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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day

All of us here at STAR Automotive are grateful for the freedoms we enjoy in our country. We know that this freedom comes at a cost. Thank you to all of the military service men & women that have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom and preserve our rights, and thank you to all of those that have served or are currently serving in the military. Remember we honor you. Just let us know that you are a veteran and you will receive 15% OFF of your labor

Fun Facts About Grants Pass

- **Named by accident (kind of):** Grants Pass got its name from a pass used by **General Ulysses S. Grant** during the 1850s—not because he founded it, but because his route stuck.
- **The Rogue River runs right through it:** One of the most famous white-water rafting rivers in the U.S. flows straight through town—hello jet boats and summer splashing!
- **Home of the Jet Boat races:** Grants Pass hosts the **Boatnik Festival**, featuring high-speed jet boat races that draw racers from all over the country ☐
- **One of the oldest continuously operating hotels in Oregon:** The **Weasku Inn** (built in 1924) still welcomes guests and sits right on the Rogue River.
- **Mild climate, big bragging rights:** Grants Pass enjoys **more sunny days than Portland**—perfect for outdoor lovers.
- **Gateway to outdoor adventure:** Within minutes you can hike, raft, fish, camp, or explore caves—**Oregon Caves National Monument** is just a short drive away.
- **Small town, big heart:** Grants Pass is known for its strong sense of community, locally owned businesses, and neighbors who still wave when they pass ☐
- **Rich gold-rush history:** The city boomed during the **Gold Rush**, and you can still pan for gold nearby today.



What's the Difference Between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?

On both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, it's customary to spend time remembering and honoring the countless veterans who have served the United States throughout the country's history. However, there is a distinction between the two holidays:

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who **died** while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the **ultimate sacrifice** for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.

Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL who served—in wartime or peacetime—regardless of whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls.

“THIS MEMORIAL DAY, MAY WE ALL STRIVE TO LIVE LIVES WORTHY OF THEIR SACRIFICE”.



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Wise Words To Share On Mother's Day

Looking for something profound to put on your Mother's Day card? Try some of these pithy sayings:

Dorothy C. Fisher: "A mother is not a person to lean on but a person to make leaning unnecessary."

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

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

Marilyn French: "To nourish children and raise them against odds is any time, any place, more valuable than to fix bolts in cars or design nuclear weapons."

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

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

Diana, Princess of Wales: "A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's."

Before I Was A Mom

Before I was a Mom – I had never been puked on, pooped on, spit on, chewed on or peed on. I had complete control of my mind and my thoughts. I slept all night.

Before I was a Mom - I never held down a screaming child so that doctors could do tests or give shots. I never looked into teary eyes and cried. I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin. I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep.



Before I was a Mom - I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put it down. I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn't stop the hurt. I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much. I never knew that I could love someone so much. I never knew I would love being a Mom.

Before I was a Mom – I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body. I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby. I didn't know that bond between a mother and her child. I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important and happy.

Before I was a Mom - I had never gotten up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay. I had never known the warmth, the joy, the love, the heartache, the wonderment or the satisfaction of being a Mom. I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much before I was a Mom.

Giving Flowers?

Whether you're buying flowers for Mother's Day or a prom date, remember that flowers have special meanings. Here are a few to keep in mind:

- Carnation: constancy, joy
- Chrysanthemum: optimism, hope, happiness
- Daisy: purity, loyalty, innocence
- Freesia: trust
- Gladiola: remembrance
- Iris: faith, wisdom, promise
- Larkspur: appreciation
- Lily: devotion
- Orchid: love, beauty
- Rose (pink): sweetness
- Rose (red): true love, desire
- Rose (white): true love, purity
- Rose (yellow): friendship
- Snapdragon: virtue
- Tulip: love at first sight



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How One Mother Changed the Safety Standards of the Entire Automotive Industry

After Janette Fennell was kidnapped and locked in a car trunk, she fought her way to Washington to make vehicles safer.

Look in the trunk of your car and you're likely to see a glow-in-the-dark emergency release lever. This little T-shaped device has come stock in nearly every single one of the 250m+ new cars sold in the US since 2002. You've likely never used the lever, or even noticed it. It took a monumental effort to get it there.

The emergency trunk release was the result of one woman's dogged fight against a multibillion-dollar industry intent on cutting costs.

Her journey required hundreds of hours of data collection, dozens of letters sent to auto execs, and years of persistence.

It all began with a kidnapping. "I thought I was going to die". Just before midnight on October 29, 1995, Janette Fennell and her husband Greig pulled into their garage in San Francisco. The couple had spent the evening at a friend's house for dinner, and their 8-month-old son Alex was asleep in the backseat. As the Fennells exited their Lexus, two armed intruders in Halloween masks forced them into the trunk of the family car. The intruders removed Alex from the backseat and placed him, unharmed, inside the foyer. Then (with Janette and Greig locked in the trunk) they backed out the car and drove away into the night.

As the car sped out of town, the couple scrambled to find a way out. Fennell clawed at the trunk's carpeting, yanked on exposed wires, and slammed against the metal panel that was holding them in. But the trunk wouldn't budge. "I remember thinking, 'This is it, this is how it's going to end,'" An hour later, the car came to a stop in a wooded area south of the city.

The assailants demanded everything the Fennells had on them: \$5k in jewelry, \$200 in cash, and debit card PIN numbers. Then, they slammed the trunk shut and fled. The couple was alone. It was pitch black; there was no way out. Somehow, they managed to ferret out a tiny piece of metal underneath the carpeting. "Greig reached over my body, found this little cable, and pulled it," she recalls. "The trunk went *bink* and opened up."

They found a payphone and frantically dialed 911. A short while later, their infant son Alex was found safe at home.

In the months following the kidnapping, Fennell decided to take action. She wrote letters to every major car manufacturer inquiring why their trunks didn't come with emergency release latches. No one responded.

Janette suspected that the auto industry abided by the axiom "no data, no problem." If she wanted manufacturers to start installing emergency trunk releases, she'd have to prove that *non-traffic* vehicle accidents (like getting trapped in a trunk) were an issue. There was a problem: No such dataset had ever been compiled. The Department Of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) maintained a database of fatal incidents, but did not include cases where the car was stationary.

In 1995, Fennell decided to collect her own data. Janette searched through thousands of news articles and court transcripts. She was able to dig up 931 incidents involving 1,082 people getting locked in car trunks over the preceding 20 years. In one in four cases, the victim died, either from heat stroke, asphyxiation, or hypothermia.

These incidents fell into two major categories: 1) Children who accidentally locked themselves in a trunk while playing
2) Kidnapping victims who'd been forced into a trunk by assailants.

In 1996, she launched her own association — the Trunk Releases Urgently Needed Coalition (TRUNC). In 1999 the NHTSA passed a mandate requiring every new car (2002 model or later) to come equipped with an emergency trunk release.

Fennell launched *Cars and Kids*, a nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness of the dangers of vehicles as stationary machinery. Over the past 20 years, *Cars and Kids* has fought to pass legislation affecting a number of car safety issues.

As for the emergency trunk release? Since it was mandated almost two decades ago, federal safety reports show that there hasn't been a single documented trunk-related fatality in a car with one installed.

"If you look at any safety feature in your vehicle, just know there is somebody who fought and fought and fought to make sure that was there," says Fennell.

That's something that her son, Alex, is reminded of every day. Just 8 months old on that fateful night in 1995, he's now 26 and has an emergency release in his own car. "Every time I open my trunk and see it," he says, "I can say, 'My mom made that happen.'"



Jolene's Corner

Sometimes, you just want a cookie!

In my last recipe, I mentioned I had a couple of cookie recipes to share—so here's the second one!

Ginger Molasses Cookies (Small Batch)

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons butter, softened to room temperature
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar (light or dark)
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar (plus extra for rolling)
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon unsulphured molasses
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt



1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
2. In a medium bowl, cream together the butter and sugars until well combined.
3. Add the egg yolk, molasses, and vanilla; mix until smooth.
4. Stir in the flour, baking soda, spices, and salt until fully combined.
5. Chill the dough in the refrigerator for 15–20 minutes.
6. Roll the dough into 2 balls, then roll each in granulated sugar. Place on the baking sheet.
7. Bake for 11–14 minutes, until the edges are set and the centers are just firm.
 - o For a crunchier cookie, bake a few minutes longer.

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