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A Free Monthly Newsletter From Your Friends At Ron's Auto Repair

## Take Care Of Your Pet's Health During The Holiday Season

Pet safety is especially important during the holidays, with so many potential hazards hidden within all the excitement.

Don't risk your cat's or dog's health. Watch out for these dangers:

- Trees. Be sure your tree is solidly secured so Prince or Princess can't pull it over and get injured.
- Tinsel and ribbon. It's bright and attractive to pets. Eating tinsel or ribbons could cause them to suffer an obstructed digestive track, leading to vomiting, dehydration, and possible surgery.
- Noisemakers. Horns, kazoos, and other fun instruments around the New Year can startle and upset pets. In their fear they can cause damage to your home and possibly injure themselves or a nearby human. Be sensitive to all noise and excitement that might panic an animal.
- Holiday plants. Traditional plants like holly and mistletoe can cause stomach and heart problems for pets. Go for lifelike artificial plants instead.
- Electrical cords. Animals chewing on cords can injure themselves and can increase the risk of a fire or electrical shock.
- The garbage can. Don't leave trash cans open. Take steps to ensure pets can't get into your garbage in search of tasty treats that might not be good for them.

#### Do You Have A Question About Car Maintenance That You Want Answered?

We love to hear from all of our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our monthly newsletter. If you have a question about anything related to your vehicle, feel free

to give us a call at 513-779-3660;

www.cinron.com or email us at newsletter@cinron.com.

#### Shop 'Til You Drop? Just Be Careful

You're probably shopping a lot more during the holiday season, so pay attention to your safety:

- ✓ Pick the right time. Shop during daylight hours, when the mall or store won't be too crowded. Bring a friend or family member with you for added security.
- ✓ Don't overload yourself. Carrying an armful of bags and packages limits your freedom of movement. Combine items in a single bag, and take packages to your car before you can't carry anymore (and be sure to place them in your trunk, out of sight).
- ✓ Give yourself time. Know how long you're going to spend on shopping, and stop well before you need to get home (or wherever you're headed next). You'll be less likely to rush and more likely to be careful.

#### Keep Your Career Vibrant

Add this annual check-up to your routine to make sure your career isn't on the critical list.

Ask yourself these six key questions at least once a year:

- o Am I achieving my job objectives?
- o Have my career objectives changed?
- Is this job meeting my expectations?
- o Am I doing what I'm good at and enjoy doing?
- Are my skills up to date for this job and organization?
- How can I best achieve career satisfaction either on this job or in another job or career?

#### **December Events**

December 1st
December 7th
December 17th
December 17th
December 25th
December 31st
December 12th-20th
December 26th-Jan.1st
Rosa Parks Day
Pearl Harbor Day
Wright Brothers Day
Christmas Day
New Years Eve
Hanukkah
December 26th-Jan.1st
Kwanzaa

Tis The Season To Give.

Buy One Car Care Club Card & Get The Second One FREE! Our Car Care Club Card Is A Great Gift For Your Friends & Family!



Expires 12/24/09

#### Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Special thanks go out to all of our clients and friends who graciously referred our shop to their friends and neighbors last month! Our business is built based on the positive comments and referrals from people just like you. We just couldn't do it without you.

#### **Charlotte Oligee**

#### The Latest From Saturn . . .

If you're wondering where the time goes, consider the planet Saturn. Scientists recently discovered that a day on the ringed gaseous giant lasts a mere 10 hours, 34 minutes, and 13 seconds - and that's actually five minutes shorter than previously was believed. A new process based on the planet's magnetic fields is considered more reliable than previous measures, which were hampered by the fact that Saturn doesn't have a solid surface for reference.

In other news from Saturn, readings from the Cassini space probe show evidence of ammonia (probably mixed with water ice) on the surface of the planet's largest moon, Titan. Ammonia, when mixed with the methane and nitrogen of Titan's dense atmosphere, could create a kind of "pre-biotic stew" in the environment there similar to that of Earth during the era when life began to develop here.

No little green people, but maybe some extraterrestrial life nonetheless.

### Try These Excuses On Your Boss When You're Late For Work

Why are you late to work? Here's a handy list of excuses to try the next time you wander in 20 minutes after your scheduled start time:

- © "I tried a new shortcut, and it took me two hours."
- © "I'm a newlywed—need I say more?"
- "It takes a long time to dispose of a body."
- "The bartender wouldn't let me leave."
- © "The traffic lights were all slower than usual this morning."
- The line at Starbucks was around the block."
- "I had to floss my cat."



#### Being Self-Employed Doesn't Mean More Time Off

How many hours do you work in a typical week? If you're self-employed, you're likely to work longer than your friends on the payroll. According to figures from Gallup, 49 percent of self-employed Americans say they work more than 44 hours during an average week, whereas 39 percent of U.S. workers overall log that many hours.

The most likely employee to put in a "normal" week is someone who works for the government; 55 percent of those employees report regularly working a 35- to 44-hour week.

## Conquer Boredom By Pushing Yourself In A New Direction

Are you in a rut? Do you need to make a change, but you don't know how to start?

You don't have to completely overhaul your life. Try some of these exercises to stretch your perspective a little:

- ▼ Talk to one new person every day.
- Eat something that you've never tried before.
- Read a random page from an encyclopedia (or Wikipedia).
- ♥ Pick an object in your office or home, and think up a completely different use for it.
- ◆ Commit to telling the truth for one full day (without being rude).
- Perform a random act of kindness for a stranger.
- ♥ Go to a museum, and spend some time looking at a piece of art you've never examined before.
- Learn a magic trick.

#### An Expensive Education

A banker was arrested for embezzling \$100,000 from his company. At his trial, he pleaded that he had no choice because he needed the money for his son's college education.

The judge said, "I have just one question."

"Yes, your honor?" asked the banker.

The judge leaned forward and whispered, "Where were you going to get the rest of the money?"

Is It Your Birthday This Month?

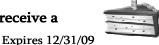
We'd like to Celebrate your Birthday with you!

Just stop by and show us your Drivers License and you'll receive a

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FREE Regular Oil Change on Us!

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# Congratulations To Our Client Of The Month!

Every month, we choose a very special client of the month. It's our way of acknowledging our great clients and saying thanks to those that support our business with referrals and repeat business.

This month's Client of the Month is

#### **Jacquelyn Baum**

### Eureka! The Accidental Origins Of Some Famous Products

Some well-known products and inventions weren't the result of careful research and planning. They were accidents that someone with a creative mind spotted some potential in. Imagine your life without . . .

- Potato chips. In 1853, a chef named George Crum in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., grew frustrated by a diner who kept sending his potato crisps back, complaining they were soft and soggy. Crum sliced some potatoes as thin as he could, fried them in oil, and sent them out. The customer loved them and a new snack food was born.
- The Slinky. A naval engineer named Richard James was looking for a way to hold navigation instruments steady while a ship was in motion. He began experimenting with springs, hoping to use them as shock absorbers, but when he saw one of his prototypes drop gracefully from a shelf onto a table, he had a different idea. Introduced as a toy in 1945, the Slinky (named by James' wife) became a best-seller.
- Corn flakes. The Kellogg brothers were searching for healthy foods to feed patients at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan. They inadvertently left some boiled grain on the stove for a few days, but decided to try putting the stale remains through rollers to make dough. It turned into flakes instead, and they decided to try toasting them. After a bit of development, they came up with a tasty food that patients enjoyed, and in 1906 one of the brothers, Will Keith Kellogg, founded the Kellogg's food company.

#### Be Thankful You're Not Moving There

The most expensive ZIP code in the country, in terms of home cost, is Alpine, N.J. (07620). Forbes magazine reports that the median asking price of a house there is \$4.14 million (down 23 percent from the previous year). No. 2 is Atherton, Calif. (94027), with a median asking price of \$3.85 million; that's followed by New York City's West Village neighborhood (10014), where home sellers are looking for a median price of \$3.5 million.

## Do You Want To Win A Free Lube, Oil & Filter Change?

Take the trivia challenge and you just might win! Each month we'll give you a new trivia question. The first 10 people to call with the correct answer will be eligible to win. At the end of the month we'll draw one lucky name. That winner will receive a FREE Gift Certificate for a Lube, Oil & Filter Change from us. Here is this month's trivia question: What is Saturn's largest moon called?

(Hint: the answer is somewhere in this newsletter)

A) Gallup

C) Cassini

B) Titan

D) Gizmo

#### Call right now with your answer!

The answer to last month's trivia challenge was, "What is the name of the ship that is drilling about 500 miles west of Costa Rica? D) JOIDES Resolution." Congratulations to last month's lucky winner

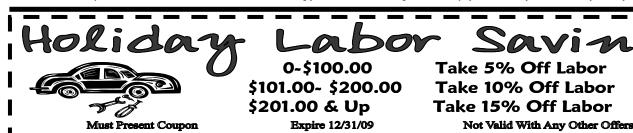
#### Karen Moses

#### Thanks For The Kind Words

"I just love how my car runs after I pick it up from your shop. To me it's like driving away in a new car. Thanks guys!"

- Rhonda Cassidy

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### What's The Answer?



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