

the Golden Circle

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Joy of Fresh Starts

Spring whispers renewal and growth, a gentle reminder that change is in the air. From the first tender buds peeking through the soil to the bright blooms that paint the landscape, March is an invitation to embrace the season's warmth and vitality.

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The world stirs awake as birds return with cheerful melodies, their songs weaving through the crisp morning air, carrying the promise of sunnier days ahead.



Windows fling open to welcome the golden sunlight, fresh breezes carrying the scent of new blossoms. The days stretch longer, coaxing us out of winter's slumber, urging us to shake off the heaviness of the past season. Spring is not just a shift in weather; it's a time of transformation, a season that encourages us to refresh our surroundings, our routines, and our minds.

It's the perfect time to declutter—not just our homes, but also our thoughts and habits. As we swap heavy coats for lighter layers, we can also shed old doubts and embrace fresh perspectives.

Maybe it's a chance to revisit long-forgotten goals, to start a new habit, or to find inspiration in the little joys of each day. Growth begins when we welcome change with open arms and an open heart.

So, as the days brighten and possibilities bloom, take a deep breath. Let the fresh energy of spring propel you forward, step by step, toward new beginnings, renewed dreams, and the beauty of what's ahead.

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Do you have any silly jokes, hard riddles, strange questions that you would like to share with our CSI family?

Send your suggestions to dtalamantes@csiwealth.org

Slow Cooker Potato Soup

Ingredients

- 6 slices of bacon
- 2 lbs. potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 3 celery stalks, sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 4 cups of chicken stock
- 1 tsp. salt
- 6 sprigs of fresh thyme
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup sour cream, plus more for serving
- Shredded cheddar cheese, chopped chives, sour cream and reserved bacon for serving



Instructions

1. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the bacon strips and cook until golden brown, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove to a paper towel lined plate. Reserve 2 pieces for garnish. Crumble the remaining 4 pieces. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook pasta until al dente, 8 to 10 minutes; drain.
2. Place the crumbled bacon, potatoes, celery, leek, garlic, stock, salt, thyme sprigs, and pepper in the base of a 6- to 8-quart slow cooker. Put the lid on the slow cooker, and cook on high for 4 hours (or low for 6 to 8 hours) until the potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork. Remove the thyme sprigs and discard.
3. Use an immersion blender to blend the soup to a semi-smooth consistency, leaving small chunks of potato and vegetables for texture. Stir in the sour cream. (Add 1/4 to 1/2 cup of water, to thin the soup out to your desired consistency). Serve in bowls with cheese, chives, additional sour cream, and the reserved bacon slices crumbled over top.

March Quiz Question

Q: What is the most common color of toilet paper in France?

- A. Pink
- B. White
- C. Blue
- D. Yellow

Call in or email your response by **Friday, March 14, 2025**, and if you have the correct answer, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift card to your favorite restaurant!


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Don't delay – Make your guess today. Good Luck!!


Spring Tweeting

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"Who said your 40s aren't full of magic," I say to myself as I stand in the cleaning aisle swooning over sponges that are in my favorite color.

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It's a beautiful day, so make sure to go outside and feel like you are going to die from allergies.

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Spring is here!!!
I'm so excited I wet my plants 🌱

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There are 2 types of people in a marriage: the person who wants to start a vegetable garden and the person who absolutely doesn't but ends up doing most of the work anyway

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Did a bunch of spring cleaning and now I'm the proud new owner of another box of random cords.

RED DOORS

People often paint their doors red because, historically, a red door has carried deep symbolic meanings across different cultures and time periods. In early American culture, a red door was a sign of hospitality, indicating to weary travelers that they were welcome to rest and seek shelter for the night. This was especially important in times when formal inns and hotels were scarce, and homeowners extended their generosity to those in need.

The tradition of red doors also has ties to the **Underground Railroad**, where abolitionists used red doors to discreetly signal that their home was a safe house for escaped slaves seeking freedom.

Additionally, in **Scottish tradition**, a red door has a completely different meaning, it signifies that the homeowner has paid off their mortgage. Painting the door red in this context serves as a proud declaration of financial freedom and security.

Beyond historical and cultural significance, many homeowners choose red doors simply for their striking visual appeal. Red is a bold, eye-catching color that adds warmth and character to a home's exterior, creating a sense of vibrancy and charm. Whether chosen for its welcoming symbolism, historical ties, or purely aesthetic reasons, a red door continues to be a meaningful

March Riddles

1. I can be cracked, I can be made. I can be told, I can be played. What am I?
2. What type of cheese is made backward?
3. I am higher without a head. What am I?
4. I go around all the places, cities, towns and villages, but never come inside. What am I?

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*“May your troubles be less
Your blessings be more.
And nothing but happiness
Come through your door.”*

— Dorian Kelly, *The Last Bride in Ballymuir*

Life Goes On

For over 30 years now I have lived right next to a graveyard. I am not complaining, though. Not once in all of these years have my neighbors played loud music or got into an argument or complained when I walk my dogs near their fence. They don't even mind when deer graze among their gravestones. And they always help to remind me how brief and precious life here is.



Sometimes in the morning while I am watching the rising sun coming over the horizon I look at the graveyard and remember all the people I have lost in my own life. I remember stacking wood with my Dad to keep us warm for the long winter to come.

When I would glance at him watching me I could see the kindness in his eyes. It always warmed my heart seeing it. I remember sitting on the porch with my Mom watching the cardinals fly down to eat at her bird feeder. She always had such a look of peace and joy on her face as she watched them. I remember Nana standing over her pot of slow cooking tomato sauce, dropping in just a bit more parsley or garlic, and giving it a taste. She always got it just right and she was so happy when we devoured her Sunday dinners. All three of them touched my life in ways mere words can never express. They were so good and so kind. They made the world a better place just by being in it. They taught me how to live and how to love. And I still miss them every single day.

Robert Frost once wrote: "In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." That is true. But how it goes on depends largely on us. Is it going to go on in fear or in love? Is it going to go on in anger or in forgiveness? Is it going to go on in misery and despair or in kindness and joy? The choice is ours. I just thank God each day that I had three wonderful teachers in Dad, Mom, and Nana. They showed me who we are is more important than what we have. And they showed me that a life lived in love is the richest life of all.

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

Client of the Month

Congratulations to our Client of the Month:

**Minas & Sonia
Maljian**

From
Pasadena, CA

As a Client of the Month you will receive a **\$50 gift card** to your favorite restaurant.

Phrases from Around the World

Pretend to be an Englishman - That is, pretend that you are innocent and have no idea what is going on. The Serbs, it seems, have trust issues with the English.

Not my circus, not my monkeys - It's not my problem, say the Poles.

To set the dogs on someone - is to flirt with someone in Latin America. Sounds terrifying.

U.S. Presidential History: March

- **March 1, 1960** - **President John F. Kennedy** establishes the Peace Corps. The executive order created an opportunity for American civilians to volunteer and donate their time and skills to improving the lives of the people in underdeveloped countries.
- **March 12, 1933** - **President FDR** delivers his first "fireside chat," a radio address from the White House aimed at comforting Americans during the Great Depression. A journalist coined the term, as the broadcast felt like a personal conversation by a fireplace.
- **March 20, 1854** - The **Republican Party** is founded on this day in Wisconsin. Former members of disbanded anti-slavery Whig Party got together on this day to discuss the formation of the new party.
- **March 29, 1870** - The **15th Amendment** to the U.S. Constitution went into effect, guaranteeing the right to vote regardless of race.
- **March 30, 1981** - An assassination attempt was made on **President Ronald Reagan**. He was shot in the chest by **John Hinckley, Jr**, a deranged person who was later placed in a mental institution after he was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

February Quiz Winner

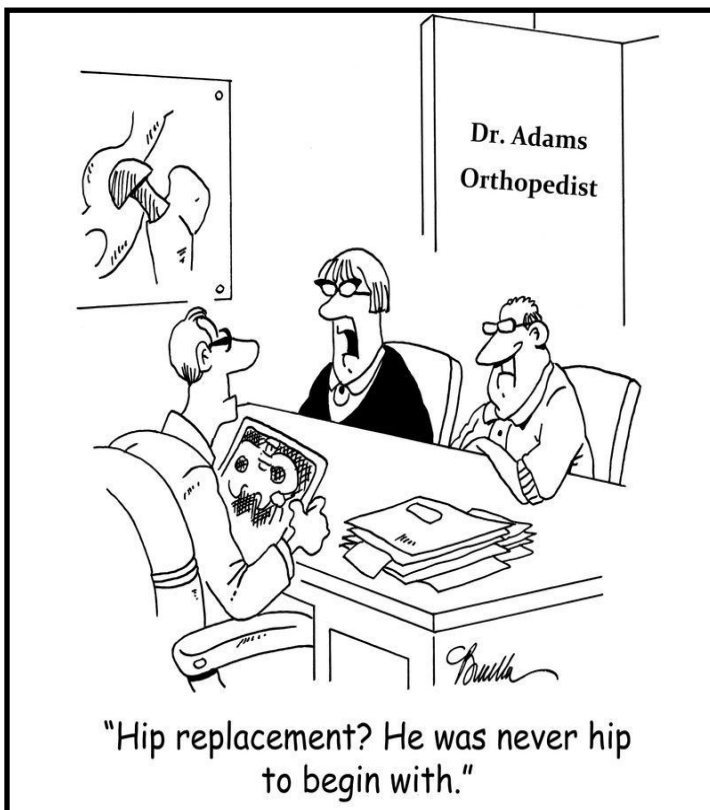
Q: Who painted the famous painting named "Starry Night"?

A. Vincent van Gogh

Henry & Vivien Young

From
W. Covina, CA

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Dr. Geezer's Clinic

A retired doctor became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's Clinic. Get your treatment for \$500. If not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$\$\$. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Aaagh! — This is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory; I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't ... that is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak; I can hardly see anything!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story: Just because you're "young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer."

Remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to tick us off.



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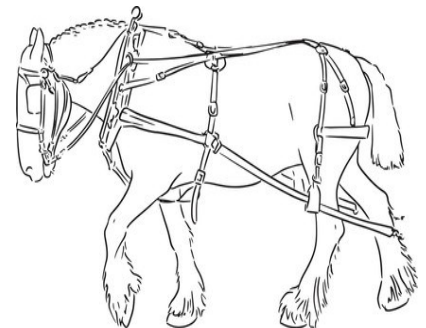
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Pull Buddy Pull!

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"



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