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Tom's Thoughts >>>



Why Do You Do What You Do For 'Work'?

I've been thinking about 'work' a lot lately.

I am blessed with the 'Entrepreneur Gene' from my Mom's side. Her father owned a print shop his entire life. My uncle Ernie, Mom's brother, was involved and took it over when Grandpa passed in the early 70's. Hard workers.

While I did work for others over the course of my career, I was always looking for something else. If you know our story (Oct '21 Newsletter), it took a bit for us to be completely on our own. But I would never go back.

I have started looking very differently at my 'work'. Obviously, making money is important for all of us, but we can do many things to make money. And we all know that money is not the main key.

Having a purpose for your 'work' is much more important than the money. What is my purpose then? My purpose is to help our customers with their 'work' and attain their dreams. Whether it is selling golf carts, horses, cattle, trailers, their unique services and venues, etc. the list is endless. If you are successful, then we are.

My question then: Why do you do what you do?

Until April! Tom

Live Your Dreams, Not Watch Them

According to a study published by Nielsen, the average American watches over 4 hours of TV a day! That's over 30 hours a week in front of a TV set watching other people live their dreams.

Think about this. If you're spending the majority of your time watching your dream, instead of getting closer to your dream, are there certain activities you can eliminate from your routine that could catapult you to new heights?

You will be amazed if you just deduct one hour of TV time to do something productive. Just think what you can accomplish in 60 minutes: clean an entire room, read a couple chapters, walk off a few 100 calories or better yet, brainstorm an idea that could change your life!

So how much TV do you watch? It'd be fun to track that for a week. You may think you're only spending a couple hours each night as you unwind, but after tracking it you may discover its closer to five hours per night, adding up to over 35 hours a week. That is well over a full day watching other people fall in love, start businesses, travel the world, and achieve their dreams!

Life is meant to be lived, not watched. Remember your time is your life. If you waste your time, you waste your life.

Paraphrased from Day 35 of 'Live Your Dreams' by Terri Savelle Foy



Watch Out >>>

Senior Citizen Scams

The FBI has identified a number of online scams that specially target the elderly.

- **Tech Support Scam:** Criminals pose as technology support representatives and offer to fix non-existent computer issues. This may include posing as a cybersecurity company they're familiar with. The scammers gain remote access to victims' devices and sensitive information or bill them for services never needed or rendered.
- **Grandparent Scam:** Criminals pose as a relative—usually a child or grandchild—claiming to be in immediate financial need.
- **Romance Scam:** Criminals pose as interested romantic partners on social media or dating websites to capitalize on their elderly victims' desire to find companions.
- **Government Impersonation Scam:** Criminals pose as government employees and threaten to arrest or prosecute victims unless they agree to provide funds or other payments.

What to do if you or a loved one encounters a scam

Recognize scam attempts End all communication with the perpetrator.	Never give or send any personally identifiable information Sending money, jewelry, gift cards, checks, or wire information to unverified people or businesses puts you in danger.
Resist the pressure to act quickly Scammers create a sense of urgency to produce fear and lure victims into immediate action.	Be careful what you download Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know, and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you.
Be cautious Watch out for unsolicited phone calls, mailings, and door-to-door services offers.	File a complaint through the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint site? Your filing will be routed directly to the correct law enforcement agency.

Source: McAfee

Leprechaun 101

In Irish folklore, a leprechaun is a type of fairy. The character is commonly depicted as a tiny, bearded man clad in an emerald ensemble comprising a waistcoat, buckled shoes, and a top hat.

In addition to their signature look and sound, leprechauns are known for their love of making mischief. According to legend, they are not to be trusted, as they love playing tricks on people. On the other side of the coin, however, their deviousness makes them lucky; they will grant three wishes to anyone crafty enough to catch them.

Although the leprechaun is unique to Ireland, the figure exists in cultures throughout the world who also have stories about little people with supernatural abilities known for their luck and guile.

Today, the legend of the leprechaun has taken on a life of its own. The modern leprechaun has come to be associated with other attributes—namely, a **pot of gold at the end of a rainbow**. While the origin of this isn't crystal clear, a popular explanation is that the leprechauns would use their elusive treasure as a means to trick passersby and barter with their captors.



Tips >>>

Being a Parentpreneur

1. **Schedule Your Time** - Scheduling everything is advisable for all entrepreneurs. After all, studies show that tasks written down before completion are 80% more likely to be completed than those that aren't. But it's especially important for parentpreneurs.
2. **Don't Be Afraid To Delegate** - Many entrepreneurs have a hard time letting others handle their business. In order to be a good parent while still maintaining a business, though, you'll have to set aside some of that pride and accept help from others.
3. **Teach Your Children Entrepreneur Skills** - Teaching entrepreneurship skills to children is one of the best things you can do for their future, and it will also help them to appreciate your work time.
4. **Encourage Participation** - Find fun ways to involve your family, especially your children. Having your loved ones help you get things done is a great motivation for you, and a great learning experience for them.
5. **Don't Split Your Time** - Whether you're working or spending time with family, dedicate 100% of your time to it. Never try to work while parenting. If your schedule says you're spending time with your kids from noon until 1:30, then commit to your family time! Don't check your work email or take a work phone call in the middle of it. In short, never try to give 50/50!
6. **Make Time for Self-Care** - Just a few minutes of self-care every now and then will make you much more efficient at other tasks. A leisurely stroll around the block or a quick snack at your favorite cafe can seem like a waste of time or even selfish to a busy parentpreneur who already feels like they are behind schedule. But it can be recharging!

Source: Forbes



HELP THE LEPRECHAUN GET TO HIS HAT



2021-2022 Stallion Auctions

Check out StallionAuctionsOnline.com for the most up to date list! List updated 2/28/22.

Auction	Begin	End
Alberta Reined Cow Horse Assn	12/15/21	3/15/22
Women's Pro. Rodeo Assn.	2/15/22	3/17/22
National Stock Horse Assn	11/22/21	Buy Now!
Texas Quarter Horse (Barrels)	1/14/22	Buy Now!
Triple Crown 100 Stallion Incentive	1/1/22	Buy Now!
Utah Reined Cow Horse	1/18/22	Buy Now!
Southern Cutting Futurity	11/1/21	Buy Now!
National Youth Cutting Horse	11/15/21	Buy Now!
Cascade Cow Cutters	12/1/21	Buy Now!
Texas Quarter Horse (Race)	12/2/21	Buy Now!
QH Racing Assn. of Indiana	12/10/21	Buy Now!
Utah QH Racing Assn.	12/11/21	Buy Now!
OK. QH Racing	12/16/21	Buy Now!
Arizona QH Racing Assn.	1/1/22	Buy Now!
Western States CHA	1/1/22	Buy Now!
Pacific Coast Cutting Horse	1/5/22	Buy Now!
Valley Girls Bar. Racing Incent.	1/2/22	Completed!
Heritage Days Classic	10/8/21	Completed!
Cowboy State Stallion Incent.	12/1/21	Completed!
National Reined Cow Horse Assn	12/11/21	Completed!
Louisiana QH Breeders Assn.	12/17/21	Completed!
Los Alamitos RTCA	12/18/21	Completed!
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It's good to be thorough—sometimes.

A couple arrives at an auto dealership to pick up their car after a tune-up.
They're told the keys have been accidentally locked inside.
At the service department, they find a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.
As the husband watches from the passenger's side, he tries the door handle and discovers that it's unlocked.
"Hey," he calls to the mechanic, "It's open!"
"I know," the young guy replies. "I already got that side."

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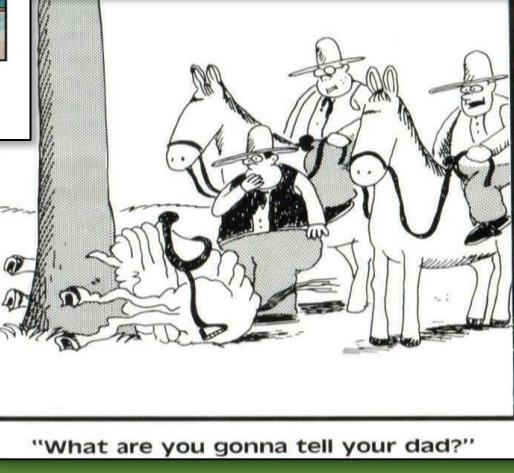
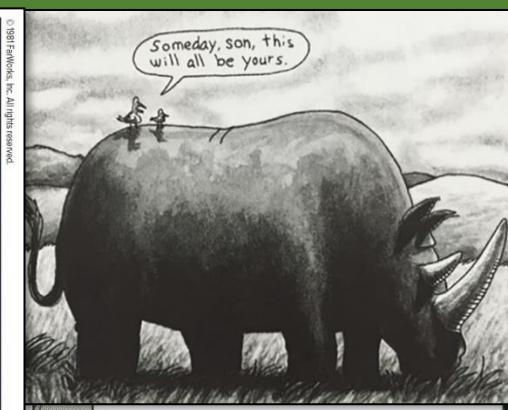
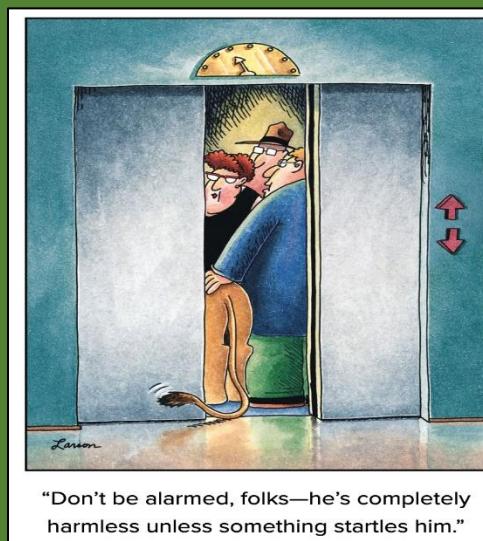
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