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Cesar Chavez

(A short summary about him)

By Nane Galstyan

Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927, in Yuma Arizona. He is an organizer of migrant American farmworkers and a co-founder with Dolores Huerta of the National Farm Workers Association in 1962. Cesar worked as a farm laborer himself and grew up in a family of Mexican Americans. After his parents lost their farm during the Great Depression, the family moved to California and became migrant workers. After two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Cesar returned to migrant farmworkers in Arizona and California. His initial training as an organizer was provided by the Community Service Organization (CSO) in California. In 1958, Cesar became general director of the CSO.

In 1966, the National Farm Workers Association merged with an American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations group to form the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

In 1971, this organization became the United Farm Workers. Sadly, Cesar Chavez died on April 23, 1993, in San Luis Arizona. Many people still remember his great act.

In my opinion, Cesar Chavez gave people a sense of their own power. What that means is that he showed people not to give up on what they are doing. Always work harder so you can succeed at everything you've dreamed of and make you and your parents proud of your accomplishments.

St. Patrick's Day By Leon Khachatryan

Irish people started St. Patrick's Day on March 17, 1631. It was originally celebrated in Ireland. Patrick was born in Britain. When he was sixteen years old, he came to Ireland. When he arrived, he was interested in Christianity and started teaching people about the religion. They say Patrick converted many people to Christians, and today St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day people think Patrick died.

One legend says that Patrick chased all the snakes out of Ireland, although there were no snakes in Ireland at that time. One tradition is that you have to wear green on this day and if you don't, you will get pinched. People also watch parades and Irish dancers. On St. Patrick's Day, people eat corned beef and cabbage. It is a tradition to eat this on St. Patrick's Day.



THE LOST LEPRECHAUN BY MATTHEW CHIRINIAN

A LEPRECHAUN AWOKE FROM ITS FINEST SLUMBER
COVERED IN GOLD, JEWELS, AND SHAMROCKS
FURIOUS AND STRANDED WITH HUNGER
HE HAD NO IDEA WHY HE WAS IN A FOREST,
LOST, IN SHOCK

CONTINUOUS CONFUSION
ENDLESS AMOUNTS OF GREEN
THE IDEA THAT HE WAS A LEPRECHAUN JUST STRUCK

SOON HE REALIZED IT WAS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
HIS SKIN TURNED GREY
HE RAN TO GET OUT OF THE FOREST
TO GIVE THE WORLD JOY
BUT HE WAS IN AN ENDLESS FOREST AND FOUND OUT...
HE WAS A LOST LEPRECHAUN



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The Unforgettable Flame

By Matthew Chirinian, Ryan Issagholian Hadany, and Sarkis Siroian, *guest writer*

Once upon a time, there were three boys named Ryan, Matthew, and Sarkis. They were twelve years old and liked outdoor adventures. They went to school named Thomas Jefferson Elementary. One day, the three of them went camping on a field trip and they would never expect the disasters that would strike them....

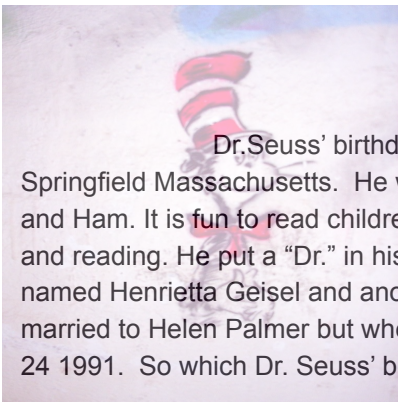
They were each getting ready to go on a one-week camping trip. They had planned to meet up at the school and go together. They met up and went to class. Their field trip would start in one hour. Their teacher, Mrs. Butcherson, spent the whole one-hour period making sure everybody in class was ready and brought everything they needed, which included food, water, and sleeping bags. Students were advised to bring bigger backpacks than normal so they could fit in their food, water, clothes, etc. About half an hour passed and the teacher had checked and made sure everyone had everything they needed. Another half hour later the bus arrived to pick up Mrs. Butcherson's class. This field trip was a private one and they couldn't afford to take care of more students. Ryan, Sarkis, and Matthew were all filled with overflowing excitement....

As they were riding the school bus towards their destination, they noticed they were mostly surrounded by trees. Sarkis was immediately able to deduce they were going to camp in a forest. Sarkis had the best deductive skills out of the three. Matthew had very fine instincts. Ryan was the most strategic. As soon as they arrived, the boys rushed to get out of their seats and into the forest. "Stop right there Sarkis!" said Mrs. Butcherson. Sarkis stopped. When the class got off the bus, they all headed toward the destination where they would have to camp. The three boys set up their tents next to each other. They were all so excited to spend a week there....

Later that day, the boys were in their tents talking about basketball and how they were all working towards becoming professional athletes. After that, they told stories, ate smores, and went to sleep. The next morning, Matthew woke up first and noticed something strange. A small fire was on the corner of the tent. He tried not to panic and quickly woke Sarkis and Ryan up. Luckily, the tent was half open and there was not much heat and smoke in the tent. The boys carefully came out of the tent and informed their classmates and teacher. Unfortunately, the class and the teacher started panicking and accidentally left Sarkis, Matthew, and Ryan behind. Moments later, the fire was everywhere. It quickly started burning trees, bushes, and plants. The boys were lost for words. Ryan quickly called 911 and the firefighters soon arrived.

Given the fact that the class had gone camping in a forest far away from the city of Glendale, and that a 6th grade class forgot three boys in the middle of the forest while on a camping trip, the firefighters got there fairly quickly. When the firefighters arrived, they put out the fire in under five minutes even though the fire had quickly spread to one tree at a time. The boys were very thankful to the firefighters who bravely risked their lives to save the three boys. After putting out the fire, the firefighters asked the boys what in the world they were doing in the forest. Sarkis, Matthew, & Ryan explained to them that they were on a camping trip with their class and were forgotten in all the panic.

Then, the firefighters took them back to the fire station in their vehicle. The boys told them their parents' phone numbers, and the firefighters called and informed them about what happened on their camping trip. Their parents were so happy they were safe. Later they called the school and informed them that they were ok. Ryan, Sarkis, and Matthew had an unforgettable experience of their lives. They soon realized the importance of fire safety.



Dr. Seuss

By Leon Khachatryan

Dr. Seuss' birthday is on March 2, 1904. His full name is Theodor Seuss Geisel. He was born in Springfield Massachusetts. He wrote forty- seven children's books. The most famous book he wrote was Green Eggs and Ham. It is fun to read children's literature. March 2nd is Read Across America Day. It is a day to celebrate authors and reading. He put a "Dr." in his name because his dad wanted him to become a doctor. Dr. Seuss had siblings, a girl named Henrietta Geisel and another named Marnie Seuss Geisel. He never had children of his own. Dr. Seuss was married to Helen Palmer but when she passed away, he married Audrey Geisel. Unfortunately, he died on September 24 1991. So which Dr. Seuss' book is your favorite?

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I Want to Find a Leprechaun By Ryan Issagholian Hadany

I want to find a leprechaun
I wonder where they hide
I wonder if they'll give me gold
Or will they put it aside.

I wonder if they're nice
I wonder if they're real
I wonder if they lie
Or do they steal?

A leprechaun hides
From everyone's eyes
But if you manage to locate one
They'll bribe you with gold and will say
BYE! BYE!



Saint Patrick's Day By Mane Galstyan

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, the day when Saint Patrick died. Saint Patrick lived during the fifth century. He was born in Roman Britain, but then got kidnapped at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland as a slave. Luckily, he escaped, then returned to Ireland later on. Patrick wanted to spread Christianity to all people.

With religious services and feasts, Saint Patrick's Day was originally celebrated in Ireland in honor of Saint Patrick. Irish immigrants brought the Saint Patrick's Day tradition to the United States that later evolved into a secular celebration of Irish culture.

It is tradition that people wear green on March 17. That is because Irish immigrants in the United States believe that wearing green make them invisible to leprechauns. On Saint Patrick's Day, people prepare food like corned beef and cabbage. They decorate their front door and clothes with symbols such as shamrocks and leprechauns.

Real Madrid By Ryan Issagholian Hadany

INTRO

Real Madrid Club de Fútbol, commonly referred to as Real Madrid, is a Spanish professional football club based in Madrid. Founded on March 6, 1902 as Madrid Football Club, the club has traditionally worn a white home kit since its inception. The founders of the club are Adolfo Melendez, Carlos Padros, Juan Padros and Julian Palacios. This club has had a lot of success and still is one of the most famous clubs in history.

STAFF AND PLAYERS

Cristiano Ronaldo, Karim Benzema, Ronaldo Nazario, David Beckham, and many more stars have been on this team. But currently, this team only has Karim left. The manager of this club is Carlo Ancelotti. The team's field is known as Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. This team has won many trophies.

TROPHY HISTORY

In European and worldwide competitions, Real Madrid has won a record 26 trophies; a record 13 European Cup/UEFA Champions League titles, 2 UEFA Cups and 4 UEFA Super Cups. In international football, it has achieved a record 7 club world championships. Another fact is that Real Madrid has been known as the best and most successful football club in the world.

CLUB VALUE

The brand valuation of Real Madrid CF declined in 2021 for the second consecutive year to roughly 1.5 billion U.S. dollars. In 2019, the value of the famous Spanish soccer club's brand had peaked at more than 1.8 billion dollars, after a steady increase since the early 2010's. The club holds many long-standing rivalries, most notably, El Clásico with Barcelona and El Derbi Madrileño with Atlético Madrid. Real Madrid established itself as a major force in both Spanish and European football during the 1950s, winning 5 consecutive European Cups and reaching the finals 7 times.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion to everything that has been stated here, Real Madrid FC, I think, is a fantastic football team and will be very successful for a very long time. It is one of the best clubs in history and I'm looking forward to being able to play in their youth team one day.

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The Miracle, A Continuation of, "The Circuit" By Matthew Chirinian

One Friday after school, Mr. Lema told me to follow her to the music room. She asked me, "What's your favorite instrument?" I replied, "The Trumpet!" She then got a trumpet and started testing it. She said, "Would you want to learn how to play?" I was nervous and I didn't know what to say. The thought of not knowing English well came to my head. I said in broken English, "Yes!" She said, "I'll teach you how to play during after-school hours. I was so happy and excited to finally try something new.

It was Monday afternoon and school was over. I was waiting for Mr. Lema to arrive in the music room. I waited about five minutes, then he finally came. He said, "Today we're going to learn the notes. To play an instrument, you need to know how to play the notes." About ten minutes passed and I still did not understand how the notes worked. And I was starting to get mad. He then said, "Okay, I have a quick and easy way of helping you understand the notes. I have never told anyone this method, but I'm going to tell you." I felt special because I was the only person who would learn how to read notes this way. Then, I thought to myself, I better stay focused because if this method could not teach me, nothing would. After he told me the special way, I was able to do it. I had never felt so accomplished.

The class was over. I couldn't wait to tell my family the good news. Mama picked me up. She said, "Why were you so late?" I said, "Mama, you wouldn't believe what happened!"

"What?" said mama. I said, "My teacher was teaching me how to play the trumpet!" "That's wonderful," said mama. I arrived home and mama told the whole family the big news. They were all so happy for me.

It was after school. I went to the music room and waited for Mr. Lema. Finally, Mr. Lema came and we learned our first song, Mary Had A Little Lamb. I easily played it. He was shocked at how fast I learned for a beginner. He then gave me a song called, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. I easily played that too. Mr. Lema said, "Continue playing. You got something in you kid."

Three years later, now an expert at the trumpet, I went to see Mr. Lema and asked him if there was any way I could make money playing music because my family was in desperate need of it. He said, "You could become a performer and bring joy to people as they give you tips...." I said, "What a wonderful idea!" Later that night, I went to a populated street with many people. I took my trumpet out and started playing confidently. Many people were amazed at how good I played. Some people even gave me money. After I was done playing, a man with a fancy-looking suit came up to me and said, "You played really well. Would you like to join our band?" I was shocked. I said, "Sure." He then gave me a card showing when the band was going to meet and where.

Later that night, I spread the word to my family. They were so proud of me. I even told Mr. Lema and he was proud of me too. Next day, I went to the band. They greeted me with hellos and we played and played. We were so good that a week later, we got on the local newspaper. We were making millions and we were famous! Mama and papa were so proud of me. We now had a normal home and car.

A couple of years later, I'm now giving back to the community. I'm a philanthropist and a trumpet instructor. I help many families in need because I know their struggles and how they feel. I am thankful for everything and for getting the chance to learn to play the trumpet.

Finn's Adventure in the Land of Lapis Lazuli, Part III By Samuel Johnson

So we left off when our heroes left their base to get the arachnid gemstone at the Crystal Caverns. They were there. Finn said, "We're here I think." Then the spider woke up and yawned, "Yup, we're here." They walked into the cavern. The spider said, "Let's get this gem." They heard a creak. Then they fell into what seemed like an endless pit. But there was an end and they saw the arachnid gemstone, surrounded by several doors with giant creatures in them. Finn was too careless and thought it was a trick so he just took the arachnid gem. The doors opened up and giant emperor scorpions came out! To Finn's surprise, but they just said, "What up bro." Then they helped them up the hole.

To be continued...



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The Los Angeles Lakers By Ellen Karamyan

The Los Angeles Lakers is an American professional basketball team based in Los Angeles. The Lakers compete in the National Basketball Association as a member of the league's Western Conference Pacific Division. Twenty-six Hall of Famers have played for Los Angeles, while four have coached the team. Four Lakers, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson, Shaquille O'Neal, and Kobe Bryant, have won the NBA MVP Award for a total of eight times. The Lakers is one of the most successful teams in the history of the NBA and has won 16 NBA championships.

There is no doubt the Lakers is one of the most successful teams in NBA history. The team history is spectacular, with 17 NBA titles and multiple NBA championships finals to its name. Since the 1960-61 season of the NBA, the team has been known as the Los Angeles Lakers. The name "Lakers" comes from Minnesota, also known as the land of lakes. The Minnesota Lakers became the Los Angeles Lakers in 1960 when they moved to Los Angeles. The team has had some of the best players in NBA league history, Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal, Magic Johnson, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

The Story of Toku By Ryan Issagholian Hadany

Once upon a time, a boy named Toku was in his garden picking berries when he suddenly realized that there was a rainbow. Saint Patrick's Day was right around the corner and Toku was thinking if all the rumors were true about Leprechauns and the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. So Toku thought that it would be a great idea for him to go looking for this pot of gold, and so he started his journey.

Toku first went home and grabbed all of his essentials. He left his hometown and headed towards the rainbow. In the distance, he saw that there was a jungle he had to cross through. Luckily, he had brought a tent so he thought he would be fine. But that thought would later come to haunt him.

As he was crossing through the jungle, he ran into many animals such as monkeys, birds, crocodiles, and many more. But one of the animals was very chilling for him. That animal was a bear. As soon as he prepared his tent, he ran into a bear. But he managed to sleep the night and woke up just fine, so Toku continued his journey.

The next morning, he checked and the rainbow was much closer. So he kept going. After about a mile, he ran into a sign that said "Leprechaun Village." For a second, he had hopes that the rumors were true. He walked until he saw all the leprechauns leaping through the trees above. He then remembered from the rumors that if you catch a leprechaun, it's supposed to give you gold. So, he went to catch one. When he caught it, he told the leprechaun to give him gold because he caught him. The leprechaun carried out the gold and gave it to Toku, and he lived happily ever after.

THE END

Flowers Talk By Silvi Galstyan

Flowers talk, of course they do,
They talk to the wind as they sway,
They please the sun,
They please the rain,
To give them rich soil,
To grow and grow.

Flowers want to be loved,
To be cared for,
They need us to help them
To make our days happy.
Flowers talk, of course they do.



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Jellyfish

By Ryan Issagholian Hadany

When you least expect it, jellyfish can be very dangerous marine creatures that have beautiful bodies with a wide range of colors to entice their prey. Jellyfish have long flowing tentacles that are dotted with thousands of stinging cells. These contain poisoned dart-like structures that are designed to very easily penetrate their prey's skin. They are also extremely difficult to remove. The toxin affects the nervous system and if left untreated, can cause fatal cardiac arrest in less than 15 minutes. Jellyfish are attracted to the shore since there are fewer predators and less choppy water. This is not good for swimmers who swim in shallow waters. Some Jellyfish can glow in the dark. They are the oldest multi-organ animal. Some don't have any tentacles. Here's a fun fact: 150 million people around the world are stung by jellyfish each year.

*Jellyfish predate the dinosaurs by hundreds of millions of years. They have no bones, so fossils are hard to come by. Nevertheless, scientists have evidence that these creatures have been bobbing along in the world's oceans for at least 500 million years. In fact, it's likely the jellyfish lineage goes back even further, possibly **700 million years**. That's roughly three times the age of the first dinosaurs.*

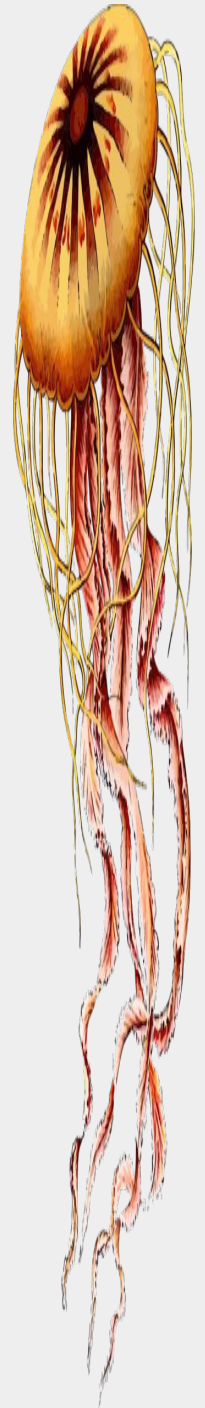
Jellyfish seem to blend in with their environment, undulating gently with the ocean's currents, and with good reason. Their bodies are made up of as much as 98% water. When they wash ashore, they can disappear after just a few hours as their bodies evaporate into the air. They have a rudimentary nervous system, a loose network of nerves located in the epidermis called a "nerve net" but no brain. They also don't have a heart. Their gelatinous bodies are so thin they can be oxygenated solely by diffusion.

*Some may be immortal. At least one species of jellyfish, the *Turritopsis Nutricula*, may be able to cheat death. When threatened, this species is capable of undergoing cellular transdifferentiation, a process whereby the organism's cells essentially become new again. In other words, this jellyfish has a built-in fountain of youth. It's theoretically immortal!*

Jellyfish are among Earth's deadliest creatures. All jellyfish have nematocysts, or stinging structures, and the power of their stings can vary widely depending on the species. The most venomous jellyfish in the whole entire world is probably the box jellyfish. It is capable of killing an adult human with a single sting in just a few minutes. Each box jellyfish reportedly carries enough venom to kill more than 60 humans. To make matters worse, their stings are excruciatingly painful. It's said that the pain can kill you before the venom does. On the bright side, that knowledge has helped Australian researchers develop a potential antidote for box jellyfish stings.

Some jellyfish are edible. You will not find them on many restaurant menus, but jellyfish are edible and are eaten as a delicacy in some places, such as Japan and Korea. In fact, in Japan, jellyfish have been transformed into candy. A sweet and salty caramel made out of sugar, starch syrup, and jellyfish powder have been produced by students in an effort to make use of the jellyfish that often plague the waters there.

Although jellyfish look rather alien and have been to space, they are from planet Earth. NASA first started sending jellyfish to space aboard the Columbia space shuttle back in the early 1990s to test how they might get along in a zero-gravity environment. Why? Interestingly, both humans and jellyfish rely on specialized gravity-sensitive calcium crystals to orient themselves. These crystals are located inside the inner ear in the case of humans, and along the bottom edge of the mushroom-like bodies of jellies. So, studying how jellyfish manage in space can reveal clues about how humans might also fare. Jellyfish surely are fascinating and unbelievable creatures and I look forward to interacting with these creatures someday.



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Monkeys

By Ryan Issagholian Hadany

Monkeys are mammals that are known to be very intelligent. They are one of the most popular animals in the world. They can swing on ropes and can also walk on two feet on treetops. A group of monkeys is called a troop. Some of the coolest monkey species are experiencing rapid declines in population. The greatest risk factors include habitat loss and fragmentation, live capture for the global pet trade, and hunting for bushmeat or traditional medicines.

Many of the world's monkeys are at risk. Some of the most critically endangered "old world" monkeys include the roloway monkey, the niger delta red colobus, and cat ba langur. "New world" monkeys that are critically endangered include the cotton-headed tamarin, the Ecuadorian white-fronted capuchin, and the pied tamarin. Capuchins are one of the first primates other than apes to be observed engaging in highly skilled tool-use in the wild. According to an archaeologist's study of capuchin stone tool use, wild bearded capuchins have been using tools for over 3,000 years.

Howler monkeys have one of the loudest calls of any land mammals. People can hear a howler monkey's roar from a distance of three miles. Male howler monkeys are larger and louder than females.

The many species of monkeys have varied relationships with humans. Some are kept as pets, while others are used as model organisms in laboratories or in space missions. Monkeys are inquisitive. They are attracted to anything new or weird. Monkey habitats include grasslands, high plains, trees, and forests. Unfortunately, they are also quickly losing places in which they can live because of human invasion.

International Women's Day

By Mane Galstyan

International Women's Day started on March 8, 1911 when a woman named Clara Zetkin suggested there would be a special day for the recognition of women's achievements at the International Conference of Working Women in Denmark.

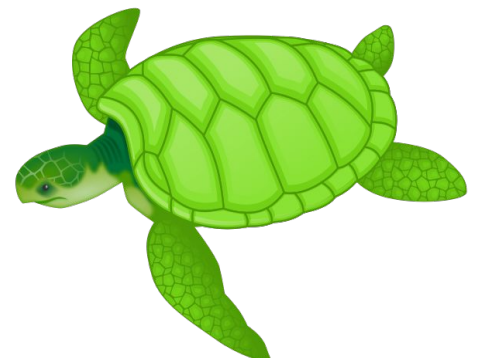
The day is a global holiday which is celebrated for the cultural and political achievements of women. One of the most important days to celebrate women achievements, raise awareness of women's equality, lobby for accelerated, and fundraise for female-focused charity is on March 8th, the International Women's Day. In 1920 when there was a Soviet Union, countries like China and Cuba started celebrating this holiday for women and world peace. From that day on, the holiday has become more and more popular around the world.

In 1975, the United Nations (UN) also started to recognize the holiday for women's rights. The political or social theme for the holiday each year is chosen by the UN. For example, the 2011 theme was "Equal Access to Education Training and Science and Technology." In 2012, the theme was "Women in Leadership."

Franklin The Turtle

By Camila-Garrido-Rodezno

Once upon a time, there was this classroom. The class wanted to have a class pet. So, their teacher went to the shelter. When she arrived, the teacher was unsure what to get. She, at first, thought about getting a hamster. But then she thought to herself and said, "No". She thought a turtle would be a good class pet. So then, she finally decided and asked the employee to get the turtle. And she took it home. She, at first, thought to name him Trevor but then she thought it was a weird name. So then, she named him Franklin and it turns out to be a perfect fit. The next morning passed and she took Franklin to the classroom. Everyone was happy, even Franklin.



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Dr. Suess
By Mane Galstyan

Theodor Suess Geisel was born on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He died when he was 87 years old. His mother's name was Henrietta Seuss and his father's name was Theodor Robert Geisel. He had 2 siblings, Marnie Seuss Geisel and Henrietta Geisel.

Dr. Suess is a famous American author. He was also an illustrator and cartoonist for a New York newspaper in 1927. He started his career as a writer in 1937. Although his most famous poem was "The Cat in the Hat," which was published on March 12, 1957, my favorite story is "How the Grinch Stole Christmas".

The reason why he called himself Dr. Suess was because his father wanted him to study medicine and become a doctor.

Facts about Dr. Suess:

1. Dr. Suess got his sense of poetry from his mother.
2. He adopted all of his children and never had a biological child.
3. Dr. Suess joined the World War II effort.
4. Before becoming a children's author, Dr. Suess was a successful ad man.
5. Before his death, he wrote and illustrated 47 children's books.
6. He came up with the word "nerd".
7. He won 2 Academy Awards.
8. Dr. Suess also won 2 Emmys.

Alexander Graham Bell

By Silvi Galstyan

Alexander Graham Bell was born on March 3, 1847 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was Alexander Melville Bell and Eliza Grace Symonds' son. He had two brothers. His older brother was Melville James Bell and his younger sibling was Edward Charles Bell. Alexander's mother was almost deaf and his father taught elocution to the deaf. His father's career encouraged him to teach elocution too. On his 11th birthday, he got the Graham nickname as a gift from his father because Alexander wanted to have a nickname like his brothers. In 1865, his family moved to London. He enrolled in 1868 to the University College, London. After his brothers' death from tuberculosis, his family once again moved to Canada, so Alexander did not graduate from college. The family moved to Brantford, but soon after, Alexander settled in Boston to teach at the Boston School for Deaf Mutes. He also taught at the same kind of schools in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Over time, Alexander Graham Bell started to research methods to transfer several telegraph messages on a single wire. With the help of his research, he was able to invent a telephone. One day, Thomas Edison invented a telegraph that could transmit four messages on a single wire. When all the inventors found out, they immediately decided to do the same thing, including Alexander. He decided to invent a telegraph that sends more than four messages. Alexander Graham Bell's biggest rival was Elisha Gray. Elisha Gray had invented a telegraph that transferred ten or more messages through a wire. Eventually, Alexander invented the harmonic telegraph. The harmonic telegraph allowed multiple messages to be transmitted at the same time.

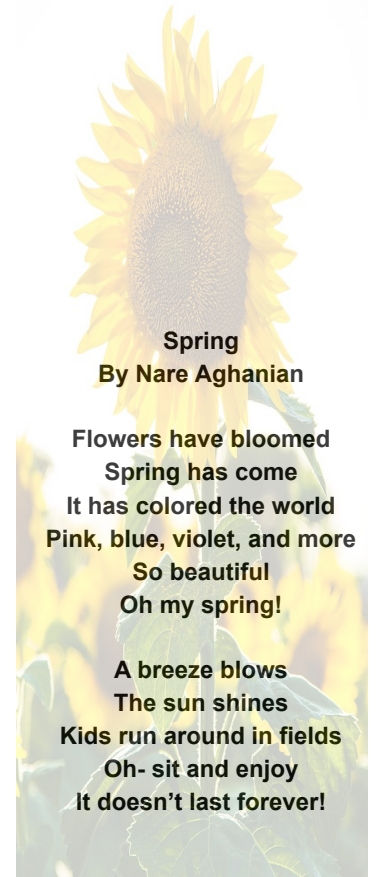
Today, we remember Alexander Graham Bell as one of the most successful inventors.

Spring

By Nare Aghanian

Flowers have bloomed
Spring has come
It has colored the world
Pink, blue, violet, and more
So beautiful
Oh my spring!

A breeze blows
The sun shines
Kids run around in fields
Oh- sit and enjoy
It doesn't last forever!



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The Follower By Raffi Avetisyan

I was walking on the road and was met by a man. He was ominous, and peculiar, as he was hanging out in an alley, with ragged clothes and a negatively charged attitude. He looked at me with a bone-chilling stare, and I was off, running back home. I found myself going to the Americana the following day, and was met by the same man. He bumped into me, and with a raspy voice, he muttered, "Watch where you're going bub". I continued on, but was frightened. I finally came to the Americana, but didn't talk to anyone, didn't play with my friends, nor did I answer any questions given to me by my friends, hoping to not think about that man. As I was looking towards the Apple store, I saw him again. I saw him for a split second, then he vanished, and appeared to be on the street leading to the Galleria. I was frazzled. I was starting to think I was hallucinating, but I picked myself up and followed along. When all of my friends came back together to leave, I was looking for my good friend Josh, but I was unable to do so. I was winding through the fabled corners and streets, when I heard a familiar, raspy voice which said "You can't find him can you?" I was startled, and scared. As I was sprinting through the various alleyways and streets, I was met by a dead end. I heard footsteps behind me. And as I turned around, there he was. Josh!

The Journey Through the Door By Raffi Avetisyan

A radio report: sent October one, 1997

My name's James. I don't know if you can hear me, but I'm *###\$%#% (radio static)* in here. I don't know what *##\$%#*(radio static)*, but I'm stuck in this dimension. It is the one where I discovered the *##\$%# (radio static)* a horrible, twisted figure, with the whitest makeup, and the darkest crimson nose you could ever imagine a nose to be. It is sending it's *##\$#(radio static)* send *##\$#(radio static)* I need it badly...

A radio response (1998, January 2)

James, it's me Raffi, I got your radio report, I don't know what you mean. The audio's distorted, and I can't make out the words you're saying. If you want my help, I'll come. I'll free you from there, but if you want more help, then please send me back a message so I can figure out what to do.

Radio Report 2, response, sent April 2, 1998

I need help against these creatures Raffi. Bring some reinforcements through the door, and find two others, as I'm located there *##\$%##@\$%##@\$%#(radio static)*. Please *##\$#(radio static)*.

Based on these reports, you must have realized that I wanted to get to my friend in time. Though I couldn't solve the entire thing. I knew he was in danger, so I decided to show the rest of my friends what I hid for decades. And now I am on my way, through my endeavors... journey, as I crossed two doors already, and I'm on my way to the third. Wish me luck, as mystery awaits us there. Based on a book I found in our first encounter, I think he encountered the wretched clown, who unleashes creatures with a goofy spirit, but incredible power. It would send out the creatures, thousands upon thousands of troops, all made out of circus toys and animals. So, we had to go and help my friend James before it was too late, as he was in trouble. Wake up James! Wake up!



National Doctor's Day By Ethan Nazari

National Doctors Day is on March 30th and it is a day to honor these professionals for all that they have done for the world. Doctors have very difficult jobs. They have to answer late night phone calls, work long hours, and provide care for patients. These past 2 years since the pandemic, doctors have worked twice as hard to help people. Doctors have an overwhelming job because they have to diagnose and treat their patients. We should take the time to appreciate them and say thank you for all that they have done for us.

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The Leprechaun's Trip By Melanie Shahverdian

Once there was a leprechaun named John. John lived with his wife and daughter. John's family was poor but they were full of love. One day John spotted a beautiful rainbow. He thought about what would happen if he reached the end. Perhaps he would find gold, flowers, or even a bigger house. With that thought in mind, he got a blanket, a stick, and some food that he wrapped into a sack, and started his journey. A few hours into his journey, he found some berries. By the patch of berries, he saw a trap for leprechauns, like someone was trying to catch them. So John decided not to pick up the berries and leave the trap alone. As he was walking away from the trap, he came across two daring paths. One was a shortcut through the dangerous woods of Candyland. And the other was a 3-day walk through Leprechaun City. Which one will he choose? Well, for that answer, keep your eyes out for part two!

Well to my surprise, John chose the shortcut through the dangerous woods of Candyland. In the first five minutes into the path, John encountered a gingerbread monster. But this gingerbread monster meant no harm. He was just simply shopping for his meal tonight. Then John found a giant talking candy cane. The candy cane asked John if he had some food for him since he had nothing to eat. John remembered that he had packed food before the trip. And since John was hungry himself, the two decided to have a picnic. John thought this wasn't so bad after all. None of these monsters were harmful or rude. Little did he know that he would regret what he had just said. After the picnic, John packed up the leftover food and continued with his trip. Soon he came across a gigantic sugar spider. The sugar spider was very protective of her area and her home. So that means she didn't let John pass through. The reason for this was not that she was protective. It was because years ago there was a leprechaun group and they asked her if they could pass. The spider said yes and let them pass through without knowing what they were going to do. Next thing you know, they turned out to be evil leprechauns and they destroyed her home. So that's why she doesn't let anybody through anymore. But John showed that he came in peace by offering a sugar spider's favorite fruit. Berries! The spider accepted the berries and let John pass. Hours and hours passed and John finally found the rainbow and the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. That meant John's prediction/thought was right! John quickly rushed to the pot of gold and tucked it into his pockets and his stick backpack. At last, John had a safe trip home and the whole family was happy.

The G.O.A.T. By Areg Hakhverdian

A short time after the 3-peat, Michael Jordan's father passed away in his car. Michael was devastated hearing the news, so he followed his father's wishes. He retired from basketball and played baseball. He wore the number 45, playing for the Chicago White Sox. He had a decent year and played for one more year until he came back to the NBA to play basketball in 1996. He reached the finals against the Supersonics and won the 1996 NBA championship. He also won the next one. Next year, with no surprise to anybody, he was back in the finals against the Utah Jazz. It was game 7 and the winner of the game would be the champion. But the worst-case scenario happened. Michael was very sick. People had theories about why this happened. Michael ordered a pizza the day before the game. He was okay then. He ate pizza and started coughing. He was the only one who ate it. The theory was that someone poisoned the food. He still performed good. It was the final 5 seconds, Utah Jazz was up by 1. They gave Jordan the ball, he stepped back, shot the ball, and made it in! It was considered one of the best moments of sports. He retired after that. He became the CEO of the Washington Wizards, but then, he surprised the world again by playing for the Wizards.

He was the first person to play for the team he owned. He didn't play well because he was very old, 41 years old. He retired after two years. Today, he's the owner of the Charlotte Hornets.



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The Tale of Igor's Nest

By Ryan Issagholian Hadany, Sarkis Siroian (guest writer), and Bryan Amirian (guest writer)

RYAN

One day, three boys named Bryan, Ryan, and Sarkis were in school playing basketball during their lunch period. Their lunch had just ended and Sarkis yelled out, "WHY DID RECESS END SO QUICKLY?" Later, they had just finished school and were on their way home when Sarkis told them that he had to go to afterschool. Bryan and Ryan realized that they had forgotten their phones and that they weren't in their backpacks. So, they decided to go back and retrieve them. When they arrived at their math classroom, they picked up their phones. Realizing that there weren't any teachers in the room, they decided to sit down, call Sarkis, and start playing games. Eventually, they all fell asleep.

SARKIS

7 HOURS LATER...

They had just woken up from an extraordinarily long nap when the realization soon came upon them that it was 10:00 PM and that they fell asleep during school and no one had noticed. After a quick tour around their school, they were able to confirm that they were completely alone. They decided to go look for secret areas that the school kept off-limits even to the staff. Soon they found a window-like shape carved into the top of auditorium wall. They saw a microphone. They looked near the auditorium bathroom and found a concealed door. They pried it open using all the strength the three of them had and busted open the door. They saw a staircase and realized it led up to the microphone that they had seen earlier. When they got up the staircase, they immediately sensed ominous energy coming from inside the tiny space behind the microphone. Then they noticed another door.

BRYAN

AFTER SEARCHING A BIT MORE...

After they saw the other room, they decided they wanted to see what was inside because there was an eerie sense of energy. They tried prying the door open but it wouldn't budge. Since the door wouldn't open, they figured the door was locked. They started to hear unusual sounds from the door. The three boys thought they were hallucinating. Before they went into the room, they went back downstairs to clear their minds. After clearing their minds, they figured that they were hungry so they decided to get some food from the cafeteria. Luckily the cafeteria still had a box of pizza, so the boys decided to get some.

RYAN

AFTER EATING...

After they ate half of the pizza, they were now really full so they kept some for later. At this point, they started thinking that their best bet was to climb one of the fences to escape the school. All three of them were sure they could, but they didn't want to give up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. So, they searched even further into the school. What caught their eye next was the documents the administration had. They searched through all the desks for something they thought they might need or like. They started looking in the principal's office and searched the computer but all they found were boring documents from the school district. "Maybe this isn't all there is on this computer – maybe the principal hides the most important documents somewhere else," thought Ryan. That's when he noticed a key on the principal's desk. He alerted Bryan and Sarkis.

SARKIS

AFTER FINDING THE KEY...

They started thinking about where they could use this key. The boys started looking around and testing the key on the doors they thought would work. Then they started walking to the Vice Principal's office and tried the key, but it didn't work. Then out of the blue, Bryan thought about the room they were in earlier that had a staircase. Bryan informed both Sarkis & Ryan about the room. Coincidentally, all of them had been thinking about it. They rushed to the room to test the key. When they were at the start of the stairs, they felt something very strange. It was much more different than the last time they were there. They started walking up the stairs. They then found the door with the lock that they were trying to open earlier. As soon as they saw the door, Ryan rushed to get the key out of his pocket. He went to open the door. "CLICK." IT WORKED!

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BRYAN

THE AWAITING NIGHTMARE...

As soon as Ryan opened the door, they all heard a thump. Sarkis looked behind him and noticed the door was slammed shut. The shock came upon him because they realized Bryan didn't get in. Ryan started panicking. Then Sarkis assured Ryan by saying he felt the same bad energy from earlier that day. The strange part was that neither of them could hear each other from the other side of the door. Sarkis thought, perhaps this was some paranormal glitch in reality. On the other side, Bryan started hallucinating and started seeing figures, and eventually, Bryan blacked out for some odd reason.

RYAN

DISASTER STRUCK...

Sarkis and Ryan continued exploring as they now accepted the fact that Bryan was lost, which made them feel more hopeless than before. As they continued on their trek, they heard even more strange grunts and roars, slowly becoming louder and louder. This made them feel even more like they were in a paranormal glitch in reality. They were starting to think it was a dream. But the intensity was too much for this to be a dream.

SARKIS

AWOKEN FROM A DREAM OF TERROR...

Bryan then woke up from blacking out for an unknown reason and realized he was in a tent, though he wasn't as tense as he was before. This felt more like reality to Bryan. Then he got out of the tent. He looked around and remembered that they were on a camping trip in one of Los Angeles' mountains. He then realized that all of it was a dream. He found a cliff, looked over and saw the whole city of Glendale. He then woke up Bryan and Ryan and they all realized that somehow, they were all in the same dream.

