

My Decision, Your Anxiety ; A Case Study

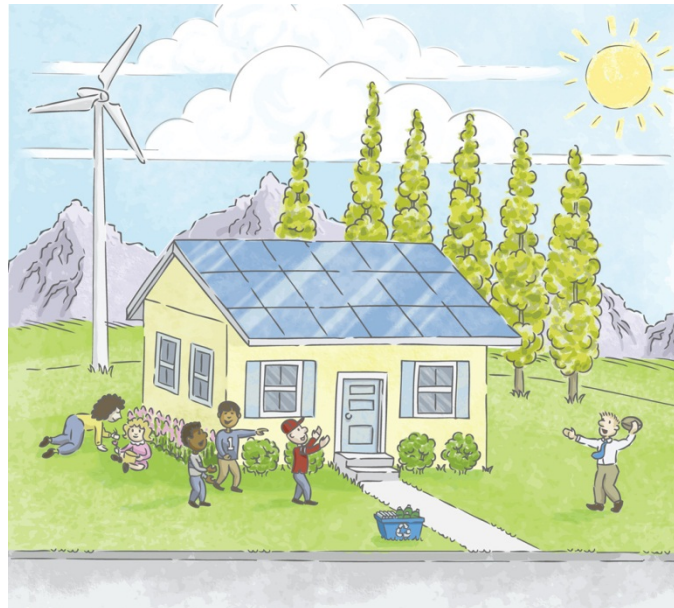
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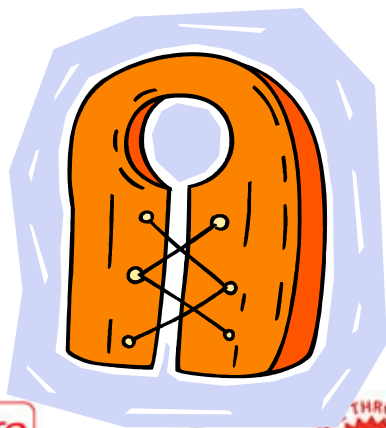
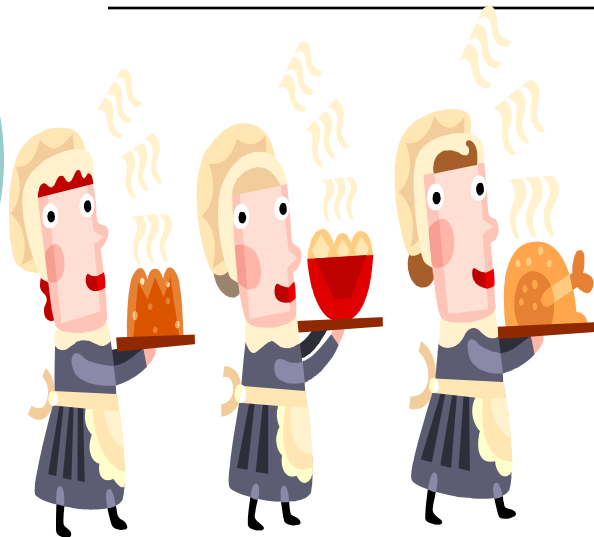
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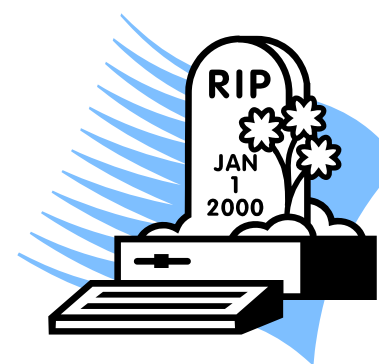
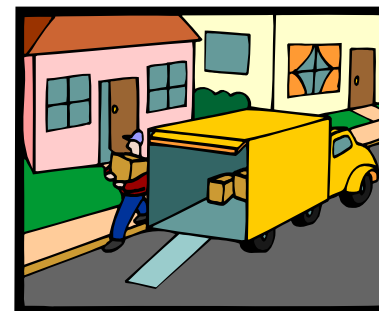
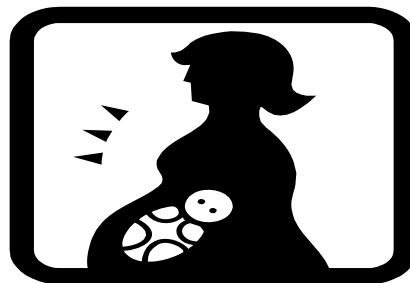
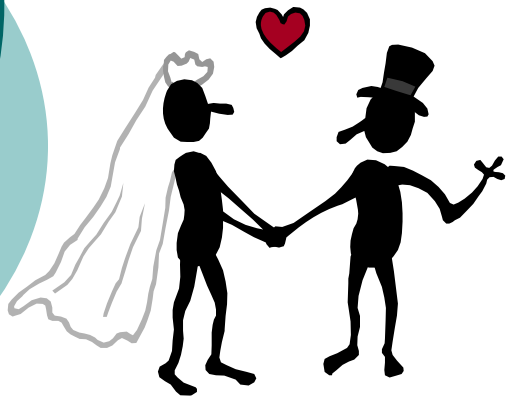
Brendan's story

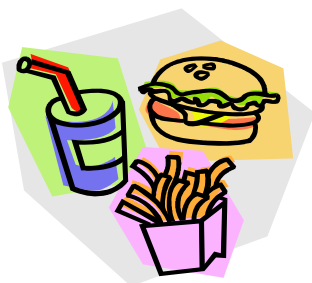


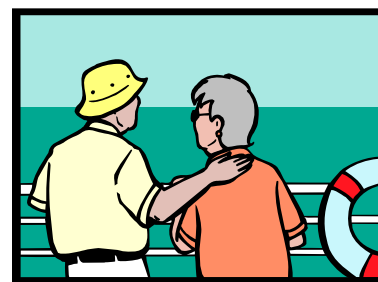




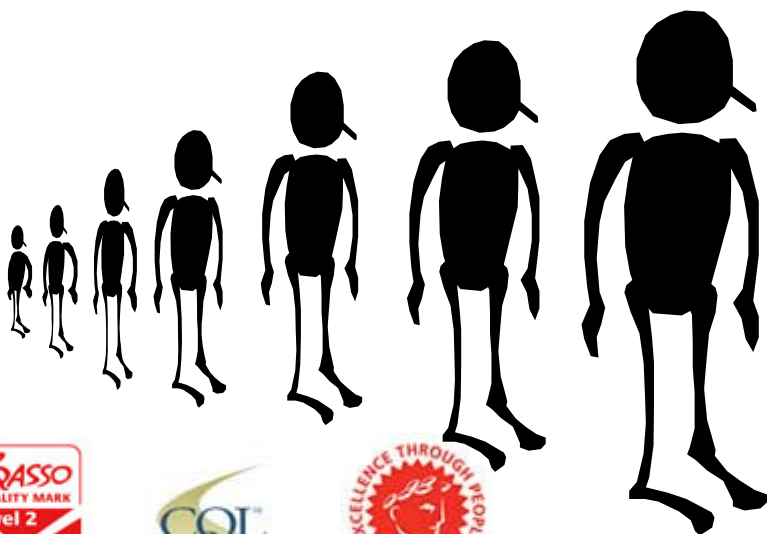


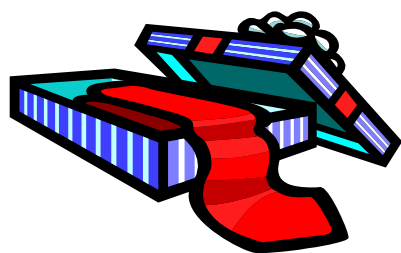


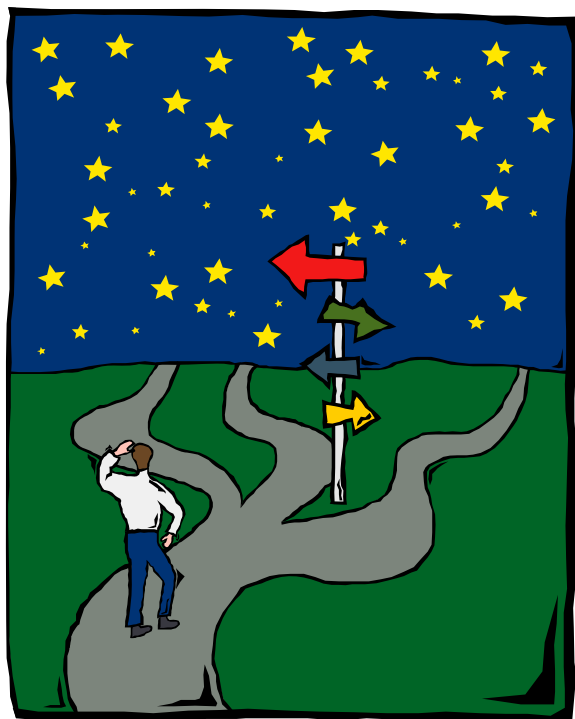














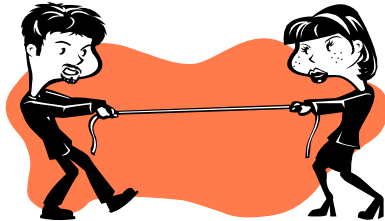
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WITH YOU**
IN STEP WITH
OUR COMMUNITY



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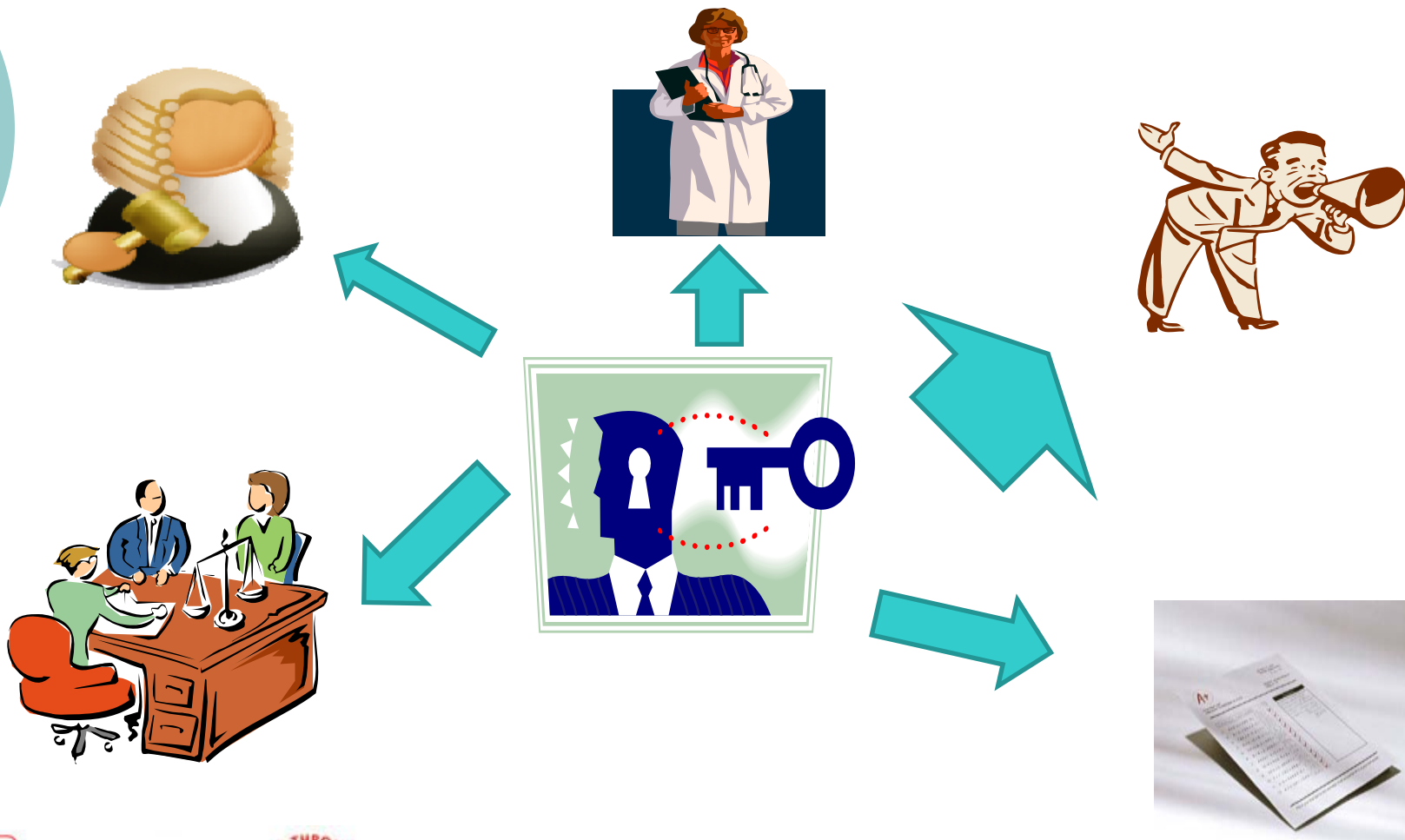


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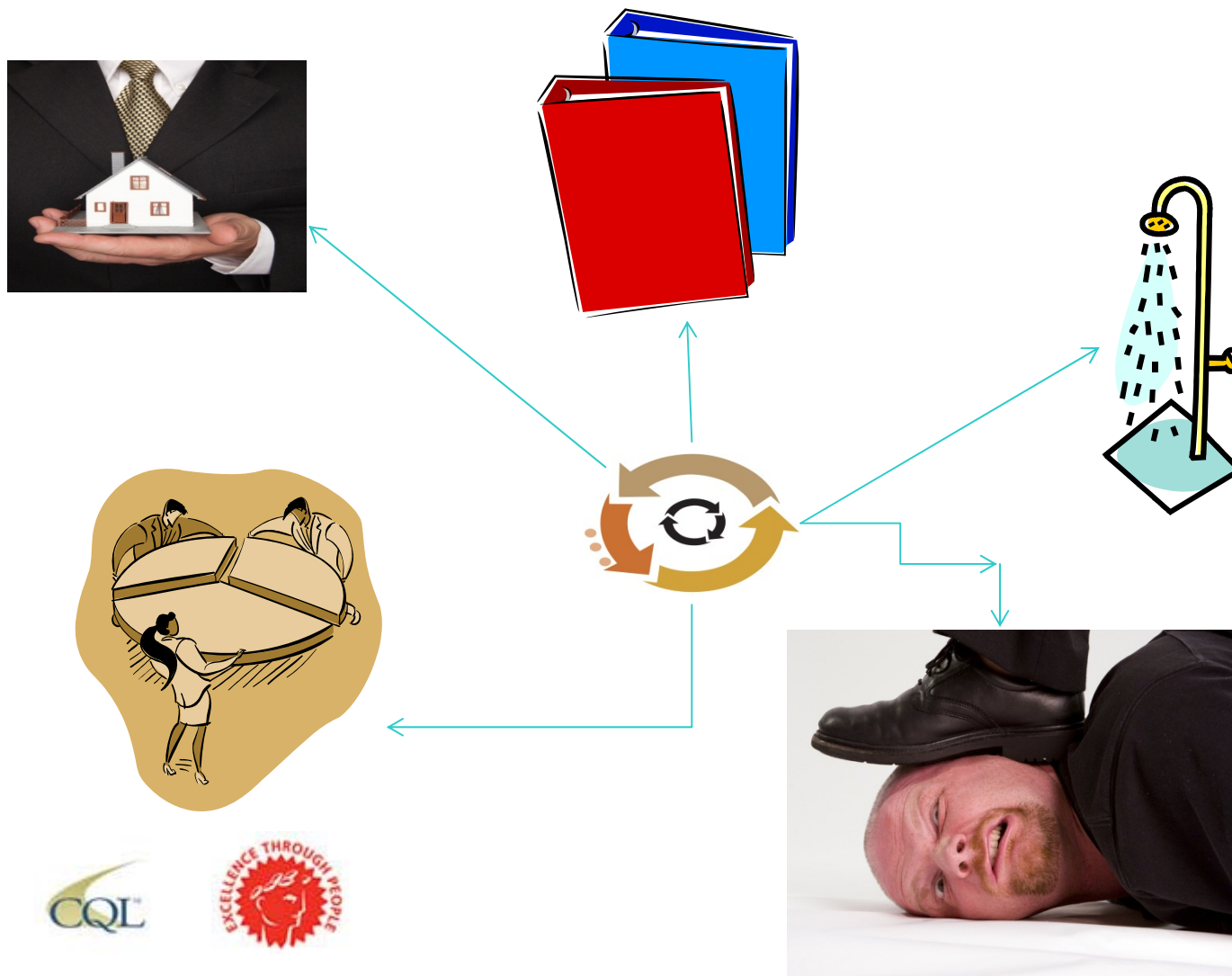


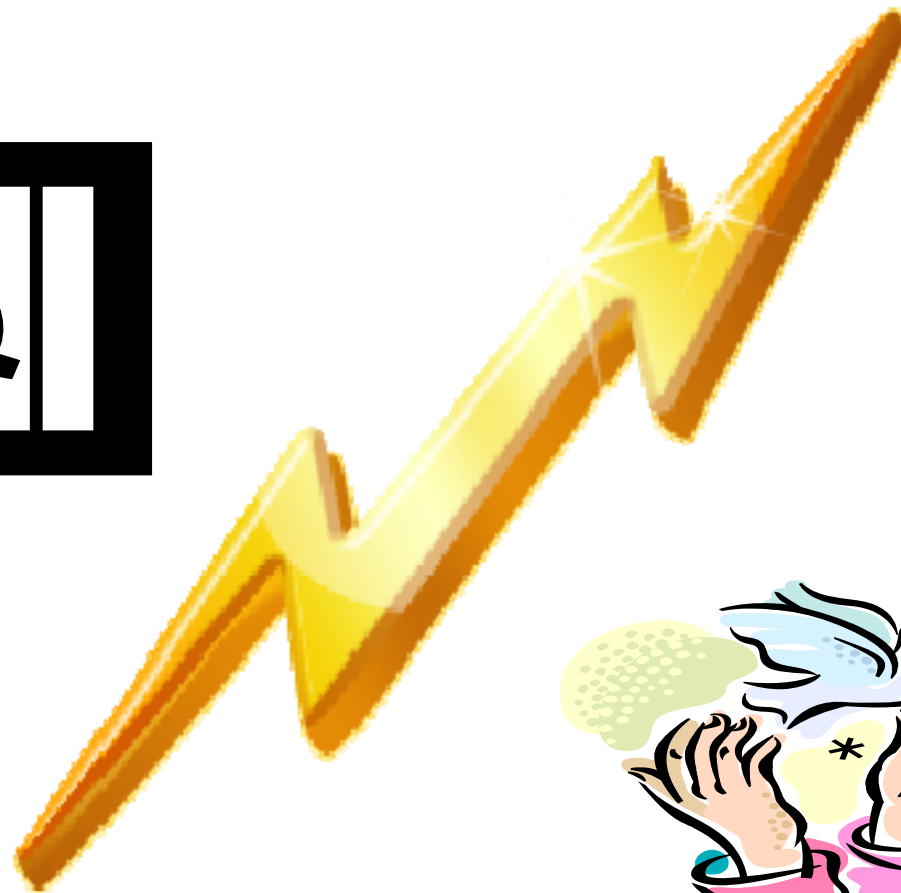
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- For the purposes of that report, in order to assess Brendan's capacity regarding his decision making in relation to residing full time in his late father's house, the principles of the Mental Capacity Act of 2005 England & Wales were adhered to. The Act states that a person is unable to make a decision for himself if he is unable to:
 - Understand the information relevant to the decision
 - Retain that information
 - Use and weigh the information relevant to the decision
 - Communicate the decision
 - The above 4 guidelines are also stated in Ireland's Scheme of Mental Capacity Bill 2008.

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- The question to consider in this case is not whether Brendan could live in this property independently and without supports, but rather does he have the capacity to make an independent decision in relation to the matter of residing in his late father's home and is he capable of understanding the realities of the consequences of such a decision.

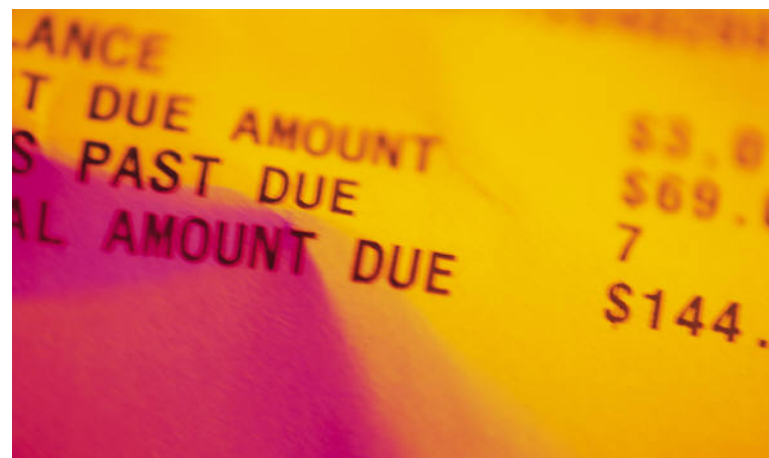
- It is our opinion that Brendan has quite clearly made an independent decision to take up his right of residence in his late father's home . We are also of the opinion that Brendan has demonstrated adequate insight into the realities of the prospect of him living in his late father's home and judging by the nature of his responses to some of our questions it is something he has thought about for some time. Brendan would require support for as long as he were to live independently, but once provided with that support Brendan appears capable to be successful in this type of semi-independent living model.

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- Based on this assessment it was not deemed necessary to use formal psychometric testing at this juncture due to the fact that there appears to be an overwhelming prima facie case that this man has the capacity to make an independent decision in this specific matter.







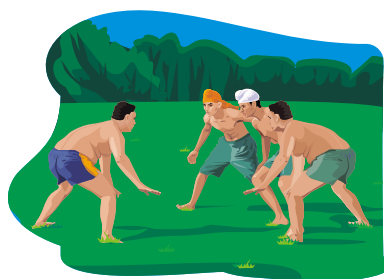
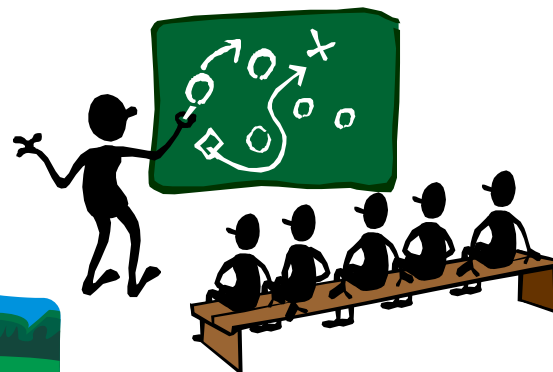


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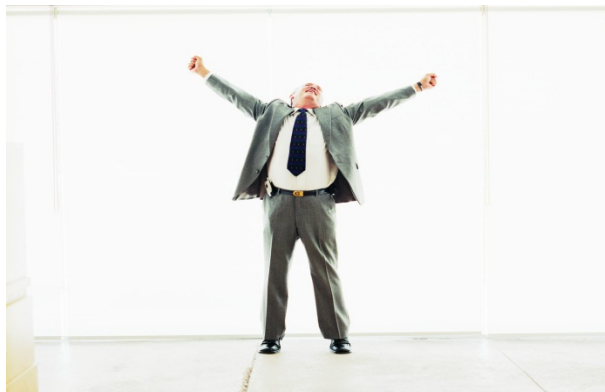
Daily Balance

Date	Amount
	\$ 738.97
10/20	526.82
10/21	580.53
10/22	524.21
10/23	362.24
10/26	308.42
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- **"Man is man because he is free to operate within the framework of his destiny. He is free to deliberate, to make decisions, and to choose between alternatives."** - Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929 - 1968), American Clergyman and Activist