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A Mother's Love

"Youth fades; love droops, the leaves of friendship fall. A mother's secret hope outlives them all."

~Oliver Wendell Holmes

"As a mother, even at the risk of her own life, loves and protects her child, so let a man cultivate love without measure toward the whole world."

~Buddha

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

~George Washington

"The best way to keep children home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant ... and let the air out of the tires."

~Dorothy Parker

"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie."

~Tenneva Jordan

"A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest."

~Irish proverb

FORCE BE WITH YOU MAY IT

by Nigel "YODA" Worral CEO Florida Leisure

May in Orlando only means one thing... **Star Wars**. It's the time of year when Disney's Hollywood Studios opens up its doors to some very special Star Wars Weekends. Running from 21st May and then every weekend until 13th June you'll find costumed characters and celebrity guests everywhere.

To enjoy the event all you need is a regular Hollywood Studios admission ticket and you're in. The center piece of the celebration is the Star Tours attraction as the "Jedi Training Academy" and "Jedi Masters" train your kids in the use of light sabers. Once these junior Luke Skywalkers become proficient, they'll then be challenged by Storm Troopers and Darth Vader.

To kick start the Star Wars weekends there is a very special **Star Wars in Concert** at the Amway Arena on Saturday 15th May with two shows starting at 3pm and 7.30pm. Star Wars In Concert is a massive multi media event featuring stunning visuals, a live orchestra, choir and narration as well as an exclusive exhibit of Star Wars costumes, props and production artwork. A not to miss event!

Of course, May isn't the only month we'll be celebrating the power of the force that is Star Wars. If you're unable to make it to Orlando in May or June then be sure to mark your diary as **Star Wars Celebration V Fan Festival** is being held from 12 - 15 August.



If Star Wars isn't your thing then maybe **The Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival** is the place to be? This special spring event is filled with a colorful array of flowers, gardens, topiaries, live music and educational events.

You don't have to be a gardening expert to love this event. It's perfect for guests of all ages who enjoy the beauty of mother nature! See millions of blooming flowers and a vibrant collection of Disney-themed topiaries, and get up close with hundreds of colorful butterflies inside Minnie's Magnificent Butterfly Garden. On the weekends, meet with top horticulturists at one of the many Garden Town Programs and learn helpful gardening tips, and be sure to attend public demonstrations of advanced gardening techniques from around the world.

On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the festival, finish off the day with a melodious evening at the American Gardens Theatre adjacent to the American Adventure Pavilion and enjoy music from the 1960s and 1970s during the Flower Power Concert Series.

Plus, you can bring some of the magic back home with you—you'll find plenty of gardening tools and products to help you grow and maintain the perfect garden.

So, make sure you keep up to speed with everything that's going on and see why Orlando is the greatest place to vacation on Planet Earth by visiting my blog at www.FloridaLeisureBlog.com ... May the force be with you... until next month...

Nigel



Mistakes To Avoid When Trying For The Perfect Lawn

Having a healthy green lawn can be a source of pride to any homeowner. It can also be a frustrating process if you are having trouble keeping your grass green and lush. There are a few common mistakes that homeowners make when caring for their lawns. Avoid these pitfalls to help make the job easier.

Cutting Grass Too Short

If you want your lawn to look as good as a golf course, resist the temptation to cut it too short. Golf courses use a special type of grass that responds well to a short cutting height. But most lawns require more water and put more stress on the grass when cut too short. Your best bet is to cut only to about three inches and no shorter. With this length, the grass holds moisture and can resist disease better.



Too Much Fertilizer

Putting down too much fertilizer does not make for a healthier lawn. Grass can only absorb so much fertilizer before it starts to become stressed. Excess fertilizer is washed from your lawn and can flow down your street into waterways, becoming a pollutant. Most agricultural experts recommend applying fertilizer in June, August, and October. Excessive fertilizing in the early spring can cause grass to grow too quickly, resulting in a plant with a weak root structure that is hard to maintain.

Too Much Water

Most people are concerned about not watering their lawns enough, but more damage comes from over-watering than under-watering. Too much water results in shallow roots and a weak plant. In general, most grass needs about one inch of watering a week.

By The Numbers: Greeting Cards

- U.S. consumers purchase approximately seven billion greeting cards each year.
- Women purchase more than 80 percent of all greeting cards, but men generally spend more on a single card than women.
- The most popular everyday cards sent are birthday (60%), anniversary, (8%), get well (7%), friendship (6%), and sympathy (6%).
- The most popular seasonal cards are Christmas (60%), Valentine's Day (25%), Mother's Day (4%), Easter (3%), and Father's Day (3%).
- The average person receives more than 20 cards per year, about one-third of which are birthday cards.



BUG OFF

Warmer weather brings out the birds and the bees—and all sorts of other bugs. Summertime pests are not only a nuisance; they can also carry and transmit harmful diseases. How can you get these bugs to buzz off? Here are some tips.

- Before doing any chores outside, check for wasp nests. If you see any activity, you will need to spray the nest to kill the wasps.
- If you are eating and drinking outdoors, be safe before taking a bite or a gulp. Pour sodas into clear plastic cups instead of drinking from a can.
- If you are stung by a wasp or a bee, carefully remove the stinger if you can see it. Then squeeze out any venom,



wash with soap and water, and treat with an antibiotic ointment. Treat with ice if there is any swelling.

- Use a repellent with DEET to protect against mosquito bites. Do not use products containing DEET on children under the age of two months. Only use sparingly on kids.
- If you are entering an area with lots of mosquitoes, wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Tuck the bottom of your pant legs into your socks.
- Remove any standing water around your home. Mosquitoes can breed in a very shallow amount of water. Be sure to empty buckets, birdbaths, and other places where water can puddle.

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Loretta Reynolds, Whitwell, TN

"The house and accommodations were awesome! We would highly recommend Florida Leisure!"

Barbara Beckwith, Westbrook, ME

Does Mother Knows Best?

Mother's Day is just around the corner. Test your Mother's Day knowledge with this trivia quiz.

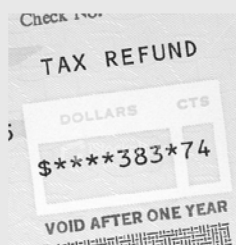
1. What year was Mother's Day founded as an official American holiday after lobbying by Anna M. Jarvis?
2. What flower symbolizes Mother's Day?
3. True or False: Mother's Day is listed as one of the official days to fly the American flag on government buildings.
4. Mother's Day is always celebrated on what day?
5. What presidential mother was the first to vote for her son?
6. Which month of the year has the highest number of births?
7. Which state has the highest number of births per 1,000 women?
8. How many phone calls are made to mothers on Mother's Day each year?
9. What percent of people never call their mother?
10. True or False: Mother's Day is the biggest greeting card sending holiday of the year.

Answers (using a mirror will be helpful):

and Valentine's Day
e. Answer: 1. 1908, 2. Over 155 million, 3. 11 percent, 4. False, It is third, after Christmas
1. 1914, 2. A white carnation, 3. True, 4. The second Sunday of May, 5. Sarah Roosevelt.

Don't Just Blow It

Do you get your tax refund and just blow it immediately? There are some smart things you can do to make your refund work for you.



1. Pay off some debt, especially credit card debt. Because you end up paying so much in interest charges, paying down a high interest credit card is your best bet.

2. Put it away. Whether you are saving for a home, retirement, or college for your kids, putting extra money away now pays off in the long run. The longer it is earning interest, the larger the fund will be in the future.

3. Use it for a necessity. You may have been waiting to get those new tires or to go to the dentist. Now is the time to do it.

4. Make a donation. If you've been wanting to support a charity near to your heart, but haven't had the funds, do it now. It will help on next year's taxes as well, if you itemize and take the deduction.

5. Treat yourself. If you find that you still have money left over, do something nice for yourself that you've been putting off. Take a trip, throw a party, or buy a loved one a gift. After practicing some fiscal responsibility, you'll deserve it.

Enjoy Memorial Day - Safely

Memorial Day marks the beginning of the summer recreation season. It can also be a time for accidents. Make sure that you and your family are safe this Memorial Day weekend by remembering these simple safety tips.



Drive Safely

More people will be on the road on Memorial Day weekend, making for congested roads and highways. Don't forget to always wear your seatbelt, and observe all posted traffic signs and speed limits. It is especially important for children to be in proper child safety seats in your car. And never drink and drive!

Play Safely

If you are going to be spending time near or on the water, don't forget to be safe. If you will be on a boat, wear a life jacket, follow all boating rules, and don't operate a boat while drinking. If you will be swimming, remember to swim with a buddy, swim only in safe water, and never dive into shallow water. All children should be supervised at all times around any type of water. If you will be spending any time in the sun, don't forget to use sunscreen and wear a hat.

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Five Star Luxury at Budget Prices

By Nigel G. Worrall

Staying in a poor accommodation can turn any good vacation into a nightmare. Many people think they have to spend a lot of money to get great accommodation but that really isn't the case. More and more people are falling in love with the concept of staying in a vacation homes as the five star luxury at budget prices is simply an unbeatable value. Of course, there are many more benefits of renting a vacation home than just saving money.



The basic difference between a five star hotel/resort and a vacation home:

Size & cost: usually, a hotel room is about 300 to 400 sq ft, and even a very basic 1 bedroom vacation home can be as much as double the size. Naturally, 3 or 4 bedroom vacation homes are even larger and are typically three or four times the size of a basic hotel room. Overall, a vacation home is simply better value for money as a hotel room usually costs about the same.

Services: vacation homes also include a full sized kitchen and personal dining space and this can save you a small fortune by eating in rather than going out to extravagant restaurants all the time. Many hotels don't even have a small kitchen in their rooms as their goal is to get you to spend more at their dining facilities.

Facilities: when you have a personal swimming pool attached to your vacation home, then who needs a pool that has to be shared with all guests staying at the hotel and with restricted hours of usage? Most vacation homes also have a yard that allows you to spend a night under the open skies or an activity or games room which can include a pool or futsal tables at no extra cost as they are all included in your vacation home price!

Vacation homes provide you with 5 star luxury at budget prices. These homes take you away from group dwelling like hotels or resorts and are independent facilities. You do not have to worry about noisy next room neighbors or service workers disturbing you from time to time. Most vacation homes have book or comic libraries with popular titles and some even have popular DVD titles that you can watch on the big screen TV. While staying at a hotel, you would have to pay supplementary charges for all these extras whereas at a vacation home, these are all covered in the overall cost you pay.



Another great feature of a vacation home is that you can even host a private party with all expenses under control and no hidden costs involved. If you compare the cost of lodging a similar number of people in a hotel against housing them in a vacation home, you will find that the vacation home wins hands down.

Finally, another great money saver is the fact there is "no tipping" at a vacation home rental. Essentially there is no staff expense with bell men or waiters to tip. That doesn't mean that service is neglected however as most vacation rental homes have such services such as cleaning, cooking or even a driver or concierge available to you.

If you are looking for 5 star luxury at budget prices then a vacation home rental, as you can see above, is the only way to go. Check out your next vacation home rental at www.FloridaLeisure.com



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