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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Dec. 10, 1768, the first part of the first edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, the oldest continuously published and revised work in the English language, was published and advertised for sale in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- On Dec. 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, in which he asserted that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was from the moment of her conception free from the effects of "original sin."
- On Dec. 9, 1868, the world's first traffic light was erected near Westminster Bridge in London. It didn't have much of a chance to prove its worth, however, as it had to be removed just a month later following a gas leak that caused one of its lights to explode.
- On Dec. 6, 1933, U.S. federal judge John M. Woolsey announced

that James Joyce's novel "Ulysses" was not obscene in a legal sense but a work of merit. The ruling was hailed as a landmark and would open the door for greater freedoms in future literary works.

- On Dec. 5, 1955, the Georgia board of regents rejected Gov. Marvin Griffin's request that the Georgia Tech football team be barred from playing in the following month's Sugar Bowl simply because the school's opponent, the University of Pittsburgh, included a Black athlete.
- On Dec. 11, 1981, after an extraordinary 21-year career in the ring and despite pleas that it was time for him to definitively retire, American boxer Muhammad Ali fought his last professional bout, losing to Trevor Berbick in a match that would be nicknamed "Drama in the Bahamas."
- On Dec. 7, 2020, American aviator Chuck Yeager, who in 1947 became the first person to exceed the speed of sound in flight, which was approximately 662 miles per hour at his altitude of 40,000 feet, died at the age of 97.

POP. ROCK & SOULAND TRIVIA BARPER

- 1. Which artist wrote and released "Heart of Gold" in 1972?
- 2. Who released "Blue on Blue"?
- 3. Which duo released "The Look"?
- Name the group that released "I Want It All."
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I wish I could carry your smile in my heart, For times when my life seems so low."

after he's hurt her.

different instruments. 5. "All Out of Love," by Air Supply in 1980. The song relates the efforts of a man to win back his lady love

thestzer.

4. Queen, in 1989. There are three versions of the song. The album, the single and the compilation all used

3. Roxette, in 1989. It was written by Per Gessle while he was learning how to use a synthesizer. He came up with lyrics to be used as mental placeholders as he mastered the synplaceholders as he mastered the syn-

lor singing backup.

2. Bobby Vinton, in 1963. The song was on his album of the same name, all songs having a "blue" theme, such as "Blueberry Hill" and "Mr.

I. Neil Young. He not only put aside the electric guitar for this one (opting for only the acoustic), he also had Linda Ronstadt and James Tay-

Answers

HOROSCOPES ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, peace of mind may come your way after you square away all of your finances and begin developing a budget for the year to come. Enlist some professional help if necessary.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Introspection leads you on a quest to find a creative outlet, Taurus. Play to your strengths and ideas will surface, or check in with friends for inspiration.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, stick with a course of action even if you have hit a rocky road. Your efforts thus far have been extensive, and you will soon see a light at the end of the tunnel.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, if family is not around, surround yourself with friends. This support system will prove invaluable. Express your gratitude to friends for their unwavering support.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, a different way of thinking may be just the thing you need to solve a problem that's been more puzzling than you expected. Ask others for their point of view.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, before you can be honest with others, you have to be honest with yourself. Take a look at things you might want to change and then forge ahead in that direction.

LIBRA - **Sept 23/Oct 23** Libra, if you take a roundabout route, you will still end up at the finish line. And the new perspective this route provides may benefit you in the long run.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, you may have to work a little harder to get what you want, but the results can't be denied. Focus your attention on making a name for yourself in your career.

SAGITTARIUS-Nov 23/Dec 21 There is no stopping you when you have a goal in mind, Sagittarius. Call it stubbornness or just dedication, but your ambition may open doors that remain closed to others.

CAPRICORN-Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, someone close to you is interested in learning more about what makes you tick. New friendships may develop this week, so approach situations with an open mind.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, resist the temptation to bite off more than you can chew. While you might want to prove your ability to multitask, don't do so at a detriment to your health.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 Pisces, even if you have rest and relaxation on the brain, celestial forces are pushing you in a different direction.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 3 Andy Grammer, Singer (39)
DECEMBER 4 Tyra Banks, Model (49)
DECEMBER 5 Frankie Muniz, Actor (34)
DECEMBER 6 Johnny Manziel, Athlete (30)
DECEMBER 7 Sara Bareilles, Singer (43)
DECEMBER 8 Sam Hunt, Singer (38)
DECEMBER 9 Simon Helberg, Actor (42)



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FREE ESTIMATES

HOROSCOPES ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, exchange heartfelt words with someone who could benefit from a pick-meup. This might change this person's entire perspective and greatly improve his or her week.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, you have the right to speak up if someone demands more of you this week than you can possibly deliver. This person might just need to be reminded you can't do it all.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, patience has gotten you very far, but you may have to make your moment happen in the coming week. Seek the support of friends when making your next move.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Things that may seem obvious on the surface actually have much more depth than you'd first imagined, Cancer. You may need to explore a little bit more.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, if you find yourself facing some resistance, you may need to use a different tactic. What you have been doing isn't working as you'd have hoped, but it can be fixed.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, do not lose your cool when met with an emotionally charged situation. Instead, pull back and assess the situation from afar. This could shed light on a new way to proceed.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, facing one of your biggest obstacles this week will not be an easy task. However, with a support team behind you, you can overcome this obstacle.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, you may match wits with someone

who shares your stubbornness. But this is a battle that will come out with no winner. Embrace compromise instead.

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SAGITTARIUS-Nov 23/Dec 21 An interesting turn of events shifts your focus from one of your goals to another, Sagittarius. This may be a time of great change, so expect the unexpected at every turn.

CAPRICORN-Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, if you feel stretched to your limits, start delegating some of your work to others. It isn't a sign of giving up, but rather an indication of your ability to manage.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 Conversations with a spouse or loved one can expand your way of thinking, Aquarius. This fresh perspective may be just what you need to see goals through to completion.

PIŚCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 Piśces, things within the realm of your relationships may be in flux, but you must take control and figure out how to proceed.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 10 Bobby Flay, Chef (58)
DECEMBER 11 Nikki Sixx, Musician (64)
DECEMBER 12 Mayim Bialik, Actress (47)
DECEMBER 13 Amy Lee, Singer (41)
DECEMBER 14 Michael Owen, Athlete (43)
DECEMBER 15 Adam Brody, Actor (43)
DECEMBER 16 Krysten Ritter, Actress (41)

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By Lucie Winborne

- Finnish Ph.D. students graduate in style! Along with their hardearned diploma, they receive a sword and top hat.
- Cherophobia is the fear of being bats, no agave, no tequila! happy.
- Within a week of stealing 16 statues from an Indian Hindu temple, the thieves responsible believed 97 countries.

their subsequent nightmares and bad luck were a direct result and brought back some of the property with a note asking for forgiveness but still held on to two of the

- statues anyway.
- Baby elephants suck their trunks for comfort.
- Do you like tequila? Thank a bat. Seriously. Bats are the main pollinators of the agave plant, which is the key ingredient in tequila. No
- If Michael Phelps were a country, he'd rank No. 35 on the all-time Olympic gold medal list, ahead of

- On Jan. 20, 2022, a U.S. hacker managed to bring down North Korea's entire internet. In addition, he performed this feat in great comfort, while wearing his pajama pants, watching "Aliens" and munching on spicy corn snacks.
- James Cameron came close to casting O.J. Simpson as the Terminator, but ultimately decided the athlete was "too pleasant" to portray the character.
- If you attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, perhaps you participated in a Thanksgiving tradition known as Frozen Turkey Bowling. And yes, it's essentially what it sounds like: A bunch of folks hurling oiled frozen turkeys down a grocery store aisle at a set of bowling pins. Strange? Sure, but it raises money to combat smoking, so we're on board.

Thought for the Day: "For me, becoming isn't about arriving somewhere or achieving a certain aim. I see it instead as forward motion, a means of evolving, a way to reach continuously toward a better self.

The journey doesn't end." Michelle Obama



1. Black Panther: Wakanda **Forever**

(PG-13) Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o

2. Black Adam

(PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Aldis Hodge

3. Ticket to Paradise

(PG-13) George Clooney, Julia Roberts

4. Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile

(PG) Constance Wu, Scoot McNairy

(R) Sosie Bacon, Jessie T. Usher

6. Prey for the Devil (PG-13) Jacqueline Byers, Virginia Madsen

7. The Banshees of Inisherin

(R) Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson 8. One Piece Film: Red

(PG-13) Mayumi Tanaka, Kazuya

(PG-13) Danielle Deadwyler, Jalyn

















The Spats



AYATOLLAH. AYATOLLAH WHO?

by Jeff Pickering AYATOLLAH YOU ALREADY.

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Alex and Justin rescued Bonnie. The war between EJ and Ava took a stunning turn. Xander was faced with a horrifying task. Rafe questioned Bonnie about her captor. EJ was devastated by Ava's actions. Xander prepared to confess to Sarah. Gabi impulsively invited Stefan and Chloe to her wedding. Li gave Rolf instructions on how to deal with Wendy and Johnny. Jada confided in Kate about her situation. Eric announced some big news to Roman. Nicole and Rafe had an awkward encounter on Thanksgiving Day. Abe and Allie came up with a surprise for Chanel. Marlena consoled EJ. Alex invited



Emma Samms is "Holly" on "General Hospital."

Stephanie over for a second date on Thanksgiving. Meanwhile, Rafe hosted Thanksgiving dinner for Gabi and Li. Nicole was shocked after overhearing Eric and Jada. Rafe found EJ in an emotional state. Nicole confronted Jada about Eric. Xander shared his guilt with Gwen. *Wait to See:* Sarah becomes suspicious of Xander.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Britt re-

ceived some difficult news. Robert wanted answers from Holly. Scott had a warning for Cody. Valentin and Victor came face to face. Carly lied to Sonny. Victor gave Holly a new task. Brook Lynn threatened Linc. Carly was thrown by Michael's news. Dante let some information slip. Sam confided in Alexis. Carly and Nina had it out. Britt opened up to Liesl. Chase was surprised. Brook Lynn made a decision. *Wait to See:* Valentin and Martin team up.

THE YOUNG AND THE REST-LESS Elena noticed a shift in Nate's priorities. Noah told the truth about Audra. Daniel Romalotti returned to Genoa City. Billy supported Chelsea with a difficult decision. Ashley got the upper hand. Nick retaliated against Adam. Victor and Nikki counted their blessings. Diane's presence caused tension at the Abbott's Thanksgiving dinner. Wait to See: Phyllis and Daniel share a warm reunion.



"Don't Worry Darling" (R) - Olivia Wilde's second directorial project was a hot topic during its premiere at the 79th Venice International Film Festival in September, as social media swarmed with memes about the project's messy inception. The film, starring Harry Styles ("Dunkirk") and Florence Pugh ("Midsommar"), follows a couple, Jack and Alice, who seemingly have the perfect marriage in the utopian company town of Victory. Every day follows the same formula, with Alice sending her husband off to work and taking care of all the household duties until their romantic reunions in the evening. But when Alice begins to experience jarring interruptions in her schedule, she has a growing hunch that nothing in Victory is what it seems. Out now. (HBO Max)

"Drink Masters" (TV-MA) — Who doesn't love food-based reality competitions? From "Cake Wars" to "The American Bar-

becue Showdown," there's something out there for everyone's food palette. But did everyone just forget about the drinks? Well, for those who like to end their days with a fun cocktail or enjoy an adult beverage to pair their meal with, Netflix presents "Drink Masters," out now. In this series, an array of bartenders from around the world face off in exciting challenges to earn the grand prize of \$100,000 and become "The Ultimate Drink



Kate Gerwin competes under the watchful eye of judge Frankie Solarik in "Drink Masters."

Master." So, pour yourself a drink, sit back and relax as you watch these mixologists put their skills to the test. (Netflix)

"Nope" (R) — One of the most promising film releases of this year is now available to stream. Directed by Jordan Peele ("Get Out" and "Us"), this sci-fi horror film takes place

on the Haywood family ranch, where siblings OJ ("Daniel Kaluuya") and Em ("Keke Palmer") raise horses that are used in film and TV. Shortly after their father's death, OJ and Em start experiencing power outages, with their horses reacting wildly to a mysterious object floating through the night sky. Once they realize that this object has the power to vacuum up anything in sight, the Haywoods deem it a UFO and hatch a plan to document proof — if they can out-maneuver it to survive, that is. Peele is quickly building himself a respectable and memorable resume of films. You don't want to skip this one; it'll really stick with you. (Peacock)

"Marry Me" (PG-13) — Released earlier this year, this rom-com starring Jennifer Lopez and Owen Wilson is a movie that I had honestly dreaded watching. Produced by Lopez's own production company, it follows a caricature of who Lopez is in real life, a superstar singer and dancer named Kat Valdez. Kat plans to marry her male counterpart in the industry, Bastian (Maluma), on stage during a concert, until she sees a leaked video of Bastian's infidelity right before. In what can be described only as the most emotional reaction ever, she picks an audience member out from the crowd and decides to marry him instead. If you can brush past the lack of believability, the heart of this movie isn't halfbad. (Prime Video)



by Dana Jackson

Q: Who is the actress playing Princess Diana in the current season of "The Crown"? I know she's different than the actor who played her the last two seasons. Both have done a fantastic job. — L.L.

A: Elizabeth Debicki, who is Australian, began playing Princess Diana in season five of the Netflix series "The Crown," opposite Dominic West as Prince Charles. Debicki is a statuesque 6 feet, 3 inches tall, and with her big blue eyes, she physically inhabits the tragic character of the Princess of Wales.

Debicki's first big role was a supporting one in Baz Lurhmann's "The Great Gatsby," starring Leonardo DiCaprio. In 2016, she starred alongside Tom Hiddleston and Hugh Laurie in the British miniseries "The Night Manager," and before landing "The Crown," she starred in acclaimed director Christopher Nolan's twisty thriller "Tenet."

Emma Corrin, who is British and whose pronouns are they/them, portrayed Diana in season four of "The Crown" and was nom-

inated for an Emmy. They're only 26, but their career has taken off quickly. Corrin played Esme in the first season of the HBO Max series "Pennyworth," which is the origin story of Batman's butler, and they can also be seen in "My Policeman," a recent film starring Harry Styles.



Elizabeth Debicki ("The Crown" and "Tenet")

Q: Is the new movie directed by Steven Spielberg about his own life? Also, how many Oscars has he won as director? — S.P.

A:Steven Spielberg, one of America's greatest directors, recently told Lesley Stahl on "60 Minutes" that every one of his movies is a personal movie. However, he admits that his new film, "The Fabelmans," is semi-autobiographical. It's about a boy, like him, who was obsessed with making movies and whose mismatched parents di-

vorce when he's a teenager. Paul Dano plays the engineer dad in the movie and Michelle Williams his free-spirit mom, and their respective personalities mirror Spielberg's own parents.

Spielberg has two Academy Awards as director for "Saving Private Ryan" and "Schindler's List," both released in the 1990s. He has a slew of nominations, however, the most recent of which was "West Side Story" earlier this year, but he lost to Jane Campion for "Power of the Dog."

Q: When is the Elizabeth Holmes film coming out starring Jennifer Lawrence? I know she had a baby recently. Did she finish filming already? — P.N.

A: Jennifer Lawrence's career has slowed down the past few years, but for good reason. She fell in love and married Cooke Maroney, an art gallery owner, and gave birth to their son, Cy, earlier this year. Professionally, she was working on perfecting the deep voice necessary to play fallen tech tycoon Elizabeth Holmes in an upcoming film "Bad Blood," directed by Adam McKay.

However, Lawrence recently announced she's exited the project after seeing how well Amanda Seyfried did in the same role for "The Dropout," a limited series on Hulu. Seyfried won an Emmy for her portrayal as well, and Lawrence felt "we don't need to redo that." It's uncertain whether the role will be recast or if the project has been scrapped.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Henry Cavill has left the Netflix series "The Witcher," for the new fourpart spy film franchise "Argylle," with Sam Rockwell, Bryce Dallas Howard, John Cena and Samuel L. Jackson. Cavill will also star in director Guy Ritchie and producer Jerry Bruckheimer's next film "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare" (opposite "Baby Driver's" Eiza Gonzalez), which charts Winston Churchill's and "James Bond" creator Ian Fleming's secret WWII combat organization. "Enola Holmes 2" also hit Netflix recently, and Cavill will be back to play Superman again.

"12 Years a Slave" Oscar winner Lupita Nyong'o, currently headlining "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," has found "A Quiet Place" for her next film. Considered a spin-off, not a sequel to "A Quiet Place" and "A Quiet Place 2," "A Quiet Place: Day One," is based on an idea from creator, star and director of "A Quiet Place" John Krasinski — who won't be starring in it when it opens in March 2024.

"The Fabulous Four" — Susan Sarandon, Bette Midler, Sissy Spacek and Megan Mul-



Lupita Nyong'o in "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"

lally—are lifelong friends who reunite in Key West for Midler's wedding. Aussie director Jocelyn Moorhouse begins shooting next year in her home. Spacek currently stars with Dustin Hoffman in "Sam & Kate."

International film superstar Catherine Deneuve (age 79) is best remembered for "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg" (1964), Roman Polanski's "Repulsion" (1965) and "Viva Maria!" (1965), with George Hamilton and French mega-superstar Brigitte Bardot. Even though she's never stopped working in her native home of France, she's making an international comeback in "Bernadette" as former

French first lady Bernadette Chirac, wife of 1995 French president Jacques Chirac. I met Deneuve when she and Bardot toured 26 theaters in New York with "Viva Maria!" in 1965. They attracted mob scenes, and people were fainting and going mad over her and Bardot who, despite being French movie stars, commanded crowds equal to Liz Taylor and Richard Burton.

Also making a comeback is Shelley Duvall, who won two Emmys, a British Academy Award, a Peabody and a top prize at the Cannes Film Festival. Duvall was unforgettable in two 1980 classics (Wendy in "The Shining" and Olive Oyl in "Popeye"). Now 73, she's been absent since 2002, and her last film was "Manna from Heaven," with Shirley Jones, Louise Fletcher and Cloris Leachman. In 2016, a talk show host who calls himself "Dr." did a hatchet job interviewing her. But in 2021, when the Hollywood Reporter profiled her in "Searching for Shelley Duvall," it created renewed interest in her career.

After she completed her comeback werewolf film "The Forest Hills," Duvall admitted, "It was a lot of fun, and I'm excited to be back!" The times I partied with her, she was sweet and funny. Guess werewolves like Olive Oyl, too?

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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

- 1. Actor on "NCIS: New Orleans" (2)
- 9. Prefix for place or print 10. "Road to ___"; Hope/

Crosby movie

- 11. "A __ Like Love"; film for Amanda Peet
- 13. Midsize Oldsmobile
- 15. "Return to ___"
- 17. Role on "Speechless"

- 18. " On"; 2012-13 Matthew Perry sitcom
- 20. Actress Kelly
- 21. Lodge
- 23. Cartoon pooch
- 24. Letter from Greece
- 25. Night we watch "Blue Bloods": abbr.
- 26. Derek, for one
- 29. "The __"; 2003-07 Adam 22. Ming-__ Wen Brody series
- 30. Pauley, once of "NCIS"
- 34. Singer Frankie
- 36. "Peter, Peter, pumpkin- ..."
- 38. Scale divisions: abbr.
- 39. Actor Guinness
- 42. Number of seasons for "Friends"
- 43. Lola __; role on "All Rise" 40. Debra Messing's age DOWN
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- __-friendly; easy to operate
- "About _ __"; Hugh Grant movie
- Suriname's continent: ahhr
- Lugosi's initials
- Actor Neeson
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- Knocks to the mat, for

Role on "FBI" (2)

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- 12. 2019 sitcom for Walton Goggins (2)

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- 14. Charlotte ___16. "How I ___ Your Mother"
- 19. "___ bigger and better things!"
- 20. "Last Action _ Schwarzenegger film
- 23. Initials for singer Flack
- 27. " in Trees"
- 28. "Harper Valley"
- 30. City with a famous tower
- 31. Package of paper
- 32. Georgia ___; univ. in Atlanta
- 33. Suffix for cigar or kitchen
- 35. "The Good Doctor" network
- 37. Snakelike fish
- 41. Initials for actor Cibrian

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The holiday season is rapidly approaching and that means it's time to get your lucky guy or gal something to put a sparkle in their eye. In the heart of Bayonne, New Jersey, Aaron's Gold is the town's staple for all your jewelry needs. Make sure to step on in and greet the owners, Bernie and Ann Golomb, and get your Christmas shopping on the way.

Aaron's Gold is a mecca for all things jewelry. Not only do they have the fancy items for under the tree, but they also sell costume jewelry, for all your day-to-day needs. In the shop, one could find rings, neck-laces, watches, earrings, bracelets, euro beads, jewelry boxes...the list goes on! There is nothing this beautiful store doesn't have! Aaron's Gold also does ear piercing, get your ears pierced FREE with purchase of starter earrings. This is a special you cannot find anywhere else.

Bernie Golomb is a jewelry expert; there is no one else that does work like him. Starting in the business at the age of seven with his father, Bernie has been in the trade for seventy-one years. Bernie and Ann are the ultimate power duo and have been serving Bayonne with fine jewelry and repairs for over half a century!

This one-stop jewelry shop has all you need for the

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holiday season. Diamonds are a girl's best friend and watches are always in time for men, so head on over to Aaron's Gold to stuff those stockings!

The best thing about this fine jeweler is that they have an item for every budget. There is no need to worry about the pricing of items, for each of their jewelries are finely crafted and very elegant. Aaron's Gold also buys old gold, diamonds, coins and more... head over to Aaron's to spend a buck and make one too!

Aaron's Gold is located on the corner of 24th Street, at 520 Broadway. They happily accept all major credit cards and even offer layaway payment plans. If you are too overwhelmed by all the beautiful jewelery and don't know what item to present to your loved one, Aaron's Gold also sells gift cards! You can never go wrong with a gift card.

The shop is open from 10 am to 5:30 pm on Mondays through Thursdays (including Saturdays!) and open late on Fridays, from 10 am to 7 pm. Aaron's Gold is usually closed on Sunday's but they are opening up on Sunday, December 4, December 11 and December 18 just for you! The store will be open on those selected Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm. Come to Aaron's Gold for all your holiday needs; even Santa's elves can't make something as beautiful as Aaron's.

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As we begin the holiday season, I would like to remind all residents to shop and eat in Bayonne during the coming weeks and throughout the year. Our small businesses are the backbone of our local economy. Every time you make a purchase at a local store or eat at a local restaurant, you are supporting local businesses and jobs. Small businesses are located on major avenues, side streets, Route 440, and the former Military Ocean Terminal. We have restaurants that offer dishes from Europe, Latin America, East Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, and the United States. Why not try a new restaurant to celebrate the holiday season?

Whether you are shopping for Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, or New Year's Day, local businesses will appreciate your trade. Remember that many businesses in Bayonne belong to our Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ). UEZ-affiliated businesses can offer qualified goods at a discounted sales tax.

About 60 million Americans are employed by small businesses. That amounts to about half of the private sector workforce. Small businesses provide jobs to numerous Bayonne residents. Many of those businesses support local charities, community groups, sports teams, school programs, and children's activities. They give back to the Bayonne community. Show them your appreciation for their generosity by giving them your business whenever you can.

November 26 was Small | Business Saturday. In advance of that day, I visited several businesses in all three of Bayonne's wards with City Council Members and Jackie Farber, Coordinator of Bayonne's Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ). We wanted to show that Bayonne has a



great variety of small businesses throughout our community.

According to the federal Small Business Administration (SBA), "Founded by American Express in 2010 and officially cosponsored by SBA since 2011, Small Business Saturday has become an important part of small businesses' busiest shopping season. Historically, reported projected spending among U.S. consumers who shopped at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday reached an estimated \$23.3 billion according to the 2021 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey commissioned by American Express."

Many local enterprises endured significant losses during the height of the COVID pandemic. They would all appreciate your support as they continue to recover during these challenging times. Thanks for buying locally in 2022. Please continue to do that as we look forward to 2023. Happy shopping in Bayonne this holiday season!



Plan Now for the Cost of a New Pet

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: As the holiday season approaches, many people are thinking about adopting or purchasing a pet as a gift. Can you remind readers that the cost of owning a pet can be quite high? Unexpected pet care expenses are one

reason that pets wind up at shelters after the holidays. — Carl W., Indianapolis

DEAR CARL: You brought up this issue at the perfect time, as many families start thinking about and committing to getting a pet for Christmas. Potential owners have a lot of things to think about and discuss, and one big item is the cost of owning a pet.

Bringing home a cat or dog from the shelter can cost \$1,200 to \$1,800, a Geico Living post reports. Adoption fees, the initial vet visit and supplies are part of the upfront costs. Smaller pets like hamsters and goldfish will cost about \$200 initially when a tank, cage and supplies are factored

in

Then there's the cost of continuing care. A cat will cost at least \$800 per year in litter, food, toys, medical care and more. Dogs can cost \$1,500 per year or more, and if a professional trainer is needed, that adds to the cost. And if your pet gets sick, veterinary bills can be quite expensive.

This is not to talk people out of owning a pet, but to make them aware that a pet will impact the household budget more than most new owners expect. Know the upfront cost of a new pet. Budget for the monthly and annual costs of keeping a pet healthy and happy. Minimize financial surprises, and you can focus fully on your pet's well-being.

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- 1. Who are the only father-son duo in Major League Baseball history to both hit at least 50 home runs in a single season?
- 2. Stamford Bridge is the home stadium of what English Premier League football club?
- 3. Between brothers Terry and

Bobby Labonte, which had more career NASCAR Cup Series race victories?

- 4. What Pro Football Hall of Famer served as head coach of Los Angeles/Oakland Raiders from 1989-94 and again in 2006?
- 5. The Webb Ellis Cup is the trophy awarded to the winner of what quadrennial sports tournament?
- 6. Name the South African boxer, nicknamed "The Bionic Hand," who was the first African-born boxer to fight for

and win a heavyweight title.

7. What marathon, held annually in London from 1909 to 1996, was the first to be run at the 26.219-mile distance?

7. The Polytechnic Marathon.

6. Gerrie Coetzee.

5. The Rugby World Cup.

4. Art Shell.

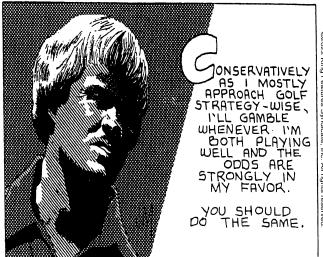
3. Terry, with 22. Bobby had 21.

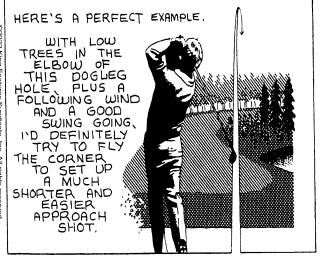
2. Chelsea F.C.

1. Cecil and Prince Fielder.

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- "During the holidays, our schedules change so much, it's hard to keep track. I used to write and rewrite our family calendar, but now I just make a grid for the days/weeks, and I use Post-it notes to enter parties, school obligations and anything that is a 'maybe.' It's much easier to move around, and to add or delete events as needed." via email
- "Fasten all buttons, snaps, fasten-

ers and zippers on your clothes before washing and drying. It will help them keep their shape. Turn socks inside out, too. It will help prevent them from getting fuzzballs." — M.W. from Saskatchewan, Canada

- "I pick up extra coffee mugs from second-hand stores, then clean and fill them with hot chocolate packets, small coffees and wrapped tea bags and a few little chocolate bars. These make nice little gifts for friends and service people. I am on a fixed budget, but I find that I can be generous this way." T.L. in North Carolina
- When mailing packages, keep in mind that secure cargo is tightly packed. You don't have to buy expensive packing peanuts or bubble wrap; you can use what's around.



- 1. TELEVISION: At which popular restaurant does Penny work in "The Big Bang Theory"?
- 2. ASTRONOMY: Which one of Jupiter's moons has active volcanos?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: The Tiber River flows through which famous capital city?
- 4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Martian Chronicles"?
- 5. U.S. STATES: Which river forms the eastern border of Iowa?
- 6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the

first president to give a televised address from the White House?

- 7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What image on Canada's flag is a recognizable symbol of the country? 8. MEASUREMENTS: Which ancient civilization used palms, digits and cubits to measure length?
- 9. MOVIES: Who voices the character Princess Anna in "Frozen"?

7. Cheeseeake Pack 2. Io. 3. Rome. 5. Mississippi. 6. Harry Truman. 7. A maple leaf. 8. Egyptians. 9. Kristen Bell.

Answers

1. Cheesecake Factory.



Cutting back perennials

When it comes to perennials, don't cut them back until after several hard frosts. The roots are still reclaiming energy for healthy growth in the spring, and the decomposing leaves insulate the plant during freezes and thaws and provide fertilizer for spring growth. Leave seedheads standing to feed the birds in cold weather. However, you should remove dead foliage containing pests or disease.

Source: www.almanac.com

- Brenda Weaver

WOLFGANG PUCK'S KITCHEN Homemade for the holidays: Give a gift of cookies all season long

By Wolfgang Puck

I recently shared some memories centered on my love baking holiday cookies, along with an easy recipe for peanut butter cookies. But, from early childhood, I learned one very important rule on this subject from my mother and grandmother: One kind of cookie alone is never enough at the holidays.

That's why, while there's still plenty of time to get all of your baking done before the arrival of Christmas and Hanukkah, which begins this vear the same day as Christmas Eve, I would like to offer another delicious, easy-to-make cookie recipe. This one also fulfills another important requirement of holiday sweet offerings, in that it features rich chocolate flavor.

I love to include some chocolate among the treats I prepare for the festive season. It is, after all, my favorite sweet flavor. And these little cookies deliver big, intense hits of chocolate, flavored as they are not only with cocoa powder but also bittersweet chocolate. Be sure to use a good-quality chocolate, including European brands like Valrhona from France or Callebaut

from Belgium; a premium American make like Scharffen Berger; or one of the many other boutique labels you can find today in gourmet markets and specialty food shops.

The cookie dough it-

self is easy to mix, especially if you have a stand mixer. But you could also put it together with a good, sturdy hand-held electric mixer. Chilling the dough after you form it into balls is essential to help you get the firm yet crumbly texture that I like so much about these cookies.

Another big part of the cookies' appeal is the thumbprint in each one. Children love to help shape them, too. Just before you serve the cookies is the time to fill those indentations with jam. (Any sooner, and the moisture in the jam could turn the cookies soggy.) I like to use raspberry jam, but any other flavor that you think goes with chocolate - apricot, cherry, orange marmalade - would also make an excellent choice.

If you want extra-chocolaty cookies, fill them with chocolate ganache instead of the jam. Just put 3/4 pound (375 g) of chopped bittersweet chocolate in a heatproof bowl, pour 1 cup (250 mL) of hot heavy cream over the chocolate, let it rest for a couple of minutes, and then whisk until smooth and shiny. Let the ganache cool slightly before filling the cookies. (Or use your favorite jar of chocolate-nut spread from the supermarket instead.)

Pack airtight tins with an assortment of these

cookies, along with any other home-baked cookies you like, and you'll have holiday gifts well worth giving and happily received!

BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE-RASPBERRY THUMBPRINT COOKIES Makes about 6 dozen

3 cups (750 mL) plus 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1/4 cup (60 mL) unsweetened cocoa pow-

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

4 ounces (125 g) bittersweet chocolate, cut into small pieces

3/4 pound (375 g) unsalted butter (3 sticks), at room temperature, cut into small pieces 1 1/3 cups (330 mL) confectioners'

sugar, sifted

2 large cage-free egg yolks

Raspberry jam

Line one or two baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.

Into a mixing bowl, sift the flour, cocoa powder and salt. Set aside.

In a small heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water, melt the chocolate pieces. When almost melted, turn off the heat and leave it to melt completely, stirring occasion-

> In the large bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with a paddle or beaters, beat together the butter and confectioners' sugar, starting on low speed until the sugar is fully incorporated. Then turn the speed to high and con-

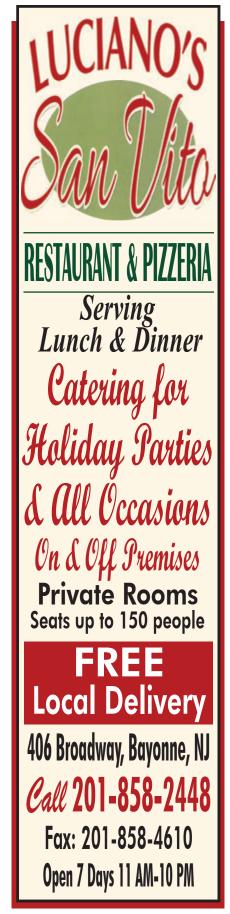
tinuing to beat until the mixture turns very fluffy and white, about 5 minutes. Stop the machine occasionally, as needed, and scrape down the sides of the bowl and under the beaters with a rubber spatula, to ensure even blending.

On medium speed, add the egg yolks one at a time, beating just until combined. Add the melted chocolate and mix well on medium speed.Reduce the speed to low and slowly pour in the sifted ingredients, beating just until incorporated. Do not overmix.

Remove the bowl from the mixer. With clean hands, form the dough into small balls about 1 generous tablespoon each. Place each ball on the lined baking sheet, spacing them about 2 inches (5 cm) apart, then gently press a thumb into each ball to make a deep indentation in the center. Cover loosely with parchment paper or plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or as long as overnight to help keep the indentations intact.

Before baking, position the oven rack in the center. Preheat the oven to 350 F (175 C).

Bake the cookies for about 12 minutes, rotating the baking sheet or sheets back to front halfway through. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. If using only one baking sheet, leave it to cool before putting more cookies on it.







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28-Nov: "Whitstable Pearl" (Seasor 2) — Acorn TV

29-Nov: "My So-Called High School Rank" (Documentary) — HBO Max

30-Nov: "Willow" (Season 1) — Disney+

30-Nov: "My Name is Vendetta" – Netflix

30-Nov: "Irreverent" (Season 1) — Peacock

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