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Reflecting on the past year I see that we have so much for which to be thankful! What an incredible real estate market! If you are interested in taking advantage of the market before the year is over, call me!



Helpful Hints

Removing Holiday Stains

It's that time of year, holiday feasts and holiday spills. Here are some tips for removing specific "seasonal" stains.

- **Pumpkin Pie and Cranberries:** Launder in the hottest allowable water safe for the fabric. Do not use soap (flake, bar, or detergents containing natural soap), since soap could make a stain permanent. To remove older stains, wash with bleach recommended for the fabric and colors.
- **Turkey Fat:** Pre-treat light stains with a liquid stain remover or detergent booster. Place heavy stains face down on clean paper towel. Apply cleaning liquid to the back of the stain, replacing towels frequently. Let air dry then rinse. If the stain appears to be gone, wash garment in the hottest water safe for the fabric. Do not dry if the stain remains; drying sets the stain. Repeat the treatment until the stain is removed.
- **Eggnog:** Fresh stains should be soaked in cold water prior to washing. If the stain is old, brush off any crusted matter and soak for several hours in cold water and detergent or enzyme presoak. Wash in warm (not hot) water. If stain remains, soak an additional 30 minutes and rewash.

Home warranty protection is very important and something I recommend for all my clients. Whether you are buying or selling, home warranties provide protection from the cost and hassle of system and appliance repairs in your home. The service is easy to use and a great value!

It's true that many home warranties appear to be similar, but the difference can be found in the *service*. My home warranty company of choice is Old Republic Home Protection. They take excellent care of my clients with fast, friendly service at reasonable rates. For more information about this valuable protection, please give me a call!

Part of my success as a Real Estate Professional comes from referrals. If you have any family, friends or acquaintances that may have real estate needs, please pass my name and number on to them or call me with their name and number. I will be sure to give them the best service possible!



Health & Safety

Childproofing Your Kitchen

Kitchens fascinate children. It is a place where they can learn, explore, and observe adults in action. However, it is filled with many potential dangers—knives, breakables, and toxic substances.

- ✦ Install safety latches on all kitchen cabinets except for one. The unlatched cabinet or drawer should be for the kids "stuff"—child size pots, pans, plastic containers, or any other "toys" they can play with in the kitchen.
- ✦ Unplug toasters, mixers and other appliances and keep the cord wrapped around them when not in use.
- ✦ Encourage children to help with cooking and other tasks, but emphasize possible dangers and insist on adult supervision.
- ✦ Buy special stove knob covers to prevent a child from turning them on. Make sure they understand stoves can burn, knives can cut, and so on.
- ✦ Don't leave bowls of pet food and water on the floor or young children could help themselves!
- ✦ Make sure all vitamins are kept in childproof bottles and stored with other medications. Never leave them out on tables or counters. Iron pills are one of the most common causes of childhood poisoning.



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Savor the Flavor

Simple Tiramisu Sundaes

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| 1 cup heavy cream | 8 ladyfingers |
| 1/2 cup sugar (optional) | 1 pint coffee ice cream or gelato |
| 1 1/2 cups strong espresso, cooled | 4 parfait glasses |
| 3 Tbsp. Brandy (optional) | |

Beat cream to stiff peaks, adding the 1/2 cup sugar along the way, if desired. Store in refrigerator until needed. Using a medium bowl, combine the espresso and brandy. Break the ladyfingers in half. Dip 8 halves into the espresso mixture until soaked but not falling apart. Put 2 halves in the bottom of each parfait glass. Top the ladyfingers with a scoop of ice cream. Soak the remaining ladyfinger halves and place two each on top of the ice cream scoop. Add another scoop of ice cream. Top with the whipped cream. Garnish with chocolate shavings or mint sprigs.

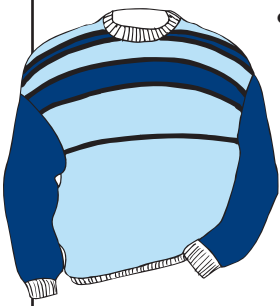


Household Tips

Sweater Care

Using a little extra care when laundering your favorite sweaters will help keep them around season after season.

- After washing your sweater, lay it out on a thick towel and roll the towel up. This will remove excess moisture from your sweater leaving it to dry more quickly. Unroll the sweater and lay it flat on the towel to finish drying.



- If you can, take advantage of the clean fresh air and a gentle breeze without worry of stretching your sweater: run an old pair of panty hose through the arms of the sweater and pin the pantyhose to the clothesline rather than the sweater.
- Be sure to keep bright colors out of direct sunlight for too long or the colors may fade.

Brain Teasers

Turkey Trivia

1. How did the turkey get its name?
 - a. From the "turk, turk, turk" noise it makes when scared
 - b. From the Native American name for turkey, "firkee"
 - c. From Christopher Columbus: he thought it was an Indian peacock, or "tuka," in the Tamil Indian language.
 - d. All of the above
2. How much turkey does the average American eat each year?
 - a. 8.3 lbs.
 - b. 18.5 lbs.
 - c. 22 lbs.
 - d. 28.2 lbs.
3. Turkeys have heightened sensory perception for all the following senses except?
 - a. Hearing
 - b. Eyesight
 - c. Smell
 - d. Taste
4. How fast can wild turkeys fly?
 - a. Everyone knows wild turkeys can't fly
 - b. 20 m.p.h.
 - c. 35 m.p.h.
 - d. 55 m.p.h., but only for short distances



ANSWERS: 1, d, 2, b, 3, c, 4, d