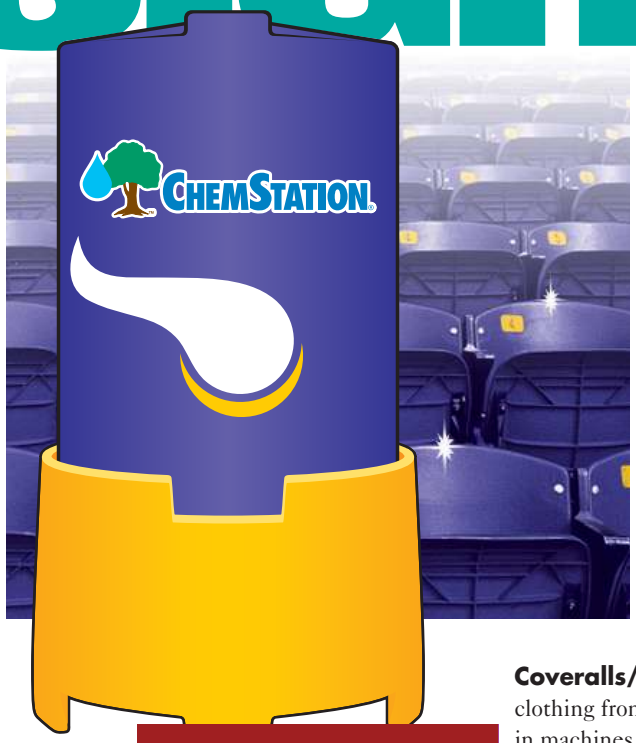
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ChemStation Plays the Minneapolis Metrodome



If you ever find yourself at a Minnesota Vikings football game, notice the clean smell, polished seats, and shining equipment. That is ChemStation at work!

The entire stadium is power-sprayed after a game. The grease, dirt, food, and spilt beer going down the drain creates a very unpleasant smell. ChemStation's odor control product keeps the stadium smelling clean and fresh.

After the seats are washed, one of the ChemStation products is used as a seat polish. The final product in the trio is a degreaser that they use to clean equipment and other problem areas.

The employees are happy with the results, have more usable space by eliminating drums, and they just love the tank system.

Go Vikings! ■

Safety Showers



If a safety shower or eyewash is not properly maintained and tested, it could wind up useless. Maintenance records should indicate the dates of inspections and the name of the inspector. Safety showers need to be activated weekly to flush the line and to verify proper operation. When testing, the showers should be turned to full flow to allow accumulated residues to be washed out. ■

Dress for Success

Dressing the part can decrease the risk and severity of an injury, say safety experts. The rule of thumb here is to cover up. Your safety gear should include:

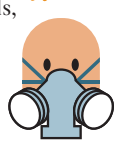
Safety glasses – They're made in all shapes and sizes – and with sun protection – to keep projectiles, mists, paints and dust away.



Earplugs and muffs – These will decrease your chance of suffering hearing loss.



Respirators – When using toxic or caustic chemicals or cutting fluids, wear a respirator to reduce the risk of injury or death from toxic airborne hazards.



Gloves and boots – Cover your hands and feet to decrease the chance of injury due to everything from chemical exposure to sharp objects.



Kneepads – They're essential for kneeling on hard surfaces.



Coveralls/Aprons – Coveralls/aprons keep clothing from getting chemical splashes, caught in machines and are often flame-retardant. ■

News of November

November is a month for Peanut Butter Lovers, Stamp Collectors, and Pomegranates. National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week is the 4th through the 10th and National Game & Puzzle Week is observed November 18-24. All Saints' Day and National Men Make Dinner Day are celebrated on November 1. It was November 3, 1952 when Clarence Birdseye first marketed frozen peas. Set your clocks back an hour on November 4 as Daylight Saving Time ends. Direct dial telephone service was first available coast to coast on November 10, 1951. Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day is November 14. Thanksgiving Day falls on the 22nd this year…the same day we observe the 44th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the youngest person to become a U.S. president. November 30 has been designated Stay Home Because You're Well Day. (Nice that it falls on a Friday.)



Never Take Safety for Granted

The headline read: "Man Seriously Burned at Work." The story went on to say that the man was burned when his clothes caught on fire during an explosion. What actually happened was that an oxygen line was mistakenly connected to a water tank on the rear of a jet drill. And when the operator opened the valve an explosion occurred, igniting his clothes.

Behind the headlines of another story, a man was priming the carburetor on a truck. He poured some gasoline then stepped back with the open fuel can in his hand. Another person walked up behind him with a lit cigarette. The can touched the cigarette and the explosion burned both men.

One thing in common with both accidents – in each case someone made a false presumption. This violates a very basic safety rule: don't take anything for granted.

One man figured he hooked up the right line and never thought to double-check it. Another man thought no one else was around and he backed into trouble. Both presumptions were incorrect and both resulted in a serious accident.

Be alert, don't take chances, and develop a safe attitude. Never take safety for granted! ■

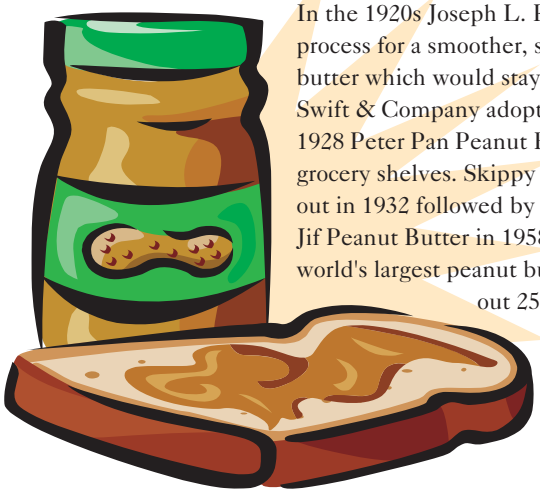
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PB&J Anyone?

Peanut butter is one of America's favorite foods. Found in about 75% of American homes, peanut butter is considered by many to be a staple like bread and milk.

C.H. Sumner was the first to introduce peanut butter to the world at the Universal Exposition of 1904 in St. Louis. He sold $705.11 of the treat at his concession stand and peanut butter was on its way to becoming an American favorite.

Krema Products Company in Columbus OH, began selling peanut butter in 1908 and is the oldest peanut butter company still in operation today.



In the 1920s Joseph L. Rosefield patented his process for a smoother, shelf-stable peanut butter which would stay fresh for up to a year. Swift & Company adopted this process and in 1928 Peter Pan Peanut Butter appeared on grocery shelves. Skippy Peanut Butter came out in 1932 followed by Procter & Gamble's Jif Peanut Butter in 1958, which is now the world's largest peanut butter plant – churning out 250,000 jars every day. ■

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Soapbox

The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

Statistician: A man who believes figures don't lie, but admits that under analysis some of them won't stand up either.

He who hesitates is not only lost, but miles from the next exit.

Nobody believes the official spokesman…but everybody trusts an unidentified source.

In the long run the pessimist may be proven right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip.

There are two ways to get to the top of an oak tree – climb it or sit on an acorn.

To do is to be [Descartes]. To be is to do [Voltaire]. Do be do be do [Frank Sinatra].

People will pay more attention to what you say if you pay more attention to what they say.

It is better to keep your mouth shut and have people think you are a fool than to open it and remove any lingering doubt.

Caution: Cape does not enable user to fly.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and, whatever you hit, call it the target.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

Kiss (v.), a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous.

Rule for Life: Most things (other than clothes) are easier to get into than out of.

We have mileage, yardage, and footage; why don't we have inchage?

When your life shatters into a million pieces, pick up the pieces, grab some glue, and make a new one.

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