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At Your Service

Fort Street Tower

Aloha Sushi	585-7374
Bin's Convenience	521-8886
Carrot Patch	531-4037
Clark Hatch Fitness	536-7205
Cookie Corner	532-9072
Donna's Closet	224-1421
Flowers for You	521-2020
Young Laundry	521-2286

Bishop Street Tower

Amfac Center Barber	538-7811
Andy Mohan, Inc.	521-1222
Bishop Street Deli	627-5499
HonBlue	531-2121
Carrot Patch	531-4037
Charles Schwab & Co.	534-9700
First American Title	447-4017
For the Love of Coffee	266-0759
KD Jewelry	545-7841
Komala Curry House	454-7181
Rice & Rolls	927-0121
Styling Crew	533-7800
Subway Sandwich	545-3945

WELCOME TO TOPA FINANCIAL CENTER

Bishop Street Tower Perkin & Faria, LLLC

Building Events

Labor Day

Monday, September 6, 2010 **(Building Closed)**

Columbus Day

Monday, October 11, 2010 **(Building Open)**

National Boss Day

Friday, October 15, 2010

Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 11, 2010 **(Building Open)**

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 25, 2010 **(Building Closed)**



The Meaning of Labor Day

Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. After more than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, the history of Labor Day seems unimportant for what has become a wonderful end of summer holiday for the American public. Beach parties, pool parties, barbecues and fireworks displays are just a few of the events that frequently herald the arrival of Labor Day.

In the United States, Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September, creating a long weekend for the working population. Traditionally, the passing of Labor Day meant the beginning of a new school year. Although many schools now begin their year well before Labor Day, the long weekend still provides a chance for families with children to take one last summer vacation. On your next Labor Day vacation, take time out to consider the history of Labor Day and its original meaning.

Improve Your Ability to Concentrate

Phones ringing. New e-mail arriving every five minutes. Co-workers stopping by to chat, the interruptions that conspire to keep you from your work seem endless. Despite these challenges, there are times when a project or task requires single-minded uninterrupted concentration. Try these tips to improve your ability to concentrate in a busy workplace.

Plan ahead. If you come to work each day simply hoping to find a block of time to concentrate, it's unlikely to happen. Look at the week ahead and block out 60-to 90-minute periods when it seems feasible to concentrate on a single task or project. Ensure that you schedule these intervals during your "prime time" - periods when you feel relatively rested and able to focus, whether that is first thing in the morning or during a quiet period when your manager is away from the office.

Set the stage. Ideally, find a quiet room away from your desk where you can work uninterrupted. Let others know that you will be unavailable for the period you have designated and, if necessary, negotiate with someone to cover your phone calls or visitors. If you must stay at your desk, turn off your phone and other signals that may distract you such as the chime on your computer that announces a new e-mail. Ensure that you have all the equipment and information you need before beginning. Clear all documents from your desk other than those you need so you will have fewer visual distractions as you work.

Designate a goal and a reward. Decide what you can realistically achieve in the time you have available. Promise yourself a reward for achieving this goal. Choose something that will be sufficiently motivating so that the thought of this reward will entice you to work a little longer.

Work Place Friendships Increase Productivity

Socializing with your co-workers can be fun and may even benefit on-the-job performance according to recent survey results released by Accountemps. Fifty-seven percent of executives polled said that office productivity improves when co-workers are friends outside the

office. Nearly two-thirds (63 percent) of employees surveyed agreed. But managers and employees aren't as aligned when it comes to just how beneficial it is to have buddies on the job. Twenty-two percent of employees said befriending co-workers has a "very positive" impact on productivity while only 2 percent of managers felt as strongly.

Veterans Day

In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over.

November 11, 1919 was set aside as Armistice Day in the United States, to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during World War I in order to ensure a lasting peace. On Armistice Day, soldiers who survived the war marched in a parade through their home towns. Politicians and veteran officers gave speeches and held ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won.

Congress voted Armistice Day a federal holiday in 1938, 20 years after the war ended. But Americans realized that the previous war would not be the last one. World War II began the following year and nations great and small again participated in a bloody struggle. After the Second World War, Armistice Day continued to be observed on November 11.

In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas called the holiday Veterans' Day in gratitude to the veterans in their town. Soon after, Congress passed a bill introduced by a Kansas congressman renaming the federal holiday to Veterans' Day. 1971 President Nixon declared it a federal holiday on the second Monday in November.

Americans still give thanks for peace on Veterans' Day. There are ceremonies and speeches and at 11:00 in the morning, most Americans observe a moment of silence, remembering those who fought for peace.

After the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War, the emphasis on holiday activities has shifted. There are fewer military parades and ceremonies.

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Veterans gather at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. to place gifts and stand quiet vigil at the names of their friends and relatives who fell in the Vietnam War. Families who have lost sons and daughters in wars turn their thoughts more toward peace and the avoidance of future wars.

Veterans of military service have organized support groups such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. On Veterans' Day and Memorial Day, these groups raise funds for their charitable activities by selling paper poppies made by disabled veterans. This bright red wildflower became a symbol of World War I after a bloody battle in a field of poppies called Flanders Field in Belgium.

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is a joyous family festival celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm in the U.S., Canada and several other countries. Thanksgiving Day Festival commemorates the feast held by the Pilgrim colonists and members of the Wampanoag people at Plymouth in 1621. On this day, people express gratitude to God for his blessings and give thanks to dear ones for their love & support. Feasting with family is an integral & most delightful part of Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

Text Message Decoder

NSFW: not safe for work. **IDK**: I don't know. **ALOL**: actually laughing out loud. **OMG**: oh my God! **ROFL**: rolling on the floor laughing. **ILMJ**: I love my job

Tenant Survey

Topa Management Company at Topa Financial Center strives to provide you with an exceptional leasing and tenant experience. Please take a minute to complete the Tenant Satisfaction Survey at <http://www.TopaFC.com>. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated.



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Quotes

Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are. - **Malcolm Forbes**

I talk and talk and talk, and I haven't taught people in 50 years what my father taught by example in one week. - **Mario Cuomo**

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. - **Nelson Mandela**

All wars are civil wars, because all men are brothers. - **Francois Fenelon**

Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them. - **Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

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