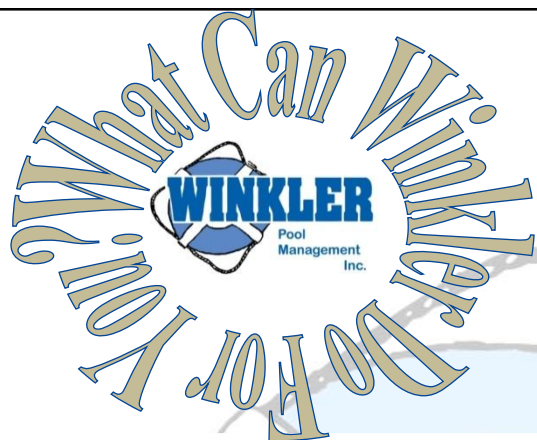




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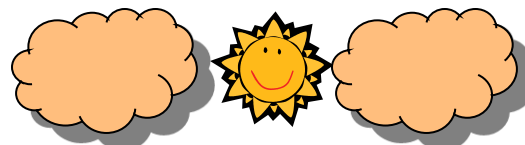
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Spring?



Congratulations to Punxsutawney Phil who gets to keep his job for at least one more year. He correctly predicted 6 more weeks of winter and I am so ready for these last two to be over. Man, it sure has been cold out; I'm talking colder than Putin's face when the United States hockey team upset Russia in the amazing overtime/shootout game. With one of the coldest winters on record our D.C. metropolitan area has gotten the most snow accumulation it has seen in the last three years. I would like to say thank you to Corona for helping me "find my beach" during this cold winter. With the official start of spring not until March 20th were bound to see a few more cold days ahead of us. For me spring can't come soon enough, I find myself daydreaming more and more of tulips blooming, making birdies on par 5's, and pulling pool covers. As Jimmy Buffett says "The weather is here, I wish you were beautiful. The skies are too clear, life's so easy today."



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Prosciutto, Tomato, and Olive Spaghetti

Ingredients

- 450 grams (1 pound) dried spaghetti
- 1.8 liters (8 cups) cold water
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 5 garlic cloves, finely minced
- 2 shallots, finely minced
- 130 grams (~ 1 cup) black olives, pitted.
- 3 to 4 tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste or concentrate
- 42 grams (3 tablespoons) unsalted butter, cut up
- reserved pasta water (optional)
- 75 grams (2.5 oz.) Parmesan cheese, finely grated
- a handful of flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped
- 200 grams (less than 1/2 pound) prosciutto, preferably Parma or San Daniele, at room temperature



Preparation

1. In a large pot, bring 1.8 L (8 cups) of cold water to a boil. When it boils, add salt and pasta. Cook according to package instructions, stirring often to loosen up the sticky strands.
2. Drain the cooked spaghetti, but save about 1 cup of the pasta water. Set aside.
3. Wipe clean the same pot and set over medium heat with olive oil. When oil is hot, lower heat to medium-low and sauté garlic and shallots until fragrant, about 1 minute.
4. Increase heat to medium again, add olives, and cook for 1 minute.
5. Add the diced tomatoes and cook until soft, about 1 to 2 minutes.
6. Add the wine and stir until the alcohol has evaporated, about 2 to 3 minutes.
7. Stir in tomato paste and butter until dissolved.
8. Put the pasta back in the pot and gently mix until each strand is coated in the sauce. Add reserved pasta water if the sauce seems too dry.
9. Toss with Parmesan cheese and sprinkle with chopped parsley.
10. Serve on warmed plates and garnish with prosciutto slices.

<http://www.tartineandapronstrings.com/2013/01/09/prosciutto-tomato-and-olive-spaghetti/>



If you want to make your business correspondence more effective, try these three things:

1. Imagine what the person you're writing to looks like. "Seeing" the other person will help you write the way you talk. Picturing the other person also may help you to avoid a hazard: There's always a danger when you speak into a tape recorder or a dictaphone, or type your letter on a word processor or a typewriter, that you wouldn't say if you were speaking to your reader in person. In other words, it's easier to be diplomatic to a person than it is to a machine.

2. Figure out exactly what you want to accomplish in your letter. That sounds obvious, but it's amazing how many letters are written without clear purpose in mind. A letter is a conversation on paper designed to achieve positive results for you or your company. Therefore, before you start to write, determine what result you want your letter to get.

3. As you write, keep in mind how you want your reader to feel when he or she finishes your note. Ideally, they should feel glad they're doing business with you.

After you've heard two eyewitness accounts of an auto accident it makes you wonder about history.

A woman was having the second floor rooms of her house painted. She thought the painter wasn't making good progress since she couldn't hear a sound. "Are you working hard?" she called to the painter. "Yes, ma'am," came his reply. "Well, I can't hear you!" the woman shouted. "Lady, I ain't putting it on with a hammer!" There might be a lesson here for anyone who supervises the work of another.

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges. -Joseph F. Newton

A little town is where everybody knows what everybody else is doing, but they read the weekly newspaper to see who got caught at it. In a little town everybody knows every neighbor's car by sight and most by sound. They also know when they come and where they go. A little town is where, if you get the wrong number, you can talk for 15 minutes anyway, if you want to. A little town is where there's hardly anything to do and never enough time to do it. In any town, the ratio of good people to bad people is a hundred to one. In a big town, the hundred are uncomfortable. In a little town, the one is. Small town gossip tends to cut down anybody who's up, and help up anybody who's down. The small town policeman has a first name. The small town teacher has the last word. In the class play, there's a part for everybody. In the town jail, there's rarely anybody. In the town cemetery, you're still among friends. -Pual Harvey in *Grit*

Winners outrun defeat by not stopping; losers give in to defeat by not starting.

No one is more confusing than someone who gives good advice while setting a bad example.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. -Leo Buscaglia

An organization must have some means of combating the process by which people become prisoners of their procedures. The rule book becomes fatter as the ideas become fewer. Almost every well-established organization is a coral reef of procedures that were laid down to achieve some long-forgotten objective. - John W. Gardner

Technology is like a steamroller. If you are not on the steamroller, then you are destined to become part of the road.

Some Historical Dates In March

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March 1, 1932 - The 20-month-old son of aviation pioneer Charles A. Lindbergh was kidnapped from his home in Hopewell, New Jersey. The Lindberghs then paid a \$50,000 ransom. (\$803,708 2014 dollars.)

March 4, 1789 - The first meeting of the new Congress under the new U.S. Constitution took place in New York City.

March 4, 1933 - Newly elected President Franklin D. Roosevelt took office and delivered his first inaugural address attempting to restore public confidence during the Great Depression, stating, "Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself..." His cabinet appointments included the first woman to a Cabinet post, Secretary of Labor, Frances Perkins.

March 8, 1863 - During the American Civil War, Confederate Colonel John Mosby, leader of Mosby's Rangers, captured Union General E.H. Stoughton at his headquarters in Fairfax County Courthouse, Virginia.

March 9, 1864 - Ulysses S. Grant was commissioned as a Lieutenant General and became commander of the Union armies.

March 10, 1862 - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.

March 12, 1609 - The island of Bermuda was colonized by the British after a ship on its way to Virginia was wrecked on the reefs.

March 12, 1888 - The Great Blizzard of '88 struck the northeastern U.S. The storm lasted 36 hours with snowfall totaling over 40 inches in New York City.

March 16, 1968 - New York Senator Robert Kennedy announced his intention to run for the Democratic presidential nomination.

March 23, 1775 - Patrick Henry ignited the American Revolution with a speech before the Virginia convention in Richmond, stating, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

March 24, 1934 - The Philippine Islands in the South Pacific were granted independence by President Franklin D. Roosevelt after nearly 50 years of American control.

March 31, 1968 - President Lyndon Johnson made a surprise announcement that he would not seek re-election as a result of the Vietnam conflict.

<http://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/march.htm>