

testimony. **Markets Wobble** Stocks had a rough start to the week, with the Dow, S&P 500, and

Nasdaq each off more than one percent on Tuesday alone. Mega-cap

profits and traders parsed Fed Chair Jerome Powell's Congressional

## tech stocks were under pressure as investors appeared to take some profits.

day progressed.<sup>4,5</sup>

Name

<u>Average</u>

S&P 500

Dow Jones Industrial

S&P 500 Daily Close

5123.69

S&P 500 (^SPX) Level

Markets clawed back much of their losses on Wednesday and Thursday, with the Fed Chair's upbeat comments to the Senate Banking Committee boosting stocks. Chair Powell said that once the Fed was confident inflation was tracking "sustainably at 2%," the Fed would consider cutting short-term interest rates. The S&P 500 and

Nasdaq rallied, with the S&P hitting a record close. 1,2,3 Friday's employment news threw some uncertainty into the mix. The economy added 275,000 jobs in February—exceeding the 198,000 expected—but wage growth slowed, and jobless claims edged up. Some investors saw that as a negative, while others viewed it as a "Goldilocks" moment—an economy that's not too hot or cold. Stocks initially rallied on the news, but profit-takers appeared to arrive as the

Market Insights



1M TR

0.32%

2.69%

YTD TR

3.21%

7.73%

1Y TR

20.64%

18.48%

40.09%

30.43%

### MSCI EAFE 2.34% 6.41% 5.82% Nasdaq Composite -1.17% 1.95% 7.31%

-0.26%

5D TR

-0.93%

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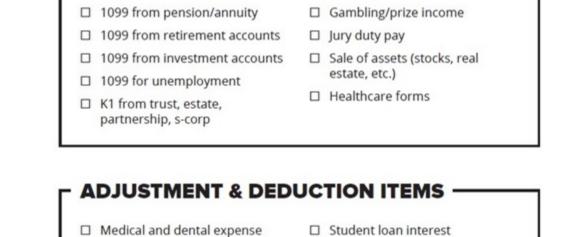
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tax time is upon us, and that means gathering all of your documents needed and getting them in one place to make filing your taxes as easy as possible. We thought it would be helpful to send along this

You can download and print the Year-End Checklist if you'd like to

**INCOME TAX CHECKLIST** 

**INCOME ITEMS** □ W2 from employer(s) ☐ State/city refunds □ Social Security □ Rental income □ 1099 for self employment Alimony received



□ Child-care expenses

□ Vehicle license fees

□ Retirement plan contributions

□ Qualifying home improvements

□ Self employment expenses

□ Adoption costs

□ Alimony paid

# can help with along the way. Quote for the Week: "Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Capitalize on what comes." - Zig Ziglar

HEALTHY LIVING TIP

Keep in mind that allowable deductions and the rules for applying them can change from year to year, so it's a good idea to check the Credits and Deductions page on the IRS website. We also

recommend that you get advice from a tax expert on what qualifies for your particular situation. Finally, let us know if there is anything we

# WEEKLY RIDDLE

Portions are easier to see. Make half the plate of fruits and

dairy (or non-dairy alternative) goes on the side.

vegetables; the other half comprises grains and protein. A serving of

Take advantage of this method the next time you sit down for a meal

and see what adjustments you can make to make your plate even

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handy checklist to assist with that.

have a hard copy.

- Choose to Make Your Plate "MyPlate" The food pyramid had many flaws, including generalized recommended daily servings and poorly defined portion sizes. So, the
- U.S. Department of Agriculture implemented a user-friendly redesign, transforming the pyramid into a plate. The concept behind the MyPlate design was both revolutionary and seemingly obvious. After all, we eat off a plate, not a pyramid.

Tip adapted from myplate.gov<sup>9</sup>

healthier.

shadow.

The 22nd and 24th U.S. presidents had the same parents-yet the

Last week's riddle: You can't outrun it or hide from it. You only notice it when there is light, but it shows only darkness. What is it? Answer: Your

22nd and 24th U.S. presidents were not siblings. Why?

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