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## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- **On Feb. 3, 1953**, French oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau published a memoir co-written with Frederic Dumas, "The Silent World," about his time exploring the oceans. It was made into an Oscar-winning documentary directed by Louis Malle three years later, the success of which allowed Cousteau to retire from the navy and devote himself full time to oceanography.
- **On Feb. 4, 1913**, Rosa Louise McCauley, better known to us today by her married name of Rosa Parks, was born in Tuskegee, Alabama. The lifelong civil rights activist's refusal to give up her seat on a segregated bus to a white man in 1955 remains a defining moment of America's civil rights movement.
- **On Feb. 5, 2012**, 36-year-old Josh Powell, who had been labeled a person of interest in the 2009 disappearance of his 28-year-old wife, Susan, locked out a social worker before killing himself and his two young sons, Braden and Charlie, by setting fire to his Graham, Washing-

ton, home. Susan Powell's remains have still not been found.

- **On Feb. 6, 1928**, a woman calling herself Anastasia Tchaikovsky (later Anna Anderson) and claiming to be the youngest daughter of murdered Russian czar Nicholas II arrived in New York City. Though she fought for recognition of that identity for more than 50 years, it was never verified.

- **On Feb. 7, 1974**, viewers at a screening of the Mel Brooks Western spoof "Blazing Saddles" at the Pickwick Drive-In Theater in Burbank, California, enjoyed the film not from the expected comfort of their cars, but on horseback, in one of Hollywood's most creative P.R. stunts.

- **On Feb. 8, 1986**, Spud Webb, one of the shortest players in professional basketball history at 5-foot-7, scored a win over his Atlanta Hawks teammate, the 6-foot-8 Dominique Wilkins, in the NBA slam dunk contest.

- **On Feb. 9, 1864**, Union General George Armstrong Custer married Elizabeth "Libbie" Bacon in Monroe, Michigan, while he was on leave. A passionate defender of her husband's reputation after his death at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876, her efforts helped establish Custer as an American hero.



1. Which artist released a cover of Don Gibson's "I Can't Stop Loving You" in 1962?
2. Who had hits with "Return to Sender" and "Good Luck Charm"?
3. What do "Little Green Bag" (by George Baker Selection), "Coconut" (by Harry Nilsson) and "Hooked on a Feeling" (by Blue Swede) all have in common?
4. Which group released "Along Comes Mary"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric:

"People say that love's a game, A game you just can't win, If there's a way, I'll find it someday, And then this fool with rush in."

the charts.  
 recorded in different languages around the world but only reaching No. 2 on writer Anka saw his popular song by Paul Anka, in 1959. Singer-song- 5. "Put Your Head on My Shoulder" was their first hit.  
 4. The Association, in 1966. The song for the 1992 film "Reservoir Dogs."  
 3. They appeared on the soundtrack "Girls! Girls! Girls!"  
 soundtrack for the Elvis film "Girls! "Return to Sender" was featured in the reached No. 2 and No. 1 on the charts. 2. Elvis Presley, in 1962. The songs land.  
 charts in Australia, Sweden and Finland. Recording. The song even climbed the Award for Best Rhythm & Blues chart-topper and won him a Grammy 1. Ray Charles. His version was a

Answers

**HOROSCOPES** **ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20** Aries, if you assumed you were right on track, you soon will see why it isn't safe to assume. Do not take anything for granted and consider all potential outcomes.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21** Interpersonal dynamics are constantly changing, and you may have a challenging time wrangling in your relationship to where it feels comfortable, Taurus.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21** Gemini, even if you are uncertain about someone's intentions, it is best to give that person the benefit of the doubt. However, an ounce of skepticism never hurt anyone.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22** Cancer, it is better to make your choices sooner rather than later this week. Putting decisions off only complicates matters. It may be an anxious time, but you will pull through.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23** Stop worrying about how others see you, Leo. This week own up to your beliefs, even if they seem to go against the norm. You may be surprised at the support you receive.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22** Virgo, a hectic week leads to lots of demands on your time. Take things one task at a time and do not be afraid to say "no" if you feel you are overwhelmed.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23** Libra, frustration at work may not be directed at any one person, and you can't let it consume your life. Make the frustration work to your advantage instead.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22** Romantic thoughts this week will have you on a mission to spend quality time with a loved one, Scorpio. You may do every-

thing in your power to be near your significant other.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21** Don't try to erect barriers, Sagittarius. This week you have to let someone in and unburden some of the problems or thoughts that have been weighing you down.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20** Accomplish something important based on what you learn this week, Capricorn. Keep your eyes and ears open to all of the possibilities around you.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18** Try not to take the easy way out, Aquarius. When faced with some tough questions, stay strong and true to yourself. You will be happier in the long run if you do so.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20** Pisces, take some time off if your job seems like a headache this week. If you have the time, enjoy a long weekend or a short jaunt during the week.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**

**FEBRUARY 8** Klay Thompson, Athlete (35)

**FEBRUARY 9** Charlie Day, Actor (49)

**FEBRUARY 10** Chloe Grace Moretz, Actress (28)

**FEBRUARY 11** Jennifer Aniston, Actress (56)

**FEBRUARY 12** Judy Blume, Author (87)

**FEBRUARY 13** Robbie Williams, Singer (51)

**FEBRUARY 14** Freddie Highmore, Actor (33)

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**HOROSCOPES** **ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20** Your sense of time management and practicality come to the forefront this week, Aries. You want to get down to business, and your no-nonsense attitude will shine through.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21** Taurus, this is a great week to just kick back and be yourself without feeling the crunch of deadlines or responsibilities. You'll get a few free moments to do whatever you like.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21** Something you have always wanted to do may become possible this week. Maybe it's something from your bucket list. Bring a friend to join in the fun.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22** How far you come this week depends on your attitude, Cancer. If you keep an open mind, you will find success. Keep a positive attitude and reap the rewards.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23** Leo, you will have the opportunity to work on a personal problem that has gotten the best of you before. Work through all of the angles before you put a plan in motion.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22** You may find yourself in the position of middle man this week, Virgo. Others come to you with their concerns, and you put their minds at ease.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23** Libra, everything seems like it will be rather ordinary this week. That's a good thing, as you can use a few laid-back days with not too much on your schedule.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22** Scorpio, shopping is on your mind but you

may have to put that idea off for a little while longer. More pressing purchases for the home or business take priority.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21** Sagittarius, your finances are a bit difficult to decode at the time being, and that can lead to trouble. Better to bring in someone who knows what he or she is doing to help you work it out.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20** Capricorn, if you're looking to fill the void in your calendar, sign up for a class that will challenge your creative or mental abilities. Try an arts or dance center as a start.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18** Aquarius, if you find that you are craving some adventurous activities, get started. But work under the tutelage of an experienced guide to learn the ropes.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20** You may find yourself teaching a co-worker some of the intricacies of the job. Don't feel threatened; it may help lighten your own workload.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**

**FEBRUARY 15** Amber Riley, Actress/Singer (39)

**FEBRUARY 16** Elizabeth Olsen, Actress (36)

**FEBRUARY 17** Ed Sheeran, Singer (34)

**FEBRUARY 18** John Travolta, Actor (71)

**FEBRUARY 19** Jeff Kinney, Author (54)

**FEBRUARY 20** Cindy Crawford, Model (59)

**FEBRUARY 21** Elliot Page, Actor (37)



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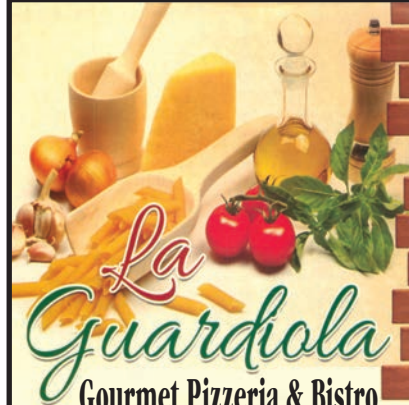


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# TV-CROSSWORD



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**

- \_\_\_ Bakkedahl of "Life in Pieces"
- Wife of a Beatle
- "Promised \_\_\_" (1996-99)
- Mayberry resident
- Anna-\_\_\_ Otto; "American Housewife" role
- Geisha's sash
- Captain on "Star Trek: Discovery" (2)
- Word in the title of Barrett

- Foa's series
- Storekeeper on "The Waltons"
- Montana and Mantegna
- Veronica or Ricki
- UPI rival
- Initials for Vigoda
- Ming-\_\_\_ Wen
- Actor Ewell's initials
- "Queen of Jazz"
- "Crossing \_\_\_ with John Edward"
- Period of time
- \_\_\_ Thurman
- Series for John Larroquette (4)
- "\_\_\_ Z" (2014-15)
- "Star Trek: \_\_\_ Darkness"; 2013 sequel
- "What \_\_\_ to Wear"
- Fabray, to friends
- \_\_\_ Parker of old westerns
- Mornings, for short

**DOWN**

- "\_\_\_ the Bounty Hunter"
- Actress Ortiz
- James \_\_\_ of "Benson"
- Erica Durance's role on "Smallville"
- "Tarzan the \_\_\_ Man"
- Nothing
- Sandwich shop
- Setting for "M\*A\*S\*H"
- "\_\_\_ World News Tonight

- with David Muir
- Tamera's twin
- George Clooney's aunt
- Rodgers & Hammerstein musical about a cowboy
- Seymour, for one
- October birthstone
- Chrissy Metz's role on "This Is Us"
- "Unhappily \_\_\_ After"
- Liz \_\_\_; "30 Rock" role
- "Wheel of Fortune" personality
- 2001-04 series for Emily Corrie (2)
- Eerie saucers, for short
- "A Gifted \_\_\_" (2011-12)
- Greek letter
- 90 degrees from NNW
- Columbo and others: abbr.
- \_\_\_ DeLuise
- "Leah Remini: \_\_\_ All Relative"





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# THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



## THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: Modern "Dear Abby's"

Are you looking for a real-life "Frasier"? Or an old-fashioned radio call-in show to anonymously state (or email) your predicament in return for some enlightenment? These five podcasts are the closest you can get to the format, with some being more serious than others:

**"Unsolicited Advice with Ashley and Taryne"** — No question is off-limits, say these advice-givers, YouTubers and comedians Ashley Nichole and Taryne Renee. The episode titles are straight to the point, allowing you to scroll through their library for content that is specific to your own situation (or simply what piques your interest). "My Best Friend Hates My Boyfriend," "I Found a DM

Weeks Before My Wedding," and "I Got Fired for Being Too Outspoken" are just a handful of enticing episodes to get you started on this addictive weekly podcast. (Studio71.com)

**"anything goes with emma chamberlain"** — This Gen-Z YouTuber won the 2018 Streamy Award for Breakout Creator after starting her own podcast, where she has over 500,000 monthly listeners. She signed an exclusive deal with Spotify in 2022 and even has her own coffee company. She records her podcast in the comfort of her bed, preferring to "share her thoughts with a microphone rather than a physical human being." Look for episodes with "advice sessions" as part of the description, where she answers her listeners' submitted dilemmas and offers her (self-admitted) "unprofessional advice." (Spotify.com)

**"Dear Chelsea"** — Comedian and former late-night talk-show host Chelsea Handler now has her own weekly advice podcast where she answers callers' questions, in addition to interviewing a celebrity guest. A mom struggling with the decision to have a second baby after a "tricky diagnosis," a cousin wanting to blab about a secret sibling, and a woman's sexual past becoming a point of

contention in her new relationship — these are just a few of the dilemmas "Dear Chelsea" addresses directly. Guests include actress Christina Ricci, actor/comedian Kevin Hart, and bestselling novelist Jodi Picoult. (iHeart.com)

## Don't Forget These Gems

**"Therapy Gecko"** — Comedian Lyle Drescher records his podcast dressed as a gecko while doling out advice to his listeners on a wide range of topics. He's amassed a large internet following that he claims has successfully transitioned him out of his mom's basement. He now travels the world doing live shows in addition to his podcast. (iHeart.com)

**"BEEF With Bridget Todd"** (The March 1, 2023 Episode) — "Dear Abby vs. Ask Ann Landers" is the title of this episode that explores the rivalry (yes, rivalry!) between twins who each have their own nationally syndicated newspaper column. Born Pauline and Esther Friedman, these women were the source Americans turned to for solicited advice while sipping their morning coffee. Learn all about their feud that was mostly hidden from the public, all while they were encouraging their readers to love, forgive and compromise.



**"Queer" (R)** — Former James Bond portrayer Daniel Craig took up quite an interesting role in this period romantic drama from director Luca Guadagnino ("Challengers"). Based on the novella by William S. Burroughs, the film takes place in 1950s Mexico City and follows American expatriate William Lee (Craig). While bar hopping one day, Lee comes across a young man named Eugene (Drew Starkey) and instantly becomes infatuated with him. The quiet Eugene attempts to reciprocate Lee's actions but only gives up so much of himself at a time when homophobia runs rampant throughout society. Out now to rent, "Queer" makes viewers feel like they happened upon a few diary entries about a man's greatest love affair. (VUDU)

**"Kinds of Kindness" (R)** — Emma Stone ("Poor Things") and Jesse Plemons ("Civil War") lead this movie with three separate winding tales that will leave you at a bit of a loss, to be frank, not necessarily

in a good or bad way. The first story centers around an employee named Robert Fletcher who lives his life exactly how his boss tells him to, including his meals, his house, and his relationship. It explores what happens to Robert when his boss suddenly refuses to dictate his life anymore. The second story's plot seems straight out of a "Black Mirror" episode, with a police officer convinced that his wife has been replaced by a clone. The third and final story



Quintessa Swindell, left, and Leo Woodall star in "Prime Target."

tells a tale about sex cult members who are looking for a woman with the ability to reawaken the dead. All of these stories are loosely connected, but it'll take some sleuthing to figure out exactly how. Out now. (Hulu)

**"Small Things Like These" (PG-13)** —

Oscar winner Cillian Murphy ("Oppenheimer") stars in this historical drama taking place in Ireland during Christmas 1985. He plays coal merchant Bill Furlong, who spends his days laboring and his nights at home with his wife and five daughters. Tortured by memories of his childhood, Bill often keeps to himself and rarely falls out of line with his routine. But one day, as he sets off for work early, he encounters a pregnant teenage girl who is locked in the coal shed of the local convent. His discovery of her subsequently leads to his planning to free her from the abusive nuns, and in turn, he is able to confront the ghosts of his past. This short 98-minute film is out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

**"Prime Target" (TV-MA)** — Leo Woodall ("One Day") has clinched his second main role after getting his big break in the second season of "The White Lotus" as Jack. In this thriller miniseries, he stars as Edward, a brilliant mathematics student whose work will eventually enable him to access every computer in the world. Obviously, an invention such as this would be disastrous in the wrong hands, and the wrong hands are hard at work to make sure that Edward's work doesn't come to fruition. Luckily, NSA agent Taylah Sanders (Quintessa Swindell) has been tasked with watching over Edward, and if they put their two minds together, they'll be able to figure out who's sabotaging the project. The show premieres Jan. 22. (Apple TV+)

# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q:** I'm really enjoying the show "Silo" — so much so that I went back and read the books that the show is based on in between seasons. Who is the actress who plays Juliette? — K.I.

**A:** Swedish actress Rebecca Ferguson stars as engineer-turned-sheriff Juliette Nichols in the dystopian drama "Silo," which recently finished its second season on Apple TV+. It's based on a series of novels by author Hugh Howey. "Silo" has been renewed for a third season with Ferguson returning. If she looks familiar, it's because she's co-starred in several hit films, most notably the recent "Mission: Impossible" sequels with Tom Cruise as well as "Dune: Part One" and "Part Two" with Timoth e Chalamet.

Ferguson honed her acting skills on a Swedish soap opera as a teen before eventually branching out into American productions. Cruise took note of her performance in the STARZ miniseries "The White Queen," resulting in her being cast in "Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation." Her talent eventually led to her snagging roles opposite Michael Fassben-

der in "The Snowman," Hugh Jackman in "The Greatest Showman," and Chris Hemsworth in "Men in Black: International." Her future is bright. Next up for her is the untitled "Peaky Blinders" film with Cillian Murphy and the untitled Kathryn-Bigelow-directed White House thriller with Idris Elba.



Rebecca Ferguson as Juliette Nichols in "Silo"

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**Q:** What ever happened to The Weeknd after his show on HBO was canceled? Is he just going to concentrate on singing now? — K.K.

**A:** Abel Tesfaye, also known as The Weeknd, hasn't quit acting, but it would be understandable if he got discouraged after his series "The Idol" was canceled by HBO after one season.

Prior to this, he had a setback on stage where he had to cut his live concert in Los Angeles short after losing his voice. He says now in an interview with Entertainment Weekly that the voice loss was mental, a result of all the stress around filming "The Idol" while also touring. He's ready to bounce back not only with a new album but with another starring role. His sixth studio album "Hurry Up Tomorrow" will be released on Jan. 26, and a film of the same name will be released on May 16. Billed as a "musically driven psychological thriller," the film not only stars The Weeknd but also Barry Keoghan ("Saltburn") and Jenna Ortega ("Beetlejuice Beetlejuice").

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**Q:** I thought Bill Maher was going to quit his TV show if President Trump was reelected, but it looks like it's coming back soon. Did he change his mind? — M.M.

**A:** Bill Maher's weekly HBO talk show "Real Time" returned this January for its 23rd season, but he has no plans to quit. Nina Rosenstein from HBO Programming, Late Night and Specials told Deadline that Maher was "joking around," and his first love will always be "Real Time."

Where you won't find Maher anytime soon is on the road. He's confirmed that he's done touring as a stand-up comedian and that, after 40 years, he needs a break from it. However, as far as "Real Time" goes, HBO will have to drag him off for him to quit.

## HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** — Prepare yourself for "Downton Abbey 3," which will pay homage to the "end of an era" due to the loss of the Dowager Countess. It has greater significance since the passing of Maggie Smith on Sept. 27, 2024. She was 89. The threequel is due to release in theaters on Sept. 12.

Executive producer Gareth Neame says, "The fact that Dame Maggie herself has now passed away since that time, I do think, has given a real added poignancy to a story that we would have planned anyway. ... We will never see the like of Dame Maggie Smith ever again."

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Tom Cruise's next film after "Mission: Impossible — The Final Reckoning" (releasing May 23) will be the tentatively titled film "Judy" for five-time Oscar winner Alejandro Gonz lez I rritu. I rritu won three Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for "Birdman" (2014); another Best Director Oscar for "The Revenant" (2015); and a special Oscar for his virtual reality installation "Flesh and Sand" (2017).

Of course, "Judy's" plot is shrouded in se-



Dame Maggie Smith (1934-2024)

crecy, but we've learned it follows the most powerful man in the world as he embarks on a frantic mission (there's that word again) to prove he's humanity's savior before the disaster he unleashed destroys the world. Could Cruise's hero complex be getting worse?

Aiding and abetting him is John Goodman, Jesse Plemons and Riz Ahmed. After Robert Pattinson's "The Batman" sequel was pushed back from October 2026 to October 2027, "Judy" was given its release date.

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While there's been a lot of talk about "John Wick 5," again starring Keanu

Reeves, Lionsgate (who produced the "Wick" franchise) doesn't have it on its upcoming calendar. This may be due to the knee accident Reeves had while shooting Aziz Ansari's comedy "Good Fortune," which opens on Oct. 17.

Reeves will be seen a few months earlier in "From the World of John Wick: Ballerina" on June 6. He also stars in Apple TV+'s "Outcome," which was produced, written and directed by Jonah Hill (who co-stars as well). The black-comedy film includes Cameron Diaz, Matt Bomer, soap queen Susan Lucci, David Spade, Laverne Cox and Roy Wood Jr. (No release date has been announced yet.)

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It turned out to be a really Happy New Year for Brad Pitt who, after eight years, is finally divorced from Angelina Jolie as of Dec. 30, 2024. In true Jolie fashion, she says she has focused on finding peace and healing for their family. Her lawyer claims this is just one part of the long ongoing process that started eight years ago — and that Jolie is exhausted but relieved this part is over.

Jolie filed a claim that Pitt physically abused her, and he accused her of violating "contractual rights" when she sold off their Ch teau Miraval winery without his knowledge! I wonder if the kids are still "The Pitts!"

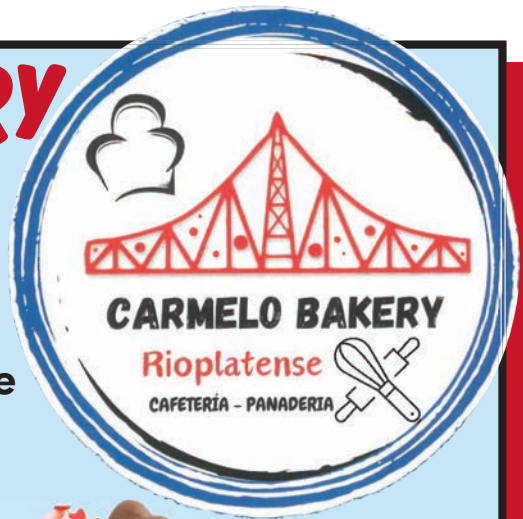
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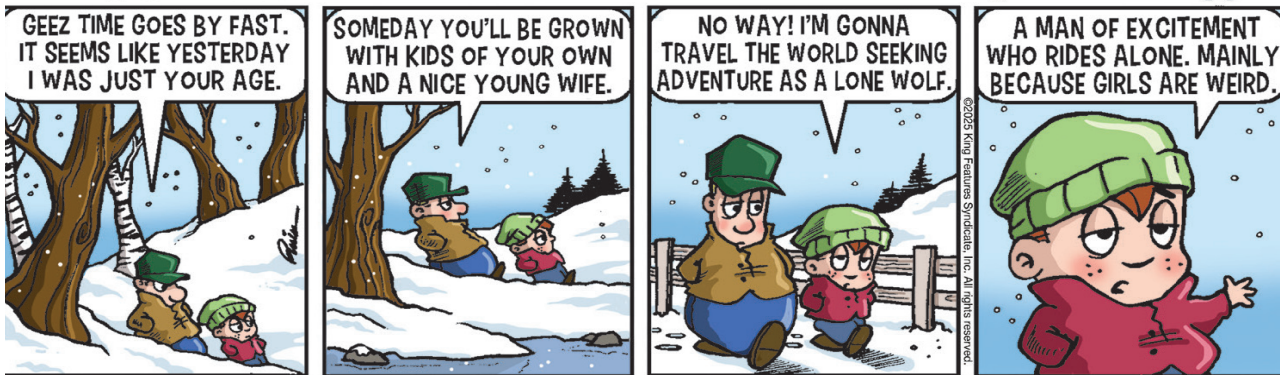


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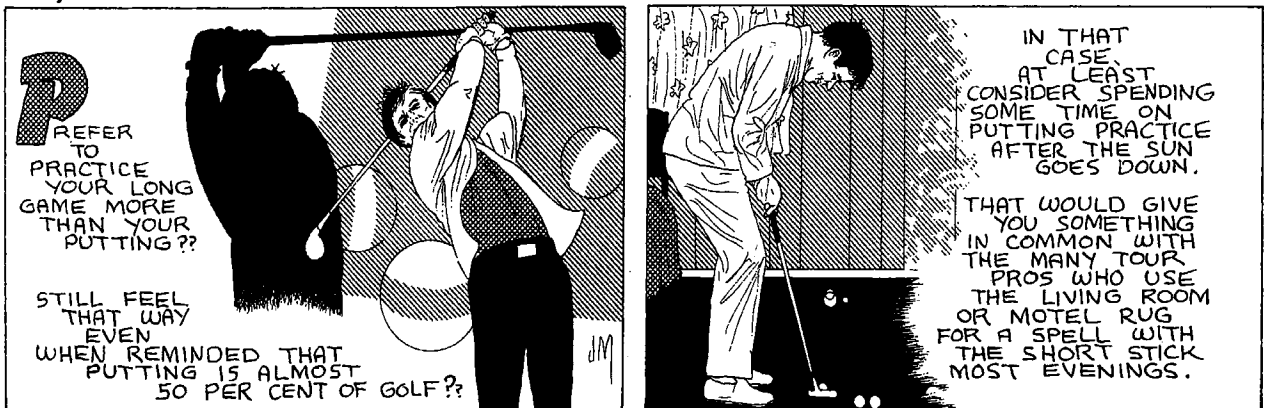
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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Cheerleading was once an exclusively male sport, and the first cheers, copied from military chants, began at Princeton University around the Civil War era.
- Porsche's first car, in 1898, was electric.
- Motorola has developed an FDA-approved "edible password pill" which, once digested, is activated by the acid in your stomach and emits an 18-bit signal that is strong enough to communicate with and unlock all your devices.
- On Mars, no resource can be wasted — not even our bodily waste. Urine will be recycled into drinking water and feces into fertilizer.
- Scientists can deduce information about a person's lifestyle, including their grooming products, food and medications, from the chemicals found on the surface of their mobile phone.

- The 1,400-page novel "War and Peace" was copied around seven times by Leo Tolstoy's wife, Sophia, by hand. Now, that's love!
- U.S. Marine John Kelly was the last person to be awarded two Medals of Honor. He ran 100 yards in advance of the front line and attacked an enemy machine gun nest, killed the gunner with a grenade, shot another man with his pistol, and returned with eight prisoners. He was 19.
- The only difference between a fog and a mist comes down to visibility: If you can't see farther than 100 me-

- ters, you're in a fog.
  - As the planet heats up, flowers are emitting less scent.
  - George Washington had one remaining tooth in his mouth when he was sworn in as the first American president in 1789.
  - The sound of a Star Wars lightsaber was created by pairing the sound of an idle film projector and the buzz from an old TV set.
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- Thought for the Day:* "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." — Edmund Burke


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by Linda Thistle

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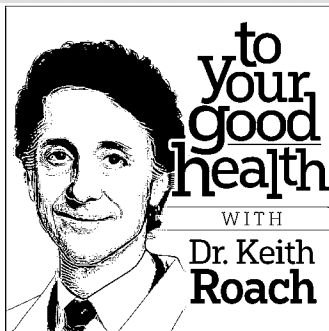
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

ANSWER



### Probiotics May Help Restore Good Bacteria in the Gut

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** You recently wrote that you do not recommend probiotics in healthy people. I am a 78-year-old male who, three years ago, underwent an esophagectomy to remove my esophagus and part of my stomach because of cancer. I was put on 30 mg of pantoprazole, which was later increased to 40 mg. I've read that prolonged use of this medicine isn't recommended.

My understanding is that this medicine is used to reduce the chance of acid reflux. I have read that it also kills bacteria (both bad and good) in the stomach. I asked my primary care physician about this and whether she was OK with me starting probiotics to help restore the good bacteria. — E.M.

**ANSWER:** Proton-pump inhibitors like pantoprazole are often used in people after surgical treatment for esophageal cancer. They reduce acid reflux and consequently prevent a stricture where the remainder of the esophagus meets the remainder of your stomach.

While it is true that proton-pump inhibitors do have the potential for side effects with long-term use, there are times when the benefits outweigh the risks. Many esophageal cancer experts feel that the benefits outweigh the risks in esophageal survivors like you.

Long-term acid suppression does lead to changes in the gut bacteria, called the microbiome. Using probiotics to improve the quality of the microbiome has been studied, and preliminary studies showed that taking probiotics daily can get more healthy bacteria in the gut. What isn't clear is whether this translates to better outcomes for the patient or whether any of the long-term adverse effects of proton-pump-inhibitor therapy will be reduced. It makes sense that it might help, but it is unproven as yet.

There is the potential for harm in probiotic treatment, but it's not common. A very few cases of infection have been shown to be transmitted by probi-

otics. The main harm is mostly financial, since some probiotics are expensive.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am 81 years old and in pretty good health. I often have a hard time getting to sleep and staying asleep. A couple of months ago, I was dealing with a sore lower back from overdoing yard work, so I took two ibuprofen tablets before going to bed for several nights in a row. What I noticed is that I was able to get to sleep quicker.

I have continued to take ibuprofen as a sleep aid, and it continues to help me get to sleep. But I am wondering if there might be any medical issue that could arise from the continued daily use of ibuprofen. — J.T.N.

**ANSWER:** Most people don't find that ibuprofen helps or hurts their sleep, so I don't recommend it as a sleep aid in general. In fact, some people find that ibuprofen can be disruptive to their sleep. Others, however, find that it makes them sleepy.

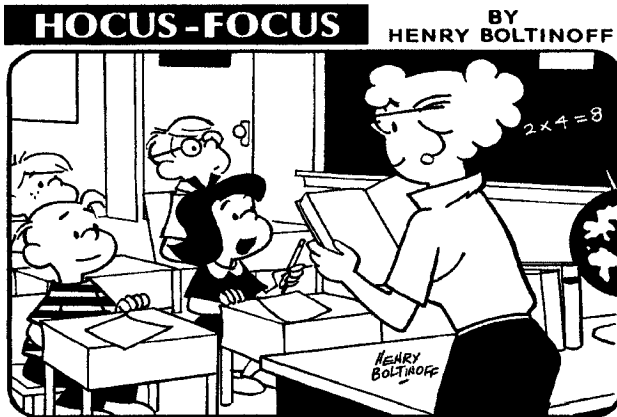
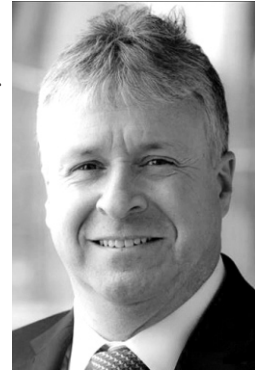
In any case, the risk of two ibuprofen tablets at night, or even every day, is small. A person with a history of ulcer disease or abnormal bleeding shouldn't take ibuprofen daily without discussing it with their doctor.

## City of Bayonne Website Adds Link to Funeral Home Obituaries

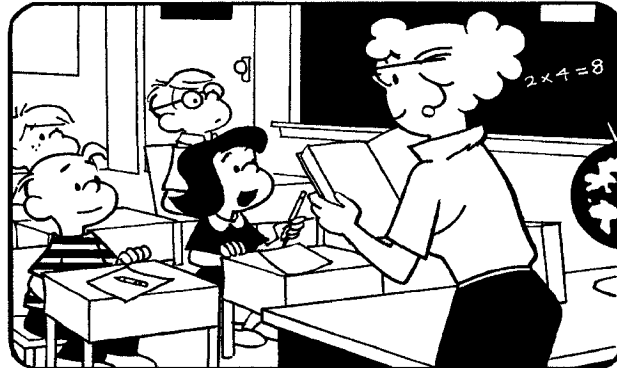
Mayor Jimmy Davis announced that the City of Bayonne website has added a link to obituaries provided by five local funeral homes. Mayor Davis said, "Later this week, the Jersey Journal will go out of business. As a result, there will be no English-language daily newspaper based in Hudson County. Obituaries have been an important feature of the Jersey Journal and other newspapers for generations."

Mayor Davis continued, "In order to make up for the coming absence of local newspaper obituaries, the City of Bayonne has contacted local funeral homes, offering to provide links to their obituaries on our municipal website, [www.bayonnenj.org](http://www.bayonnenj.org)." The obituary link feature will be available through a grey-and-white heading on the right-hand side of the City of Bayonne website homepage.

As of Monday, January 27, five local funeral homes have provided the City of Bayonne with links to their obituaries. Those funeral homes are Bayonne Memorial Home, Caiola Stelato and Koch Funeral Home, Dworzanski and Son Funeral Home, Migliaccio Funeral Home and Cremation Services, and West Funeral Home and Cremation Services LLC. Mayor Davis said, "We would like to thank these five funeral homes for participating in this new obituary program. We would welcome the participation of other local funeral homes in this obituary link service." He invited other local funeral homes to email the appropriate link to their obituaries to [mayors.office@bayonnenj.org](mailto:mayors.office@bayonnenj.org) or [jryan@baynj.org](mailto:jryan@baynj.org).



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• Many people have written in the tip to use two similarly sized bowls, one larger than the other, to serve cold salads at picnics. You add a few cups of crushed ice to the larger bowl, then nestle the smaller bowl into it, making it “chilled.” In any case, remember: Don’t leave food out longer than two hours.

• If you are doing food platters for your barbecue, consider making several smaller platters instead of one large dish. The large ones are harder to store when you prep beforehand, but a better reason is that the items will not go stale/too warm/too cold quite as fast, and it’s easy to switch out plates throughout the party.

• “Using plastic cups for a crowd? Remember to put out a permanent marker, colorful rubber bands or some other way to mark one’s glass. It’s sometimes hard to keep track when they all look the same.” — C.L. in Pennsylvania

• “Purchase a small cooler to use for large quantities of sides. I have a cooler advertised as fitting a six-pack of drinks. It’s perfect for holding macaroni salad

at our summer beach gatherings with family. I do not use it for anything else, and it retains its cold temperature despite the heat (when everyone remembers to keep the lid closed, of course).” — R.R. in South Carolina

• “For serving utensils used during picnic lunch, I have two large zip-top plastic bags. I label them ‘clean’ and ‘dirty.’ Anything used to touch raw meat goes in the ‘dirty’ bag. And serving spoons that can be used again to serve are in the ‘clean’ bag.” — M.A. in Arizona



## Puppy’s anxiety is a real poo

**DEAR PAW’S CORNER:** I adopted a puppy about two months ago. “Spencer” seemed to housetrain just fine, but for the last couple of weeks, he has been pooping on the bathroom rug. It’s not diarrhea, just regular healthy poos. He does it between walks — even though he poops as normal during walks! What is going on? — John D. in Burlington, Vermont

**DEAR JOHN:** Even though Spencer seems healthy, take him to the vet to rule out any underlying health issues. In the days prior to the vet appoint-

ment, get out a notepad and write down his behaviors, what time he poops each day, if he’s doing a lot of barking — anything. Bring that to the appointment; it might give the vet additional insight.

Puppies go through phases during their growth, and it’s not too unusual to see some regression in housetraining periodically. For example, when they’re teething, or as they enter their “teen” phase at around 8 months or so, you may see a change in behavior patterns or “forgetting” commands you know they’ve learned.

If there is no health issue to worry about, focus on training. Go back to basics and teach him how to alert you when he needs to go outside. Work on his basic commands. Observe him closely when you’re at home to see whether his behavior is changing.

You may need to adjust your schedule as well. If he’s an especially young puppy, his body is changing rapidly and he may need more potty breaks than the training guide says. Be prepared to make those adjustments as you patiently retrain him. And don’t worry, he will fully housetrain, as long as you remain diligent.



1. TELEVISION: Who created the retro TV series “Stranger Things”?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state is the home of Yellowstone National Park?
3. ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system to rotate on its side?
4. MOVIES: What is the given name of the large bird in the animated movie “Up”?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three zodiac signs are considered earth signs?
6. LITERATURE: What is the name of Hagrid’s half-brother in the “Harry Potter” book series?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Australia?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What type of nut is used in the chocolate spread Nutella?

8. Hazelnut.
7. Canberra.
6. Grawp.
5. Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn.
4. Kevin.
3. Uranus.
2. Wyoming.
1. The Duffer Brothers.

Answers

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. In 1995, what Cleveland Indians slugger was cited for reckless driving after chasing teenagers who threw eggs at his house on Halloween?
2. What team spoiled the Miami Dolphins' quest for a third-straight Super Bowl title in the 1974 AFC divisional playoff game remembered for its game-winning "Sea of Hands" touchdown pass?
3. Name the two players who made up the Houston Rockets' "Twin Towers" from 1984-87.
4. Molineux Stadium has been the home ground of what English Premier League football club since 1889?

- Answers**
1. Albert Belle.
  2. The Oakland Raiders.
  3. Ralph Sampson and Hakeem Olajuwon.
  4. Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C.

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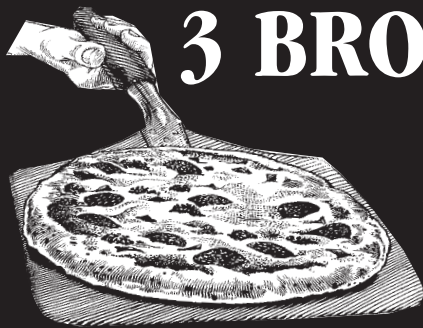
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By Wolfgang Puck

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The name of these popular Italian cookies explains why: They're "twice cooked." You shape the dough into a large, oblong, flattened loaf and bake it once; then, when the loaf has cooled, you cut it crosswise into thin slices, place them flat on the baking sheet, and bake a second time until they're browned and crisp. The dough itself is fairly easy to make, although a stand mixer makes the work go even faster.

Three decades ago, the only biscotti you could find were simple anise-flavored varieties, sometimes embellished with almonds or hazelnuts. Nowadays these cookies come in great variety, containing all kinds of different flavorings or nuts. (I use pistachios in the recipe here, but you could substitute almonds, hazelnuts, pine nuts or others of your choice.) To my surprise, however, many bakers still make a mistake with them - not undercooking them, but cutting them too thick, so that what should be brittle and shatter easily with the first bite instead runs the risk of sending you to the dentist!

Baked and sliced correctly, biscotti are indeed a wonderful treat. Store them in an airtight container and they'll keep for several weeks, ready to enjoy as an accompaniment to a fruit dessert, a scoop of ice cream, a cup of coffee, a glass of dessert wine or a tumbler of cold milk.

### CHOCOLATE AND PISTACHIO BISCOTTI

- 2 large eggs
  - 1 tablespoon amaretto liqueur (optional)
  - 1/4 cup dry white wine
  - 1 cup sugar
  - Pinch of salt
  - 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed
  - 1/2 cup cocoa powder
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1 cup shelled pistachio nuts, coarsely chopped with a large knife or cleaver
  - 1 large egg white, lightly beaten
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with

baking parchment paper. Lightly spray the paper with nonstick cooking spray.

In a medium mixing bowl, beat the eggs with a fork until foamy. Whisk in the amaretto and wine. Gradually beat in the sugar and salt until well blended. Set aside.

If using a stand mixer, sift the flour, cocoa powder and baking powder into the work bowl. Using the paddle attachment, turn on the machine to the low setting and add the egg mixture. Raise the speed to medium and beat until a dough forms on the paddle; if the dough is very sticky, beat in up to 1/4 cup more flour. Change to the dough hook and continue beating, while gradually adding the pistachios. Turn off the machine. Scrape the dough onto a lightly floured work surface and knead by hand until smooth, about 1 minute.

If making the dough by hand, sift the dry ingredients into a large mixing bowl. Make a well in the center, add the egg mixture and stir with a fork until the dry ingredients are evenly moistened and form a crumbly dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface and, gradually incorporating the pistachios, knead by hand until smooth.

Shape the dough into a log 12 inches long and 4 inches wide and place it on the prepared baking sheet. Brush with the beaten egg white. Bake until the log has expanded and is dark brown, 25 to 30 minutes. Transfer the baking sheet to a wire rack to cool the log for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, reduce the oven temperature to 300 degrees.

Using a serrated bread knife, cut the log diagonally into slices about 1/3 inch thick. Place the slices flat, side by side on the baking sheet. Bake until they look dry and dark brown, about 20 minutes. With a spatula, transfer the biscotti to the wire rack to cool completely before serving or storing in an airtight container.

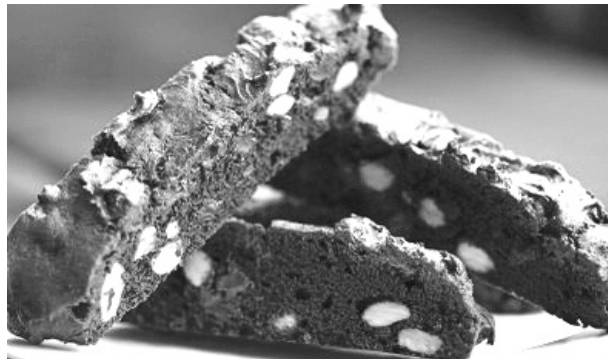




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Not only is the pizza fantastic, Pompei is also a place of welcome. Greetings are always given upon entry and moving past the warm welcomes. Pompei is the Italian dream. Enjoy a delicious plain slice and imagine yourself whisked away to a warm beach, or try the pizzeria's eccentric Godfather pie, a pizza complete with pepperoni, sausage, ham, meatballs and bacon. What more could a meat lover ask for? The pizzeria is also home to the Primavera pie, with peppers, onions, olives and mushrooms. Pompei also offers the typical grandma pie, along with the classic margarita and both buffalo and barbecue pies, besides many, many more options sure to make your hearts stop with amazement.

Despite being a staple Bayonne pizza spot for over 60 years, Pompei also has tons of other delicious options. Their signature wrap, entitled the Pompei wrap, is a favorite combination of grilled chicken, fresh mozzarella, roasted peppers, and a choice of either home-

made pesto or caesar dressing. They also serve many other wraps and sandwiches, ranging from the classic chicken parmigiana, to their spin on a grilled chicken, turkey, grilled chicken bruschetta, or their signature focaccia, a grilled chicken sandwich smothered in fresh mozzarella, red peppers, and homemade pesto. Naturally, the pizzeria also has pastas, including the classic penne alla vodka and a linguini with clam sauce.

Everyone has a sweet-tooth and with Pompei, one item of food is never enough. Thankfully, Pompei has the sweet to your tooth with their Italian ice. Step into Pompei for some cold Italian ice, bound to make anyone happy.

Holidays are soon to come and there's no better option than Pompei. Celebrate Valentine's Day and Easter with a Godfather Pizza. Pompei is here for the community, cater Pompei today!

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Potato or Macaroni	
Salad/Cole Slaw	\$2.25
Tuna Container (1/2 lb.)	\$4.00
Chili	\$4.50



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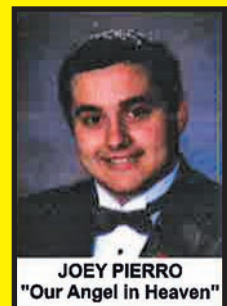
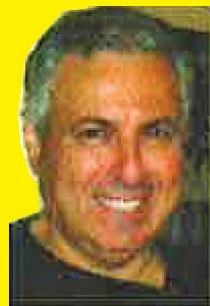
### EXTRAS

Freshly Baked Cookies	.60¢ or 3/\$1.50
<i>(Choc. Chip / Oatmeal Raisin / White Choc. Macadamia)</i>	
Assorted Chips	.75¢
Pound Cake	\$2.00
Chocolate Bars	
& Other Candy	\$1.25
Soup <i>(Chicken Noodle or Cream of Broccoli)</i>	\$4.25
Pickles	1.50

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### BEVERAGES

32 oz. Fountain Drinks	\$2.25
<i>(Pepsi / Diet Pepsi / Orange / Fruit Punch / Lemonade / Sierra Mist / Iced Tea / Cherry Pepsi)</i>	
12 oz. Soda Can	\$1.25
<i>(Pepsi / Diet Pepsi / Sprite)</i>	
16 oz. Snapple	\$2.25
Bottled Water	\$1.00



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