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FEBRUARY 2019

Welcome.

Happy Valentine's Day!

I hope your new year is starting off with lots of love and affection. Valentine's Day is for romantics. If you're all out of ideas on what you do this year, see our revised list of out-of-the-box ideas. From glamping to cooking, there's something for everyone to spend quality time with the one you love.

Speaking of cooking, this month's recipe for luscious strawberry chocolate mousse is just what cupid ordered for a dimly light meal. It's so easy to make it's the perfect recipe for the weeknight meal. With just a few ingredients, you and your honey can whip up a dessert worth sharing.

Since this is a new year, some are searching for new jobs. Read our tips from a couple of recruits who put a snarky-dating twist on job hunting advice. While job hunting isn't as fun as swiping left or right, there are some tips and tricks that every job candidate should follow to make themselves stand out online because that's where the interview starts.

This month and every month we hope you *Enjoy* this issue.

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SUNDAY

MONDAY



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2005: Alberto Gonzales receives Senate confirmation to become the first Hispanic attorney general in the United States.

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1789: Despite his reluctance, George Washington becomes the first elected President of the United States. Runner-up John Adams became Washington's vice president.

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2014: Lovable child star Shirley Temple dies at 85 years old in her Woodside, California home. Temple served as a U.S. diplomat as an adult.

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1990: Nelson Mandela is released from prison after 27 years following demands from South African president F.W. de Klerk to end apartheid in the country.



18

1959: After debuting this made-up song on the road, Ray Charles officially records "What'd I Say," at the Atlantic Records studios in New York City, thus creating one of the greatest R&B records ever.



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2004: "The Passion of Christ," Mel Gibson's film about Jesus of Nazareth's last 44 hours of life opens in theatres across the United States.

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Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

NOTABLE PERSONALITIES:

Rosa Parks • Langston Hughes • Michael Jordan
Dr. Dre • Oprah Winfrey • Etta James • Bob Marley



ON THIS DAY IN

FEBRUARY

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 2004: The first TV commercial for Ford's high-performance car, the Ford GT, airs during Super Bowl 38. The car cost roughly \$150,000.	
	6 1952: At age 27, Princess Elizabeth of Great Britain is crowned Queen Elizabeth following the death of her father, King George VI. Currently 92, Elizabeth still maintains the throne.		8 1986: Spud Webb wins the NBA slam dunk contest at just 5'7" tall, out-dunking his Atlanta Hawks teammate, Dominique Wilkins.	9 1992: Three months after revealing he had contracted the HIV virus and was retiring from basketball, Los Angeles Lakers legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson returns to the hardwood for the NBA All-Star Game in Orlando.
		14 1977: The B-52's, the unconventional, underground band most famous for its hit single "Rock Lobster," makes its debut at a Valentine's Day house party in Athens, GA.	15 1965: Canada flies the maple leaf flag as its national flag in accordance with a formal statement made by Queen Elizabeth II of England.	16 1878: The silver dollar is made legal after the Bland-Allison Act is passed, which allowed for silver coins to be minted.
19 1878: Thomas Edison patents the phonograph, arguably his greatest invention, which was the first device to both record sound and play it back.		21 1981: Dolly Parton cements herself as a country music and mainstream music star when her song "9 to 5," hits No. #1 on the pop charts.	22 1980: The U.S. Olympic hockey team pulls off the Miracle on Ice by defeating the heavily favored Soviet Union team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games. Two days later, the Americans won gold over Finland.	
26 2005: Academy Award winning actress Halle Berry surprisingly appears to accept her "Razzie," award for Worst Actress for the title role in the poorly received action film, "Catwoman."	27 1827: A group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, starting the city's famous Mardi Gras tradition.	28 2013: Pope Benedict XVI steps down at age 85 three weeks after he announced he would be leaving the position. He was the first pope to relinquish power in almost 600 years.		

On this day: Leroy "Satchel" Paige breaks a baseball color barrier

JANUARY 5, 1933: Leroy "Satchel" Paige becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame and was eventually inducted in August of that year after an endorsement from fellow Hall of Famer, Joe DiMaggio. Known for his incredible pitching talent and longevity of his career, Paige first retired from baseball in 1953. Twelve years later, Paige returned to pitch three innings for the Kansas City A's at the age of 59, making him the oldest person to ever play in the Major Leagues. — **SOURCE: HISTORY.COM**



STRAWBERRY & CHILL

Dreamy Strawberry Mousse

BY CHRYSTAL CARUTHERS

Valentine's Day doesn't have to be an expensive night out. It can be just as romantic to stay home, cook together and share something sweet. This year try our oh-so creamy extra dreamy strawberry mousse. White chocolate and strawberries are a match made in culinary heaven so indulge your senses and feed your better half a spoonful of love.

Ingredients

- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 2 teaspoons confectioner's sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 pinch pink salt
- ¾ cup white chocolate (for melting)
- 1 tablespoon Grand Marnier

Directions

White Chocolate Mousse

Heat whipping cream in a heavy bottom saucepan, over medium-high heat. When small bubbles form around the edges, add the white chocolate chunks. Stir with a wire whisk until chocolate is melted and smooth. Turn off heat and stir in the vanilla. Add a pinch of pink salt. Pour into a bowl, refrigerate until completely cooled. Once cooled, use a hand mixer to whip until mousse texture is fluffy and stiff peaks form.

Strawberry mixture

Place thawed strawberries in a bowl with sugar and liquor. Allow to macerate for at least 30 minutes. Place a dollop of mousse in a dessert dish. Top with strawberries and Enjoy!



FROZÉ ALL DAY

Slushy Rosé Cooler

BY CHRYSTAL CARUTHERS

Rosé has taken over the bar scene. The pale blush hued bubbly is screams romance in a glass. Add a little ice, or frozen strawberries, and a blender and now you have frozé! A slushy rosé cooler that keeps its lovely color and subtle flavor. For a romantic toast, try this simple recipe.

Ingredients

1 bottle of your favorite Rosé

1 cup frozen strawberries

½ cup sugar

2 ounces freshly squeezed lime juice

Directions

Place all ingredients in a blender. Blend on high until smooth. Enjoy!

FEBRUARY TIPS FROM
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4 REASONS WHY A **SMART THERMOSTAT** IS A WISE HOME IMPROVEMENT

CONTRIBUTED BY **MATT BARBATO** BASED ON TIPS FROM TY PENNINGTON DESIGN TEAM



Let's be honest: the traditional thermostat is outdated. There are better solutions available for complete control of the temperature in your home. If you're looking for ways to cut down on your energy costs, installing a smart thermostat should be the first move you make. Here are four reasons why choosing a smart thermostat is a wise improvement for your home:

Flexibility and Control

A smart thermostat gives you as much or as little control as you prefer while keeping your home consistently cozy. You can set it and forget it or adjust it on the fly from your smart phone by connecting your device to Wi-Fi.

Expecting the temperature to drop overnight? Just fire up your mobile app and turn up the heat before you go to bed. Flexibility is the name of the game with a smart thermostat. Say goodbye to cold winter mornings or stuffy summer afternoons. Your home will always be comfortable.

Adaptation

They're called "smart," thermostats for a reason. One of the coolest features of a smart thermostat is that it adjusts to the weather and to your habits and preferences. It won't waste energy when you're not in the home and can anticipate both your short-term and long-term needs.

For example, Nest thermostats can connect to your phone and discover your approximate commute time to and from work. It can set your home to your preferred temperature the second you walk through the door. A smart thermostat will eventually learn your preferences as the seasons change and can adjust the temperature accordingly. Awesome, right?

Savings

With a smart thermostat, you'll save money and reduce your carbon footprint. Sure, you might pay a bit more upfront for the system and installation, but you'll save more in the long run. A smart thermostat can save as much as 10 percent on heating and 15 percent on cooling annually because you'll only use it when you need to. These devices are also great for the environment because it will reduce your energy consumption. Smart thermostats are great for your wallet and the planet.

Tracking

Your monthly energy bill shouldn't be a guessing game about where your money is going. Smart thermostats also help you pinpoint when your energy consumption increases, so you can make cost-effective changes that will help pay off down the road. Yes, now you can make data-based decisions about heating and cooling your home. Welcome to 2019.

SWIPE RIGHT

FINDING THE RIGHT JOB

IS LIKE ONLINE DATING



BY **ADRIANA NUNEZ & BRENDA BHANSALI**
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Nowadays job searching is like dating – there are a lot of fish in the sea but finding that perfect match has become more complicated. Just as singles swipe through hundreds of perspective matches on Tinder, recruiters see hundreds of resumes a week. With a glance at a resume, a corporate recruiter can determine if the candidate is a fit or not. “It’s true, you never get a second chance to make a first impression. For recruiters and hiring managers the first impression of a candidate is that person’s resume, make it count,” said Mike ODonnell, director of recruiting at Guaranteed Rate, one of the largest residential mortgage brokerages in the country.

Adriana and I work on Mike’s team as recruiters. We’ve seen it all. Resumes that feature low GPA’s next to the year the candidate graduated from college (a No-No) to birth dates on resumes (another No-No). While some resume rules walk a thin line between what’s acceptable and what isn’t, unless you’re in sales, there’s no need to include your profile picture on your resume. That said, we know many people are starting the new year with a new job search. We want to help. Here are our rules for helping job seekers navigate the hunt for the perfect corporate match.



- ✓ **Know your resume**, like you know yourself.
- ✓ **Know which job you're applying for** before you hit send.
- ✓ **Make sure you include your complete contact information** including your phone number. We shouldn't even have to say that.
- ✓ Use good old-fashioned snail mail and **send thank you notes**.
- ✓ When applying to jobs on job boards, **make sure to attach your resume**. This is not the time to be mysterious.
- ✓ **Have multiple resumes and cover letters** for the position you are applying for. Even though we don't read cover letters, we like when they're included!
- ✓ **Use proper English**. Save the emogis and acronyms for your friends.
- ✓ **Do your research**. Know the company and position you are applying to.
- ✓ **Use a template**. Again, this is your first impression.
- ✓ **Spellcheck, proofread**, have a friend review your resume before you submit it online because four eyes are better than two.



- ✗ **Don't put your headshot on your resume**, this is not a casting call.
- ✗ **Don't include every job you've ever held**. One page is standard.
- ✗ **Don't misspell words or fail to use proper English**. Spell check is your friend.
- ✗ **Don't include your GPA**. If you weren't Magna Cum Laude, it doesn't matter.
- ✗ **Don't write an autobiography**. Less is more.
- ✗ **Don't include your hobbies**. This isn't a dating app. Recruiters don't care about your stamp collection.
- ✗ **Don't list your references** on your resume until requested.
- ✗ **Don't lie**. Recruiters tend to fact check a resume that's too good to be true.
- ✗ **Don't burn bridges**. So you didn't get the one job you applied to. There may be others.
- ✗ **Don't blunder the name of the company**, or person at the company, you want to work for.

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

it's time to

connect

with others

BY **CYNTHIA JAFFE**
NURSE PRACTITIONER

John Lennon wrote “All You Need Is Love” to send the world the message that love is everything. It was inspired by a word that everyone could easily understand: “L-O-V-E”. Critic Mark Hertsgaard has called it the Beatles’ most political song up to that point, reflecting the utopian vibe of the world’s youth during the 1960s peace movement. The song, broadcast to 24 nations on June 25, 1967, in the first global TV show “Our World,” was much more than a “groovy” track. It was a message. “I think if you get down to basics, whatever the problem is, it’s usually to do with love... Love is not just something that you stick on posters or on the back of your car, or on the back of your jacket or on a badge... Love is allowing somebody to be themselves and that’s what we do need,” said Lennon in 1971.

Science Agrees

The Harvard Grant Study, which spanned 75 years, substantiates Lennon's belief. In 1938, scientists began to track 268 male Harvard sophomores over an 80-year span. The researchers studied the men's accomplishments and failures in both relationships and careers in hopes of discovering not only life lessons learned, but the secrets that lead to a healthy and happy life.

It wasn't genetics, money or fame that made people happy, the study concluded, connections matter most.

It's the quality of one's attachments to others that is the best determinant of a long, happy life, according to the study.

"The surprising finding is that relationships and how happy we are in our relationships have a powerful influence on our health. Taking care of your body is important but tending to your relationships is a form of self-care, too," said Robert Waldinger, director of the study.

Words to live by

Curious to know more about the health effects of love and connection on your life? Read "Triumphs of Experience: The Men of the Harvard Grant Study," by George Eman Vaillant, a lead researcher on the study. Here are a few takeaways:

- Connection – social ties and strong relationships in as many areas of life as possible – are crucial: "Joy is connection."
- Money and power – career success and material achievement play little part in a full life and later contentment.
- Children who fail to learn basic love and trust at home are handicapped later in mastering the assertiveness, initiative and autonomy that are the foundation of successful adulthood.

- In short, it was the capacity for intimate relationships that predicted flourishing in all aspects of these men's lives.
- People can gain great happiness over their lifetime, even if they face hardships along the way.
- "The Short Answer is L-O-V-E" – and I might add not only loving others or being loved, but also developing love for oneself.

Love, and finding a way to cope with life that does not push love away, are Vaillants' secrets to a life that can ripen into happiness and fulfillment. In your later years, the warmth of your relationships will be everything. Wealth, status, and other superficial gains are no match for the power of love.

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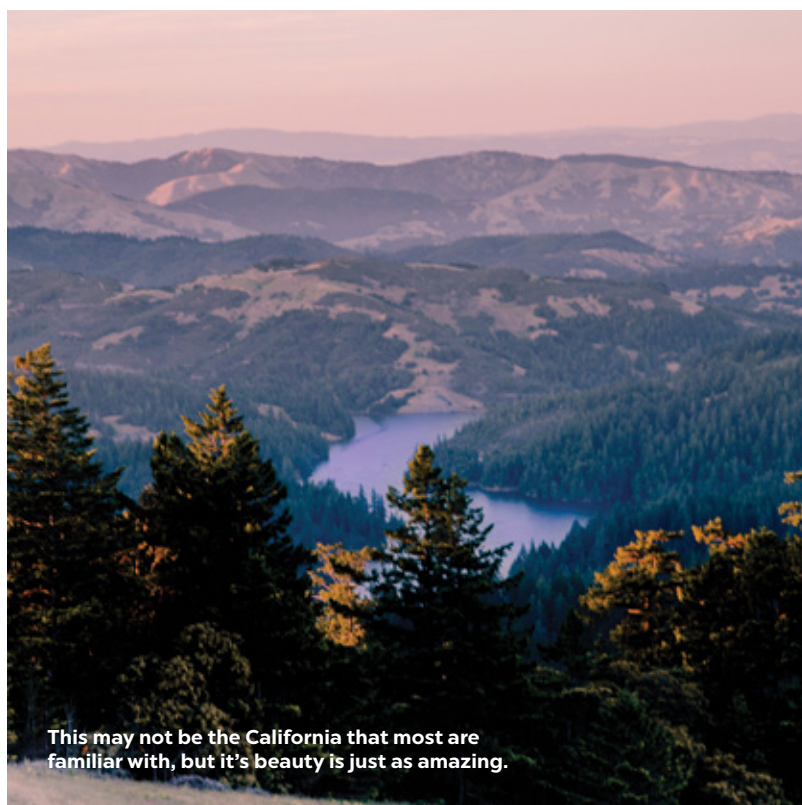
BY **CHRYSTAL CARUTHERS** | PHOTOS BY **SAM PEREZ**

Mountains, foothills, canyons, rivers and the world's tallest trees all reside in California. Known for its sunny beaches and Malibu lifestyle, California has more to offer than its sun-soaked coast. It's also home to majestic trees so tall, it's hard to fathom how these trees can stretch 350-feet tall and 20 feet in diameter. Giant sequoias can live more than 3,000 years, according to the National Park Service. These old trees remind of us of our own mortality and how insignificant we are in the continuum.

Few of us get to see these giants up close, but it's worth traveling to see trees so big tunnels are cut through them. A five-hour drive from San Francisco, Sequoia National Park has more than 630 square miles of land and is home to five of the 10 largest trees on the planet. Established in 1890, it's one of the oldest national parks in the country. But don't think it's just about gazing at trees. Sequoia National Park also features cave tours, tough hiking trails, horseback tours, green meadows and roaring rivers.



A land of giants.
The dramatic sequoias
inspire awe.

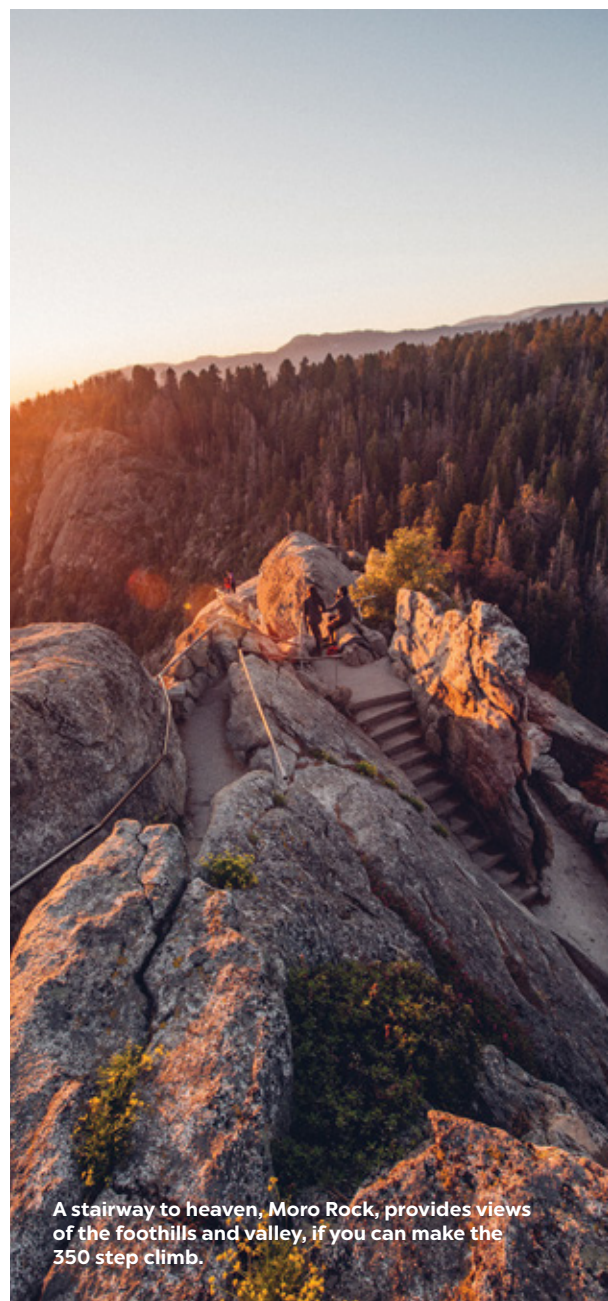


This may not be the California that most are
familiar with, but it's beauty is just as amazing.



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Beautiful but dangerous.
Drowning is the number one
cause of death in the parks.



A stairway to heaven, Moro Rock, provides views
of the foothills and valley, if you can make the
350 step climb.



Giant sequoias grow only on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada, CA.



Basking in the glow of a majestic sunset.



Melting snow from the mountains make for icy cold river water.



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- **Take control**
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- **Be the holiday host**
It's your turn to invite friends and family to your brand new home for winter festivities!
- **Invest your extra dough**
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