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The Uncounted Promise

You've heard the saying, "Don't count your chickens before they hatch." It's one of those bits of wisdom we tend to brush off—until life reminds us why it stuck around. In today's fast-paced world, we often rush to experience results and define success by what we can measure. But that endearing phrase is a gentle nudge to slow down.

Meet Your CSI Staff

We are here to support you!

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Each unhatched egg holds more than just potential; it holds a promise. Not a guarantee but an invitation. A quiet chance to nurture something without demanding immediate proof that everything will eventually work out. Yet, we find ourselves penciling in outcomes and charting the end before the beginning has had its moment.

Some of the most meaningful things in life unfold on their own time. Love, growth, creativity, and healing don't thrive under pressure or deadlines; instead, they need space patience, and trust.

The kind of care that doesn't rush but simply shows up repeatedly. What if we stopped counting and started tending? What if we stopped chasing certainty and started honoring the mystery?



Life is a garden, not a scorecard—messy, unpredictable, and often slow to bloom.

Maybe the real measure of success isn't in how many chickens you end up with.

Maybe it's in how tenderly you hold the unknown, how willingly you trust the process and how bravely you believe in beginnings—even the uncertain ones.

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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

Crock-Pot Honey Garlic Chicken

Ingredients

- 1/₃ cup soy sauce, or tamari for gluten-free
- ⅓ cup honey
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 pounds boneless chicken thighs, or boneless skinless chicken breasts



Instructions

- 1. Whisk together the soy sauce, honey, garlic and lime juice in a medium bowl until well combined.
- Add the chicken to a 6-quart slow cooker. Pour over about 3/4 of the honey garlic sauce and toss to coat. Set the remaining honey garlic sauce aside while the chicken cooks.
- 3. Cover and cook on high for 2-4 hours or low for 4-6, or until the chicken is cooked through and very tender.
- 4. Remove the chicken to a cutting board and let it cool slightly, then shred it with two forks.
- 5. Optional. Pour over Steamed Rice or Noodles.

June Quiz Question

- Q: Which flies a green, white, and orange (in that order) tricolor flag?
- A. Ireland
- B. Ivory Coast
- C. Italy

Call in or email your response by Friday, June 20, 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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or

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

History of Juneteenth

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, marks the day in 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the end of slavery—more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

While the Emancipation Proclamation became official on January 1, 1863, it couldn't be enforced in many places still under Confederate control. Texas was one of the last holdouts, and it wasn't until Granger's arrival that more than 250,000 enslaved people in Texas finally learned they were free.



Juneteenth—short for "June Nineteenth"—became a day of celebration, reflection, and community. It has long been commemorated with gatherings, music, food, and the honoring of African American history and culture.

2021, Juneteenth was officially recognized as a federal holiday, highlighting its importance as a symbol of freedom, resilience, and the ongoing pursuit of equality in the United States.



Client of the Month

Congratulations to our Client of the Month:

Tom & Carol Daley

From Monrovia, CA

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

"Stories about DADs"

We love Father's Day, so in honor of fathers everywhere, we decided to share a couple cherished memories about dads.

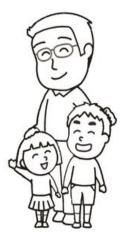
1) "From day one, my dad was my ride-or-die. My parents divorced when I was 5, but he never left my life. When I was an angry teenager, Dad recognized I needed more than just therapy. He started buying me concert tickets and drove me to any show in the city I wanted. When I was old enough to drive, I'd stay with him and go to two or three shows a week."

"He died of cancer in 2016. One of the best memories I'll always carry with me is he would stay up to gossip after every show. I'd tell him everything. Sometimes if he felt up to it, we would get late-night IHOP. Being able to be open and honest with my dad kept me safe and kept my relationships with others healthy."

Anonymous

2) "My best memories of my dad are the four years that he drove me to school every morning in high school. We would talk, laugh, listen to Howard Stern before he went to satellite radio, and stop at Dunkin' every morning — he'd always get coffee and a sour cream donut, and I'd get a muffin and a chai. He would quiz my knowledge of '80s rock bands as they came on the radio ('OK, who's this? I'll give you a hint...if they aren't from here they are a....Foreigner!' or, 'Is this Van Halen one, two, or three?')."

"He'd try and embarrass me by yelling out that he loved me, or calling me Sammie (a nickname) or something when he dropped me off. I loved it. my younger sister didn't talk to him as much on their morning drives after I went off to college and I remember him being upset about that. It was nice to know he also cherished that time together."



Interesting Words!

Pauciloquent: If you are a person of few words, then this is the term for you. It refers to someone who doesn't say much or who, when giving a speech, gives a very short one. This is a great way for you to tell people you are a person of few words, without having to say that whole long statement. Give this a try next time and see what happens.

Bloviate: This is the opposite of pauciloquent and refers to people who talk for a long period of time or who inflate their story to make themselves sound better. This also refers to someone whose words are empty and have no meaning.

June Riddles

- 1. Forward, I am heavy; backward, I am not. What am I?
- 2. What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?
- 3. What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?

Answers on Page 7

Summer Tweets Just For You!



The Real American Dadass

@R A Dadass · Follow

Took my kids to the beach and tried to release them like I've seen sea turtle parents do, but they just stood there and asked me for snacks.



@BoomBoomBetty · Follow

Him: I can't wait to sit with you and watch the sunsets this summer.

Me: Oh that will never happen.

Him: Are you breaking up with me?

Me: No. It's just the sun doesn't set until like 9pm and that's way past my bedtime.



Dad and Buried

@DadandBuried · Follow

Am I proud of myself for letting my kids wake up, play video games, and watch YouTube for 5 hours every summer morning? No.

But am I going to get out of bed and organize activities so they can have fun experiences and we can spend time quality time together as a family? Also no.



Simon Holland

@simoncholland · Follow

No one is full of more false hope than a parent bringing a chair to the beach.



@hopia0623 · Follow

The summer heat made me realise that I won't survive in hell, I have to change.



dalia

@ daliak · Follow

mosquitos really wake up everyday and choose violence



the hype

@TheHyyyype · Follow

[at the beach, about to get in the ocean]

"but i don't want my stuff stolen"

covers it with towel

"ok now it's safe"

Notable Moments in June

- June 2, 1924 Indian Citizenship Act Signed
 President Calvin Coolidge signed legislation granting U.S. citizenship to all Native Americans born in the country.
- June 6, 1944 D-Day
 Allied forces landed on the beaches of <u>Normandy</u>, <u>France</u>, during **World War II**. This massive military operation, involving **American** troops, marked the turning point of the war in Europe.
- June 11, 1963 Stand in the Schoolhouse Door
 Alabama Governor George Wallace tried to block two Black students from enrolling at the <u>University of Alabama</u>.

 President Kennedy federalized the National Guard to enforce desegregation.

MAY Quiz Winner

Q: What is the name of a duel with three people involved?

A A "Truel"

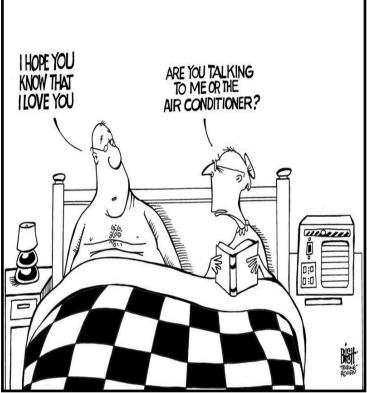
Fernando & Chris Lizardo From

Monrovia, CA

Congratulations!
You've won a \$50 gift card to

- June 12, 1987 "Tear Down This Wall!"
 President Ronald Reagan delivered his famous speech in Berlin, urging Soviet leader
 Gorbachev to dismantle the Berlin Wall—a defining moment in Cold War history.
- June 14, 1951 Univac 1
 The world's <u>first commercial electronic computer</u> was unveiled in <u>Philadelphia</u>. It was installed at the **Census Bureau** and utilized a magnetic tape unit as a buffer memory.





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Mom's Eyes By Joseph J. Mazzella



It was the middle of Summer, yet my Dad was already getting ready for Winter. He had dumped a load of firewood from his pickup truck and it was my job to put it in the wheelbarrow and move it to our winter woodpile. I was a skinny

12 year old and it wasn't easy work. I was loading the wheelbarrow for the fifth time when I felt like I was being watched. I looked up and saw my Mom smiling at me from the porch. Her eyes sparkled and the look on her face made me feel warm and happy inside. I couldn't define that look in her eyes then but I realize now it was unconditional love. Just seeing her look at me like that made me want to be the good, kind, and loving son she saw there.

That wasn't the only time I saw that look in Mom's eyes either.

Countless times growing up I would catch her staring at me with

that same gentle smile and those same sparkling eyes. Each time I did I felt so loved. Each time I did I felt that same warmth and happiness.

WELCOME NEW CLIENTS

Here are some of the new clients who became members of our

"the Golden Circle" Family

Chris & Megan Daley

From **Monrovia**, **CA**Introduced by

Tome & Carol Daley

from Monrovia, CA

Thank You for Your Trust & Confidence!

Sadly just as I was becoming a man my Mom was diagnosed with Cancer. She fought it long and hard for years, but finally when I was only 25 years old she passed away. Over the years since then I have missed her every single day. I have missed her warm smile, sweet words, musical voice, and gentle touch. But most of all I have missed seeing that look of unconditional love in her eyes when she looked at me. Sometimes I go outside, look up to the heavens and talk to her. And when I do I can still feel in my heart those loving eyes looking down on me.

We are all called to Love. We are all created in Love. God Loves each and everyone of us unconditionally. And all God asks of us is that we Love each other the same way. It isn't always easy but it is possible. My Mom was living proof of that. May you always give your love freely and unconditionally. May you always be the good, kind, and loving child you were meant to be.



"Behind every young child who believes in himself is a parent who believed first."

Matthew Jacobson

JUNE – HAPPY BIRTHDAY CLIENTS & FRIENDS

Nasser K. (1), Merritt M. (1), Sharon A-R.

(2), David C (2), Charlene C. (2), Richard M. (3),

Mark Z. (3), Susan McC. (4), Sam G. (4), Betty K. (5), Tony D'A. (5), Ernie G. (6), Rita W. (6), Mike R. (6), Jordan B. (6), Robert K (7), Tony L. (8), Agnes C. (8), Annie M. (8), Lu C. (8), Maria R. (8), Loretta T. (9), Helen T. (9), Sonia R. (9), Chuck M. (9), Cary K. (9), Marion E. (9), Sean H. (9), Ernie P. (10), Gary P. (10), James O. (10), "Doc" McK. (11), Earleen J. (11), Rudy V. (12), Oscar S. (12), Gloria M. (12), Dennis K. (13), Bill T. (13), William W. (13), Tony D.R. (13), Sheila P. (13), Daniel P. (14), Janet P. (15), Vangie C. (15), Elise C. (16), Alicia S. (16), David G. (17), "Mo" L. (17), Oon S. (18), Ed W. (18), Susan R. (18), Emily L. (19), Joe C. (19), Laine N. (19), Eileen F. (19), Becky, U. (19), Melissa D. (19), Rose W. (20), Amy N. (20), Ray S. (20), Bill G. (20), Jonathan S. (2), Karen T. (21), Viv M-Y. (21), Lowayne S. (22), Marlene G. (22), Doug S. (23), Baron B. (23), Damon B. (24), Walter R. (24), Young P. (25), Barbara C. (25), Bill C. (26), Virgilio O. (26), Kayla O. (26), Anna G. (26), Andrea O. (26), Mike M. (26), Rose G. (26), Lisa N. (27), Hector H. (27), Gloria M. (27), Kokila P. (28), Margaret M. (28), Kenneth M. (28), Cheryl B. (29), Lydia J-A. (29), Bill U. (30), Henry E. (30)

RIDDLE ANSWERS: 1) Ton 2) a PALM tree 3) Your name 4) A hole

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Hold On To Your Hat

An old lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat on tight, so that it would not blow off in the wind.

A gentleman approached her and said: "Pardon me, madam. I do not intend to be forward, but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"

"Yes, I know," said the lady, "I need both hands to hold on to this hat!"

"But, madam, you must know that your privates are exposed!" said the gentleman in earnest.

The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied, "Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!"

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