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Labor DAY Survival Issue!



September 2, 2002 is **L a b o r D a y** in America...what does it mean? Well, labor equates to work and employers, so this day is a holiday from duties workers would usually be engaged in on a Monday. It is a day to stay in bed, go to the mall, attend a ballgame, drive to the beach, picnic in the park, etc.

A lot of people in America need work these days, rather than an opportunity to escape from it. This year might be a good day to look for a job. In years past, the old adage that some people "eat to live" [simply a means to an end] rather than "live to eat" applied to the mindset of work, spawning many weird interview questions by potential employers trying to determine whether job candidates are a good investment. When Carly Fiorina became CEO of Hewlett-Packard, a primary objective was to get rid of "dead weight" employees. I was contracting there as a web editor at the time, and the anxiety level among employees was very high, as most had been counting on a comfortable retirement. U.S. Government employees have long born the burden of being referred to a "skaters" doing "just what it takes" and no more. I experienced this first-hand as a government employee both in California and while living in Germany. Wake Up! Complacent workers are an employer's nightmare. Perhaps the best job security is to take pride in what you do, no matter what it is. On one hand, I can count the people I met in government jobs, who exemplified that work ethic. Today the competition is greater than ever, as thousands of people "hit the streets" for various reasons-some losing their retirement due to the actions of greedy individuals in Corporate America.

Are you familiar with the poem, "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again?" Consider keeping it in mind on your job [especially if it is in customer service], and of course, during an interview. Here it is:

**Through this toilsome world, alas!
Once and only once I pass;
If a kindness I may show,
If a good deed I may do
To a suffering fellow man,
Let me do it while I can.
No delay, for it is plain
I shall not pass this way again.**

Take assessments of how your interests and hobbies can be incorporated into a new labor-intensive job or career. Think "beyond the box" when considering employment. Best of luck to you! For some wonderful digital, on-line tools to facilitate this process goto: <http://www.digitaltimes.com/career>

On this Labor Day 2002, I am celebrating returning to work after suffering a debilitating illness that began in late June. An Internet Specialist since 1994, it is now necessary for me to do something professionally that does not involve engaging in Internet research and using computers 100% of my time. To that end, with enthusiasm and an eye toward adventure, I am interviewing for a position not previously considered.
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editor

Save a Life! Digital Personal Breathalyzer

This issue of Digital Times focuses on survival, so here goes! Save lives with this digital alcohol tester. Consider getting one of these for yourself, best friend, college bound child, etc. Check out this, and other great products from: xunga.com

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