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INSIGHTS

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It's Easy to Be Green



The Facts:

The United States has 5% of the world's population but consumes approximately 2% of all the world's resources.

According to the Global Footprint Network, in 2006 the world used 23% more resources than the planet can regenerate in a year.

One workstation (computer and monitor) left on after business hours is responsible for power plants emitting nearly one ton of CO2 per year.

American businesses go through 15 million toner cartridges every year, enough to stretch from New York City to Zurich, Switzerland.

Americans use more than 14 billion paper cups every year, enough to circle the world 55 times. The Styrofoam kind will stay for nine generations.

Each year, Americans throw away 138 billion straws and stirrers, enough to make a giant straw statue – 20 times taller than the Statue of Liberty.

What you can do:

Buy recycled paper and envelopes.

Use electronic files rather than paper ones.

Bring lunch to work in reusable containers.

Reuse shipping boxes and packing materials.

Turn off lights in spaces that are unoccupied.

Have recycling bins located in convenient places around your workplace.

Reuse paper that only has printed material on one side. Keep a bin for this paper to use as draft paper.

Eliminate fax cover sheets by using sticky fax notes or using software that allows you to send and receive faxes directly from your computer without printing.

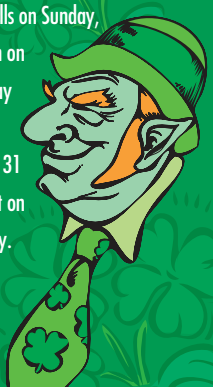
ChemStation is doing its part by providing you with environmentally friendly, biodegradable, industrial cleaning and process chemicals that are delivered to refillable containers at your plant. This system eliminates drum or tote handling and disposal costs, environmental and waste stream issues. ■





March at a Glance

Wake up folks! March is National Caffeine Awareness Month. We also celebrate National Umbrella Month and American Red Cross Month. The Iditarod Race will take place March 1-16. National Procrastination Week is March 3-9, but you can postpone if you like. International Brain Awareness week happens March 10-16. Egg Salad Week is observed March 24-30 (go figure). Daily celebrations include Beer Day on the 1st. March 5 has been set aside as Learn What Your Name Means Day. On March 9 you get to set your clocks forward one hour as Daylight Saving Time begins. The Irish and wannabe Irish observe St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Two celebrations take place on March 20; it's the first day of Spring and Snowman Burning Day. Jewish Purim is celebrated on March 21. This year Easter falls on Sunday, March 23. Fly high on March 27 as we pay tribute to Kite Flying Day. March 31 we pause to reflect on Bunsen Burner Day.



Planning for a Safe Workplace

There are many possible safety issues that can occur at your workplace. Sometimes the best workplace safety arises out of simple, good planning and smart thinking.

Every single workplace should have a safety committee and safety plan in place. If you don't have safety committees at your workplace then propose one. If you work at home, guess what; you are the safety committee. Working at home or for a very small business isn't a reason to get out of safety planning.

If you don't have a safety plan in place yet, follow these steps when you recognize a workplace safety issue.



When a potential hazard is discovered…

Make sure that everyone else in your workplace is aware of the problem.

Notify your supervisor…unless you are the supervisor; then get going on that safety committee plan.

File any reports or documents about the problem.

Follow up. Telling someone there's a problem is not a guarantee that the problem will be resolved satisfactorily. Report it and follow up later to make sure the problem was addressed. ■

Against All Odds

Chances of winning the lottery are one in 80 million, although that depends on which state you're playing in and what the jackpot is. Here are a few others that are more far-fetched and rarely thought of as "Odds of":

Drowning in your bathtub: 1 in 685,000

Giving birth to a genius: 1 in 250

Hitting a hole in one in golf: 1 in 15,000

Being audited by the IRS: 1 in 100 ■



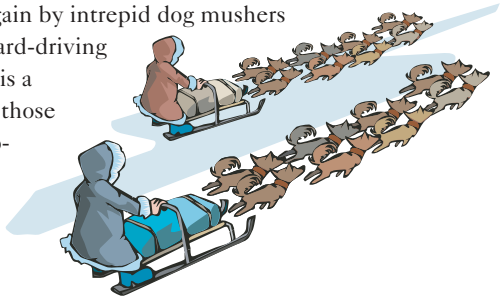
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The Last Great Race on Earth

You can't compare it to any other competitive event in the world! A race over 1150 miles (in 10 to 17 days) of the roughest, most beautiful terrain Mother Nature has to offer. Jagged mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forest, desolate tundra, and miles of windswept coast threaten the mushers and their teams of 12-16 dogs. Beginning in Anchorage and ending in Nome, mushers face temperatures far below zero, winds that can cause a complete loss of visibility, the hazards of overflow, long hours of darkness, and treacherous climbs and side hills. A race extraordinaire!

The Iditarod Trail, now a National Historic Trail, had its beginnings as a mail and supply route from coastal towns to the interior mining camps and beyond to the west coast communities. Mail and supplies went in. Gold came out.

In 1925, part of the Iditarod Trail became a life saving highway for epidemic-stricken Nome. Diphtheria threatened and serum had to be brought in, again by intrepid dog mushers and their faithful hard-driving dogs. The Iditarod is a commemoration of those yesterdays, a not-so-distant past that Alaskans honor and are proud of. ■



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Soapbox

People will buy anything that is one to a customer.

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.

The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball.

It is difficult to produce a television documentary that is both incisive and probing when every twelve minutes one is interrupted by twelve dancing rabbits singing about toilet paper. – *Rod Serling*

Well, if I called the wrong number, why did you answer the phone?

If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater, suggest that he wear a tail.

A signature always reveals a man's character - and sometimes even his name.

Everything happens to everybody sooner or later if there is time enough.

Remember that as a teenager you are at the last stage of your life when you will be happy to hear that the phone is for you.

Typos are very important to all written form. It gives the reader something to look for so they aren't distracted by the total lack of content in your writing.

You cannot depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.

Adventure is just bad planning.

Television has proved that people will look at anything rather than each other.

Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.