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**Trends**

The Ever More Popular Pastime Of Vaping

(NAPSA)—More than 4 million Americans these days add more flavor and fun to their lives by lighting up electronic cigarettes. Also called personal vaporizers or “vapes,” a lot of people associate these with cigarettes but they’re something very different. Instead of tobacco, they contain a liquid made up of USP food grade vegetable glycerin, propylene glycol, flavoring and nicotine. This is turned into vapor by a battery-powered atomizer attached to the device. You inhale (and exhale) this vapor: not tobacco smoke.

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Recently, King Mohammed VI of Morocco awarded the Wasiam al-Argh (Order of the Throne), a Moroccan decoration for distinguished civil or military service, to representatives of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim religions in France.

If you’re seeking a soulmate, considering taking a cruise. Princess Cruises has long been a leader in love on the high seas, thanks to its heritage as the backdropp of the iconic “The Love Boat” television series. Learn more at www.princess.com.


**10 Ways To Help Bees And Butterflies Thrive**

(NAPSA)—Here’s news that’s created a buzz. Three-quarters of the world’s flowering plants and food crops rely on pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies to help them reproduce.

Unfortunately, bee populations are being threatened by a range of issues such as colony collapse disorder, pesticides, mites, disease and climate change. Butterfly populations are also at risk.

The good news is that gardeners can help restore balance by creating habitats that encourage pollinators to thrive.

Bees and butterflies need places to live and breed in, and food to eat. The plants that provide this food also need pollinators to help them reproduce, so planting gardens that are friendly to bees and butterflies is a win-win situation.

Pollination occurs naturally as small creatures forage for food, carrying pollen from plant to plant as they go. That is why it’s important to offer them a “bouquet” of attractive flowers throughout the seasons, and to provide them with natural habitats so that they don’t have to travel far to find what they need. Here are 10 easy ways to help:

1) Bees need food! Honey bees are not aggressive; they sting only as a defense mechanism.

2) Plant trees, shrubs and flowering plants to increase food and shelter for bees and butterflies.

3) Create a seasonal buffet for pollinators by planting perennial flowers with a mix of colors, shapes and sizes in containers, window boxes and plant beds.

4) Choose perennials with simple, single rather than double flowers to make nectar and pollen more accessible to bees and butterflies.

5) Cut and use garden flowers for bouquets to encourage re-blooming and to prolong the forag - ing season for pollinators.

6) Use beautiful native plants such as chesnaca, oregano, sunflowers and butterfly milkweed for at least 75 percent of your garden. 7) Water, weed and fertilize soil appropriately to create a healthy garden that minimizes pests and diseases.

8) Provide clean water for insects in shallow bowls, bird baths and ponds, to let fresh water drip over stones.

9) Imperfection is OK! Bees and butterflies may damage leaves and flowers while breeding and feeding. Create areas of natural habitat with old stumps, fallen branches and tall grass for resting.

10) Help convert small parcels of land into community gardens and green spaces to create closely linked areas for bees and butterflies to visit.

Burgee offers a wide range of seeds and plants that are attractive to bees and butterflies. All of Burgee’s seeds are Non-GMO.

To learn more about protecting pollinators, visit the website www.burpee.com/pollinators or call Burgee at 800-888-1447.

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**Home Ideas**

(NAPSA)—Vinegar is an all-in-one cleaner, and there’s no need to worry about harmful effects typically associated with harsh, chemical cleaning agents. For facts and tips, visit The Vinegar Institute at www.versatilevinegar.org.

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A penny saved is a penny earned.

—Benjamin Franklin

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All progress is based upon a universal, innate desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income.

—Samuel Butler

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A large income is the best recipe for happiness I ever heard of.

—Jane Austen

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A wise man should have money in his head, but not in his heart.

—Jonathan Swift

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A man’s true wealth is the good he does in this world.

—Muhammad

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The holy passion of friendship is so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring in nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money.

—Mohandas K. Gandhi

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My formula for success is rise early, work late and strike oil.

—J.P. Getty.

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Pessimist: One who, when he has the choice of two evils, chooses both.

—Oscar Wilde

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The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: If there is any reaction, both are transformed.

—Carl Jung