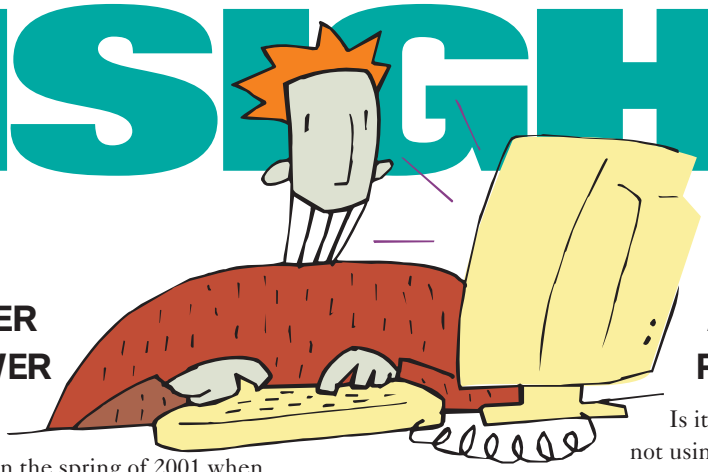
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eLink: Customer Portal to Power Information

The idea of eLink was formed in the spring of 2001 when ChemStation was challenged by a customer to grant their corporate leaders and location managers access to delivery histories. The customer wanted to be able to track which locations were receiving product deliveries, how much they were receiving, how much was being spent, and access to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) of each product delivered. They wanted access to this information through the ChemStation Web site.

As a ChemStation National Account customer, you are able to access your account by logging into the Partner eLink Portal. You are able to track deliveries, usage, expenditures and access product MSDSs. This is information that you will now have 24 hours a day.

If you find a problem with your account, you also have access to your ChemStation National Account Manager information. Contact your ChemStation Account Manager for access to this new tool.



All of this bundled together helps you achieve your bottom line. Information is power and money. The more information anyone receives the more likely that person will be to adjust situations where the result is money. This is power. ■

Hand Protection

OSHA statistics reveal that 70% of workers experiencing hand injuries were not wearing gloves. The other 30% who were wearing gloves were wearing gloves that were inadequate, damaged, or the wrong kind for the type of hazard present.

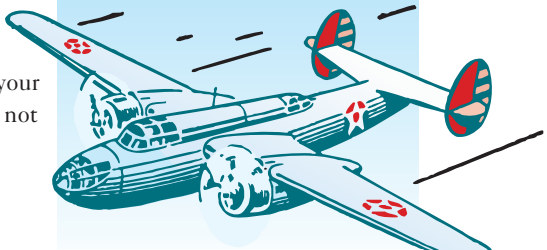


Working with chemicals requires wearing gloves. Skin irritation and burns are minor problems that occur when gloves are not worn. Far serious injuries could take place – a risk you should not take.

Gloves need to be changed. They get worn and hazards change. Gloves have become so advanced over the years that they are very comfortable to wear. This in itself is a hazard. Workers become complacent and forget to change their gloves as they begin working with new chemicals. Make your employees aware of the dangers associated with not wearing gloves. ■

September at a Glance

September is Children's Good Manners Month and Library Card Sign-up Month. In 1884 the decision was made to make the first Monday in September a yearly national tribute to the contribution of our nation's workforce. The annual tribute actually began in 1882, making this year the 121st celebration of Labor Day. September 2 is Another Look Unlimited Day… intended to prevent overloading of landfills by encouraging people to take a good look at what objects they're about to discard and consider alternative uses for them. On September 9, 1776, the USA came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name from the United Colonies to the United States. The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service on September 18, 1947. This year Autumn (9/23 – 12/21) begins on September 23 in the Northern Hemisphere with the autumnal equinox at 1:37 a.m. EDT. In the Southern Hemisphere it will be the beginning of spring.



A Question for the Ages

Is it better to turn off your computer when not using it, or leave it on all the time? It depends on how you use your computer. There are at least three situations that force you to leave your computer on 24 hours a day:

- You are on a network, and the network administrators back up files and/or upgrade software over the network at night. If that's the case, and you want your machine backed-up or upgraded, then you need to leave it on all the time.
- You are using your machine as some sort of server, and it needs to be on 24 hours a day. If your machine acts as a file server, print server, Web server, etc., on a LAN (local area network) or the Internet, then you need to leave it on all the time.

If neither applies, then you have a choice about whether or not to power off. One reason to unplug is economic. A typical PC consumes something like 300 watts. That's about 60 cents per day (based on an hourly rate of 10 cents per kilowatt). Added up, that comes to about $219 per year. Even if you have your computer go into a powered-down standby mode, you're still wasting about $100 per year. ■

Source: howstuffworks.com

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 "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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You know it's your last day at work when...

- You hand the bank teller an envelope and when she asks, "What's this?" you realize you just dropped the company's deposit in a mailbox.
- While your boss is away, you sneak in and look at confidential information on his computer. Your coffee spills on the keyboard, and the computer shorts out.
- You return from a week's vacation to discover that you scheduled this week as vacation, not last week.
- You call in sick. The next day, your boss asks you how the fishing was.
- You wake up in jail, with a black eye and scraped knuckles. Last night was the company Christmas party. ■





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Soapbox

Don't you wish there were a knob on the TV to turn up the intelligence? There's one marked 'Brightness,' but it doesn't work.

If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score? – *Vince Lombardi*

Swiped Out – An ATM or debit card that has been rendered useless because the magnetic strip has worn away due to excessive use.

It's no longer a question of staying healthy. It's a question of finding a sickness you like.

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves. – *Abraham Lincoln*

Space isn't remote at all. It's only an hour's drive away if your car could go straight upwards.

The hardness of the butter is directly proportional to the softness of the bread.

You know you've been in corporate America too long when you decide to reorganize your family into a "team-based" organization.

Duct tape is like the force. It has a light side, a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

On an average day in the United States, 101,369,863 hours are spent waiting in line.

Blamestorming, v. Sitting around discussing why a project failed, and who was reponsible.

In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

Kitchen French: *a la carte* – you get what you can; *table d'hôtel* – you take what you get; *buffet* – you get it yourself.

A political expert is someone who tells you today what is going to happen tomorrow and then the next day can explain why it didn't.

Accident, n. A condition in which presence of mind is good, but absence of body is better.