after World War I.



The first Purple Heart of the modern era was awarded to Douglass MacArthur. During World War II, nearly 500,000 Purple Heart medals were manufactured in anticipation of the estimated casualties resulting from the planned Allied invasion of Japan. To the present date, total combined American military casualties of the sixty-five years following the end of World War II (including the Korean and Vietnam Wars) have not exceeded that number.

In 2003, there were still 120,000 of these Purple Heart medals in stock. There are so many in surplus that combat units in Iraq and Afghanistan are able to keep Purple Hearts on-hand for immediate award to wounded soldiers in the field.

Roller Coasters!



To celebrate the invention of the roller coaster in August of 1898, here are the current roller coaster record-holders...

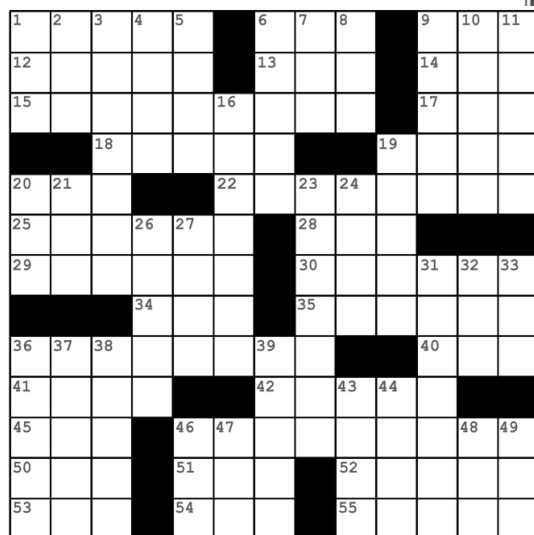
- **Tallest Steel Coaster/Drop:** 456 feet/418 feet, *Kingda Ka* at Six Flags in Jackson, NJ.
- **Tallest Wooden Coaster/Drop:** 216 feet/ 214 feet, *Son of Beast*, Kings Island, Mason, OH.
- **Tallest Vertical Loop:** 145 feet, *Superman: Krypton Coaster*, Six Flags, San Antonio, TX.
- **Fastest Steel Coaster:** 150 mph, *Formula Rossa*, Ferrari World, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Steepest Steel Coaster:** 112 degrees, *Mumbo Jumbo*, Flamingoland, Yorkshire, ENG
- **Longest Coaster:** 8,133 feet (1.54 miles), *Steel Dragon 2000*, Nagashima Spa Land, Mei, JPN
- **Most Roller Coasters in One Park:** 18, Six Flags Magic Mountain, Valencia, CA

ACROSS:

- Use a broom
- Quiet!
- Foldaway bed
- Florida seaport
- Cow's cry
- Cigar residue
- Mediate
- Hockey surface
- Pains
- Nest eggs (abbr)
- Atop, poetically
- Pres. Roosevelt
- Deny
- Hewing tool
- Fragrances
- Spring, e.g.
- Sept. follower
- Mad
- Sport with webbed rackets
- Limb
- Bait
- Dandy's neckwear
- Had a meal
- Bruce Springsteen, e.g.
- Bossy Stooge
- Wayside hotel
- Craze
- Egyptian cobra
- Acquired
- Slumbered

DOWN:

- Bus terminal (abbr)
- Conflict
- Trade prohibition
- Heroic
- Garden walk
- Hit show
- Fiery
- Gardening tool
- Egypt's capital
- Movie award
- Not those
- Quizzes again
- Thoughts
- Stop ___ dime (2 wds.)
- Poet's always
- Least difficult
- Plow-pulling animals
- Love, in Rome
- Mexican dish
- Soup cracker
- ___ in a million
- Not pos.
- Peruvian animal
- Detroit products
- Crawl
- Holy person
- Picture takers, for short
- Uttered
- Band's booking
- Numero ___
- Small taste
- Tit for ___



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Ann Flautt

I was very happy with the inspection report.

Christopher Templeton

I was impressed with his willingness to crawl through the crawlspaces. He was very thorough.

Jon Beland

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What's The Answer?

August Trivia Question:

How many dimples are there on a regulation golf ball?

- A) 168 B) 204 C) 299 D) 336 E) 488

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