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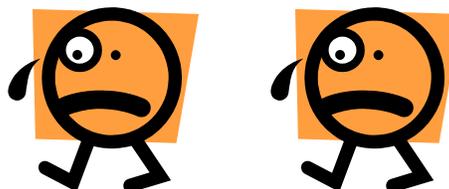
A Note of Thanks

From Sherrie:

I want to thank each and everyone of you, "my custodial/maintenance friends", for all of your support, encouragement and appreciation as I take on a new challenge in my life. It was extremely difficult to give up a position that I truly loved, but the position that was offered to me with Planware Systems was one that I could not turn down. I will truly miss all of you (especially the early morning and late night telephone calls to find subs, the last minute phone calls to find someone for extra hours and all the other fun things I got to deal with) and wish you much luck in the future. I hope to see you all around.

Also, thank you so very much for all the wonderful gifts, flowers, cards, telephone calls and e-mails, it was very much appreciated. Thanks again!

School starts September 3rd. Are you ready?!!



"Establishing Cleaning Standards"

Don't miss the first in a series of classes provided by Coastwide Labs on topics of interest to the Custodial department. The first class to be held is entitled "Establishing Cleaning Standards." It will be held on our first half-day at 1:00 p.m. in the Tahoma Senior High School library. The class lasts two-hours. We highly encourage all custodians to attend this class. Your Training Committee is excited about and looking forward to this informative training! See you all there on Sept. 20, 2002.

Tip of the month

When cleaning floors, always be sure to "prep" them thoroughly BEFORE waxing!! No matter whether it's a simple scrub job or a complete strip job, the floor needs to be thoroughly prepared.

First, sweep all edges and especially corners. Scrap off any debris such as gum, tape, etc. Next, lay your solution. Clean floor thoroughly, being especially careful to scrub behind doors and to scrape debris out of corners and from around door frames. After scrubbing or stripping, be sure to vacuum up all water. Then, rinse completely with at least two rinses of clean, clear water. Remove any missed debris including black marks before the final rinse. Let the floor dry completely. (You may use a high speed dryer to dry it quicker. Be careful about using a dryer on wax, however, as this could cause rippling.)

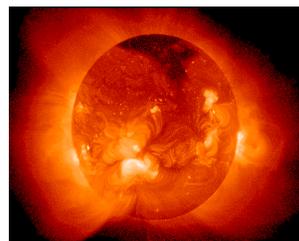
When the floor is completely dry, put

Upcoming Meetings

Coastwide Seminar on "Establishing Cleaning Standards" on Sept. 20, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. in the Tahoma Senior High School Library. Length is approximately two hours.

down your wax. Use an edger to wax the edges and then fill in the inside using your wax mop being sure to wax under and behind doors. Be careful not to "slop" wax on baseboards, walls, carpets, etc. Put down two or more coats of wax, depending on the traffic rate in that area. Let the wax dry completely.

Now you have a floor you can be proud of; clean, shiny and inviting.



Have a Sunny Day!!

On page two you'll find:

- ⇒ Synaptical Silliness!! for September and the answer to last month's puzzle.
- ⇒ Did You Know?
- ⇒ Give Us Your Input
- ⇒ When Are They?

Synaptical Silliness!!

Two boxes are labeled "A" and "B". A sign on box A says "The sign on box B is true and the gold is in box A". A sign on box B says "The sign on box A is false and the gold is in box A". Assuming there is gold in one of the boxes, which box contains the gold?

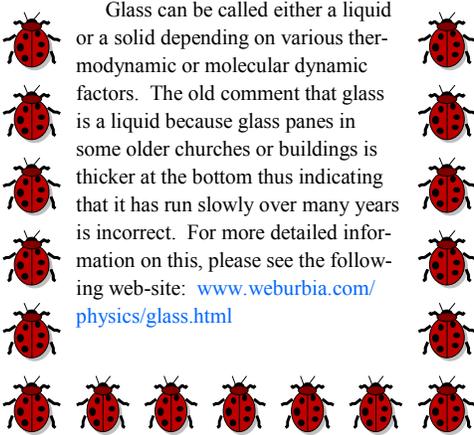
(Watch for the answer in the October issue of "As the Toilet Turns.")



Did You Know??



Glass can be called either a liquid or a solid depending on various thermodynamic or molecular dynamic factors. The old comment that glass is a liquid because glass panes in some older churches or buildings is thicker at the bottom thus indicating that it has run slowly over many years is incorrect. For more detailed information on this, please see the following web-site: www.weburbia.com/physics/glass.html



Hey!! Look at this!!

Here's the answer to last month's "Synaptical Silliness!!" question.

The answer lies in the theory of infinitesimals, these are numbers that exist between all other numbers. That is, when you keep choosing a smaller and smaller number, no matter how small, there always lies a smaller one. Therefore, with the arrow, we have a infinite series that has a finite sum, thus the arrow reaches the target.

GIVE US SOME INPUT

We hope you're enjoying each month's issue of *As The Toilet Turns*. We have been attempting to include useful and interesting information as well as fun stuff.

If you have an interesting or fun story, comments, dates of upcoming meetings for committees you might be on or so forth, please e-mail them to any of the Training Committee members. The input will be edited, arranged and incorporated into future issues. We'd like to hear about experiences or humorous things you've seen or had happen over the years, cleaning tips you've found that work well, etcetera.

We look forward to continuing to provide a fun and informative newsletter. Thanks in advance for your suggestions.

Your Training Committee:

Jim Bergum, Rick Bergum, Kathy Martin, John Olson and Connie West



Keep a folder of each month's newsletter for future reference. You'll have at your fingertips cleaning tips, hints, stories and other useful information. You never know when you might use it!

When Are They??

Ever wonder when we're off for a paid holiday? Page 22 of the *Collective Bargaining Agreement* handbook gives the answer.

- ◆ New Year's Day
- ◆ Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- ◆ President's Day
- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ Independence Day
- ◆ Labor Day
- ◆ Veteran's Day
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ Day after Thanksgiving
- ◆ Day before or after Christmas
- ◆ Christmas Day
- ◆ Day before New Year's
- ◆ Friday of Spring Break (260 day employees only)