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March 2024

The Daffodil: A Harold of Spring

As the first signs of spring begin to appear, few sights are as welcome as the cheerful bloom of the daffodil. Known for its vibrant yellow color and distinctive trumpet-shaped flowers, the daffodil is more than just a pretty face; it's a symbol of rebirth and new beginnings.



“Happily Ever After” Dinner Seminar

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Originating in the meadows of Europe and North Africa, the daffodil, or *Narcissus*, has a long history that intertwines with human culture. Celebrated in literature and art, the flower is often associated with vitality because of its early spring arrival. In fact, seeing the first daffodil of the year is considered good luck in many cultures. The daffodil is also a resilient flower. It can thrive in a range of environments, from wooded areas to open fields, and once planted, it often returns year after year, heralding the arrival of spring.

Aside from its symbolic importance, the daffodil plays a practical role in gardening. It's a favorite among gardeners because of its low maintenance and ability to repel certain pests, making it a beautiful and functional addition to any garden.

As spring unfolds and the daffodils begin to bloom, take a moment to appreciate these harbingers of warmer days. Their bright petals add color to the landscape and remind us of the cyclical nature of life and the fresh start each new season brings.

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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

Simple Sausage Hash

Ingredients

- 1 pound bulk pork sausage
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 medium carrots, grated
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 3 cups diced cooked potatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste



Instructions

- In a large cast-iron or other heavy skillet, cook the sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add the onion, carrots and green pepper; cook until tender. Stir in the potatoes, salt and pepper. Reduce heat; cook and stir until lightly browned and heated through, about 20 minutes. Cut the fudge into squares and store in an air tight container. Fudge can be stored at either room temperature or in the fridge.

Nutrition Facts - 1 cup: 245 calories, 14g fat (5g saturated fat), 27mg cholesterol, 519mg sodium, 22g carbohydrate (5g sugars, 3g fiber), 8g protein.

March Quiz Question

Q: Which of the following actors was the first one to play James Bond?

- A. Timothy Dalton
- B. Roger Moore
- C. Sean Connery
- D. George Lazenby

Call in or email your response by **Friday, March 15, 2024**, and if you have the correct answer, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift card to your favorite restaurant!

Call: (855) 998-3888

or

Email: info@csiwealth.org

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

Ode to St. Patrick's Day

Oh St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, We celebrate you on this day so grand, With parades and feasts and lots of cheer, Green all around, the spirit of Ireland is near.

You drove the snakes out of the Emerald Isle, And brought Christianity with a smile, You spread the word of God with love and grace, And left a mark that time cannot erase.



On this day, we honor your memory, With songs and dances and a touch of merry, We raise a glass to you, St. Patrick dear, And celebrate your legacy so clear.

So let us toast to the man of the hour, Whose spirit and faith have never turned sour, St. Patrick, we thank you for all you've done, And celebrate your life, forever won.

A Very Special Bank Account



Let's say you had a bank account that deposited \$86,400 every morning. However, the account carries over no balance from day to day, doesn't allow you to keep a cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you didn't use during the day. What would you do?

Probably draw out every dollar every day! We all have this bank—it is called Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day.

It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is no such thing as borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have. Just as it is with money, time management is yours to decide how you spend it.

It is rarely the case of us not having the time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.

Client of the Month

Congratulations to our Client of the Month:

Grace & David Ibanez
From
Covina, CA


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

Congratulations!

This Tweets for You

 **Emily Osment** 
@EmilyOsment Follow

yeah sure, having a thigh gap would be great, but imagine not being able to catch french fries between your knees while you're driving. it's all about perspective, folks.

 **Sara Valentine**
@saramvalentine Follow


Everyone hates millennials until it's time to convert a PDF into a Word document

 **Ki aka CMKarrie**
@justki Follow

My goddaughter, who was like 4 at the time, asked how I was gonna get my hair done.

Me: Like yours!

Her: You don't have enough hair for this... your little curls are cute tho.

 **Jax** 
@Diamond_Jax Follow

(I am 6 months pregnant)
Stranger at Starbucks: you know you should be drinking decaf when you're pregnant.
Me: I'm... not pregnant. **Stranger:** (horrified) I am so, so sorry!
And that's what you get for giving unsolicited advice.

"March Birthdays"

- **March 2, 1904 - Theodor Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss)** As a student at Dartmouth during Prohibition, Geisel was caught hosting a gin-soaked get-together and was banned from the school's humor magazine, the Dartmouth *Jack-O-Lantern*. To keep publishing, he used his middle name as a pen name: "Seuss." The "Dr." came later.
- **March 14, 1879 - Albert Einstein** was a theoretical physicist who is widely regarded as one of the greatest scientists of the 20th century. Einstein developed the theory of relativity, which revolutionized our understanding of space, time, and gravity. He also made significant contributions to quantum mechanics and cosmology.
- **March 20, 1928 - Fred Rogers** worked in television from 1951 until his death in 2003. Thirty-three of those years were spent as the host of *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*, which means that more than one generation of children grew up knowing the gentle and generous TV host.
- **March 27, 1868 - Patty Smith Hill** in collaboration with her sister **Mildred Hill**, wrote possibly the best-known song in the world: "Happy Birthday." Patty was the principal at the Louisville Experimental Kindergarten School at the time she penned the lyrics in 1893.

February Quiz Winner

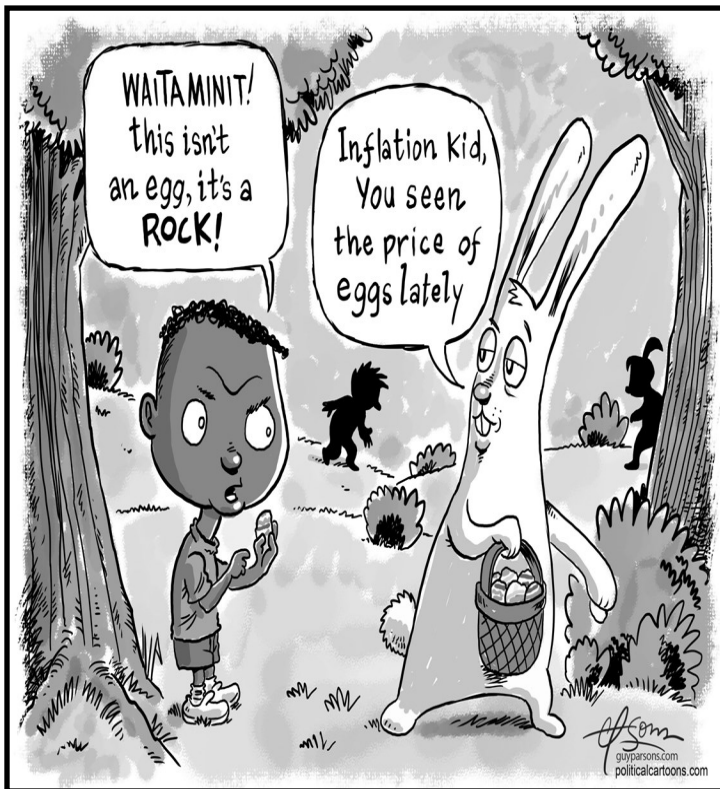
Q: The phrase: "I think, therefore I am" was coined by which philosopher?

A: Descartes

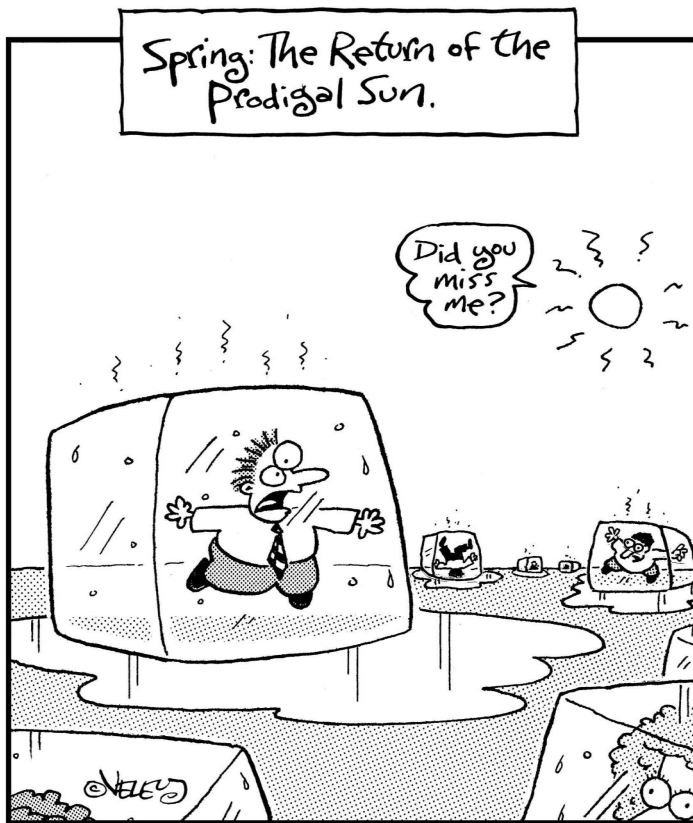
George & Ruth Lossner

From
Monrovia, CA

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



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George & Gracie

George Burns and **Gracie Allen** were an iconic American comedy duo whose partnership spanned vaudeville, film, radio, and television for over forty years. Let's step into their world:

Vaudeville Beginnings:

- **George Burns** (born **Nathan Birnbaum**) and **Gracie Allen** met in 1922 and began performing together at the Hill Street Theatre in Newark, New Jersey.
- Their act continued in small-town vaudeville theaters, and they married in 1926.
- George wrote most of the material and played the straight man, while Gracie portrayed a silly, addle-headed woman—a role that became her signature.



From Fourth Billing to Stardom:

- Initially, they were not headliners but shared the bill with other acts.
- Their career trajectory changed when they made their first film, "Damsel in Distress".
- In the early days of talking pictures, studios sought actors who could deliver dialogue or songs, and George and Gracie fit the bill perfectly.

Film and Radio Success:

- They starred in several films, including "**Lambchops**" (1929), "**The Big Broadcast**" (1932), and its **sequels** in 1935 and 1936, as well as "**A Damsel in Distress**" (1937).
- Their **30-minute radio show** debuted in September 1934 as "**The Adventures of Gracie**", later renamed "**The Burns and Allen Show**" in 1936.
- The radio series ran on both NBC and CBS until May 1950.

Television Triumph:

- After their radio show ended, George Burns and Gracie Allen transitioned to television.
- Their popular situation comedy, "**The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show**", aired from **1950 to 1958**.
- The show received **11 Primetime Emmy Award nominations** and produced an episode ranked **No. 56** on TV Guide's list of the **100 greatest episodes of all time**.

Legacy and Love:

- George Burns and Gracie Allen's radio show was inducted into the **National Radio Hall of Fame** in **1994**.
- They were also honored with induction into the **Television Hall of Fame** in **1988**.
- Their incredible love story endured until Gracie's passing in **1964**.

So here's to George and Gracie, the dynamic duo whose laughter-filled legacy continues to brighten our hearts!

March Riddles

1. When is the moon heaviest ?
2. I see without seeing. Noise is an ally. What am I ?
3. What came out from one hole and goes in to two holes?
4. When is it right for you to lie?

Answers on Page 6

Fascinating Easter Facts

There's a whole fascinating history behind Easter's most iconic symbols and customs, from elaborate egg decorating to the name itself, which some historians believe predates Christianity—and we've gathered the most interesting ones for you here.

Easter is the Oldest Christian Holiday - Celebrating Jesus's resurrection, the foundation upon which Christianity was built, Easter is one of the most important Christian holy days.

Eggs Were Originally Dyed to Represent Christ's Blood - The tradition of dyeing Easter eggs is said to date back to ancient Mesopotamia. In modern times, it continues on in secular fashion as well as in Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches, where eggs are dyed red, then blessed and passed out to supplicants.

The Easter Bunny is German - Both hares and eggs were signs of fertility in Germany during the Middle Ages, and it was during this time that the legend of an egg-laying, candy-giving bunny was born. It wasn't until the first Germans immigrated to America in the 1700s that the Easter Bunny became a beloved tradition here.

Dressing Up for Easter is Based on a Superstition - While you might think that dressing to the nines on Easter Sunday is simply a sign of respect for the holiday, that's not the case. At least it wasn't in 19th-century New York, when residents believed that wearing new duds on Easter would bring luck for the rest of the year. These days, it's estimated that \$3.3 billion is spent on Easter finery.

Only a Dozen States Recognize Good Friday - Commemorating Jesus's crucifixion, Good Friday occurs two days prior to Easter. States like New Jersey, Connecticut, and Texas have named it a state holiday, but it has not been designated a federal one.

We Go for the Ears First - It's true. A little more than three-quarters of people say they consume the ears on the chocolate bunny first, with the rest initially eating the feet, tail, or whatever looks appealing at the time. However you slice (bite?) it, you're part of a proud tradition—*some 91 million chocolate bunnies are sold every year in the United States.*



Happy Easter

MARCH – HAPPY BIRTHDAY CLIENTS & FRIENDS



Jose L. (1), Stephen B. (1), John K. (2), John McC.
(2), Tom L. (2), Tomomi B. (2), Grace G. (3), Rosie S.
(3), Adriana D. (3), Lydia H. (3), Ella S. (3), Hans A. (4), Ding L.
(4), Fred B. (4), Eddie A. (4), Georgia C. (4), Joel Jr. R. (4), Elmo O. (5),
Bob C. (5), Vitoria T. (5), Louis L. (6), Keith B. (6), Diana D. (6), Nicole S.
(6), Laura F. (7), Joelle P. (7), John Jr. K. (8), Melissa L. (8), Adelina O. (9),
William L. (9), Nora C. (9), John K. (9), Jon P. (9), Gary S. (9), Lorena M.
(9), Tyler H. (9) Vickie V. (10), Lilia D. (10), Carol K. (10), Noemi G. (11),
Martha G. (11), Sonia Y. (11), David B. (12), Dorothy W. (12), Michelle S.
(12), Janos G. (13), Mary L. (14), Beth T. (14), Henry Y. (15), Joy D. (15),
Siong C. (16), Anne M. (16), Tim J. (16), , Kim P. (17), Elaine W. (18),
Antoine S. (18), Drue S. (19), Sheila W. (19), Gayle N. (19), Kevin C. (19),
Minas M. (20), Anna H. (20), Susan S. (20), Patricia W. (20), Karen C. (20),
Ronald Y. (20), Josie G. (20), Lisa G. (20), Tony S. (21), George A. (21),
David C. (21), Mark S. (21), Greg C. (21), Alonso C. (22), Harry A. (22),
Shwu C. (22), David Jr. E. (22), John F. (22), Nancy S. (22), Estelle T. (22),
Greyson M. (22), Lou P. (23), Carl S. (23), Julia M. (24), Bill H. (24), Luanne
D. (24), Mina G. (24), Robert McG. (24), Lori B. (24), John M. (25), Ruth L.
(25), Linda P. (25), Chiao C. (25), Albert T. (26), Jackie A. (27), Nila H. (27),
Michael A. (27), Yvonne H., (27), Jack P. (27), Andrew L. (28), Yadi G. (28),
Gilbert S. (28), Paula K. (29), Jodi P. (29), Audrey N. (30), Janet S. (30),
Eileen G. (30), Pauline A. (30), Debbie L. (30), Marcy C. (30), Paul S. (30),
Raymond R. (30), Susan G. (30), Raquel F-J (30), Medessa C. (31), Kevin
C. (31), Anita J. (31)

RIDDLE ANSWERS: 1) When it is full 2) A Bat 3) Farts 4) When you are in bed

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Go Green:

Recycle This Newsletter!

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Marriage Counseling

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in all the years they had been married.

On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down in a daze.

The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but I golf on Fridays."



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We Craft Our Own Story

March sure is galloping in this year with all its green and golden glory! The cheerful proliferation of green shamrocks printed all over the place is a constant reminder that St. Patrick's Day is the event of the month, but did you know the real St. Patrick originally had a light blue livery? It wasn't until he started using shamrocks as a teaching tool that green came to be associated with this icon of Ireland.

Although that might be useful knowledge to have on hand for your next trivia night with friends, I'm also sharing that fact with you because I think it is important to remember we have the power to craft our own history.

I love the thought that we craft our own history, regardless of what others try to tell our story should be.

Each of us tells the world what we stand for, if not with a particular shade of blue or green, then with a particular response to the people around us. We can change our own standard and improve what we are best known for.

This month marks only one-quarter of the year already written for the history books, which leaves us with nine months remaining in this year's journal. Starting now, you can decide what details to include and what is not worth bothering with. You can add in new plot twists, welcome new characters, and decisively edit out anything or anyone that doesn't belong in your story.

Try this: picture what you want people to say about you in December, then write down nine things that would need to happen for that statement to be true. Just like that, you wrote your own history and now have a goal for each month ahead of you.

Since you already wrote the story as you want it to end, all that is left is for you to enjoy living out the details and enjoying the smaller developments along the way. Here's hoping it is full of good luck and good times.



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P.S. Do you have a friend, neighbor, or co-worker approaching retirement who has questions?

I am happy to meet with them for a complimentary retirement planning review.
Call me today at (626) 294-0414 to discuss how to introduce us.

They'll be happy you did!

You are invited to my
“Happily Ever After”
Retirement Planning Dinner Seminar



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I will be giving a “Happily Ever After” retirement planning dinner seminar and I’m extending a special invitation to you and your friends.

We will be serving up: Lots of Fun, Delicious Food, and Valuable Financial Retirement Planning Tips to help you and your family.

Come and Learn:

- Strategies for developing a retirement plan to Fit YOU!
- Ways to **minimize taxes** in retirement
- Options to Securing Guaranteed Retirement Income for Life
- One of the Biggest Risk retirees face but often never plan for
- What you need to know about **401Ks, IRAs and Roth IRAs**

Your only requirement to attend is to bring a new guest(s) over the age of 55. You and your friend(s) – Limit 5 guests

Join Us!

Tues. March 19th or Thurs. March 21st

At **Coco Palm** located at 1600 Fourplex Drive, Pomona, CA 91768

The event will start promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Any late guests will not be admitted after this time

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