



You Should Smell Like Dirt

Greetings,

"Spring is the time of plans and projects," observed Leo Tolstoy. And he was right of course. We hope that your spring days are filled with the kinds of plans and projects that bring you joy. For many of us, that means yard work, gardening, maybe mushroom hunting. According to Margaret Atwood, "in the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." This actually seems like pretty good advice. While we would much rather have you be outside covered in dirt, we do want to share some great articles:

- A thought-provoking Bloomberg short video exploring how and why McDonald's is increasingly out of reach for many Americans.
- From the WSJ, an article about how to navigate the sometimes tricky dynamics of paying for dinner when out with a group.
- A review of some new AI gadgets which may seem comically useless now, but could provide some insight on the direction of the technology and what lies ahead.
- Finally, an interesting Economist article analyzing why some people and



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economists have very different feelings about inflation.

We hope you enjoy the articles and the season!

Thank you,

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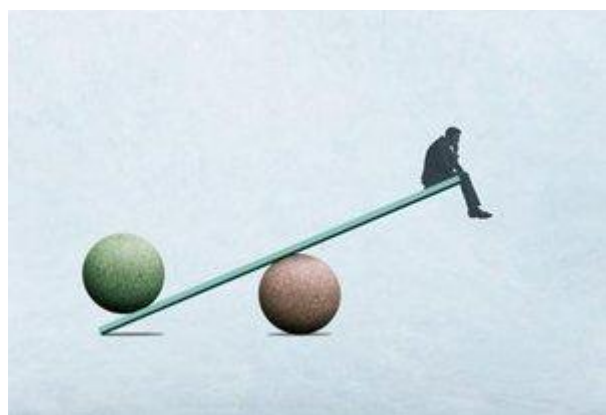
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