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Remembering My Grandfather and Showering My Grandmother in Gratitude

When I found out National Grandparents Day is on Sept. 13 this month, I thought about how both of my grandparents were and are such big influences in my life. My grandfather has passed away, but my grandmother is still living, and I'm so grateful that she is a ginormous part of our family. Both have been huge inspirations and have helped me through some of the most difficult moments in my life.

What I admire most about my grandfather — and what stuck with me over the years — was his unwavering determination and work ethic. He was such a brilliant man and hard worker, and he never let obstacles faze him, deceive him, or get in his way. Whatever challenge he faced, he was always such a solid figure and never backed down, even in everyday life. It was always inspiring to watch him work through a problem and succeed.

I think one of the best qualities about him was how he always used his success to give back. Whether it was helping someone in need — a family member, friend, or anyone who could use the help (even strangers) — he took the time to help them. He was someone who'd willingly sit down with you, offer advice, and help you work through a financial issue or any problem you might have; he was the guy to go to. Today, I feel like I honor my grandfather through my own determination and by trying to help as many people as I can. What he taught me will always stay with me.

Although my grandfather has passed, my family is blessed to have the chance to see my grandmother every day. I see her at lunch, and if we find free time, we even go on as many trips together as we can. Her warmth has always been so hugely inspirational to me, along with the peace and joy she innately brings when she's around.

My grandmother was actually a huge part in helping me succeed in some of the most stressful times during law school. I was always extremely stressed when my exams were coming up and when studying for the Bar exam. She was always so sweet and kind enough to help me. She would even come and stay with me during those times. My grandmother made sure I wasn't alone, that I took breaks and went on walks every now and then, and that I was eating. She'd even make sure things were getting done around the apartment. She really kept me sane, especially during Bar study, which was one of the most stressful times in my life. She was there for me every step of the way, helping me get through it and keeping me calm and focused. I don't think I can ever thank her enough for dropping her life every semester during my finals and staying with me.

It was in those times, too, that we became so close and built a lot of memories together. We have numerous inside jokes now, and I really got to know her. I learned all about her life when she was younger, how she met my grandfather, and the stories about the two of them together. I remember they met when my grandmother was working as a telephone operator, and he was a caller; they got to know each other and fell in love. It's stories like these and all those irreplaceable moments we spent together that I'll never forget.

I'm truly thankful for everything my grandmother has done and continues to do for me, just as I will never forget what a wonderful person my grandfather was. To this day, my grandparents are my favorite humans on the planet. I wouldn't trade moments with them for anything.

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GARDENING, GOLD, AND PHOTO SHOOTS

3 Fun Family Activities for Fall

It's fall, which means social media will soon be saturated with pictures of your friends enjoying "classic" fall activities. Photos of leaf peeping, apple picking, and the occasional scarecrow run rampant. But rather than following the herd, you can make your family the trendsetter of unique fall activities! Here are a few outdoor endeavors your family will love.

GET GARDENING.

Fall is the time for harvest, but if you want to enjoy flowers in the spring, it's also a time for planting. The cooler autumn air is easier on plants, but the soil is still warm enough for roots to grow before the ground freezes for winter. Tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths are all spring bulbs that need to be planted in the fall. Do a little research with your family to determine the best time to start planting in your area.

PAN FOR GOLD.

Here's one that's really off the beaten path: Take your family on an adventure panning for gold! Start by planning a road trip out to an old ghost town. Many of them have great tourist attractions that include gold panning. You probably won't get rich, but it will still be a fun story. If you're not able to make the trip, you can always create a gold panning operation at home! Visit [MessForLess.net/panning-for-gold-activity](https://www.messforless.net/panning-for-gold-activity) for a great step-by-step guide on how to go panning for gold in your own backyard.

PLAN A FALL PHOTO SHOOT.

It's time to freshen up those family pictures hanging around the house. The changing leaves provide a beautiful background for any family portrait. Better yet, the cooler temperatures mean that an outdoor photo shoot won't be nearly as uncomfortable as it would be in the summer. You can take your pictures by the trees in the front yard or make a daytrip of it. What about pictures at the corn maze or pumpkin patch? It's never too soon to start planning this year's holiday card.

Spend this fall outdoors and create great new memories with your family!



CHILD PASSENGER

Buckle Up With the Right Car Seat

While people may not be driving as often as they used to this year, there are still plenty of reasons to head out on the road. Whether that's driving to a local grocery store or going for a short drive through town, one fact remains: safety. Buckling up, minimizing distractions, and being aware of your surroundings is all incredibly important while driving, especially when children are in the car.

One of the easiest ways to keep children safe while their parents drive is through the use of car seats and boosters. However, as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) states, nearly half of all kids' car seats and boosters are installed incorrectly. This means thousands of children across the country are not as safe as they can be while in a car.

To increase awareness of child passenger safety, every September celebrates Child Passenger Safety Week. This event is to help ensure that each child is safe, fitted with the correct car seat, that the car seat is properly installed and used, and that it is also registered with the manufacturer. For parents and guardians of young children, this information is crucial. According to the NHTSA, "When installed correctly, car seats can reduce the risk of fatal injury in a crash by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers."

OUR 36-WHEELER CASE

Putting All At-Fault Parties to Justice



Merging and driving on a highway can be one of the most stress-inducing experiences for a driver. With a variety of motor vehicles traveling around 80 mph, it's essential that drivers pay attention to their surroundings to decrease the risk of accidents. Unfortunately, there are some drivers who don't practice that much-needed awareness, and when that happens, the attorneys at Garcia & Ochoa are ready to take action.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY MONTH



If you have a car seat or booster that your child uses in the car, there are a few ways you can observe Child Passenger Safety Week. One of the most important is to ensure that your car seat is registered, installed, and used correctly. When you register your car seats, you will receive safety updates from the manufacturer — which is crucial for being up-to-date with the latest car seat defects. To ensure your car seat is installed and used correctly, you can get an inspection through a local certified Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technician in your area. You can visit NHTSA.gov to find a car seat inspection station, register your car seat online, and find which car seat is right for your child.

Everyone's safety should be a priority on the road, and with the proper steps, you can keep your family safe during every car ride.

Case Facts: Our clients, the driver and passenger of their 2012 Malibu, were driving eastbound on State Highway 285 when they were caught between two semitrucks. Defendant A, operating a 2013 Peterbilt tractor and trailer, was driving through Brooks County, Texas, when he used a ramp to make a wide right turn and merged onto the state highway. In doing so, he promptly blocked the eastbound lane of oncoming traffic. Directly behind our clients was Defendant B, driving a 2004 Kenworth tractor with an attached trailer. This immediately created a dangerous situation, in which our clients were caught.

In order to avoid a collision with Defendant A, who had failed to yield the right of way, our clients reacted accordingly. However, Defendant B failed to control his speed, striking our clients' vehicle and pushing it into Defendant A's tractor and trailer. It was through the negligence of both defendants that our clients were seriously injured.

The Outcome: Not only were both defendants at fault for the accident and our clients' injuries, but so were the companies who employed both. Defendant A and Defendant B failed to control their semitrucks, were not acutely aware of the drivers around them, and failed to adjust and react according to the traffic conditions; their employers failed to ensure that employees were properly trained to react to these conditions. This accident resulted due to laxity on all four parties and caused health and mental problems for both of our clients. By bringing these four at-fault parties to justice, our team brought our clients peace of mind and a means to continue living their lives in the best way possible.

When it comes to taking a stand for our clients, our attorneys will find each party responsible for the pain and suffering our clients were forced to endure. Call our office at (956) 587-5833 to learn more.

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BACON AND EGG BREAKFAST PIZZA

Inspired by TasteOfHome.com

This twist on a pair of classic breakfast foods is the perfect back-to-school fuel for your kids. Whip it up at breakfast or any time of day, really — it's never too early or too late for pizza.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package premade pizza dough
- 2 tbsp olive oil, divided
- 6 eggs
- 2 tbsp water
- 4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 cups cheese of your choice, shredded

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease a 15x10x1-inch pan. Spread the dough evenly over the bottom of the pan and 1/2 inch up the sides. Prick it with a fork and brush with 1 tbsp oil. Bake until lightly browned, about 7–8 minutes.
2. In a nonstick skillet, heat the remaining oil on medium. In a bowl, whisk the eggs and water together. Add the mixture to the skillet and stir until thickened and no liquid egg remains.
3. Add the egg to the baked crust in an even layer. Sprinkle on the bacon and cheese, then bake 5–7 more minutes before serving.



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Enjoy Your Favorite Films Earlier Streaming Services Change the Face of Entertainment

The way we watch our favorite shows and movies has changed drastically in recent years and even more so this year. With the pandemic impacting the world, people found themselves stuck inside their homes looking for new sources of entertainment, and many found exactly what they were looking for through the numerous streaming services available to us. The pandemic made time for people to watch their favorite shows again and again, and it also changed the way businesses, such as Disney and Universal Studios, release their movies.

Throughout the spring, many movies were released early and some skipped theater showings all together. "Trolls: World Tour" was released through video-on-demand and earned nearly \$100 million in rental fees on its April 10 debut, grossing far more than the first "Trolls" movie debut in 2016. Other movies, such as "Onward" and "Frozen II," were released early on different digital platforms for purchase or rent.

One of the most anticipated early releases under this new system is "Hamilton." This hit Broadway

show has drawn thousands of people to the theater since its debut in 2015. A stage performance of "Hamilton" was filmed in 2016 in just over three days. The resulting movie creates an opportunity for everyone to see the show, whether or not they were able to catch it live on stage. Disney bought the rights to the film last year and announced this February that it would be released on Oct. 15, 2021, in theaters.

However, due to the pandemic, Disney decided that what people needed most was something they could enjoy, even if they couldn't leave their homes. On May 12, the studio announced the film would be available to stream on Disney+ starting on the July Fourth holiday. "Hamilton" fans and those who've never seen the play are thrilled to watch the film 16 months in advance of the originally scheduled release.

Streaming services have changed how people consume their entertainment, and the pandemic has changed how streaming services offer it. Both changes are helping people get through these difficult times.