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Parts is Parts

Right? Wrong! Back in the 1980s (when chicken nuggets were first introduced into the fast food menus), Wendy's used the line, "parts is parts" in a commercial designed to differentiate nuggets made from assorted pressed chicken parts and those made with real chicken white meat.

For the parts cleaning industry, there's a similar story to tell. You may have two locations that are cleaning the same parts but find the cleaning chemicals used are not performing the same way at each location. What could be the problem? Same parts, same dirt, same process, same equipment. One of the problems could be with the water.

Parts cleaning is a world of its own that requires a lot of mixing, pumping, spraying, and recycling of wash solutions. In a spraywashing application, striking a balance between soft and hard water can be a tricky job. Surfactants can behave differently in soft and hard water, and water conditioning may only be effective for a short time. If Location #1 uses hard water and Location #2 has soft water, you're likely to get entirely different results from your parts cleaning processes.

ChemStation has a staff of highly qualified chemists and technical support staff that are ready to help with all your parts cleaning issues. They are on hand to assist your ChemStation Account Representative with any problems you have with your parts cleaning operation. Whether it's a water hardness issue, problems with rust, coating weight, filtration, or wastewater, our parts cleaning team of chemists and technical support can handle it. ■

Where Does the Time Go?



September 22 marks the Autumnal Equinox. At this time (September 22, at 6:23 p.m. EDT), the sun appears to cross the celestial equator, from north to south marking the beginning of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. It is one of two times a year when the day and night are of equal length.



But, where is the time going? Wasn't it just last week when they opened the swimming pools for the summer?

Not only does time pass quickly, there doesn't seem to be enough hours in a day to get everything done. According to consultants, the problem may not be how many things you have to do, but rather how you budget your time to do them. Here are a few time wasters. See if they've weaseled their way into your daily grind.

Procrastination and excuses. If you don't start, you can't finish. Don't put things off.

Running errands and traveling. Arrange tasks in order of importance and need, combining trips and tasks.

Paperwork, reports and memos. KISS it, which doesn't mean you should rock and roll all night – Keep It Short & Sweet.

Television. Why are you watching? Turn off the set and be a self-starter. Find a hobby, exercise, read a book, be productive.

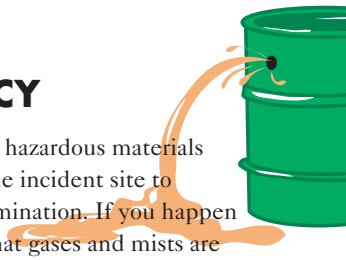
Just say no. Don't bite off more than you can chew. Be honest about what you can take on and people will respect you for it. Learn to say no. ■

September Happenings

For September we observe Be Kind to Editors & Writers Month. The Classical Music Coalition has designated it Classical Music Month, and the National Broiler Council observes National Chicken Month. "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was published on September 1, 1830. The CBS soap opera "Search for Tomorrow" premiered in 1951 on September 3. This year we celebrate Labor Day on September 5. Back in 1995, on September 6, Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's baseball iron man record by playing in his 2,131st game. Francis Scott-Key composed the lyrics to "The Star Spangled Banner" on September 14, 1814 but it did not become our National Anthem until 1931. September 16 is Mayflower Day, commemorating the day the ship set sail from Plymouth England in 1620. If you were around on September 20, 1973, you'll remember that was the day Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in a battle of the sexes tennis match. Rounding out the month, the U.S. Postal Service was founded on September 26, 1789.



In Case of an Emergency



If you are ever witness to a hazardous materials accident, stay away from the incident site to minimize the risk of contamination. If you happen to be outside, remember that gases and mists are generally heavier than air. Try to stay upstream, uphill, and upwind as hazardous materials can be quickly transported by water and wind. If you are in a motor vehicle, stop and seek relief in a permanent shelter if possible.

If you are indoors, and asked to stay indoors rather than evacuate, there are some things you can do to stay safe:

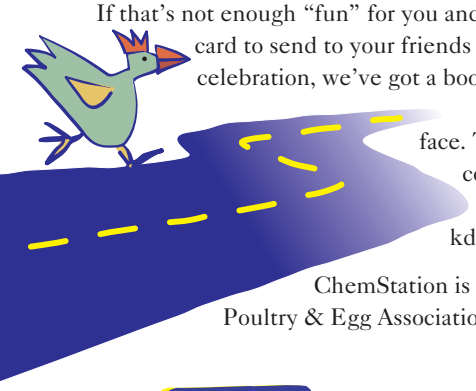
- Follow all instructions given by emergency authorities.
- Close and lock all exterior doors and windows, close vents, and close as many interior doors as possible.
- Turn off air conditioners and ventilation systems.
- Avoid contact with spilled liquids.
- Do not eat or drink anything that may have been contaminated.

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Fun Facts about Chickens

The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association is joining forces again with the National Chicken Council to celebrate September as National Chicken Month. The campaign will promote the poultry industry on a national level through the use of magazines, special offers, grocery chains and poultry companies throughout the United States. Here are some fun facts about chickens:

- They can travel up to nine miles per hour.
- There are more chickens on earth than humans.
- A chicken's body temperature normally runs between 102-103°F.
- A chicken can have four or five toes on each foot.
- A chick takes about 21 days to hatch from its egg. It will not begin to grow into a chicken, in its egg, until it reaches 86°F.



If that's not enough "fun" for you and you can't find a Hallmark card to send to your friends to commemorate the chicken celebration, we've got a booklet of chicken jokes that might put a smile on your face. There are a limited number of copies and you can get yours by sending an e-mail request to kdunlap@chemstation.com.

ChemStation is a proud member of the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association. ■



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Soapbox

Conversation: a vocal competition in which the one who is catching his breath is called the listener.

In electrical circuits, Murphy's Law supersedes Ohm's Law.

Prairie Dogging: When someone yells or drops something loudly in a "cube farm" (an office full of cubicles) and everyone's head pops up over the walls to see what's going on.

Roosters crow…hens deliver.

Brain Cramps:

"Half of this game is ninety percent mental." – Philadelphia Phillies manager, *Danny Ozark*

"The word 'genius' isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." – *Joe Theisman*, former NFL football quarterback and sports analyst

They used to call it "skinny dipping." Now it's called "chunky dunking."

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Work like you don't need money, love like you've never been hurt, and dance like no one's watching.

One good turn gets most of the blankets.

Aquadextrous, (adj). Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub faucet on and off with your toes.

Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.