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Greetings from our corner of the world to yours! May these beautiful early summer days hold moments of joy and quiet rest in the midst of busy days and stressful schedules. Often just taking several minutes to enjoy the beauty of a vibrant bloom in early morning, a deep blue sky studded with puffy white clouds, a stunning sunset, or the peaceful moonlit landscape is like taking a mini vacation. Take them often!! ☺

Our landscape and lawn departments announce with great joy the return of Rene! Most of you know him by his nickname, Mario – we are all trying to get used to calling him by his real name, Rene. In any case, we are so glad to have him back from his extended time with his family... and he asked us to give you all his greetings. Rene is functioning as the general foreman for all three crews. If you have any questions or problems with your lawn, ask the crew leader to call Rene on the spot, and you can speak directly with him. We are also glad to have Olegario back – he is a former team member now working with Arroyo's crew.

As some of you may have noticed, the crews are cutting the grass longer than 4". If you've wondered why, it's to keep your lawn healthier. Cutting the grass too short fosters weed growth, and allows sunlight to hit the roots, which tends to weaken and thin the grass. That's why we instruct our crews to cut no lower than 4". Unfortunately, the "golf course" look is very hard on our residential varieties of grass!! ☺

Nate is staying close to home and putting in long days working with the crews. He was recently elected to serve on the board of the Gator Wilderness Boys Camp here in FL. The camp is run by a nonprofit organization and designed to help rehabilitate troubled youth as they work and live together in small groups, supervised by a chief, in the wilderness. The rugged environment, along with skilled guidance by the chiefs, helps them to work toward the resolution of anger and other issues, as they become more responsible individuals.

Caryn finished up her second semester this month – she had all three final exams to submit online in one evening, and was thoroughly relieved when they were finished. After a two-week break, she's starting another semester... back to study again!! Janet is busy as can be... recently some good friends from her home area in Mississippi visited for the weekend. Between her lively social life with friends and keeping up in the office, she never lacks for something to do!

In parting, here are a few inspirational words from Nate....To be thankful for what one possesses guarantees the freedom to share of our possessions, our time, our tragedies, and our stories of hope. The most miserable person to be with is one who is not thankful. As John F. Kennedy so aptly stated in his inaugural address of 1961, *"Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."*

Nate, Caryn, Janet, Rene, Radame, Alex, Rey, Conrrado,  
Arroyo, Gonzalo, Josue, Olegario & Arlin