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MIGRANT SPIDER ON WAY TO THE DMV

The Joro Spider may be on its way to the DMV. The spider is most commonly seen in Japan, China, Korea, and Taiwan. They prefer urban areas with nearby parks and wooded areas.

They cover power lines, bushes, and mailboxes, and after scientists observed the spiders and tested their physiology, they concluded the species could potentially survive outside the southeastern quadrant of the U.S., according to a study published in the journal *Physiological Entomology*.

They were able to migrate by hitchhiking. "With their uncanny ability to attach themselves to things like cars, shipping containers, other things that otherwise are unnoticed means the Joro spiders are really, really good at being moved around by people," said Ben Frick, a researcher at the University of Georgia.

The story goes on to state that these spiders are relatively harmless to humans and there is no way to effectively get rid of them.

<https://www.fox5dc.com/news/invasive-joro-spider-expected-to-swarm-dmv-in-summer>



Off The Press

Many Americans Dropped The Steady Paycheck During The Pandemic



The Wall Street Journal recently ran an article on Americans leaving the security of their jobs and finding alternate sources of income. Some people chose to retire early, many quit jobs and countless others became part of the flexible work force, which includes: contract workers, gig workers, freelancers, day traders and solo operators.

The article mentioned that there are 4.2 million more people out of the U.S. labor force, than there were at the start of the pandemic. This means millions more people aren't employed in the traditional sense and are not looking for employment.

Currently, there are 11 million open jobs that employers cannot fill. Conversely, from the employees perspective, employers are becoming creative with its hiring and pay processes. Many employers are not looking for fulltime (benefits paid) employees, they are keeping options flexible by offering more part-time positions.

The full article can be found:

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/covid-19-taught-americans-how-to-let-go-of-their-steady-paychecks-11647061236>

House Plants Can Keep Your Air Clean

House plants help maintain air quality in homes. It is suggested that one plant should be allowed for approximately 10 square yards of floor space, assuming average ceiling heights of 8 to 9 feet. This means that you need two or three plants to contribute to good air quality in the average domestic living room of about 20 to 25 square yards. They help to rid the air of toxins and pollutants.

Here are the top 5 houseplants that you may want to add:

1. Bamboo Palm
2. Golden Pothos
3. Common Ivy
4. Ficus Tree
5. Acre Palm



TRAVEL

Morgan's Wonderland is an inclusive theme park for all children. It is located in San Antonio, Texas and developed and built by parents of a special needs child. Morgan, who has developmental disabilities and is autistic, was the inspiration in the park's founding.

The theme park has 25 Ultra-Accessible rides and has an adjoining water park, Inspiration Island.

The most important feature is that all children with special needs are free, regardless of age. The theme park runs from March- September and the water park from May-September. But please check daily and plan accordingly because the parks are not open daily.

<https://morganswonderland.com/>



Off The Press

DOCTORS MISHANDLED MY LABOR CAN I SUE?

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A common theme in some of our calls is that the doctors mishandled my labor, can I sue them for that too? With this type of call, sometimes the mother will report an injury to the baby too, but in others, there is no injury to the baby. In the instances in which there is no injury to the baby, the mother is generally focused on the way she was treated by the doctors and nurses. To put the issue another way, the doctors and other medical professionals acted with poor bedside manner, and some categorize this as doctors mishandled my labor.

What I will focus on is how, in the words of our callers, doctors mishandling my labor, in the context of poor bedside manner, fits in a birth injury lawsuit. In no way am I discounting the experience of these mothers. With that said, I will explain these issues from a medical legal point of view.

Doctors Mishandled My Labor Can I Sue?

Doctors mishandled my labor, can I sue? As a colleague of mine explained in a case we worked together, bringing a birth injury case is like baking a cake. If any one of the ingredients of the cake is missing, then the cake will not be a completed cake. Handling a birth injury case works the same way as baking a cake. Instead of “cake ingredients,” these cases turn on elements, with the elements being the basic building blocks of negligence.

When poor bedside manner is the extent of the harm done, then a strong argument will be made that the damages portion of the elements of negligence has not been met, or if it is met, the “payout” on the part of the defense may not overcome the payout for the cost of the experts needed to bring the case for the plaintiff.

On the other hand, if there are other injuries, such as a baby suffering a traumatic brain injury like HIE (hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy), due to a reduction in blood and oxygen to the baby, then the treatment of the mother can be incorporated into the case to paint a picture of the overall care given to mother and baby. In other words, staying with the cake analogy, the poor bedside manner can be incorporated into the icing on the cake, as mom explains her overall experience with the care given.

As a side, for mothers who want to speak with the hospital regarding poor bedside manner, the patient advocate at the hospital might be a good starting point for voicing concerns and learning the proper reporting channel.

This is a brief example of why all of the ingredients are needed to have a chance at a successful cake.

Better Than Take Out Shrimp Fried Rice



Ingredients

1 tsp Sesame oil
1 tsp Vegetable oil
1/2lb-1lb Fresh shrimp(peeled and deveined)
Frozen peas and carrots
1/2 medium white or yellow onion
1 cup Frozen or fresh broccoli -chopped
1 tsp Garlic (fresh or minced)
Ground ginger (a dash or two)
2-Eggs
2-3 cups Cooked rice
Green onions -chopped small
Low-sodium soy sauce-to taste
Salt and pepper-to taste

Directions

1. To a large non-stick skillet or wok, add the oils, shrimp, and cook over medium-high heat for about 3 minutes, flipping halfway through.
2. Remove the shrimp with a slotted spoon and place on a plate; set aside.
3. Add the peas, carrots, broccoli and onion and cook for about 2 minutes, or until vegetables begin to soften, stir intermittently.
4. Add the garlic, ginger, and cook until fragrant.
5. Push the vegetables to one side of the skillet, add the eggs to the other side, and cook to scramble.
6. Add the shrimp, rice, and green onions to the pan. Evenly drizzle with soy sauce and stir to combine.
7. Cook just until the rice and shrimp are reheated.

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