



Mini Mops Monthly

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Protect Your Home, Keep Your Family Safe From Fire!

Fire kills 4,000 and injures 20,000 Americans each year, and U.S. fire departments respond to 1.5 million home fires each year ... according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

We don't want you to be one of these statistics!

You should have working smoke alarms in each bedroom and on each floor of your home to alert your family if a fire should occur. But here are some steps you can take to protect your home and prevent a fire from starting in the first place ...

Home Fire Safety Checklist:

- ☐ Check electrical appliances for loose or frayed cords. Do not place wires under rugs.
- ☐ Check for outlets overloaded with plugs; including TVs, game consoles, computers, and printers.
- ☐ Install GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) outlets in your home; especially near water in your bathroom, kitchen and laundry room.

Please see *Checklist* on page 2

Up Close and Personal ...

Meet Mini Mops Supervisor Claudia Gonzalez

How long have you worked for Mini Mops?

Almost 15 years ... Since 2000

How long have you lived in Fresno?

25 years

Tell us about your family ...

Two daughters — Joanna is 21 years old and works at Planet Fitness; Guadalupe is 16 and attends Sunnyside High School.



Please see *Claudia* on page 3

Candy Corn Marshmallow Pops

Recipe from Better Homes & Gardens (bhg.com)

INGREDIENTS:

Large marshmallows

Candy coating discs — 1 package each orange and yellow
(such as Candy Melts® by Wilton)

Straws

Orange and black nonpareils (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

Place orange and yellow candy coating discs in separate microwave-safe bowls. Microwave separately on high until melted and smooth, stopping to stir every 30 seconds.

Insert straws into bases of large marshmallows.

Dip part or all of each marshmallow in candy coating, spooning it over if necessary and letting excess drip off into bowl.

If desired, sprinkle with orange and black nonpareils.

Lay marshmallows on waxed paper (or insert straws into florist's foam to avoid a flat side) to let harden.

For two-layer candy corn marshmallows, omit the nonpareils. After the first coating layer has firmed up, dip the marshmallow in a second color of candy coating, keeping the first layer of coating visible. Let stand on waxed paper or in florist's foam until coating is firm.



Image credit: www.bhg.com

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For Laughing Out Loud ...

Q - Who is the best dancer on Halloween night?

A - The Boogie Man!



- ☐ Check that the bulbs in your home light fixtures are the correct wattage.
- ☐ If any appliances spark, smell unusual, or overheat, replace them or get them repaired by a professional.
- ☐ Check that lamps and nightlights are not touching any fabrics (bedspreads, drapes).
- ☐ Be sure that electrical blankets are unplugged when not in use. Check for frayed or loose cords and any odd smell. If you detect a problem, replace the blanket immediately.
- ☐ Supervise children around the stove and microwave.
- ☐ Candles should be out of reach of children and pets, and away from curtains and furniture. Never leave candles unattended.
- ☐ Get an annual inspection of your furnace or heating system.

(This checklist is from the National Safety Council. View, download, and print the complete document at http://www.nsc.org/safety_home/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Documents/HomeFireSafetyChecklist.pdf)

HAVE FUN & EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN ... WORD SEARCH

C	T	R	I	C	K	O	R	T	R	E	A	T	F
C	O	O	L	E	R	W	E	A	T	H	E	R	R
P	U	M	P	K	I	N	P	A	T	C	H	E	E
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S	H	B	N	U	R	S	L	E	A	V	E	S	N
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Find the hidden words in the grid of letters to the left. This month's puzzle is all about October in Fresno.

Words to find:

Big Fresno Fair
Pumpkin Patch
Leaves
Trees
Cooler Weather
Halloween
Trick Or Treat
Zoo Boo
Moon
Bulldogs
Fresno State
Football
Kids Soccer
Community Races
Farmers Markets

Good luck and have fun!

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Do you have any pets?

Four dogs — Bobo, Bonnie, Max, and Chaquira

How would your family describe you?

Super Mom! ☺

What's your favorite family tradition?

Going camping on Memorial Day weekend.

We hope you've enjoyed getting to know a bit more about Claudia!

Look for profiles on other Mini Mops crew members in upcoming editions of your "Mini Mops Monthly" newsletter.

REMEMBER!

Schedule your holiday cleanings EARLY!

We're taking these calls and setting the schedule to honor your special requests NOW!



IN-BETWEEN TIP:



Make sure your smoke alarm is working by testing it every month!



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PLUS ...

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AND ...

For Laughing Out Loud!

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(The answer is inside!)