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## Just For You, Mom



My Mom Evelyn is 81 years old and she bore eight children, two of which died very young. During my upbringing she always gave me words of wisdom.

She planted the seeds that I base my life on, and her prayers have always followed me and clung to me. They have helped me to learn how to pray for others and most of all believe that I can achieve.

She taught me that you cannot judge the way another person is raising their kid. Everybody is doing the best they can.

I thank my Mom daily for how she had to think twice, once for herself and once for every child. How she held her children hands for a short while and their hearts forever.

It's often been stated that being a full time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs since the payment is pure love. I can never repay my Mom for all that she has done and will continue to do in my life. I'll just keep calling often and reminding her how much I appreciate and love her.

## WHY CELEBRATE MAY DAY

On May 1, 1886, more than 300,000 workers in 13,000 businesses across the United States walked off their jobs in the first May Day celebration in history. In Chicago, the headquarters for the 8-hour day advocates, 40,000 went out on strike with the rebels in the forefront of the public's eye. Today it is known as International Worker's Day.

The sacrifices of those who protested and fought cannot be buried or forgotten. Why?

- 1) People were shot so we could have the 8 hour work day.
- 2) Homes with families in them were burnt to the ground and destroyed so we could enjoy Saturday as part of the weekend.
- 3) People fought for the rights and conveniences we enjoy today.
- 4) Young victims of child labor as young as 8 years old marched in the streets were beaten by policemen as they protested against working conditions.
- 5) We've achieved some progress but there is much more improvements needed.

## CINCO DE MAYO

There have been many misconceptions about Cinco de Mayo or the fifth of May, the biggest being that it commemorates Mexico's Independence Day. September 16th is when that holiday is celebrated and it was declared more than 50 years before the battle.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican Army victory over France at La Batalla de Puebla which happened on May 5, 1862.

In America, it has been turned into a holiday of drinking much like St. Patrick's Day. Most Mexicans and Latinos don't celebrate it. But big celebrations are held in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Houston. It is not a federal holiday so business goes on as usual.

In Mexico, the holiday is called El Dia de la Batalla de Puebla (The Day of the Battle of Puebla.) In the city of Puebla they do a great job in keeping the history alive. There is a battle re-enactment, a parade, tons of fireworks, traditional Mexican food is served or sold, and mariachi music performances.

It's a fun holiday, celebrating the Mexican way of life than about remembering a battle which happened more than 150 years ago. The colors of the Mexican flag green for hope and independence, white for purity and religion, and red for Spain and victory summarize it perfectly.

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Fire/Ambulance.....	713-466-4073
Harris County Precinct 4 .....	281-376-3472
Texas No Call List Registration .....	866-TXN-OCAL
Vacation Watch .....	281-401-6200

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# MAJESTIC EMERALD

Emerald the birthstone for May has many symbolic meanings as followed:

- It symbolizes rebirth and is believed to grant foresight, good fortune, and youth.
- It ensures physical, emotional and mental equilibrium, ushering harmony to all areas of life.
- It brings loyalty and produces domestic happiness.
- It strengthens memory and is known as the “stone of successful love.”
- It treats confusions of the heart, lungs, spine and muscular system.
- It assists in recovery after infectious illness.
- It helps sinuses and improving vision.
- It yields positive actions, eliminating negativity.
- It has detoxifying effects on the liver and alleviates diabetes and rheumatism.
- It enhances the ability to enjoy life to the fullest.

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# MAY OBSERVANCES

International Worker's Day - May 1

May Day - May 1

Childhood Depression Awareness Day - May (First Tuesday in May)

National Teachers Day - May 3 (First Tuesday of the First Full Week in May)

National Day to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy - May 4

Occupational Safety & Health Day - May 4 (Wednesday of the First Full Week of May)

Star Wars Day - May 4

Childhood Stroke Awareness Day - May 5

Cinco de Mayo - May 5

Mother's Day - May 8

World Lupus Day - May 10

World Hypertension Day - May 17

Malcolm X Day - May 19

World Autoimmune Arthritis Day - May 20

Memorial Day - May 30

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## JUST DO IT!

I've noticed and you also that we have several dwellings up for sale and have been sold. Do you wonder why this is happening? It's a no brainer when it is due to change in a job, increase in family, separation or divorce or another life changing event.

We know that a pleasant community appearance adds to home values, help attract business investment, keeps residents, and improves the overall neighborhood reputation. It also leads to better behaviors.

But when you walk or ride around Cypress Park you can still see trash placed improperly in bags instead of trash cans, some yards not maintained, and cars parked improperly. We need to take part in promoting the idea of beautifying our community.

Let's begin by picking up trash when we see it; follow the rules posted at the Kiddie Park regarding no alcoholic beverages and place your trash in a plastic bag on the street for pick up; and contact Cypress MUD Hill #1 for maintaining the property quarterly behind Paxton Landing.

Don't complain! Just Do It!

## Farewell

When I was chosen to head up the Community Newsletter I had very little experience however, my historical researching, legal, and insurance underwriting backgrounds helped me considerably.

I'm so grateful beyond words that you have allowed me the opportunity to start the Community Newsletter and be the editor. I thank Andrea, Jessica, all those who contributed to articles and most of all to my wonderful husband, Claude who has been with me through thick and thin.

Whomever replaces me, I hope you will give them support and encouragement. Let's keep the newsletter up and running.

Priscilla Akamafula

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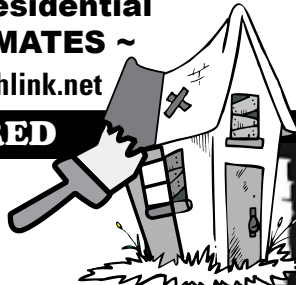
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### Cinco de Mayo Celebration

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### Texas Music and Food Festival

Saturday and Sunday, May 14th and 15th,  
12:30-4:30 p.m.  
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### Spring Classic Golf Tournament

Friday, May 13, 2016  
North Cypress Medical Center  
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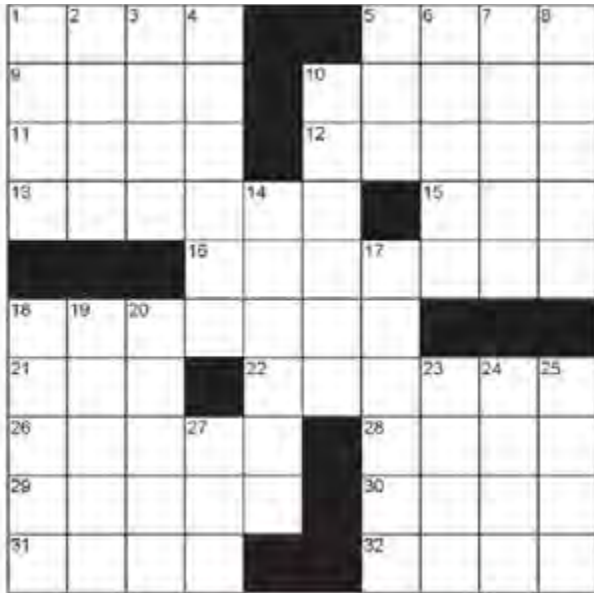
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### ACROSS

1. Belong
4. Elevator alternative
10. Fire remains
11. Short guy, hairy feet
12. Manipulate
13. Indoor
14. Coaxing
16. Condensation
17. Adolescent
18. South Carolina (abbr.)
20. New Jersey (abbr.)
22. Hornet
26. Rock
29. Loves
31. Demonstrate
33. Government agency
34. Subordinate
35. Cause of sickness
36. Elapse (2 wds.)
37. Surface to air missile

### DOWN

1. Finds \_
2. Make available
3. Not here
4. Tibia
5. Fire iron
6. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
7. As previously cited
8. Cycle
9. Soup
15. Hotel
19. Cash with order (abr.)
21. Rachel's husband
23. Regions
24. Reddish brown
25. Sacred song
26. Pearls
27. Vile
28. Brief
30. Refuse to believe
32. Pinch

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