

Odds & Ends

Several products help make busy lives a bit easier

At the Sun-Gazette, we often receive product samples and press releases from companies promoting their new and unusual items. We thought we'd tell you about some of these new products in the hopes that one of these "odds and ends" will be right for you or someone you know.

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• **Plink** — Plink is a kitchen product invented to put the finishing touches on even the most stringent cleaning routines. The lemon and citrus orange gel caps help rid garbage disposals of lingering food particles, fats and unpleasant odors, according to a news release.

Aside from Plink, Phelps Industries produces another popular and unique cleaning product, Glisten, which freshens, cleans and deodorizes dishwashers, dishes, tubs, toilets, bathroom sinks and more.

— Plink are available online at www.shehasit.com: 10-pack Lemon, 10-pack Citrus Orange and the new 20-pack featuring both Lemon and Citrus Orange gel caps. The 10-Pack retails for \$3.99; the 20-pack is \$6.99.

• **ThermaCELL Mini Insect Repellent Lantern** — The ThermaCELL Mini Insect Repellent Lantern is a unique pocket-sized, cordless, portable, area insect-repellent device.

According to the manufacturer, the Mini Lantern provides 98 percent protection from all biting insects within a 225-square-foot area, more effective than any other insect-repellent item available. The company claims the lantern is 50 times more effective than coils or citronella candles and lasts 30 times longer than battery-operated devices.

The lantern is easy to use — just press a button and it will ignite without matches or lighters. It is silent and orderless and backed by the Good Housekeeping Research Institute and the U.S. Army.

— The ThermaCELL Mini Lantern retails for \$9.99 and may be bought online at www.mosquitorepellent.com and Wal-Mart.

• **Motorola T9500SLR two-way radios** — The Motorola T9500SLR two-way radios are made for those who need quick communication in the woods, on the water or while on a road trip or family vacation. Marketed for the extreme outdoor dad, the Motorola Talkabout T9500XLR two-way radio is loaded with many features and a range of up to 25 miles is offered with extra benefits, according to a news release.

The two-way radios are



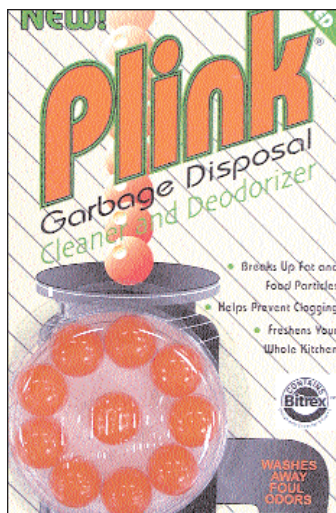
• **Cableorganizer.com** — Cableorganizer.com, a Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based company, offers handy products to keep your cords in line and out of site.

One product, the EZWind cord organizer, holds two types of cords, such as extension cords, Christmas lights, television cables, small tubing and ropes.

The cableyoio is "an ultra-thin cord management system" that neatly coils up to 6 feet of data or low-voltage cords such as USB and phone cords. The flat design allows for stationary use on a wall or computer desk with the enclosed adhesive attachment. The cableyoio keeps cords not winded straight.

The micro case series by Pelican Products is an innovative way to protect cell phones, PDAs, electronics, gamers, pagers and other devices while near water. The tough polycarbonate material is watertight, dustproof and has an automatic purge valve. Six sizes are available to hold a variety of electronic devices from BlackBerrys to large walkie-talkies. Like all Pelican products, the company said, the micro case series comes with the unconditional lifetime guarantee: You break it, we replace it ... forever.

— The T9500XLR two-way radios retail for \$79.99 and may be bought at Target, Best Buy, Gander Mountain, Dicks and Bass Pro.



chargers supplies power for up to three electronic devices and plugs into your car's DC power outlet. The case holds cell phones, MP3 players, PDAs, rechargeable game systems, and portable GPS systems. An adjustable shoulder strap attaches the power station to your car seat for security and stability while on the go. The case also features additional room for storing cords, chargers and other accessories.

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Students in the YMCA's Mountain View Summer Day Camp, 305 Fleming St., South Williamsport, recently participated in several activities. On July 17, the students made lunch and served it to workers at the Habitat for Humanity "build" at 1131 Charles St., above. On July 23, a local farrier gave a presentation to the students for two and a half hours, during which she made two horseshoes from metal, shod the horse and helped the children ride the horse, as seen in the top photo. According to Kathie Saar, site supervisor, the 47 kids in the camp range in ages from 5 to 13 years old and were in total awe during the presentation. The camp runs from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and it ends Thursday.

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Anna Kyle, 7, of Liberty, recently donated 10 inches of her hair to the Locks of Love Foundation. Anna is the daughter of Joe Kyle, Liberty, and Mamie Kyle, Williamsport. Anna's hair was cut by Theresa at Current Styles. Anna said she donated her hair to "help other children who need it." Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that creates hairpieces for children who have long-term medical conditions or hair loss due to medical treatments.

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