

ALL SORTS OF STUFF

Sometimes writing commentary or finding things to put in this space can be a challenge, especially with all of the activities of the weekly routine of the store operation that interrupt one's hoped-for plans for a day. So when I had written a commentary last week, the afternoon before Kathryn likes to get it, I breathed a huge sigh of relief. Until...

Until she reminded me that this week's ad will go to Apple Valley and Barstow, and a different approach might be more appropriate. I hope that you are now dying of curiosity to read what I wrote but was rejected by the ad police, but you'll just have to wait until next week, oh my.

So now I am having to cram for this week's test, er, ad space, that is. Aargh! What to do?

Well, someone mentioned to me that another someone had recommended **Heinz Cleaning Vinegar** for multiple applications around the house.



Huh? Cleaning vinegar?? How's that different from regular white vinegar? The little story behind that was kind of interesting and caused me to want to tell you about it.

One gal's dishwasher broke down, and she had tried various remedies to get it to work again. When one of our local fixit guys came to repair it for her, he recommended to her to use cleaning vinegar, which is 6% acidity compared to 5% acidity of normal household vinegar. We looked in our order book and found one type only, Heinz, in a 64 oz. bottle. She used it, and it cleaned out all kinds of crud. Here in Lucerne Valley at least, our water has major amounts of minerals in it, creating a white coating that can kill appliances. At our house, we use bottled water in the coffee maker just to get around that.

The success with the dishwasher caused the gal to tell others about it, and so far, we hear success stories, and "Where has that been all this time?" One guy used it in a swamp cooler to clear the pads of some of the mineral, resulting in a better job of cooling. Another gal

used it on her concrete floors, saying they have never been so clean. She also cleaned mirrors and loves how clear they look now.

The story of the vinegar made me think of another neat item that almost no one knows about (yet). I went to our grocery wholesaler's trade show in August, and at one booth a display of trash bags caught my



eye because of their neat name and logo. They are called **Hippo Saks**, and the Tall Kitchen bags that I have used are simply great, and not terribly expensive. They are a strong, smooth plastic, with long and sturdy handles. At the perforation, there is a pink strip that marks where to tear the bag off the roll. I love this bag, as does another guy who also saw them at the show. There is also a trash bag which I have not tried yet. And get this: they are made in the USA, by Crown Poly of Huntington Park, CA!

Recently our grocery manager and I reviewed new items in our wholesaler's bulletins, and we ordered two varieties of a brand of frozen burritos we had never heard of: **Ramona's Burritos**. One is a



Chile Relleno and the other Potato and Beef. Although they are a larger 5 oz. burrito, we were skeptical that they would sell due to a higher price than the cheap and medium 4-5 oz. burritos we already carry. But one of our staffers was over the moon when she saw that we have them, and they have made a hit despite the price. I tried the Chile Relleno yesterday and liked it very much. Maybe I can talk Tammy into ordering in the other two varieties available: Hot Green Chile and Bean and Cheese. (The freezer cases have rigid walls, however, and don't stretch very well.)

Kathryn, our Produce Manager, has been excited about the new Salad Kits we have been getting in, from **Fresh Express** and from

Taylor Farms. Some are complete with dressing, shredded cheese, and crunchies of some sort. Others are neat mixes of greens. My personal favorites are the **Asian** and the **Chipotle Cheddar** kits, plus there is a **Kale with Brussel Sprouts** kit and a mix of greens called **Sweet Kale**. I guess if you have to eat kale, this is a good way to do it, and it's really good for healthy eyes. We also have a growing selection of ready-to-eat salads that are remarkably good.



Competing with our Ramona's burritos are the **breakfast bur-**



ritos that our Deli Café created a few months ago, and now they are one of their best selling items on the menu. They make them from your choice of eggs, cheese, hash browns, and our own sausage, gravy if desired plus the kitchen sink. Well, no, not the sink, duh. But the other stuff is fresh cooked, not frozen and reheated. People seem to love them. I can't even eat a whole one at one sitting. Talk about good!

Last and least (a little of my prejudice showing there – I'm not known as Linda Hardware – OK, I'm just kidding, I think), Sir William wants to remind people of the really neat **wood stoves** and **gas stoves** available for the coming winter, plus **swamp coolers** still available for that remodel project you want ready for next spring. Also, he's all excited about the **Stihl chain saws, weed trimmers**, and other accessories,



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plus we do repairs on Stihl and can make chain for any brand. Don't forget this winter, when your hands get chapped and split, a neat product called **Working Hands**, and a related one called **Healthy Feet**. They are made by the Gorilla Glue company, but I promise you that my hands don't stick together after I've used it. Actually, it's quite remarkable in its healing of chapped, split hands, and calluses that crack on the feet, and they now have a lip balm. Really great stuff.



Did you notice in our little announcement corner above right that at the next LVEDA (Lucerne Valley Economic Development Ass'n) meeting, an item on the agenda is something called "RECE". Don't you just hate acronyms? They get thrown around by those in the know to make the rest of us dummies feel, well, dumb. Government bureaucrats are especially good at using acronyms, and I believe that an underlying motivation is to pad their already overblown sense of superiority over us rubes.

So what the heck is "RECE"? I believe it means "Renewable Energy Community Element", which is supposed to be the County's plan to protect our communities from the potential tsunami of solar and some wind energy projects. So they say out of one side of their mouths. The other side of the mouth is talking and smiling at the State agencies and renewable energy companies that don't give a hoot for the desert. You can be sure that we residents of this beautiful desert will not get the consideration we deserve. Who in their right minds would live in this godforsaken place anyway? So they seem to think.

P.S. What is this place all about, anyway? Yes, we have a lot of neat, interesting stuff, most useful, and a lot that is fun and enjoyable. But that's not WHO we are. This store is about serving God here in Lucerne Valley, at His direction. It is about CARING about our customers as people, not statistics ("consumers"). It is about being a lighthouse in an ever darkening and stormy world. It is about buck-



ing the trends of dehumanization and demoralization. Come and see. Hopefully you'll feel it.

Linda Gimmel

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

TUES. OCTOBER 3, 5 PM.
at the Senior Center

- Local workshop on our Community Plan.
- Senior Community "Needs Assessment" and project revisions.
- Updates on RECE and pending projects.

L.V. School Board Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 12, starts at 5:30PM.
At the Alternative Education Center,
8560 Aliento Rd up Highway 18.

Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Collection

SAT, Oct. 28, 9A to Noon.
Free disposal of household hazardous waste, Latex (only) Paint, electronics and more.
Behind LV Fire Station

LIMITS & MULTIPLE PRICING

Please, unless otherwise indicated, ON AD ITEMS NO MORE THAN 6 TOTAL (including all flavors or varieties) OF ANY ITEM, PER FAMILY, DURING THE AD PERIOD, AT THE SALE PRICE, except in produce and meat, which are limited to normal retail quantities, or which carry limits specifically stated. Sorry, we must reserve the right to further limit or refuse sales.
ON MULTIPLE PRICING, when purchasing items in quantities more or less than the multiple stated, the register is built automatically to charge the "each" price times the quantity. (Example: Price of item is 3/\$1. The price of: one = 34¢, two = 68¢, three = \$1, four = \$1.34, five = \$1.68, six = \$2.00).

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