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We'll Get You Through It



From the Captain's Log Don't Turn Your Back

Not having visited Seaworld in Florida for many years, we took a quick long weekend in April. My youngest had never been, but stated that she'd rather just go to Busch Gardens as Seaworld has a "bad reputation" for treatment of its animals. With a little coaxing, *(I agreed we'd go to both places and I'd go on all the roller coasters with her)* we made it to Seaworld. Riding all the roller coasters was worth it, just to see the shows. While I too have heard the complaints that keeping the whales and dolphins in captivity is not fair to these magnificent creatures, I also saw the other side. How many of us will have the opportunity to see whales and dolphins in their natural environment? Of the other species we see in these venues, lions, penquins, elephants – where would we have an opportunity to see these in the wild, if not to go on some far flung adventure not many of us will ever be able to do? So with the understanding that there are two sides of this argument, we were able to get up close and personal with these majestic creatures. The lead trainer in the Orca show seemed to take it all in stride, turning his back on the Orca in the middle of show to get its favorite bucket of fish as a reward, but turning your back on an Orca, no matter how tame, would never be my chosen course of action. But all the shows were great, and we all left with a better appreciation of the wonder of these animals, and how our pollution of the oceans is not boding well for them.

So this took me to another thought, shortsightedness. Do we live to exploit for our benefit all that we can, or do we try to make the world, and those we interact with each day, just a little better by our footsteps? A plaque along the river walk in downtown Tampa seemed to ask this question, do we look forward or turn our backs? •

Contemporary man is commonly called "the two generation people." This short-range sense of self stands in stark contrast to the Native Indigenous American who commonly had a long-range or seventh generation understanding of responsibility to a place in nature. This continual relationship demands intentional maintenance and continual preparation of that place for the future. The taking care of the earth, maintaining it as you found it and making it a better place for future generations, is a human birthright responsibility. This nature-based and time related wisdom is Indigenous man's offering to modern man.



May 2019 News



Broccoli Melts – Veggies Are Good For You

Looking for a delicious twist on serving broccoli? Give these melts a try!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound of regular broccoli (or broccolini)
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Red pepper flakes
- Coarse salt
- Finely grated zest, followed by the juice of half a lemon
- ½ c. finely grated aged Pecorino-Romano
- 8 slices of your favorite bread
- 8 thin slices of provolone

PREPARATION

- Peel the broccoli stems with a vegetable peeler, then cut into large chunks (if using broccolini instead, cut into 2-inch portions).
- Pour about 1 inch of water into a large sauté pan, adding salt to taste. Bring to a boil, add broccoli, and cover with a lid. Let the broccoli steam this way for 2 minutes, then drain and pat dry on paper towels. Chop into small, half-inch pieces.
- Wipe the sauté pan dry and place on medium heat. Add olive oil and let heat for 1 minute. Add garlic and pepper flakes (if desired) and heat for about one minute, until garlic is starting to look golden. Add broccoli and cook 1-2 more minutes, seasoning with salt. Transfer it all to a bowl, then add the lemon zest and juice, Pecorino, and more salt and pepper flakes (if desired).
- Preheat broiler. Arrange slices of bread on a baking sheet and lightly toast on both sides. Scoop broccoli mixture onto each slice, lay a slice of provolone on top, and cook under broiler until cheese has melted and begun to blister. •



Hardship or “Cinderella” License



A few years ago, New Hampshire adopted a law which allows individuals who are convicted of a DWI 1st offense to file a Petition for Limited Driving Privileges or what is generally known as a hardship, or Cinderella, license. The ability to petition for these limited driving privileges is not available to those convicted of any other DWI offense, for instance an Aggravated DWI or a DWI 2nd. The process to obtain these limited driving privileges is not an easy one even if you qualify.

Anyone requesting these limited driving privileges must set forth the reason that they need to drive. The law limits the factors which demonstrate such a need. The most common factor is getting back and forth to work. The petition requires that you list the address of your employment as well as the specific hours that you work. So if you have a job that has specific hours, even if you work third shift, you can petition for the privilege to drive to your employment. If your job involves travel from place to place you will not be able to file the petition. You can also

petition for limited driving privileges to attend school or to travel to medical, alcohol and/or drug treatment.

There are additional requirements to obtain these limited driving privileges. The Court cannot grant you the Petition for Limited Driving Privileges until you have served at least forty-five days of the suspension of your license. If the Petition is granted, once the forty-five days have passed, you must go to DMV with the Petition and pay \$50 for a permit to drive. You will not get your physical license back. The Court will also require that you install an Interlock device in your car for twelve months even if you get your license reinstated earlier than that. You must also file with DMV an SR22 form which is proof of insurance on your license.

The process of filing for and obtaining these limited driving privileges is complicated. The privileges are termed “limited” because they are just that. Those factors may outweigh the advantage of having such privileges. If you are thinking of filing a Petition for Limited Driving Privileges it is important to make an informed decision. The best way to do so is to speak to an attorney who is familiar with the process. •

A 'Door Prize' No Bicyclist Wants



Across the country, the incidence of bicycle “dooring” accidents is rising. Dooring occurs when someone in a parked vehicle suddenly opens his or her door into the path of a passing bicyclist. Statistics indicate that dooring accidents account for over 10% of bicyclist-motorist collisions.

Dooring accidents can launch bike riders into the air, or into traffic. Bicyclists might veer to avoid the door and get struck by a moving vehicle. They may incur fractures, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries ... or death.

In towns and cities, cars parallel parked along streets, heavy traffic, and narrow roadways/lanes provide ripe conditions for dooring. Bicyclists are typically expected to ride as far to the right as possible, putting them within the “dooring zone.” In some municipalities, bicycle lanes have been constructed to improve bicyclist safety. However, many of them are situated within the dooring zone. One recent experiment in Boston, MA had the city put traffic cones separating the bicycle lane from traffic lanes, only to find most cones by the end of the day having been run over by motorist crowding the bicycle lane.

In all states, occupants of parked vehicles are required to exercise caution when opening a car door. Forty states have specific dooring laws, which generally place responsibility for a dooring accident on the parked vehicle’s occupants.

Bicyclists can take precautions to protect themselves:

- Take it slow in dooring zones; watch for taillights, brake lights, etc.; and make yourself as visible as possible.
- In most states, even when there is a bike lane, bicyclists are permitted to ride in a motor-vehicle lane when traffic permits, thus avoiding the dooring zone.
- Plan routes with safety in mind.
- Wear a bicycle helmet. Always.
- Avoid talking or texting on your cell phone.

If you are injured in a bicycle accident due to another person’s negligence, contact a bicycle accident attorney to protect your rights. •

May 2019 Notable Dates

May 2
World Password
Day

May 5
National Astronaut Day

May 9
National Lost Sock
Memorial Day

May 13
National Apple Pie Day

May 17
National Endangered
Species Day

May 24
National Scavenger
Hunt Day

May 28
National Hamburger
Day

May 31
National Smile
Day

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Cathy's Corner

Mother's Day

Mother's Day was begun by Anna Jarvis, not because she was interested in the marketing idea of Hallmark cards, but to celebrate her mother. Jarvis' mother was a peace activist who had cared for soldiers on both sides of the Civil War and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health concerns. Ms. Jarvis worked hard to establish Mother's Day as a holiday to honor her mother and to honor all mothers whom she saw as the "person who does more for you than anyone in the world". Mother's Day became a national holiday in 1914 after it was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson. Anna Jarvis became disillusioned with the commercialization of the holiday she worked so hard to establish. She even led protests and boycotts in an effort to reduce that commercialization and return the holiday to one of sentiment.

Anna Jarvis would probably not be pleased with the manner in which we celebrate Mother's Day today. It is a holiday celebrated by way of cards, flowers and gifts. (Although I think she would probably like the handmade gifts that children often give to moms). I understand how vested she was in having a holiday completely devoted to the sentiment of "mother". But I also think that having that sentiment demonstrated by what she saw as commercialization is not all bad. As a mom, I like my cards, flowers and gifts. The sentiment comes from the act of thinking of which card, flowers or gift mom would like and then, most importantly, hand delivering it. There is nothing more important to mom than having family around. That's what keeps the sentiment in Mother's Day, even if Hallmark benefits, too. ●

