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#### Trivia!

What does Green Seal mean?

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## Industry News

### *Holiday Shipping*

#### **The (Saint) Nick of Time**

According to Santa's Elf Grumpy, many people want to know how Santa makes it around the world in just 24 hours. Some speculate it's a government conspiracy, it's Santa's magic dust, perhaps Santa rides the magic of Christmas, could it be the theory of Santa-Relativity, the Naughty/Nice Matter/Anti-Matter, time bending, or time warping. There's only one slight problem, Grumpy can't tell you how Santa does it. (And he's not even being grumpy about it!)

Have you heard of time zones? Well, Santa uses them to cheat -- on time! He takes advantage of the Earth's time zones! He starts by delivering presents at the International Date Line and travels west following the Earth's rotation around the sun. By doing that he gains many, many extra hours of time. Children are actually waking up and opening presents while Santa is still delivering! Did you know that, if you live in the U.S., today is already tomorrow in Australia? Likewise, when Santa is in Australia, it is already yesterday in the U.S. This is a handy trick to know when you're Santa Claus! So now you know the secrets to Santa delivering presents! And now you know how fast Santa can travel. You even know how Santa gets around the world in one night! Just please don't tell everyone. I don't want people appearing and disappearing all over the place like they were Santa Claus delivering all the presents! ■

*Bob Tita, WSJ, 10/28/2021*

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### Recent Savings

#### **Waste Removal**

Savings were over 24% of total spend. ■

#### **Snacks**

Savings were over 27% of total spend. ■

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## Amazon Hires During Tight Holiday Market

Amazon.com Inc. looks to hire 150,000 seasonal holiday workers. This is over 100,000 workers they announced they would hire last year and matches the number of workers that Walmart said it would hire this year. "The additions build on Amazon's plans, unveiled in September, to increase its ranks of permanent employees by 125,000. The e-commerce company is also adding 40,000 people to its tech and corporate staff."1. The stock is up over 5.3% over last year.

There is a competition with industries to hire people ranging from stores, restaurants, amusement parks, and manufacturers. In some cases, companies are offering hiring bonuses, pay raises, and other perks. The workforce is smaller by 4.3 million pre-pandemic. Amazon pays an average wage of \$18 per hour. Seasonal workers are eligible for sign-on bonuses and hourly bonuses on some shifts. Amazon's seasonal jobs are in 20 states including New York, Texas, and Virginia. Target said they plan to hire 100,000 seasonal workers and around 30,000 warehouse workers. With e-commerce on the rise, UPS and FedEx are planning on hiring another 200,000 package handlers. ■

*Matt Grossman, WSJ, 10/19/2021*

## FedEx Discovers Hundreds of Packages Dumped in a Ravine in Alabama

Some packages in Alabama will not be delivered on time! Between 200-400 FedEx packages were found in an Alabama wooded ravine recently. Deputies guarded the scene until FedEx workers arrived to pick up the packages. On Thanksgiving Day FedEx workers arrived at the scene to retrieve the packages. Some packages were intact, and others were split open, according to Natasha Abney that told ABC affiliate station that her neighbor had discovered a river of boxes on his property. Investigators now say a FedEx driver dumped packages into the ravine in Blount County at least six times before the boxes were discovered last week. That amounts to 450 individual victims who didn't get what they had paid for. Stealing a postal service package from a mailbox is a federal crime. Different laws apply to FedEx, Amazon, and other delivery services. ■

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A: You can contact a customer services representative by calling us at 1-888-261-9070 or by going to our [website](#) and trying our "Risk Free Trial" offer.

### Trivia! From November 2021 Issue What is FSQA?

Food Safety & Quality Assurance (FSQA) refers to any program implemented by an organization, private or governmental, whose purpose is to monitor and enforce quality and safety standards of food handling and production. The FDA has FSQA standards and regulations, and many restaurant chains have their own departments dedicated to the development and enforcement of standards to keep within compliance and provide a high quality product. Program offerings include HACCP Programs, food safety programs, product development, food products, labeling, Auditing & Inspection Calculated Nutritional Analysis, Process Control, and System Gap Analysis.

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