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Never Forget Patriot Day 9/11

In the United States, Patriot Day is observed each year in memory of the nearly three thousand who died in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The U.S. House Joint Resolution 71 was approved by a vote of 407-0 on October 24, 2001. It requested that the President designate September 11 of each year as Patriot Day, a day of remembrance.

On September 4, 2002, President George W. Bush proclaimed September 11, 2002 as the first Patriot Day. He has made similar declarations every year since.

On this day, the President directs that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff and displayed from individual homes, at the White House, and on all U.S. government buildings and establishments at home and abroad.

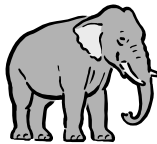
Americans are asked to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. EDT, the time the attacks began.

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

~Mahatma Ghandi

September Events

September 1 st	Labor Day
September 7 th	National Grandparents' Day
September 11 th	Patriot Day
September 15 th	Harvest Moon
September 19 th	National POW/MIA Remembrance Day
September 22 nd	Elephant Appreciation Day
September 22 nd	Autumn Begins
September 29 th	Rosh Hashana Begins



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 **(817) 459-4229**;

www.kwikkarnortharlington.com.

Labor Day A Time To Celebrate & Rest

When Labor Day was first observed in 1882, many people were working 12-hour days. They wanted a better way of life.

By now, most of us put in far fewer hours, but some still work the 12-hour day. Many are business owners, executives, and doctors. Some people put in long hours when the need arises, including production workers, computer programmers, nurses, and politicians who are on the campaign trail.

Whatever our jobs and whether or not they demand long hours, we all appreciate Labor Day. Offices, stores and businesses are closed and school is out. The weekend begs for camping or at least a picnic or barbecue.

It is also a milestone of the changing seasons. It's the last day most swimming pools are open. The kids go back to school. Football season begins, and the air seems a little cooler. Little by little, the leaves begin to drift down.

Many have commented on the irony that Labor Day is the day when people do everything except work. But, after all, our labor does buy our leisure.



Social Security Debit Cards

The 3.9 million Social Security and Supplemental Security Income recipients who don't have bank accounts now have an alternative to paper checks. The checks cost money to cash and could be lost or stolen from a mail box.

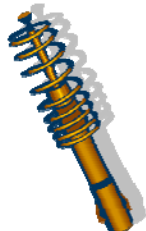
Recipients are eligible for the convenient Direct Express debit card, which is automatically refilled by Social Security each month. It's not linked to a bank account, so you can't add money to it.

Funds can be accessed at any ATM or merchant that accepts MasterCard debit cards. The first cash withdrawal each month is free. Others cost 90 cents.

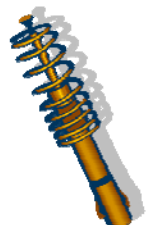


To sign up, call 877-212-9991 or visit www.usdirectexpress.com.

The card will be available in all U.S. states by the end of 2008.



Buy 3 shocks or struts Get 1 FREE



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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.

Gladys Pennington

Sharing Love & Knowledge

Honoring grandparents is one of the three purposes of Grandparents Day, Sept 7.

The second purpose is to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children.

The third purpose of Grandparents Day is to help children become aware of the strength and guidance grandparents can offer.



Per-Mile Deduction Raised For Second Half Of '08

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that it raised the standard mileage rate that taxpayers can use to deduct the cost of business miles on their income tax returns.

Beginning July 1 though the end of this year, the new rate is 58.5 cents a mile, an increase of 8 cents.

The higher rate allows self-employed workers to deduct a larger amount on their 2008 tax returns. It will also benefit workers whose employers reimburse them for the use of their vehicles.

July 1 is also the date for an increase in the mileage rate for deductible moving and medical expenses. Those rates will rise to 27 cents a mile, up from 19 cents in the first half of this year.

Left unchanged is the rate taxpayers can deduct for use of their vehicles for charitable activities. It stands at 14 cents a mile.

Self-employed taxpayers can deduct their actual expenses, or they can take the allowance on miles driven.

Golf Humor

A gushy reporter told Phil Michelson, "You are spectacular. Your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?"

Michelson replied, "The holes are numbered."



How Much Can You Afford To Give Your Kids?

When they're little, it's daycare. The expense moves on to special lessons, braces, summer camps, and college. For some parents, the big expenses don't end there. They love their kids, but unless they stop supporting them at some point, the kids won't become independent, and the parents won't have a very enjoyable retirement.

A 2007 survey by Ameriprise Financial found that 90 percent of parents have given money to their grown kids for major expenses, credit-card balances, car insurance, student loans or down payments on houses.

Psychotherapist Eileen Gallo and her lawyer husband, co-authors of *Silver Spoon Kids: How Successful Parents Raise Responsible Children*, have this advice, "Consider whether giving your kids money will speed them toward independence or prolong dependency."

Kids today are often moving back home to save on expenses. There should be rules. The kid should have a job or be looking for one. The stay should be for a set period of time. He or she should have household chores and pay rent even if it's just a small amount. If you don't like charging rent, you could save it and give it back at moving time.

It's OK to have strings attached to gifts. If you're providing a down payment for a home, you could say the home has to be within driving distance so you can visit.

Giving a large amount in the form of a loan can sometimes work. A new service at virginmoney.com will draw up an agreement and collect the payments for you, according to *Money* magazine.

When A Friend Needs An Ear

Has a friend ever come to you steaming about something and eager to vent whatever indignity just happened, yet before she can get a complete sentence out, you say, "Calm down—relax"?

Then, did that same friend flash you a dagger-filled look? Did you understand why?

When people are in the heat of reacting to a situation, they're not ready to shift gears into a different emotional state. They need to vent. And they need to be listened to.

So make your first response be "How do you feel about it?" rather than the perceived equivalent of "Pipe down." And then listen carefully to what your friend says. You might learn something important. If nothing else, you'll be lending an ear when one is desperately needed.



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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

Robert Soto

Taxi!

Humorist Robert Benchley was once out with his son for lunch in Hollywood. Afterward when the two were ready to go home, the elder Benchley reportedly approached a uniformed man at the door and said, "Would you get us a taxi, please?"

The man stared at him and said in an icy voice, "I'm very sorry. I happen to be a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy."

"All right, then," said Benchley. "So get us a battleship."

What To Do (And Not Do) After A Car Accident

No one ever plans to be in a car accident, but unfortunately many of us will find ourselves involved in one some day. Here's what you should do if you're in an accident, according to the Better Business Bureau:

1. Don't leave the scene.
2. If there are injuries, call for medical assistance and provide basic first aid.
3. Call law enforcement if needed. Once the officer arrives, when appropriate, get the officer's name and police station address.
4. Ask for the case number, when the accident report will be filed, and how to get a copy.
5. Take careful note of the following:
 - *Date and time of the accident*
 - *Street and city*
 - *Weather and road conditions*
 - *Direction and speed you and other travelers were going*
 - *Description of how the accident occurred*
 - *The numbers of the license plate, driver's license, and insurance policy of each driver involved*

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Doozy Definitions From Student Exams

- An optimist is a doctor who treats your eyes.
- An epistle is the wife of an apostle.
- Baboons live in an apiary.
- A myth is a female moth.
- Momentum is what you give someone when they are going away.
- Trigonometry is having three wives at one time.
- An executive is the man who puts murderers to death.
- An antidote is a funny story.
- A monastery is where monsters live.



Do You Want To Win A Free I-Tunes Gift Certificate?

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 \$40.00 I-Tunes gift certificate. Here is this month's trivia question: "How much did the standard mileage rate increase on July 1, 2008 for business miles?"

(Hint: the answer is somewhere in this newsletter)

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| A) 8 cents | C) 14 cents |
| B) 5 cents | D) 27 cents |

Call (817) 459-4229 right now with your answer!

The answer to last month's trivia challenge was, "How much money are you allowed to gift to any one person in 2008? D) \$12,000." Congratulations to last month's lucky winner

Brook & Josh Adams

Thanks For The Kind Words

"I have had excellent service and help from Mike & Company. They are honest and fair and know their business and my vehicles."

Steve Eckersley

The Warranty On Your New Vehicle Stays In Effect When Maintenance Is Performed Here.

We are legally authorized to fulfill maintenance obligations on all vehicles, even new ones, & when we use appropriate parts & procedures, the vehicle's manufacturer is bound to honor its warranty obligations. Your vehicle's care starts at 00001 miles.



Labor Day Special

In honor of this Labor Day Holiday, We want to say 'Thank You' to the American Worker. As a token of our appreciation, we're offering this special opportunity to **Save 15% Off All Labor!!**

This is your one-time opportunity to save on any and all work that you've been putting off all summer.

PLUS...Take advantage of our September Special:

- ✓ *Change Up To Five (5) Quarts Of Pennzoil Synthetic Oil*
- ✓ *Replace Oil Filter*
- ✓ *Check And Top Off The Following Fluids: Power Steering, Windshield Washer, Battery Water (Excluding Sealed Batteries), Antifreeze/Coolant And Brake Fluid*
- ✓ *Replace Air Filter*
- ✓ *Check Serpentine Belts*
- ✓ *Check Wiper Blades*
- ✓ *Check Exterior Lights*
- ✓ *Vacuum Interior Floors*
- ✓ *Clean Exterior Of Windows*
- ✓ *Check Tire Pressure*
- ✓ *Lubricate The Chassis (When Applicable)*

A \$118.50 value – For Only \$71.97!!

Call us now at (817) 459-4229 to schedule your reservation. Just remember to bring this flyer when you come in for service.

This offer expires Sept. 30, 2008.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



<p><u>\$10.00 Off</u> Pennzoil Synthetic Oil Change</p>	<p><u>\$40.00 Off</u> Repairs Over \$400 (Not Brakes)</p>	<p>Back to School Belt Check <u>FREE!!!</u></p>
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What's The Answer?



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*The Answers To These And Many
More Questions Are Inside*

