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Inside This Issue:

- Working Hard or Remotely Working?
- Be Prepared for any Emergency
- The Safest Car for Your Teen Driver
- How Builders are Dealing With Inside Noise

Plus much, much more!!!

Not One but Two Occasions to Honor Citizens Who Make a Difference!

Labor Day – Monday, September 1

Most Americans consider that their country has reached its greatness because of their diligent work over time. Labor Day in America is the national holiday honoring its workers, citizens and their economic and public achievements over the last 200 plus years to make our country strong.

We Americans are all very different, but whether we build products, design them, sell them, or work in any of the hundreds of different types of offices, all of our work is honored on Labor Day.

We deserve a day's rest and take it in many different ways to celebrate the holiday.

For some, like firemen, doctors and police officers, Labor Day is an ordinary working day. They have to take their day of rest whenever they can arrange it.

Having a barbecue or picnic is a traditional activity. For working moms, supermarkets carry prepared foods like potato salad to give them a rest from part of the preparations. For both men and women, resting, dining and spending time with family and friends over the long weekend is the best reward.

Having a get-together in the park is a popular choice for Labor Day. The park with all its greenery can give you a feeling of being alive. You could take a walk with your family, or play games. Parents can hide away from the cares of their working lives.

Patriot Day – Tuesday, September 11

Remember the heroes of 9/11

* The workers who lost their lives in the Twin Towers. They had no way of knowing that this would be their last day at work, or that they would never see their families again, families who watched in horror as the towers burned.

* The Firemen who gave their lives hoping to save them. They carried their equipment up thousands of steps before the towers collapsed. Their loss devastated the New York Fire Department and left the firemen's loved ones having to go on living without them.

* The brave men who stormed the cockpit of Flight 93 and crashed the plane in Pennsylvania. Cellphone messages told them their flight was headed to Washington, D.C. to destroy the White House. They said it would not.

* The Pentagon workers who were killed or injured in the attack that collapsed five floors of their work area. They presumed that morning that it would be a normal workday. They, their spouses and children discovered that it was not.

* The individuals who died in adjacent buildings. Seldom recognized are the building and business owners who died or were injured when their businesses were destroyed.

* The New York mayor who fought his way through smoke and debris to see what he could do. Rudy Giuliani went without sleep, grief stricken and distraught, he was still frequently on television updating the country with information even as he ordered the evacuation of lower Manhattan.

In Case of an Emergency ... What Would You Do?

If an emergency occurred tomorrow, would you be ready?

September is National Preparedness Month. Sponsored by FEMA, it aims to empower Americans to prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and possible terrorist attacks.

It's a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for emergencies and disasters, both large scale and smaller local events. We've seen tornado outbreaks, river floods and flash floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, and even water main breaks and power outages that impact communities for days at a time.

Police, fire and rescue may not always be able to reach you quickly in an emergency or disaster. The most important step you can take in helping your local responders is being able to take care of yourself and those in your care for at least a short period of time following an incident; the more people who are prepared, the quicker the community will recover.

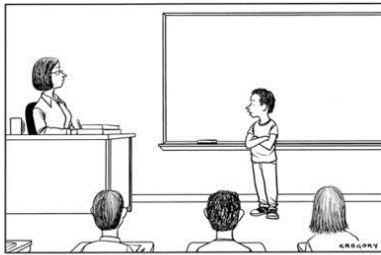
Know your risk

Emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time. It is important to understand potential risks where you live.

Take action

Ensure that you can go for at least three days without electricity, water service, and access to a supermarket. Prepare a disaster supply kit with at least three days of food and water. Have a supply of foods that don't have to be cooked if you cook with electricity, like canned meats, beans, fruits, crackers, cookies and bottled water.

Create a family emergency plan, so your family knows how to communicate during an emergency. Be sure you can charge your cellphone in your car. Have enough gas in your car to last a few days, and have some cash on hand in case banks are closed.



"Anyone following me on Twitter already knows what I did this past summer."



1. May - Bean - Flag
2. Lamb - Pork - Karate
3. Road - Weather - Treasure
4. Penguin - Kiwi - Ostrich
5. Bad T.V. Shows - Stamps - Checks
6. Sheets - Books - Rolls
7. Chips - Sweet - Spears
8. Right - Love - Bermuda
9. Buck - Baby - Wisdom
10. Crab - Caramel - Candy

COMMONYMS

What's a commonym you ask?

A commonym is group of words that have a common trait in the three words/items listed. For example: A car - A tree - An elephant ... they all have trunks. These will make you think!

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Why did the girl wear glasses in math class?

Answer page 8

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September is:

- Self-Improvement Month
- Baby Safety Month
- Little League Month
- National Piano Month
- Honey Month
- Chicken Month
- National Courtesy Month
- Classical Music Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month

Work a Hospital Bed Into Your Decor

Hate the way the hospital bed looks in your living room? Try these tips reported by caring.com.

- * To make your hospital bed fit better with our decor, we hired a seamstress through our local sewing shop. She measured the metal footboard and made a little fabric "hat" for it. She also made a fabric pillow to match.
- * Add a dust ruffle with a coordinating stripe. Attach it to the bed with Velcro that sticks to fabric on one side, and on the other side adheres to metal. This way, the different positions of the bed don't affect the bed skirt.
- * Remove enough furniture from the room so it doesn't look crowded.
- * Use warm-colored sheets and pillow cases. Have enough pillow cases for the extra pillows on the bed.
- * When company is expected, buy a plant with colorful flowers.
- * If the patient is not up to visiting, stay in the room and make conversation, trying to include him or her at times.

How to Motivate Remote Workers

Even though you're willing to pay remote workers a lot, that doesn't ensure that they will do a good job for you. James DeJulio, president of Tongal and an expert on managing remote workers, says the key is to provide challenge and fun.

Writing in Inc.com, he says remote people like to work whenever they want to. That's why it's important to set deadlines. You have to structure their work, but they will thrive if you give them such guidance.

When hiring, look for a candidate who has successfully worked remotely before. Don't hire someone whose goals are purely economic; hire a remote worker who is motivated by developing a new product, fixing a problem or changing the way things are getting done.

Let your virtual team know you value their sustained contributions. Show that their work is appreciated and that it's part of a larger plan. Mention what creative opportunities you have in store for them in the future, which gives them more to look forward to.

Tongal, is a social video crowdsourcing platform. The company has thousands of workers in its remote staff. He emphasizes collaboration, which can happen in a lot of ways other than physical presence.

If you can make their work more enjoyable, or more like play, you'll get a greater effort no matter what part of the country your staff is in.

DeJulio also advises that employers should provide the opportunity for remote workers to be physically present at the office whenever they want to. He says such visits have worked wonders for them. Some companies offer bonuses for getting a job done in a certain period of time, which can also be fun.

No Noise Is Good Noise

Some home buyers have discovered a problem with their luxury condos: noise. It's not noise from the outside, like traffic, it's from people living above and below them in the building.

The qualities buyers look for in a home, huge windows, an open floor plan and central location, can translate into disruptive noise after they move in.

After some months of talks with the neighbors, one couple hired Manhattan-based City Soundproofing to replace the ceilings for a cost of about \$30,000.

"People spend a lot of money on an apartment. When they get home, they don't want to hear their neighbors' techno music," said Benjamin Sachwald, director of acoustics at AKRF, a New York engineering firm.

Buyers want the floor-to-ceiling windows, open layouts, and proximity to public transportation. But add to that noise from heating and cooling, elevators, spa filters, wine-cellar compressors and you have a lot of noise.

In Florida one developer is pitching condos as having an acoustical rating above local requirements.

Another luxury builder has flooring consisting of a 10-inch concrete slab topped by a rubber mat.

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To solve a Sudoku, you only need logic and patience. No math is required. Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has a number 1 through 9 with only one occurrence of each number.

Each column and row of the large grid must have only one instance of the numbers 1 through 9.

The difficulty rating on this puzzle is easy.

WE WELCOME THIS MONTH'S NEW CLIENTS TO THE
"CHRISTIE'S REMODELING FAMILY"

Here are some of our new clients that became members of the "Christie's Remodeling Family" this past month. I'd like to welcome you and wish you all the best!

Bill Jenkins of Fort Lupton
Steve & Karen Pennington of Centennial

Safest Cars for Teen Drivers

The Insurance Institute is well known for its safety ratings of new cars. Recently they have published their first safety ratings for used cars priced at \$20,000 or less. These are the cars recommended for teen drivers.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers, and their degree of injury risk is greatly affected by the type of vehicle they drive. Unfortunately, car-buying decisions are often made on the basis of price alone, meaning teens drive small cars or older vehicles.

Those recommended by the IIHS range in price from \$4,000 for a Saab 9-3, model year 2005 and later, to \$19,900 for a Buick Enclave, model year 2011 and later. The prices are from Kelley Blue Book's KBB.com as of July 1, 2014.

Others making the list are the Kia Optima, model year 2011 and later at \$13,300; Dodge Avenger, 2011 and later at \$11,600; Acura RL 2005 and later at \$9,700; and Ford Taurus, 2008-2009, at \$7,500. The full list is available at www.iihs.org.

The average purchase price paid for a teen's car was \$5,300, but just 49 of the 95 recommended vehicles cost \$10,200 or less.

Parents should remember that teens often take unnecessary risks and consider paying a little more than they planned. In any case, they should buy the safest vehicle their budget will allow. Some guidelines:

- * Pick a bigger, heavier vehicle that offers better protection in a crash.
- * Electronic stability control is a must. It helps a driver maintain control on curves and slippery roads, and it reduces single-vehicle crash risk by half.

In multiple-vehicle households, the teen often inherits an older vehicle. Consider letting the teen drive a newer car if it has more safety features.

Unifying the 'Internet of Things'

The Internet of Things refers to adding computer chips and sensors to devices like door locks, lights, thermostats, TVs, appliances and cars, to name some of the projected uses.

The products involved are expected to use wireless technology, like Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, so they can be remotely managed by smartphones or tablets.

Agreeing on how to do it isn't easy, and different approaches are being suggested. A group called the Open Interconnect Consortium hopes to set technical ground rules for all uses. The alliance includes Intel Corp., Samsung, Microsoft and Cisco Systems. Big players like Apple and Google are working on similar plans.

A group called the AllSeen Alliance includes chip maker Qualcomm, Microsoft and Cisco Systems are working on the ground rules.

Backers stress the need for security features and software to help the writers of application programs exploit connected devices. That goal is nearly identical to that recommended by the AllSeen Alliance, which plans to release open-source software based on their technology called AllJoyn.

Quoted in The Wall Street Journal, Douglas Fisher, vice president of Intel's software and services unit, says the new initiative is trying to unify rather than fragment the market.

Ladder Safety 101

You should always read the ladder instructions before using it, but a simple rule for setting it up at the proper angle is to place the base a distance from the vertical wall equal to one-fourth the working length of the ladder.

A worker standing erect with toes against the feet of the ladder and holding the side rails with arms extended horizontally will set up a ladder at approximately the right angle.

Awesome Aussie Chicken

Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, pounded to ½ inch thickness
- 2 teaspoons seasoning salt
- 6 slices bacon, cut in half
- ½ cup prepared yellow mustard
- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup light corn syrup
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon dried onion flakes
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 cups shredded Colby-Jack cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley



Directions

1. Rub the chicken breasts with the seasoning salt, cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until crisp. Set aside.
3. In a medium bowl, combine the mustard, honey, corn syrup, mayonnaise and dried onion flakes. Remove half of sauce, cover and refrigerate to serve later.
4. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Place the breasts in the skillet and saute for 3 to 5 minutes per side, or until browned. Remove from skillet and place the breasts into a 9x13 inch baking dish. Apply the honey mustard sauce to each breast, then layer each breast with mushrooms and bacon. Sprinkle top with shredded cheese.
5. Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until cheese is melted and chicken juices run clear. Garnish with parsley and serve with the reserved honey mustard sauce.

Spicy Honey Roll-Ups

Cooking spray 12 flour tortillas
6 teaspoons cinnamon sugar 6 teaspoons cayenne pepper
12 teaspoons honey

Directions

Warm a skillet over medium-high heat. Spray 1 side of a tortilla with cooking spray and place, sprayed-side down, into skillet. Sprinkle tortilla with 1 teaspoon cinnamon sugar; cook for 1 minute. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper over cinnamon sugar layer. Slide tortilla onto a plate and drizzle with 1 teaspoon honey. Roll tortilla tightly and secure with a toothpick. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

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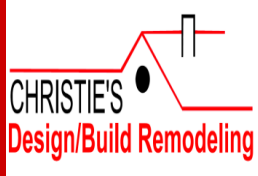
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Commonym Answer:

1. Poles
2. Types of chops
3. Maps
4. Birds that don't fly
5. They all get cancelled
6. Ways stamps are sold
7. Pickles
8. Triangles
9. Teeth
10. Apples

Riddle Answer:

Because they improve
di-vision!

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