

THE VENDING MACHINE

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 "adopt a pet today" 

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CONTEST CORNER

How would you like to win five tickets to see an upcoming Philadelphia Phillies game at the beautiful Citizens Bank Park? All you have to do is be the winner of our latest contest and you can be there for all the action as well as get a chance to see stars like Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley, Ryan Howard, and the rest of the World Series contending Phils. This one is really easy. All you have to do is call our contest line to enter. When calling, make sure you mention your name, where you work, and your phone number. Everyone who enters will be placed in the drawing for the tickets. By the way, the seats are in a great lower level location between first base and the right field foul pole.

The deadline to enter is April 15, 2011. To enter please call our contest line at 610-926-8135, and hit extension 444. Good luck!

WARM WEATHER COOL DOWN

Here is a special note to all our coffee service customers out there. Did you know we could supply you with all the delicious cold refreshing beverages you need? That's right, no need to keep sending someone out to do the shopping. We can supply you with all kinds of yummy elixirs such as VeryFine juices and drinks, spring water, Gatorade, Amp, Red Bull, sodas and more! And all of this delivered directly to you with your regular coffee order. And of course do not forget that we now offer water coolers for your place of business. The coolers provide delicious filtered water with no heavy 5 pound bottles, and at a fraction of the cost. And if you want to cool that water down even more, we even offer ice machines! Please give us a call for details. Thank you.

WHERE'S MY CHOCOLATE???

This is the time of the year when we start listening to the weather forecasts and prepare for the inevitable rising temperatures. Warm weather means we have to be careful when it comes to chocolate candy. The lower the melting temperature, the smoother the chocolate tastes. Confectioner's chocolate (the yummy stuff) contains cocoa butter. It not only melts faster than chocolate, but also if it gets too warm, the cocoa butter will separate, rise to the top, and turn a grayish color. Consumers refer to this as "old" or "stale" candy. The other type of chocolate is composition chocolate, and is used mostly as a warm weather replacement. Some popular bars that are covered with composition chocolate are Baby Ruth, Butterfingers, and Peanut Chews.

Because there is air-conditioning in many locations, we will be

using more confectioner's chocolate this spring and summer. We will try to transport it in coolers in our trucks.

If there is no air-conditioning in your location, we will continue to do as in the past - a few more jellies, hard candies, and licorice, along with the popular composition chocolate bars

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Just in case you end up on a trivia game show, or just want to generally impress your friends, here are some odd facts:

- Half of the world's population lives on a staple diet of rice.
- Frankfurter sausages were first created in China.
- Peanuts are used in the manufacturing of dynamite.
- The first fruit eaten on the moon was a peach.
- Elvis' shoe size was an 11D.

HOW ARE WE DOIN'?

Don't forget that we are always available to meet with you to discuss any concerns, issues, or suggestions you might have regarding our services. Communication with our clients is vital to our continuous improvement. Any feedback you might have greatly helps in our efforts to provide you with superior service.

SAY WHAT????

It seems like our newsletter readers really enjoy when we share some actual excuses for missing work. We just ran across some more so here they are. They are actual excuses as reported by Human Resource Directors across the country.

- Employee broke his leg while snowboarding on his roof while he was drunk..
- An employee blew his nose so hard he threw his back out.
- A skunk got into an employee's house and sprayed all his uniforms.
- Employee was poisoned by his mother in law.
- A buffalo escaped from the game reserve and kept charging the employee's house everytime she tried to get to her car.

The man who smiles when something goes wrong, is the man who has thought of someone else to blame it on.