

Volunteering to Help Your Career

Anyone, from a soon-to-be college graduate to a seasoned career professional, needs a polished, well-rounded resume. If you anticipate looking for a job in the near future, you will need to find a way to differentiate yourself from the pack. One simple way to increase your experience and make a difference in the lives of others at the same time is to volunteer. Even just a few hours a week or month can have great impact.

Not only will you learn new skills, but you will be able to practice them in a real-world setting. Some volunteer positions offer opportunities for public speaking, sales, technical skills, or financial management. You may be able to pick up a new language or computer skills as well. It is also a great way to explore new career options without having to make a long-term commitment. Whether you are just starting your career, or looking for a change, volunteering in a field you are interested in is a great way to test the waters.

Finally, there is nothing that beats personal and professional contacts when job searching. You will meet many people that can be in a position to either offer you a job or recommend you based on your performance at your volunteer position. You will also have some inside knowledge of upcoming opportunities and who to contact when you are ready to be hired.

This Day in History

June 6, 1872 - Susan B. Anthony led a group of women who registered and voted in Rochester, New York, to test the rights of women to vote, resulting in her arrest and fine.



June 29, 1995 - The American space shuttle Atlantis docked with the Russian Mir space station for the first time, resulting in the biggest craft ever assembled in space.

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Thoughts From Tom Reis

President of DataSafe

Planning for the unknown by having a solid Disaster Recovery plan is a crucial part of every business. Disaster Recovery is the process, policies and procedures related to preparing for recovery or continuation of technology infrastructure critical to an organization after a natural or human-induced disaster.



The ability to resume applications, data, hardware, communications and other IT infrastructure should all be encompassed in a good Disaster Recovery plan.

At DataSafe, our Disaster Recovery System is testing twice a year. Each test is done with different scenarios to cover various possible circumstances. We take these measures to ensure business continuity in the case of a disaster.

The nature of the disaster for our latest Disaster Recovery test on April 9, 2009 was phone lines down/PRI cut at the street level/no power on the phone system. For this test, all communication hardware and their locations were verified, all main telephone numbers listed in the DataSafe Disaster Recovery Plan were validated, automatic fall over system of our main digital line was tested and validated, and all support contact information pertaining to the Datasafe main PRI line was validated. The test was successful.

According to Jim Hoffer, author of "Backing Up Business - Industry Trend or Event", it is estimated that most large companies spend somewhere between 2% and 4% on Disaster Recovery. Of companies that had a major loss of business data, 43% never reopen, 51% close within two years, and only 6% will survive long-term. With those numbers, it is no wonder companies are willing to spend time, money and energy on creating and testing their Disaster Recovery plan. Disaster recovery is business insurance you just can't afford to live without.

Tom Reis

Have A Question For Us?

If you have a question related to off-site document storage, shredding, or media vaulting, please feel free to give us a call or send us an e-mail.

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Summer DESTRUCTION Sale!!

Destroy cartons in storage for only \$3.50 anytime between
between June 1st and August 31st!

Bill Cosby on Fathers

Fathers are the geniuses of the house because only a person as intelligent as we could fake such stupidity. Think about your father--he doesn't know where anything is. You ask him to do something, he messes it up and your mother sends you, "Go down and see what your father's doing before he blows up the house." He's a genius at work because he doesn't want to do it, and he knows someone will be coming soon to stop him.

If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right.

Nothing separates the generations more than music. By the time a child is eight or nine, he has developed a passion for his own music that is even stronger than his passions for procrastination and weird clothes.

My childhood should have taught me lessons for my own fatherhood, but it didn't, because parenting can only be learned by people who have no children.

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope.

Get Your Car in Shape for Summer

As the weather gets warmer, there are some steps you can take to protect your car and keep it running its best. Take time to give your vehicle a summertime checkup before things really heat up!

- A poorly tuned engine can increase fuel consumption by up to 50 percent. With gas prices rising, you can save more than a few bucks by giving your car a full tune-up, including an oil and oil filter change. You will also save on engine wear and tear.

- Check your tire pressure. Be sure to wait until your tires have cooled down (at least three hours or after it has been driven less than 1.5 miles). If you test your tires when they are warm, you will get a false reading. Fill your tires to the recommended pressure. Underinflated tires wear faster, waste fuel, and are unsafe. Having just one tire underinflated by eight pounds per square inch can reduce the life of that tire by over 6,000 miles and increase fuel consumption by five percent.

- Give your air conditioner a check up. Check for leaks and other needed repairs. Remember that using an air conditioner in stop-and-go traffic can increase fuel consumption by as much as 20 percent.

- Don't top off your fuel tank when filling up, especially during the summer months. Fuel naturally expands as it heats, causing excess fuel to spill out. Save money and protect the environment by only filling your tank until the pump handle stops automatically.



June Events

- 1 National Go Barefoot Day
- 2 National Leave the Office Earlier Day
- 5 World Environment Day
- 7 National Cancer Survivors Day
- 7-13 National Business Etiquette Week
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 Race Unity Day
- 18 Recess at Work Day
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 21 Family Awareness Day
- 21 Father's Day
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 21 World Humanist Day
- 23 Let It Go Day
- 23 Public Service Day
- 26 Take Your Dog to Work Day
- 27 Decide To Be Married Day
- 28 America's Kids Day
- 28 Special Recreation for Disabled Day
- 29 Please Take My Children to Work Day



June is also:

- Adopt a Shelter Cat Month
- Cancer from the Sun Month
- Child Vision Awareness Month
- Effective Communications Month
- International Men's Month
- Perennial Gardening Month

Astrological Sign:

Gemini (May 22-Jun 21)
and Cancer (Jun 22-July 22)

Flower of the Month: Rose

Birthstone: Pearl

Full Moon: June 7

Baseball Humor

Two old friends, Ralph and Ted, loved baseball all their lives. They grew up playing ball with each other and eventually both became umpires. After successful careers, both decided to retire and slow down, although they both still umpired for Little League games. After spending their whole lives involved in baseball, they started to wonder how it would be after they died. Would there be baseball in heaven?

They finally decided to make a pact--the first to die would, if possible, come back to Earth and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven. Eventually, Ralph died. After some argument, he finally convinced God to send him back in a dream to tell Ted what to expect.

Ralph spoke to Ted in a dream, "Ted, I made it to heaven. I have good news and bad news."

Ted replied, "Give me the good news first."

Ralph said, "There really is baseball in heaven--more than you could ever want! You can watch games, play in them, everything."

"That's wonderful. So what is the bad news?" asked Ted.

Ralph replied, "On Friday, you have the plate!"

Survey Winner of the Month

Last month, **David Grenetz** from **Granite Global Ventures** won a \$100 American Express® Gift Cheque just by filling out of our client survey.

To participate and be automatically entered into a drawing to win a \$100 American Express® Gift Cheque, simply log onto <http://www.datasafe.com/contact/clientsurvey.asp> and fill out the client survey.

Helping Houseplants Enjoy Summer

As the weather warms up, consider giving your houseplants a vacation outdoors this year. With a little care, your houseplants can thrive on your patio, balcony, or deck. If you expect nighttime temperatures to fall below 40 degrees, plan on bringing your plants indoors. Until the nights stay warm, continue to move them outside during the day and inside at night.

Houseplants generally do not like direct sunlight. They will usually get enough reflected light by being outdoors even when they are in the shade all day. Being outdoors will dry out your houseplants more quickly, so be sure to water more frequently. They should be fed a liquid fertilizer on a regular basis. Be prepared to re-pot some of your houseplants when you finally do need to bring them back in for the winter. They usually will grow larger and need larger pots after the warm summer months.

Want to Win a \$50 Gift Cheque?

Each month we'll give you a new challenge of some type. All those who reply with a correct answer are eligible to win a \$50 American Express® Gift Cheque.

At the end of this month we'll draw one lucky name.

Here is this month's challenge:

Riddle: I am the strongest muscle in your body, per square inch, which muscle am I?

Last Month's Answer to:

My top and bottom are twins of a kind.
The middle of me makes one body combined.
I'm used to pass time and provide quite a thrill.
If I stand tall and still, run faster I will.

AN HOURGLASS

Last Month's Winner:

KARIE RIDGLEY

TRAMMELL CROW COMPANY

E-mail your answer(s) to "news@datasafe.com."

Travel Photography for Kids

Photography is a great way to involve kids in a family vacation. It helps them to see things in a new way and allows them to document their own experiences. To help your child enjoy photography on your next vacation, keep these ideas in mind.

Get your child a cheap camera. They will not have to worry about breaking it and you won't have to hover over them all the time. Disposable cameras are especially kid-friendly. Look for waterproof ones to endure spilled juice and drops in puddles.

Let your child explore the world around him, and encourage him to take photos of what is interesting to him. It may not be what you expect, but sometimes these pictures can capture the spirit of the trip in a new way. After your trip, go over your child's photos and point out what makes them good and what could be improved upon. With practice, your child will soon be taking pictures that are sure to become family treasures.

To help your child take great photos, share these tips with him or her:

- Keep fingers away from the lens and hold the camera as steady as possible.
- Shoot tight to the subject and be aware of backgrounds and how they will affect the photo.
- Try not to cut off people's heads.
- If there is strong light, keep your back to the light source to allow your subject to be well illuminated.
- Consider snapping a few good pictures yourself of your child. This is guarantee that at least some pictures will come out and your child will have some photos of himself to enjoy.



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June OFFERS!

HOW DO THIEVES STEAL AN IDENTITY?

Identity theft starts with the misuse of your personally identifying information such as your name and Social Security number, credit card numbers, or other financial account information. For identity thieves, this information is as good as gold.

Skilled identity thieves may use a variety of methods to get hold of your information, including:

1. Dumpster Diving. They rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.
2. Skimming. They steal credit/debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.
3. Phishing. They pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.
4. Changing Your Address. They divert your billing statements to another location by completing a change of address form.
5. Old-Fashioned Stealing. They steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information. They steal personnel records, or bribe employees who have access.
6. Pretexting. They use false pretenses to obtain your personal information from financial institutions, telephone companies, and other sources.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP FIGHT IDENTITY THEFT?

A great deal.

Awareness is an effective weapon against many forms of identity theft. Be aware of how information is stolen and what you can do to protect yours, monitor your personal information to uncover any problems quickly, and know what to do when you suspect your identity has been stolen.

Armed with the knowledge of how to protect yourself and take action, you can make identity thieves' jobs much more difficult. You can also help fight identity theft by educating your friends, family, and members of your community. The FTC has prepared a collection of easy-to-use materials to enable anyone regardless of existing knowledge about identity theft to inform others about this serious crime.