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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On June 2, 1997, U.S. Army veteran Timothy McVeigh was convicted on 15 counts of murder and conspiracy for his role two years earlier in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. He was executed by lethal injection on June 11, 2001.
- On June 3, 1956, authorities in Santa Cruz, California, put the city in the national spotlight by declaring a complete ban on rock and roll at public gatherings, labeling the music "detrimental to both the health and morals of our youth and community" after a policeman at a dance party the night before described the teen crowd as "engaged in suggestive, stimulating and tantalizing motions induced by the provocative rhythms of an all-negro band."
- On June 4, 1940, 22-year-old Carson McCullers' debut novel, "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter," about misfits in a Georgia mill town, was published to widespread acclaim.
- On June 5, 1888, President Grover Cleveland vetoed a bill that would have given a widow's pension

- to Johanna Loewinger, whose husband had passed away 14 years after being discharged from the army. Because he died by suicide and not from a disability caused by his military service, her request was denied.
- On June 6, 2002, a high-energy upper atmosphere explosion now known as the Eastern Mediterranean Event, similar in power to a small atomic bomb, occurred over the Mediterranean Sea between Libya and Crete when a small, undetected asteroid disintegrated while approaching Earth. There were concerns that if the explosion had occurred closer to Pakistan or India, it could have sparked a nuclear war between the countries, as they were engaged in a standoff at the time.
- On June 7, 1968, just two days after the assassination of Democratic presidential hopeful Robert F. Kennedy, Fred Rogers, the popular host of the children's public television show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," dedicated an episode to explaining the tragedy to his young audience.
- On June 8, 1191, King Richard I of England arrived in Acre, Israel, beginning the Third Crusade, an attempt coled by France's King Philip II and Emperor Frederick Barbarossa to reconquer the Holy Land following Jerusalem's capture by the Ayyubid sultan Saladin in 1187.



- 1. Name the recording artist born David Goldstein. Hint: He also writes musicals and has penned songs for the Drifters, Dolly Parton and several others.
- 2. Which Creedence Clearwater Revival song was used in the film "The Big Chill"?
- 3. "With a Little Help From My Friends" was released on which Beatles album?
- 4. Who wrote and released "It Might as Well Rain Until September"?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Each day I live, I want to be a day to give the best of me."

4. Carole King, in 1962.
5. "One Moment in Time," by Whitney Houston, in 1988. It was written as a promotion for the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics. The song charted around the globe, topping charts in the U.K., West Germany and the U.S.

ater.

"The Tracks of My Tears."

3. "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," in 1967. It ranked No. 311 on the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time list. Joe Cocker released a cover a year

2. "Bad Moon Rising," in 1983. Other songs featured on the sound track included "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "Joy to the World" and "II"

Answers

1. Rupert Holmes, of "Pina Colada"

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HOROSCOPES ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, if you are seeking pleasure, try some healthy pursuits. These can include exercise, soothing baths, hiking trips, or other activities that benefit the mind and body

TAÚRUS - Apr 21/May 21 Try to be as perceptive as possible when dealing with individuals in the days to come, Taurus. This will help you help them as effectively as you can.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 Your confidence may surprise you this week, and you may feel like there is nothing you cannot do, Gemini. Others will respond positively to your advice.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, if you are commanding enough, you can accept a position of leadership in the near future, even if you haven't yet had authority over others. This is a turning point.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Take shifting emotions in stride, Leo. There is no right or wrong way to feel. If something does become troublesome, talk it out with a confidante.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, a long to-do list may leave you wondering why you decided to take on so much. Consider the ways you can lighten your load and approach remaining tasks one by one.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, your efforts will soon begin to bear fruit. You may feel like you have finally begun to realize your goals. Just don't steer off path, and take time to reflect on your success.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Take time to reflect on your relationships this

week, Scorpio. Such reflection can help you ensure you let others know just how much they mean to you.

SAGITTARIUS-Nov 23/Dec 21 Take pride in your accomplishments and those of your associates, Sagittarius. You have collectively been working hard and deserve all the recognition you get.

CAPRICORN-Dec 22/Jan 20 Look for ways to be more independent this week, Capricorn. Explore different events or possibilities where you can hang solo. You can use some time alone.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, you may find yourself dealing with mixed feelings that you can't get to the root of. Relieving stress can ease any worries you have.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 A greater sense of clarity is coming your way, Pisces. Remind yourself to be inspired by the sights and people around you

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MAY 31 Clint Eastwood, Actor/Director (95)
JUNE 1 Amy Schumer, Comic (44)
JUNE 2 Zachary Quinto, Actor (48)
JUNE 3 Anderson Cooper, Journalist (58)
JUNE 4 Mackenzie Ziegler, Dancer (21)
JUNE 5 Mark Wahlberg, Actor (54)
JUNE 6 Drew McIntyre, Wrestler (40)



HOROSCOPES ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, expect others to pay attention to what you have to say this week. It may seem like no one is giving your thoughts much mind, but they're not falling on deaf ears.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, this week starts off with a lot of excitement, and that energy continues throughout the ensuing days. You may need to catch your breath at some point.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 Concentrating on work seems quite challenging this week, Gemini. Many interesting diversions are calling out to you. Ask a friend to help you focus.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 It can be burdensome to have so many people relying on you in any given week, Cancer. But keep your head up because that trust shows their faith in you.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, even though you continue to adapt to every change thrown your way, always thinking on your feet can be taxing. It's time to take a well-deserved break. Start planning.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, instead of thinking everything through to the most minute of details, take a much simpler approach. You'll rest easier knowing you cut out most of the drama from your days.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, some intense social interactions may have tapped into your reserved energy. If you're feeling tired and out of sorts, laughter and good friends can help.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, you always have a few tricks up your

sleeve and this week is no different. Reserve your secret weapon for when you need it most. Enjoy the good times ahead.

SAGITTARIUS-Nov 23/Dec 21 Sagittarius, devoting your energy to pleasurable things instead of work has found you falling behind on some important things. It's time to finally buckle down.

CAPRICORN-Dec 22/Jan 20 Don't let a few bumps along the way completely derail your plans, Capricorn. You may feel discouraged, but this is only a small hill to overcome. Next week looks promising.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, stop midweek and assess just how much you have accomplished already. You will be amazed at just how much you can do in a short amount of time.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 You are quick at the start, Pisces. But unless you pace yourself, you are going to fizzle out before the end of this week. Try to be more steady.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 7 Liam Neeson, Actor (73) JUNE 8 Kanye West, Rapper (48) JUNE 9 Michael J. Fox, Actor (64) JUNE 10 Kate Upton, Model (33) JUNE 11 Shia LaBeouf, Actor (39) JUNE 12 Dave Franco, Actor (40) JUNE 13 Chris Evans, Actor (44)



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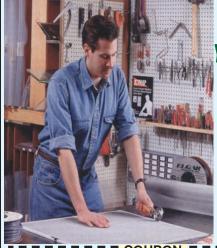
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by Linda Thistle

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across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the number from one to nine.

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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. Role on "S.W.A.T." (2)
- 8. Robert De ___
- 9. Dog on "The Thin Man"
- 10. "The ___ __";
 - 2019 Morris Chestnut
- 14. "The Seventh __"; 1988 Demi Moore film

- 15. Role on "The Conners"
- 16. 90 degrees from NNW
- 17. Make eyes at
- 18. Classic Ford
- 19. "__ Out of My League"; 2010 movie
- 20. __ Swan; "Once Upon a Time" role
- 24. Email provider for millions 22.
- 27. Rex or Donna
- 28. Actress Joanne
- 29. Sitcom about an alien
- 32. "It's ____, Mad, Mad, Mad World"
- 33. Role on "This Is Us" (2)
- 36. "One __ to Live"
- 37. Breath mint
- or. Biodiii iiiiii
- 38. "Madam ___"

DOWN

- 1. "__ Bells"; Yuletide song
- Dunne and Ryan
- 3. Series for Beth Hall
- 4. "__ Man"; 1988 Dustin Hoffman film
- Suffix for bold or cold
- 6. "I Love Lucy" role
- 7. Contaminate
- 8. Horse's comment
- 11. Linear measure: abbr.

- 12. Setting for "Frasier": abbr.
- 13. "__ and Stacey"
- 14. Cry for help
- 20. 1996 Schwarzenegger film
- 21. "Thanks for the __"; Bob Hope's signature song
- 22. __ well; intended to do right
- 23. Tally up
- 24. Part of speech: abbr.
- 25. Some graduate exams
- 26. Desi Jr.'s sis
- 29. Copycat
- 30. Sabrina __ Beauf
- 31. Note of the scale
- 34. Popular fast-food outlet
- 35. TV brand

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THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: Car **Enthusiasts**

Whether your hobby is collecting cars, or you're simply looking for a practical vehicle to get you from point A to point B, these five podcasts are the most recommended on Reddit by gearheads and motorheads alike:

"THIS CAR POD! With Doug De-Muro & Friends!" — Automotive expert and former AutoTrader.com blogger Doug DeMuro has over 4 million subscribers on his YouTube channel. His followers also can't get enough of his podcast where he shares his insights on topics like how tariffs are impacting the auto industry and halting imports. He asks if Tesla still needs Elon Musk, if Ferrari is heading toward failure, and why all EVs (electric vehicles) look the

same. He also turns the spotlight on himself and asks if YouTubers are controlling values, among other things. (Sites.Libsyn.com)

"The Smoking Tire" — Hosts Matt Don't Forget These Gems Farah and Zack Klapman welcome a wide array of guests like automotive icons, pro drivers and comedians who all discuss the car industry, racing, and their love of four-wheeled vehicles. Guests include Jerry Seinfeld and Jay Leno, who are well-known for their massive car collections. You can also search their library of episodes for their reviews of various automobiles (including older ones about the Cybertruck) and learn which muscle cars make their top-5 list. (TheSmokingTire.com)

"The Carmudgeon Show" — Hosts Jason Cammisa and Derek Tam-Scott prove that "you don't have to be old to be grumpy" as they spend each episode discussing "what's wrong with various parts of the automotive universe." Fortunately, there are plenty of laughs in between their grumbling. One host has a master's degree in law and the other has a master's in civil engineering. Recent episodes include "What Tariffs Mean for Old Cars," "Crowning the Hatchback King," and "The Toyota Land Cruiser's

Complicated Past." Things also get hilariously personal in a special episode from February where they roast each other's cars. (Sites.Libsyn.com)

"The Best of Car Talk" — You can still listen to America's favorite car guys via NPR's podcast containing their greatest hits. Brothers Tom and Ray Magliozzi were known as "Click and Clack, the Tappet Brothers" during their call-in radio show that aired from 1977-2012. Their expertise in solving your car mechanical issues, combined with their sense of humor, is still relevant and, best of all, entertaining today (although you might shed a tear when they mention sticker prices that were actually affordable and not overly inflated). (CarTalk.com)

"Everyday Driver Car Debate" — Hosts Paul Schmucker and Todd Deeken are experts behind the mic, helping their listeners find the right car for their needs. Recent episodes walk you through the dreaded car-buying process, saving for your dream car, and which car manufacturer is "losing more money than anticipated." (Everyday-Driver.com)



"Disney's Snow White" (PG) -This live-action adaptation of the 1937 classic "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" might finally be the catalyst to get Disney to stop making reboots. Rachel Zegler, who nailed her last role as Lucy Gray Baird in "The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes," leads the film as the soft-spoken, kind-hearted princess, opposite Gal Gadot's Evil Queen. Disney Studios poured about \$270 million into its budget, only for the film to become "memefied" during its release due to critiques of Gadot's acting and the film's poor CGI. Time to go back to the drawing board, Disney! Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

"A Minecraft Movie" (PG) — Unlike the previous film, this adaptation of the video game Minecraft was an incredible box-office success, earning close to \$1 billion and becoming the

second highest-grossing film of the year so far. Jack Black, who's a veteran of game adaptations ("The Super Mario Bros. Movie"), leads the film alongside Jason Momoa ("Fast X"). The film follows four characters who get pulled into the Minecraft world through a portal and must find their way back to the real world with the assistance of expert crafter Steve (Black). Danielle Brooks



Milly Alcock, left, and Julianne Moore star in "Sirens."

("The Color Purple") and Emma Meyers ("Wednesday") co-star in "A Minecraft Movie," out now to rent. (YouTube)

"Drop" (PG-13) — This new thriller film out now to rent hails from Christopher Landon, director of a few notable horror films such as "Happy Death Day" and "Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones." He signed on Meghann Fahy ("The White Lotus") to play the lead character, therapist Violet Gates. After the death of her abusive husband Blake, Violet is back on the dating scene, hoping to move on from the trauma of her past. She shows up for a fancy restaurant date with photographer Henry Campbell (Brandon Sklenar), but as she waits for him to arrive, she starts receiving threatening messages in the form of "digital drops" from an unknown person. Even after Henry arrives and the date commences, the threats only escalate, putting her young son Toby in terrible danger. (Apple TV+)

"Sirens" (TV-MA) — Meghann Fahy has had quite the busy spring! In addition to leading the previous film, she's starring in this Margot-Robbie-produced TV series, alongside two other powerhouse actresses - Julianne Moore ("Mary & George") and Milly Alcock ("House of the Dragon"). Fahy plays Devon, an edgy young woman who pays a visit to her sister, Simone (Alcock), at the beach estate where Simone works. But upon arriving, Devon realizes that Simone's boss, Michaela (Moore), has an intriguingly odd influence over Simone that has left her acting entirely different from the sister Devon once knew. This fiveepisode limited series premieres May 22. (Netflix)



by Dana Jackson

Q: What ever happened to actor Shia LaBeouf? I remember hearing bad things about him. Was he canceled? — D.E.

A:While Shia LaBeouf's film career isn't what it used to be with blockbuster hits like "Transformers," he's still getting acting gigs. In 2024, he actually co-starred in a movie starring Adam Driver ("Ferrari") and directed by Francis Ford Coppola ("The Godfather") titled "Megalopolis," but it was no blockbuster, having grossed only \$12.5 million worldwide.

Coppola and LaBeouf also butted heads while filming, with Coppola later saying that "[Shia is] so talented, but he's had a string of problems. And on set, he does create tremendous conflict. His method was so infuriating and illogical; it had me pulling my hair out."

LaBeouf was also fired from the film "Don't Worry Darling," but despite all the bad press, he does have one upcoming project called "God of the Rodeo." It's based on the true story about inmates in the 1960s who participated in a prison rodeo.

Q: When is "Resident Alien" coming back? I know it was renewed, but is there a premiere date? — K.S.

A: Mark June 6 on your calendar because this is when your favorite alien played by Alan Tudyk returns for an all-new season! Based on the comics from Dark Horse, the



Shia LaBeouf (Upcoming in "God of the Rodeo")

series was originally going to move to the USA Network, but SyFy decided to renew it as well. "Resident Alien" was originally facing cancellation on the network due to budget concerns, but I'm guessing that the show increased in popularity after season three recently aired on Netflix.

According to Deadline, the USA/SyFy simulcast model was previously used for the series "Chucky." "Resident Alien" is the

only scripted series on USA at the moment, whereas it's one of four scripted shows on SyFy. All the core cast members from the prior seasons are returning to "Resident Alien," along with two new additions: Jewel Staite ("Firefly") and Stephen Root ("Barry").

Q:Is there going to be another season of "Fargo"? I always look forward to hearing which time period the new season will take place in and who will star in it. — A.D. A:Inspired by the Coen Brothers' film of the same name, Noah Hawley created the anthology series "Fargo," which has won a total of seven Emmys over five seasons. The most recent season with Jon Hamm and Juno Temple ended in January 2024, but there doesn't appear to be another one on the horizon.

Hawley has a new upcoming series on the same network, FX, that is also based on a film. "Alien: Earth" will serve as a prequel to the 1979 sci-fi film "Alien" and will star Timothy Olyphant ("Justified"), Sydney Chandler ("Don't Worry Darling"), and David Rysdahl (season nine of "Fargo"). Hawley also has a feature film in the works called "Nowhere Fast," which sounds more like "Fargo." He wrote the original screenplay and will also direct Chris Pine in the film. It's about a small-town criminal in Texas who inadvertently kills his boss' nephew.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — "Top Gun: Maverick" director Joseph Kosinski is planning to remake "Miami Vice," the hit series that ran from 1984-1990 and starred Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas. This is despite Michael Mann's film version bombing in 2006, which starred Jamie Foxx and Colin Farrell. It cost \$150 million but only grossed \$164.2 million.

I met Johnson in 1969 when he starred with Sal Mineo in a Hollywood theater production of "Fortune and Men's Eyes." I remember we did several photo sessions together, and he told me about his aspirations for his future. Forty-four films later and the series "Nash Bridges" (with Cheech Marin), he's starring in ABC's "Doctor Odyssey," which appears to be a hit.

Johnson has been married to Melanie Griffith and dated Nicolette Sheridan, Patti D'Arbanville, Barbra Streisand, Uma Thurman and Penelope Ann Miller. He got back together with Griffith (producing actress Dakota Johnson), and hisvarious relationships gave him five children in total. What a tell all book that'll make!

Brad Pitt jumped from "F1," which opens by Quentin Tarantino.



Don Johnson ("Miami Vice")

on June 27, into "La La Land" director Damien Chazelle's "Heart of the Beast." He'll star opposite Oscar winner J.K. Simmons and play a former Navy SEAL who is trying to adjust to civilization after surviving the Alaskan wilderness.

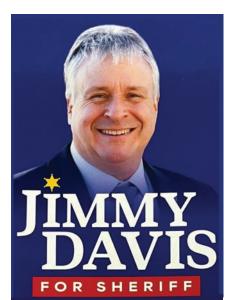
Next, Pitt will head to Europe for "The Riders" (directed by "Conclave's" Edward Berger), in which he searches Europe for his missing wife. Then he'll follow "The Riders" with Netflix's "The Continuing Adventures of Cliff Booth," which was written by Quentin Tarantino.

Pitt's publicly discussed struggling with what he believes is prosopagnosia (aka "face blindness")—a neurological disorder that makes it difficult to recognize faces, including people you know. They know him, but he may not know them from Adam!

In 1978, I saw a little stoner film called "Up in Smoke" about two potheads and their marijuana adventures. The stoners were Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong, aka Cheech and Chong. They wanted to make a movie so badly that they were railroaded by Paramount Pictures into a terrible deal for six low-budget films they had to write, produce, direct and star in.

In their current documentary "Cheech & Chong's Last Movie," they revealed that the film cost \$2 million to make and grossed \$104 million. But they were only paid a pair of lime-green shoes and \$100, which eventually turned into \$25,000 for each of them on the back end. Talk about the short end of the lollipop!

"Up in Smoke" was followed by "Cheech and Chong's Next Movie" (1980), "Nice Dreams" (1981), "Things Are Tough All Over" (1982), "Still Smokin" (1983), and "Cheech & Chong's The Corsican Brothers" (1984). They were so naive that you might say their profits went — what else? — "Up in Smoke!"



Born and raised in Bayonne, Jimmy graduated from local schools and attended St. John's University. He worked in NYC's financial district, and in 1986 he chose to serve his c ommunity as a Bayonne police officer, eventually rising to the rank of captain.

Jimmy's vast experience in law enforcement included his service in the Hudson County Prosecutor's homicide division and eventually brought him to his most recent assignment leading a special crimes unit and working alongside prosecutors from several counties, the FBI, U.S. Treasury Dept. and Department of Justice.

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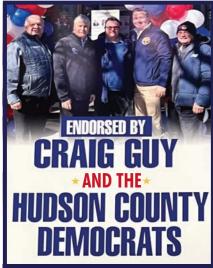


Should indoor cats wear flea collars?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: At my cat's last veterinary visit, it was recommended that she wear a flea collar or get a monthly flea treatment. "Belle" is a completely indoor cat and has never had fleas. Why do I need to prevent her from getting them? — Carla G., Gulf Shores, Alabama

DEAR CARLA: While it seems totally reasonable to not treat Belle for fleas, there is always a risk of getting them. This is the same logic behind routine vaccinations — it's unlikely that an indoor cat will be exposed to rabies, but there is always a chance. I'll give you a personal example. Last fall, I took care of a friend's dog for a few weeks while they were away dealing with a family emergency. On the first day, I noticed that "Kerry" was chewing on his tail and his hair was almost gone at the base of his tail. I knew right away that he had fleas, and a visual check confirmed it. All of my pets are treated for fleas, even though my cat stays indoors. With my friend's permission, I treated Kerry with a topical flea treatment and kept him separated from the other pets for a few days until no live fleas could be found in his fur. I also monitored all my pets for fleas during his visit.

I hadn't planned on Kerry arriving with fleas, but his owner had forgotten to give him his monthly flea treatment for a couple of months. This unplanned situation could have been a real problem for me and my pets. There's an old saying that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and that is certainly the case with fleas, which can be hard to eliminate from your home once they get a foothold. There are many options today — not just collars — to prevent fleas from getting on your cat. Talk to your vet about the treatment they recommend for Belle.



As our County Sheriff, Jimmy Davis will bring a fresh perspective to the office as he works every day to:

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JIMMY DAVIS HUDSON COUNTY SHERIFF June 10th 2025

Ambition is a beautiful quality, and our major Jimmy Davis certainly has it! Bayonne's transformation into a profitable, secure city with a promising future is no coincidence - Mayor Davis has functioned as a sound leader with goals and positive transformation for us in mind. And is what makes him a prime candidate for his next realm of interest - running for

Hudson County Sheriff!

Davis has an extensive history in law enforcement, joining the Bayonne police force in 1986 and maintaining close ties to their prosecution and special crimes divisions over the past decades. Such experience goes a long way, espeially when regarding the safety and stability of our county. And considering the widespread support for Davis' aspirations - even receiving the vocal endorsement of the Jersey City Police Superior's Association - it's inevitable that Hudson will be in good

hands with our mayor.

His affinity for strategy and prior planning is also enticing, with potential policies and opportunities for improvement already circling his mind. The transition to a sheriff leadership role will be of little friction and is bound to benefit Hudson's 705,472 citizens. Having a righteous sense of security under his guidance will be a monumental boost to a county that has experienced rapid growth in recent years, and we'd be a part of it!

by Isiah Christie

Elections are on June 10th show out and vote "1C" to support Mayor Davis!

Entering this newfound career will ultimately be of benefit to our city as a collective, and will reflect the sustainability and advancements that have defined Bayonne during his 12 year term. Let's make our voices heard and ensure welfare for all!







By Lucie Winborne

- Benjamin Franklin never actually lobbied for the turkey to become the national bird, but he did write that the bald eagle was a fowl of "bad moral character" and that the turkey was "a much more respectable bird."
- The world's largest chocolate bar weighed 12,000 pounds.
- While digging up stones to build a house in 1885, Australian miner George Harrison found gold ore near Johannesburg, beginning the South African gold rush.
- In terms of galactic years, the sun is around 20.5 years old.
- Victorian floriography, the practice of assigning codes to flowers to send messages via bouquets and arrangements, associated basil with hatred! The curious link came from the ancient Greeks, who felt basil leaves resembled the opening jaws of a basilisk.
- In the 1800s, ducks were called "arsefeet," as their feet are so close to their

posteriors

- Painting designs and pictures on fingernails isn't just a modern trend. It was a familiar practice with the Incas, many of whom sported eagle motifs on their nails.
- One percent of people are born with a 13th rib.
- To preserve the quality of the U.S. Constitution, on display in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C., its protective cases contain argon gas and are kept at 67 Fahrenheit with a relative humidity of 40%.
- In the U.K., fish and chips were tradi-

tionally wrapped in old newspapers, giving the meal a unique newspaper ink flavor. The practice eventually ended for health reasons.

• During the 1904 Summer Olympic Games, American athlete George Eyser won six medals in a single day, including three gold and two silver, in the vault, parallel bars and rope climbing competitions ... with a wooden prosthetic left leg.

Thought for the Day: "Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud." — Maya Angelou

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Bayonne Division of Recreation Announces the 2025 Summer Sounds by the Bay Concert Series

The Bayonne Division of Recreation has announced the 2025 Summer Sounds by the Bay Concert Series. Weather permitting, each performance will begin promptly on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm at the amphitheater on the lower level of DiDomenico-16th Street Park, which is located between Avenue A and Newark Bay. The concerts are scheduled for Wednesdays from June 25 through August 20, with August 27 as a rain date. Pete Amadeo, Superintendent of Recreation, said, "For over thirty years, the Summer Sounds by the Bay has been a town favorite in the park during the summer. It provides great music in a great setting." Amadeo continued, "We are ready for a great summer. We have a great lineup of music, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying the summer nights."

June 25 - The Beginnings: This American Chicago tribute from NYC, performs in Chicago's original classic-era, seven-piece configuration, without the aid of backing tracks or additional musicians, Beginnings has been stunning audiences all over North America for 20 years!

July 9 – AM Gold Yacht Rock: This band performs adult-contemporary hit songs from the mid-1970s through the mid-1980s. Artists covered include Hall & Oates, Steely Dan, Huey Lewis, Christopher Cross, Lionel Richie, and many more!

July 16 - Soul Machine: Performing the Top 40s, Yacht Rock, R&B and Motown! A night of dancing and singing! Be ready for a memorable night!

July 23– Iconic Women of Rock: The show is a high-energy, electrifying tribute to legendary female artists, featuring a dynamic, genre-spanning setlist that captivates audiences of all

ages and leaves them singing along every time. It's a celebration of strong, trailblazing women!

July 30 – Fleetwood Macked: Fleetwood Macked is a New York-based Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band. Hailed as the most authentic Fleetwood Mac tribute band in the U.S., much of the realism comes from the band's history. All the members of Fleetwood Macked are and have always been professional, touring Rock musicians, which also adds to the authenticity of the sound of the band



August 6 – Arena – Relive The Rock: This band captures the big sound and power of some of the greatest rock bands of our time: Boston, Journey, Kansas, Heart, Pat Benatar, AC/DC, Guns N' Roses, Aerosmith, Rush, Foreigner - just to name a few.

August 13 – We May Be Right! Billy Joel Tribute: The powerhouse ensemble We May Be Right delivers an electrifying performance wowing audiences of all ages as they re-create authentically the music of one the greatest Rock and Roll Keyboard Players, "Piano Man" Billy Joel.

August 20– Super Trans AM: Super Trans Am is a unique and innovative theme band, playing all of your favorite arena anthems and chart-topping radio hits of the 1970's. You'll enjoy revisiting classic singalongs from one of the most definable decades in American history.

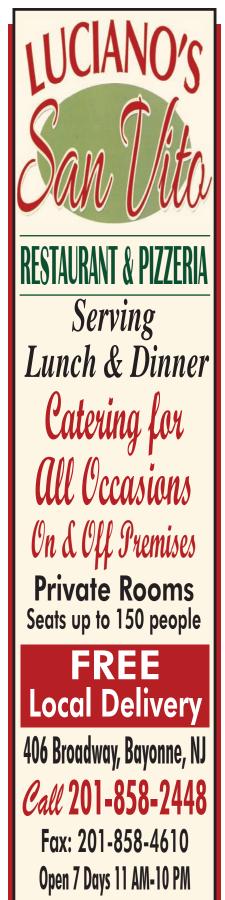
August 27 – This will be a rain date, if needed, for Summer Sounds.

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Back to Basics: Apple Pie

By Wolfgang Puck

Two of my all-time favorite after-dinner treats combine in one perfect dessert: apple pie. It's a basic that all home cooks should have in their repertoire, a recipe you can rely on whenever you desire sweet comfort food.

Good pie pastry is surprisingly easy to make, especially now that just about everyone has a food processor. The stainless-steel blade combines flour, sugar, and salt (plus, if you like, some sweet spice to flavor the pastry) in just a few seconds of pulsing the machine on and off. Then, less than a minute more of processing to incorporate chilled butter, egg yolks, and cream gives you a rich dough that will turn into the most beautiful, tender crust for your pie.

Finally, you have to chill the dough for several hours to firm it up. If you don't have time, though, you can always feel free to substitute store-bought rounds of pie crust sold in the refrigerated case in most markets. They'll give good results, too.



As for the filling, much of your success comes down to selecting the right apples. You need a variety that tastes both sweet and tangy, with a texture that will hold its shape during baking, winding up at once both soft and still just slightly firm to the bite. My favorite with these characteristics is the widely available Granny Smith variety. You could also use such apples as Jonathan, Fuji, Winesap, and Pippin. Really, there are so many different kinds of apples for sale in farmers' markets and even supermarkets these days that it's fun to taste and experiment.

One special trick I like to do when making an apple pie filling is to saute the apples with butter and sugar to give them a caramel sauce. You won't believe how much more complex and flavorful your pie will taste for taking this little extra step.

Once your pie dough and apples are ready, you're just over an hour away from a freshly baked pie. Rolling out the dough and filling the pie takes just a few minutes. Don't worry if it doesn't look magazine-perfect; rustic-style pies that actually look homemade can be even more appealing. Take special care, though, to bake your pie long enough, so that the crust turns a deep golden brown. Too many people remove their pies from the oven too soon, depriving themselves of the pleasurable texture and flavor of fully cooked pastry to complement the filling.

ing.
So give my apple pie recipe a try soon. First, make it one weekend for a Saturday dinner party or Sunday family meal. Once you've got the hang of this very basic recipe, you'll be preparing apple pies on weeknights, too!

GRANNÝ SMITH APPLE PIE WITH CINNAMON CRUST

Makes 1 pie, 8 servings

CINNAMON PIE DOUGH:

3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt

3/4 pound unsalted butter, well chilled, cut into 24 pieces

4 large cage-free egg yolks

1/4 cup heavy cream **APPLE FILLING**

7 tablespoons unsalted butter

12 medium organic Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and cut into 1/2-inch wedges

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1/4 cup dark brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 tablespoons Calvados (apple brandy) or applejack, optional

ĞLAZÊ AND GARNISHES

1 large cage-free egg, beaten

Vanilla ice cream of whipped cream (optional) First, make the dough. In a food processor fitted with the stainless-steel blade, combine the flour, sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Pulse the machine on and off a few times. Scatter the butter evenly inside. Process until the mixture resembles coarse meal. In a small bowl, whisk together the egg yolks and cream. With the machine running, pour the mixture through the feed tube and continue processing until the dough comes together. Carefully remove from the processor, wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.

For the filling, melt 6 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. When the butter begins to turn brown, add the apples and sprinkle with the sugars and cinnamon. Cook, stirring frequently, until the sugars have turned thick, dark brown, and bubbly, 10 to 15 minutes. The apples should still be firm. Stir in the Calvados, if using. Line a baking pan with aluminum foil and spread the apple mixture in it to cool to room temperature.

Meanwhile, remove the dough from the refrigerator and leave at room temperature for 30 to 40 minutes. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Cut the ball of dough into two halves, one slightly larger than the other. Place the smaller half cut side down on a lightly floured work surface. With a floured rolling pin, roll it out to an even circle 11 inches in diameter. Gently fold in half or quarters and transfer to a 9-inch pie pan. Unfold and gently ease it into the contours of the pan. Roll out the larger half of dough to a circle about 12 inches in diameter and gently fold in half or quarters.

Fill the lined pie pan with the apples. Dot with the remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Carefully unfold the remaining pastry circle over the filling. Tuck the edges of the top pastry under the rim of the bottom pastry and press down with your fingers to seal together and decoratively flute the edges. With the tip of a small, sharp knife, cut 3 vents about 2 inches long in the center of the top crust.

Place the pie on a baking sheet and bake in the lower third of the oven for 30 minutes. Reduce the heat to 375 degrees F. and bake for 20 minutes longer. Remove from the oven, brush the top pastry with the beaten egg, return to the oven, and continue baking until the crust is deep golden brown, 5 to 10 minutes longer.

Serve hot, warm, or at room temperature, accompanied by vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, if you like.









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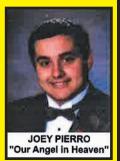
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by Ryan A. Berenz

- 1. The ball used in Gaelic balland-stick sports like hurling, camogie, rounders and shinty is known as what?
- 2. Happy Chandler, Commissioner of Baseball from 1945-51,

served two separate terms as governor of what U.S. state?

- 3. In 1994, Conchita Martinez became the first female from what country to win the Wimbledon singles title?
- 4. Jimmer Fredette, 2011 NCAA Division I men's basketball scoring champion, played for what college team?
- 5. Name the Nebraska Cornhuskers quarterback who won a national championship in 1997 and the Heisman Trophy in 2001.
- 6. The Northern Star Award, presented annually to the top athlete in Canada, was formerly named

after what athlete, referee and sportswriter?

7. Beat Feuz, gold medalist in the men's Alpine skiing downhill at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, competed for what country?

4. The Brigham Young University Cougars.
5. Eric Crouch.
6. Lou Marsh.
7. Switzerland.

3. Spain. 4. The Brigham Young University

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Answers





- 1. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym URL stand for? 2. MOVIES: What is the name of the ghost that haunts the girls' bathroom at Hogwarts ("Harry Potter" series)?
- 3. HISTORY: Which decisive battle ended the Revolutionary War?

- 4. LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the author Eric Arthur Blair?
- 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which of the national parks is the most visited in the United States? 6. TELEVISION: Which medical series is based at Princeton Plainsboro Teaching Hospital?
- 7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Denmark?
- 8. U.S. STATES: In which state is Glacier National Park located?
- 9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first vice president to die in office?

10. SCIENCE: What are elements like neon, helium and radon called?

9. George Clinton. 10. Noble gases.

8. Montana.

7. Copenhagen.

tional Park. 6. "House, M.D."

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• It's barbecue time, and here's a fun, festive idea for your next backyard shindig: For each guest, stuff a mason jar with a clean bandanna (for a napkin) and a set of silverware. Write the

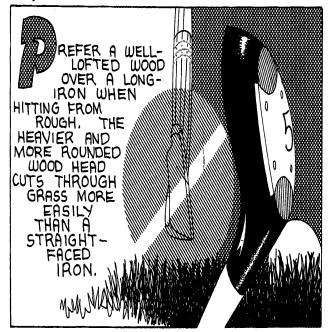
name on the jar with a silver paint pen made to stay on glassware. Cute, functional and a keepsake! Here's more to get your grilling season started.

- "Bring a distinctive towel to a pool party so that you will know where your towel is. You can make an extralarge towel by sewing two smaller towels together, too." U.A. in New York
- "For a really fun take on kebabs, use fruit instead of meat. The kids especially love fruit on a stick. If you have some neat cookie cutters, you can score planks of watermelon and make

shapes." — M.M. in Michigan

- To keep ants from invading your patio, draw a thick line of chalk as a boundary. The ants will not like to cross the chalk line and will leave your patio party alone.
- "Set out wasp attractors at the far reaches of your yard so that the wasps will be busy out there and not attacking your guests." T.C. in South Carolina
- Use a muffin tin on the table to serve condiments from. For larger portions (like lettuce, onion slices, maybe pickle spears) you can set a cup down in the muffin well.

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