

# VICTORY

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# Lifestyle

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## Oh, What a Feeling!

There's nothing like the excitement of moving into a new apartment home. We're so happy you've chosen Victory Apartments. We are anxious to assist in any way we can, so please feel free to contact the Management Office if we can be of service.

## Mother's Day Quotes

"Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother." ~*Oprah Winfrey*

"Any mother could perform the jobs of several air traffic controllers with ease." ~*Lisa Alther*

"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." ~*Unknown*

"My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it." ~*Mark Twain*

"The world is full of women blindsided by the unceasing demands of motherhood, still flabbergasted by how a job can be terrific and torturous." ~*Anna Quindlen*

"My mother could make anybody feel guilty—she used to get letters of apology from people she didn't even know." ~*Joan Rivers*

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

## Honoring Our Fallen Heroes

Do you know someone personally who made the ultimate sacrifice? Maybe it was in World War 2, Korea, Vietnam or one of the more recent Middle East conflicts. Or your remembrance could be based on the fact that, over time, thousands of young men and women have died defending our way of life.

Whatever the circumstance, Memorial Day is a time to pay our national debt of honor. It can only be done by individuals. When honoring America's war dead, we preserve the memory of their sacrifice now and for future generations.

There are many ways to honor and remember. Pausing for a few moments of silence to think of them is one way that is available to all. Passing on stories that recall the lives and service of those we knew is another.

## Cinco de Mayo in the United States

Americans love celebrations, which is the reason Cinco de Mayo and St. Patrick's Day have a lot in common. People who aren't Irish wear green on St. Patrick's Day and go to parades. People who aren't of Mexican descent love the musical and colorful events celebrating Cinco de Mayo.

The day is one of cultural pride for Mexican-Americans. It's the anniversary of an early victory by Mexican forces over the French in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, leading to the expulsion of French forces in 1867.

The largest U.S. celebrations are in cities such as Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, San Antonio, Sacramento, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Denver and El Paso. In these cities, a large portion of the population has Mexican origins. But many other cities in the United States celebrate Cinco de Mayo as well.

School districts organize lessons and special events to educate students about the culture of Americans of Mexican descent.

### YOUR COMMUNITY STAFF

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Property Manager

**Krystal Glover**

Assistant Property Manager

**Julio Cortez**

Lead Maintenance

**Christopher Darden**

Assistant Maintenance

**Karen Collins**

Property Inspector

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**Monday thru Friday**

8:00 am–5:00 pm

**Saturday**

Closed

**Sunday**

Closed

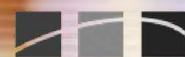
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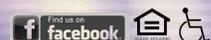
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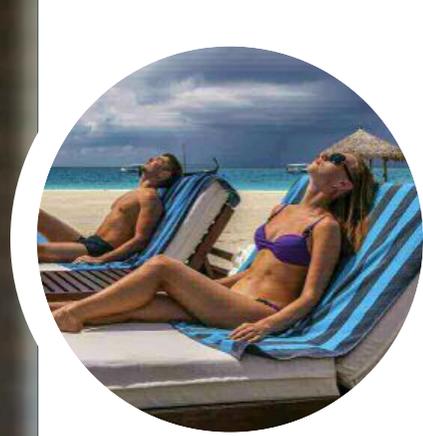
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# Get ahead in your first job with these basics



## Be wary of travel scams

If you're already planning your summer vacation, here's some advice from the Consumer Information Center on how to avoid travel scams that will waste your money and ruin your holiday:

- **Beware offers that are too good to be true.** Be leery of "free" trips or ridiculously cheap prices. If you're offered a "two-for-one" deal, a "free stay," or such, make sure to find out what the deal really involves.
- **Ask, and ask again.** Get as many details as you can about each travel offer. Be sure you fully understand all the terms before agreeing to buy. Ask for specific names of airlines, hotels, restaurants, tour providers, or any other vendor mentioned as part of the package. Also ask whether there's a cancellation policy.
- **Get all promises in writing.** Consider trip insurance for additional protection, too.
- **If you're asked to pay in advance, ask if you can pay a deposit.** Using a credit card is safest because of your right to dispute the charges if the services were misrepresented or never delivered.

Just starting out in your career? Some basic tips can give you the credibility you need to earn the trust of your bosses and co-workers. Keep this advice in mind:

- **Arrive consistently.** Yes, sometimes the traffic is bad or the train runs late. Train yourself to arrive at work within a specific window so people don't have to guess when you're coming in—or whether you're coming in at all.
- **Dress appropriately.** Take note of how your co-workers dress, and follow their lead. You don't want to be too formal, but sloppy clothes and poor personal hygiene can mark you as un-serious or unprofessional.
- **Introduce yourself effectively.** Practice a quick introduction—no more than 30 seconds—so you can make a good first impression on the people you meet. Remember to look people in the eye and give a nice warm handshake.
- **Remember names.** Make an effort to keep people's names in your mind. You'll impress

them and show that you're paying attention. The best way is to repeat their names a few times when you first meet to lock the name in your head.

- **Stay organized.** If you're scrambling to find things on your desk, or always late for meetings, you'll look scatter-minded and un-dependable. Set up a system for tracking information and managing your time so you're always on top of things.
- **Use email professionally.** Keep in mind that your email at work belongs to your employer, not to you. Write every email as if it might be read aloud in court. You don't want a flippant remark or a bad joke coming back to haunt you.
- **Share the credit generously.** Collaborate with your co-workers as much as possible, and let your boss and other people how they've helped you. No one wants to work with someone who hogs all the accolades, but people are happy to cooperate with a co-worker who's generous with the credit for a job well done.



## Shopping for running shoes? Pricier doesn't necessarily mean better

If you're a runner, you know that choosing the right shoes is important to your health—and your pocketbook. Whether you regularly run in marathons or just take a jog in the park, you should be aware of your options for footwear.

The Washington Post website has reported on a study by the Danish website [runrepeat.com](http://runrepeat.com), which analyzed data on customer reviews of running shoes over the course of a year. The results: The more expensive running shoes received the lowest ratings from runners.

"In fact," The Post reported, "the 10 most expensive running shoes, with an average list price of \$181 per pair, were rated 8.1 percent lower than the 10 cheapest models (average price \$61)."



**SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY** Through a series of daring escapades deep within a dark and dangerous criminal underworld, Han Solo befriends his mighty future copilot Chewbacca and meets the notorious gambler Lando Calrissian, in a journey that will set the course of one of the Star Wars saga's most unlikely heroes.



**LIFE OF THE PARTY** When her husband suddenly dumps her, longtime dedicated housewife Deanna (**Melissa McCarthy**) turns regret into re-set by going back to college... landing in the same class and school as her daughter, who's not entirely sold on the idea. Plunging headlong into the campus experience, the increasingly outspoken Deanna—now Dee Rock—embraces freedom, fun and frat boys on her own terms, finding her true self in a senior year no one ever expected.

**OVERBOARD** Kate (**Anna Faris**) is a single, mother of three who's hired to clean a luxury yacht belonging to Leonardo—a selfish, spoiled and wealthy Mexican playboy. After unjustly firing Kate, Leonardo falls off the boat and wakes up with no memory of who he is. To get payback, Kate shows up at the hospital and convinces the confused amnesiac that they're married. As Leonardo tries to get used to manual labor and his new family, Kate starts to wonder how long she can keep fooling her fake husband.

**SHOW DOGS** Max, a macho, solitary Rotweiler police dog is ordered to go undercover as a primed show dog in a prestigious Dog Show, along with his human partner, to avert a disaster from happening.

**BREAKING IN** Gabrielle Union stars as a woman who will stop at nothing to rescue her two children being held hostage in a house designed with impenetrable security. No trap, no trick and especially no man inside can match a mother with a mission when she is determined on Breaking In.

**BOOK CLUB** Diane (**Diane Keaton**) is recently widowed after 40 years of marriage. Vivian (**Jane Fonda**) enjoys her men with no strings attached. Sharon (**Candice Bergen**) is still working through decades-old divorce. Carol's (**Mary Steenburgen**) marriage is in a slump after 35 years. The lives of these four lifelong friends are turned upside down after reading the infamous 50 Shades of Grey catapults them into a series of outrageous life choices. From discovering new romance to rekindling old flames, they're each inspired by the scandalous text to hilarious ends.

**DEADPOOL 2** After surviving a near fatal bovine attack, a disfigured cafeteria chef (Wade Wilson) struggles to fulfill his dream of becoming Mayberry's hottest bartender while also learning to cope with his lost sense of taste. Searching to regain his spice for life,

as well as a flux capacitor, Wade must battle ninjas, the yakuza, and a pack of sexually aggressive canines, as he journeys around the world to discover the importance of family, friendship, and flavor - finding a new taste for adventure and earning the coveted coffee mug title of World's Best Lover. **Ryan Reynolds** stars.

**TERMINAL** In the dark heart of a sprawling, anonymous city, Terminal follows the twisting tales of two assassins carrying out a sinister mission (**Max Irons** and **Dexter Fletcher**), a teacher battling a fatal illness (**Simon Pegg**), an enigmatic janitor (**Mike Myers**) and a curious waitress leading a dangerous double life (**Margot Robbie**). Murderous consequences unravel in the dead of night as their lives all intertwine at the hands of a mysterious criminal mastermind hell-bent on revenge.

**HOME ENTERTAINMENT RELEASES**

May 1	12 Strong
May 1	Peter Rabbit
May 1	In The Fade
May 15	Black Panther
May 15	Bent
May 22	Game Night
May 22	The 15:17 to Paris

# Happy Mother's Day!

What comes to mind when we think of May? Mother's Day! A day set aside to enjoy and appreciate mothers. It is a day for us to honor our mothers, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Let's be proactive about our health and wellness by encouraging each other to stay on top of what's important: taking care of our bodies, our minds and our household. Let's SPRING into ACTION with a plan! Call Renee Lewis -Service Coordinator – 713-260-0715 office.

## Happening in May...

**National Photography Month.** Take a photography class, view an exhibit at an art gallery or museum, get inspired, and capture life's moments one frame at a time. There's an entire world to explore on the other side of the lens.

**Cinco de Mayo, May 5.** A celebration of Mexican heritage and pride, commemorating the victory of the Mexican army over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

**Mother's Day, May 13.** The second Sunday of May. Whether you send a card, make a phone call, or cook dinner, show your mother you care.

**Memorial Day, May 28.** Observed on the final Monday of May, Memorial Day remembers the men and women who gave their lives in the service of the United States.

**National Recommitment Month.** It's time to review the goals and plans you made at the beginning of this year. Figure out what's working, make the necessary tweaks to what isn't, and then get back to working toward fruition.

### Cucumber Salad

Stay cool as a cucumber with this delicious side salad.

2 cucumbers, peeled  
and sliced thinly

1 small red onion, thinly  
sliced and separated

3/4 cup sour cream

2 tablespoons cider vinegar

2 tablespoons sugar  
salt and freshly grated  
black pepper to taste

Combine the cucumber and red onion slices; mix together the remaining ingredients and pour over the vegetables. Chill for at least two hours.

May		tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1 Rent is Due!	2 Pest Control	3 Two Different Colored Shoes Day	4 Star Wars Day (May the Fourth Be with You)	5 Lease Signing Day!
6 Sunday Rent is Late!	7 Monday May is Golf Month	8 No Socks Day	9 Pest Control	10 Clean Up Your Room Day	11 Eat What You Want Day	12 Limerick Day
13 Mother's Day Happy Mother's Day!	14 Chicken Dance Day	15 Scheduled Recertifications	16 Pest Control	17 Pack Rat Day	18 International Museum Day	19 Armed Forces Day
20 May is Military Appreciation Month	21 I Need a Patch For That Day		23 Pest Control	24 Brother's Day	25 Geek Pride Day	26 Sally Ride Day
27 Sun Screen Day	28 Memorial Day We Honor Those Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice	29 May is Get Caught Reading Month	30 Pest Control	31	2018	