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# SOAP Updates

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**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Donna cozied up to Eric, who expressed his troubles with Quinn. Hope and Liam made a momentous decision about their relationship. Dollar Bill interfered during Deputy Baker's interrogation of Liam. Brooke voiced concern about Thomas when Hope shared her joyful news. Zoe apologized to Paris, who then offered to help her win back Carter. Bill be-



James Patrick Stuart stars as Valentin on "General Hospital."

came irritated when Wyatt innocently asked him about his car. Ridge comforted his son after viewing Vinny's memorial tribute. **Wait to See:** Liam struggles to maintain normalcy with Hope while being tormented by Vinny. Meanwhile, Thomas vows to find out who killed Vinny and make them pay. Hope and Liam look forward to their long future together after Liam's first night home.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Kristen, disguised as Susan, gave Jake some romantic advice. Philip took Gabi home to make love. Theo said goodbye to his family. Jan and Nicole had a very tense encounter. Ben tried to prevent Ciara from leaving Salem. Belle accused Sami of framing her for Charlie's murder. Ben made a surprising decision about Ciara. Nicole was unhappy when Ava revealed that she and Rafe shared a kiss. Lucas and Sami

tried to sell his lie to Chloe. Allie and Tripp shared a close moment. Abigail confided in Gabi about Gwen. Meanwhile, Gwen told Jack she was leaving town. Kristen revealed her plans to Kate. Abigail and Gwen had a major showdown. **Wait to See:** Allie confides in Claire about her growing feelings for Tripp. "Kate" breaks up with a bewildered Jake. Ben apologizes to Claire.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Anna needed Maxie's help. Liz was puzzled by Finn's behavior. Willow hopes for the best. Dante shared his concerns with Sam. Olivia's interest was piqued. Laura asked after Liz's well-being. Valentin overheard a private conversation, giving him an advantage. Carly wondered if Britt could be trusted. Michael tried to assuage Willow's guilt. Ava and Nikolas were at odds. Sam arranged a visit for Jason with Danny. Joss lied to Portia. Laura cautioned Scott. Josslyn and Trina had a heart-to-heart talk. Nina surprised Sonny. Ava presented Carly with an offer. Cameron confronted Jason. Britt told Finn she had spoken to Liz about her status at the hospital. Ava and Nikolas prepared to host a family dinner. **Wait to See:** Laura faces off with Cyrus. Jordan confronts an unlikely suspect. Nina is desperate to protect her new life.

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Nikki covered for Victor. Phyllis played games with Nick. Amanda learned some disturbing news. Rey interrogated Chloe. Sharon kept a secret for Adam. Nick and Sharon received some shocking news. Kyle connected the dots. Jack accepted an invitation from Sally. Victor discovered a clue about Adam's whereabouts. Devon made a promise to Amanda. **Wait to See:** Nick makes a bold move to help Faith. Devon strategizes with Jack. Nina comforts Abby.

May 15 - May 21, 2021

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Hope and Liam looked forward to their long future together after Liam's first night home. Thomas vowed to find out who killed Vinny and make them pay. Liam attempted to hide his torment over Vinny's death from Hope. Ridge went on the defense when Baker grilled Thomas about Vinny. Wyatt became frustrated over Bill and Liam's apparent lies. Thomas

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**HOROSCOPES** **ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20** You will have plenty of time to devote to your favorite projects, Aries. But right now you need to spend some time with close friends and family.  
**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21** Relationships are at the forefront of your mind, Taurus. You may have specific criteria you use to assess potential friends or romantic interests, but it could pay to widen your scope.  
**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21** Gemini, your charm might be on overdrive, but you are looking for more than just trivial companionship. Explore activities that will match you with those with the same interests.  
**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22** Coworkers are expecting much from you, Cancer. Although you want to promise them everything, you have doubts you can deliver. See what you can handle and farm out the rest.  
**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23** You have plenty of options in your love life, Leo. Take a step back and carefully assess where you want existing relationships to go. Such a breather will only benefit you.  
**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22** It takes more than just a positive attitude to be successful this week - although positivity is a good start. Set goals and aim for doing your fair share of hard work.  
**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23** Libra, your intuition lets you know when to keep quiet and when to make a stir. Let events unfold around you this week, keeping your thoughts close to the vest.  
**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22** Scorpio, in the midst of difficult times, you

may find that opportunities abound. Do not let any moment pass you by; embrace the situations and opportunities coming your way.  
**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21** An invitation to a special event may be on the horizon, Sagittarius. Be patient and prepare for some excitement. Invite others to join in the festivities.  
**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20** Capricorn, you may be on the cusp of revealing your plans to others. But a change of heart might be coming, so wait a little bit longer until you're certain.  
**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18** You might not be in the mood for small talk this week, Aquarius. But avoid being rude as you try to speak about serious matters. Allow others to express themselves.  
**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20** There seems to be no limit to your career possibilities, Pisces. Rather than staying put in your current position, branch out.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**

- MAY 8 Enrique Iglesias, Singer (43)
- MAY 9 Billy Joel, Singer (69)
- MAY 10 Bono, Singer (58)
- MAY 11 Sabrina Carpenter, Actress (19)
- MAY 12 Rami Malek, Actor (37)
- MAY 13 Debby Ryan, Actress (25)
- MAY 14 Ron Gronkowski, Athlete (29)

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**HOROSCOPES** **ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20** Aries, soon you will be able to clarify your thinking and articulate your needs to others. Until then, you need to wait for an opportunity to share your point of view.  
**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21** Taurus, if you have been struggling with a challenging situation, you'll get some much-needed support this week. Use the break to treat yourself to something special.  
**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21** Some epic action may be on tap for you this week, Gemini. You may have to slow things down if everything is moving too quickly. A lively group of people will join you.  
**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22** Cancer, a surge of energy may have you working overtime to complete a task. Just come up for a breather once in a while. Such respites can prove rejuvenating.  
**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23** Distant lands may be calling you, Leo. So be sure your passport is in order and set up those discount fare alerts to your email. It's time to get away for some R&R.  
**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22** Virgo, be careful what you wish for, as you may just get everything you desire. It's uncertain how things may turn out, so be ready to make changes as needed.  
**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23** Is love in the air, Libra? If you are feeling more amorous than usual, you may be ready for a new relationship or ready to add some spice to your current one.  
**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22** Health, wisdom and wealth could be in your

sights, Scorpio. Why not throw in being well-liked as well? This is your time to soar. Enjoy the ride while it lasts.  
**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21** Devote more time to self-care right now, Sagittarius. You may need some time to yourself to recharge. When you are done, you can once again be a person of action.  
**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20** Capricorn, you may be feeling a little wild this week or ready to just hang around in your pajamas and relax. Either way works as long as you're happy doing it.  
**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18** Your powers of persuasion are dialed up, Aquarius. You can convince others of just about anything you want them to do right now. Use this skill wisely.  
**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20** Pisces, a love of fine things could find you in financial peril if you are not careful with spending. Set limits on how much you treat yourself.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**

- MAY 15 Birdy, Singer (22)
- MAY 16 Benhati Prinsloo, Model (29)
- MAY 17 Derek Hough, Dancer (33)
- MAY 18 Jack Johnson, Singer (43)
- MAY 19 Eleanor Tomlinson, Actress (26)
- MAY 20 Cher, Singer (72)
- MAY 21 Gotye, Singer (38)

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tried to be supportive of Hope rebuilding a life with Liam. Quinn and Shauna found themselves in a tight spot with Eric. **Wait to See:** Zoe aims to prove to Carter that she's the only woman for him. Brooke is stunned when Carter



Hunter King stars as "Summer" on "The Young and the Restless."

defends Quinn's past mistakes. Shauna covers for Quinn and then advocates on her behalf to Eric.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Kristen, disguised as Kate, fended off Roman's romantic overtures. Sparks flew between

Gabi and Jake. Jack and Chad questioned Abigail about Gwen's fall. Gwen came up with a horrific lie. Abigail denied Gwen's accusation. Lucas struggled to deceive Chloe. Ava and Rafe discussed where they stood with one another. Belle had a stunning realization regarding Charlie's murder. Melinda pressed John to implicate Belle. Bonnie and Jan had a testy exchange. Chanel asked Lani for a huge favor. Belle and Shawn sought answers about Jan. Claire overheard Jan making plans to become Mrs. Shawn Brady. Allie reunited with an old friend. Tripp shared some surprising news with Claire about Allie. **Wait to See:** Susan makes a major slip in front of Brady. Kate fights for her life. Sami reaches into her old bag of tricks to help Lucas out of a jam.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Carly made her presence known. Jordan assessed a situation. Cyrus tied up a loose end. Brando questioned Sasha's behavior. Cyrus was livid. Britt remained committed to helping Jason. Elizabeth was beside herself. Nina considered a major life change. Jax began to worry when he couldn't reach Carly. Portia dropped

by The Savoy to see Curtis. Spinelli got a call summoning him. Sam made a pact with Dante. Trina stopped by Jordan's house hoping to see her father. Cameron apologized to Josslyn. Carly felt the weight of Sonny's absence. Olivia confided in Robert. Valentin questioned Anna's decision. Brook Lynn's plans were thwarted. Carly felt helpless. Britt and Jason grew closer. **Wait to See:** Peter bumps into Cyrus at the Metro Court. Maxie and Sam find a moment to catch up. Brook Lynn overhears a tender moment between Ned and Olivia.

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Nick made a bold move to help Faith. Devon strategized with Jack. Nina comforted Abby. Nick's plan to help Faith backfired. Rey comforted Sharon. Victoria gave Billy a warning. Victor found leverage against Chelsea. Adam made a dangerous decision. Nikki delivered some unexpected news to Sharon. Michael questioned Amanda's motives. Summer retaliated against Sally. **Wait to See:** Nate pushes Devon's buttons. Lily keeps Billy on his toes. Chelsea plots her next move.



From a Cinderella story ("Ever After," with Drew Barrymore as cute as a button) to ruthless, empire-building strategy that plays out over years ("Game of Thrones," anyone?), people just love royalty. However, there's one family that seems to captivate Western attention again and again: the throne keepers of Merry Old England.

In any grocery store aisle you'll see magazines filled with stories of William and Kate, Harry and Meghan, and a solitary Queen Elizabeth mourning the recent loss of husband Prince Phillip. Some 750 million people tuned in to watch Lady Diana wed Prince Charles. And that was 1981! Here is a royal flush of films to satiate your need for nobility.

**"Elizabeth"** — The most fascinating of the English queens, Elizabeth I (Cate Blanchette), rises to the throne upon the death of her half sister Mary. The prevailing advice is for Elizabeth to marry

in order to solidify her claim of the crown. She instead carries on an affair with an English lord (Joseph Fiennes). But her court is awash in conspiracy and intrigue, so with the help of her ruthless adviser Frances Walsingham (Geoffrey Rush), Elizabeth establishes her place as the "Virgin Queen," who needs no man.

**"Mary, Queen of Scots"** — A liberal dose of history and two fantastically intriguing characters converge in this film that chronicles two strong women's struggle to find respect in 16th-century England and Scotland. Margot Robbie is Queen Elizabeth I, unable to conceive and so with a tenuous command of the English crown. Saoirse Ronan is Mary, the Catholic queen returned from France to take her place on the Scottish throne.

**"Victoria & Abdul"** — Dame Judy Dench dons the crown as Queen Victo-

ria. Ali Fazal plays Abdul Karim, a Muslim clerk from India dispatched to the court of Victoria to present her an honor: a gold coin printed with her likeness. Abdul is a welcome change from the suffocating pleasing of the courtiers, and Victoria adopts him as a friend, a friendship not without adversity.

**"The King's Speech"** — Colin Firth (himself a bit of dreamy English star royalty) takes the central role as Prince Albert, future king of England, George VI. He suffers from a debilitating stutter for which he employs an Australian speech therapist (Geoffrey Rush). The film — a Best Picture Oscar winner — follows their long relationship, from the days before his older brother abdicates the throne through the preparation to deliver his most monumental of speeches: Britain's declaration of war on Nazi Germany.

**"The Queen"** — In a sublime performance, Helen Mirren captures Queen Elizabeth II in the days surrounding and following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in a car accident in Paris. Beloved by the public as Diana was, the response to her loss was botched by official royal sources. Michael Sheen plays Tony Blair, the British prime minister who attempts to manage the public and private perceptions about the role of the monarchy in a modern age.



Margot Robbie in "Mary Queen of Scots"

# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q: Could you please tell me if “Transplant” will be coming back to NBC and if “Miss Scarlet and the Duke” will be coming back to PBS? — K.E.**

A: “Transplant” is an NBC medical drama about Dr. Bashir “Bash” Hamed (Hamza Haq), a battle-tested Syrian doctor who leaves his war-torn country to begin his residency at a Toronto hospital. It was originally a Canadian series on CTV, but NBC picked it up and, good news, it’s been renewed for a second season. Joining the cast full-time will be Tori Higginson, who recurred as an ER



Hamza Haq in “Transplant”

nurse in the first season. No airdate has been announced for season two’s premiere, but it’s been given the greenlight.

As for “Miss Scarlet and the Duke,” nearly 8 million people watched the season one premiere on Masterpiece PBS, according to Town and Country magazine. With ratings like that, it’s no surprise it has already been renewed for a second season. Kate Phillips plays Miss Scarlet, “the first-ever female detective in 19th century London” and Stuart Martin co-stars as Inspector William “The Duke” Wellington. Look for new episodes in 2022, but the first season can be streamed on Amazon Prime.

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**Q: I started watching “The Real Housewives of New Jersey” again after taking a few years off. I keep hearing Jackie say that she’s a lawyer. Is she really? I thought she wrote a parenting column. — E.J.**

A: Jackie Goldschneider is credited as a freelance writer for Good Housekeeping and the Huffington Post, but before starting a family,

she was a real-estate attorney. She and her husband, Evan, have two sets of twins. I’m not sure if her newfound reality TV fame is worth all the tears she’s shed on camera this season. If I were her, I’d stick to writing.

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**Q: What years did the program “Stargate 1” play on TV? — P.G.**

A: When I first read your question, I assumed that “Stargate” was part of the “Star Trek” franchise, but I was wrong. “Stargate” was an original film written and directed by Roland Emmerich and starred Kurt Russell and James Spader. The sci-fi movie was about an interstellar transportation device discovered in Egypt.

“Stargate SG-1” was a TV series that ran for 10 years and starred Richard Dean Anderson of “MacGyver” fame and Amanda Tapping of “Supernatural.” It was based on the film and debuted on Showtime in 1997 before moving to the original Sci Fi Channel in 2002, where it stayed until 2007.

There were two subsequent “Stargate” spin-offs (can you see now why I assumed it was part of the “Star Trek” franchise?): “Stargate: Atlantis,” which ran from 2004-09 and included future movie star Jason Momoa among the cast, and “Stargate: Universe,” which ran from 2009-11 and was headlined by Robert Carlyle.

A writer and producer of all three series, Brad Wright, said in a 2020 interview that a continuation of the show was in the works, but there have been no updates since.

**Q: Is it true that actress Jessica Chastain will be playing both Tammy Wynette and Tammy Faye Bakker? — C.P.**

A: Jessica Chastain made her professional



Jessica Chastain in “The Help”

acting debut in 2004 with a guest-star appearance on the hit medical drama “ER.” She’s so good, it’s shocking that she hasn’t won an Oscar. She’s come awfully close with back-to-back Academy Award nominations for her roles in “The Help” and “Zero Dark Thirty.” Chastain will play the mascara-caked, publicly humiliated pastor’s wife Tammy Faye Bakker in the upcoming biopic film “The

Eyes of Tammy Faye.” Andrew Garfield (“The Amazing Spider-Man”) will play her televangelist husband Jim Bakker, while Vincent D’Onofrio (“Full Metal Jacket”) takes on the role of Jerry Falwell. Chastain, who is also one of the film’s producers, credits Tammy Faye as “a woman ahead of her time.”

In addition to what will surely be another chance at Oscar with the above project, Chastain also could be a contender for an Emmy by playing another Tammy — country music legend Tammy Wynette. “George & Tammy” is in preproduction for future streaming on Spectrum as a limited series. It’s based on a book written by George Jones and Wynette’s daughter, Georgette. According to Deadline.com, “George & Tammy” was originally pitched as a feature film seven years ago, but was later re-envisioned as a series. It hasn’t been announced yet who will play George, but regardless, I predict the 2022 awards season will be very kind to Chastain.

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**Q: When is the new Alec Baldwin and Kelsey Grammer sitcom coming out? I heard that the people who wrote “Modern Family” are behind it, so it’s got to be good. — C.J.**

A: Back in November, the dream duo of Baldwin and Grammer were picked to star in a new ABC comedy about two ex-roommates who reconnect after their egos drove them apart in their 20s. Unfortunately, ABC was reportedly so unimpressed after watching the pilot episode that it passed on the sitcom. Perhaps it will find a home on another network someday, but for now it’s a dead project.

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**Q: I read that there’s going to be a sequel to the sitcom “How I Met Your Mother” starring Hilary Duff. I thought she was bringing back her Lizzie McGuire character in a reboot of that show. Is she doing both? — R.R.**

A: The return of “Lizzie McGuire” was canceled before it ever really got started on Disney+. The streaming service didn’t have the same creative vision for the show as Duff did, so they parted ways. Duff was hopeful that Hulu would pick up the more adult version of “Lizzie McGuire,” but that never materialized.

Hulu had another idea, however, casting her as the lead in “How I Met Your Father,” a modern spinoff of the long-running CBS sitcom “HIMYM,” which starred Josh Radnor and Cobie Smulders. Hulu has already ordered 10 episodes, so Duff should feel pretty confident after the big letdown that was her original baby.

# HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Marvel Studios, aka Disney, is taking no chances with “Thor: Love and Thunder,” the fourth movie in the Thor saga. Oscar may have so far eluded Chris Hemsworth, but Marvel is backing him up by surrounding him with five Oscar winners: Natalie Portman (“Black Swan”) as Thor’s girlfriend, Russell Crowe (“Gladiator”), Christian Bale (“The Fighter”) as Gorr the God Butcher, and Matt Damon (“Good Will Hunting,” for screenwriting) as the villain “Actor Loki.” Add Sam Neill (“Actor Odin”), Luke Hemsworth (“Actor Thor”), Melissa McCarthy (“Actor Hela”) and Taika Waititi (adapted screenplay Oscar winner for “Jojo Rabbit”), director of “Thor: Ragnarok” and “Thor: Love and Thunder,” as well as the voice of Korg.

In addition, “Guardians of the Galaxy’s” Chris Pratt, Karen Gillan, Dave Bautista, Sean Gunn, Vin Diesel, the voice of Bradley Cooper and cameos from Cate Blanchett, Mark Ruffalo, Benedict Cumberbatch and Anthony Hopkins. If you’ve never seen “Thor” before, better start doing your homework or you’ll need a program.

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The 2019 musical production of “Diana” (the life story of Diana, Princess of Wales) shuttered last year due to the pandemic, but is now set to return to Broadway on Dec. 1. In a bold move, Netflix has bought the rights to the filmed stage production (a la “Hamilton”) and will stream it starting Oct. 1. Jenna de Waal, of the TV series “Iron Fist” and Broadway productions of “Waitress,” “Kinky Boots” and “Finding Neverland,” has the title role, while Roe Hartrampf plays Prince Charles. Erin Davie, of “Grey Gardens,” does Camilla Parker Bowles, and Broadway vet Judy Kaye, of “Phantom of the Opera,” “Ragtime” and “Mamma Mia” (for which she won a Tony Award), essays Queen Elizabeth II.

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Also thinking about royalty is Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber (now 73), who gave us “Cats,” “Phantom of the Opera” and “Sunset Boulevard,” to name just three. He’s about to present us with a stage musical “reinventing” of the classic “Cinderella” fairytale. He’s written songs with lyrics by David Zippel and a book



Chris Hemsworth as Thor

by “Promising Young Woman” three-time Oscar nominee Emerald Fennell (for best picture, director and screenplay). So far the show has four songs, and stars Carrie Hope Fletcher as Cinderella. The reinvention is that Cinderella’s Prince Charming is gay and has run off with a duke, but luckily she’s fallen for his younger brother, Prince Sebastian, played by Ivano Turco, a young man of color who auditioned for the chorus but was chosen to play the lead because of his singing voice. Andrew Lloyd Webber says, “I’m convinced audience will fall in love with him, as we did, when we heard him sing ‘Only You, Lovely You’ (from the show). I just knew I’d found our Prince!” Sounds like that’s the REAL “Cinderella” story!



Helen Mirren

HOLLYWOOD — Here we go again! Remember when HBO Max considered dropping “Gone With the Wind” from its playlist because a film director of color objected to the depiction of slaves in that classic film? Now an article in The National Review called TCM Movies “an enemy of film watchers because they’ve succumbed to political fashion because of films that were made before ‘woke-

ness.’ This process reexamines the vagaries of art with disapproval. They’re looking for flaws, errors and offenses.” The internet has given voice to people who have a right to opine but not to demand censorship. Such as the those who suggested “Grease” be banned because it was “sexist, homophobic and slut shaming.”

TCM hosts often appear before or after films with comments about the making of the film or its stars, but they also can go too far. Many were shocked to hear three of the hosts complaining about how “My Fair Lady” ended. One of the female hosts suggested Eliza Doolittle wasn’t forceful enough with Henry Higgins, and she seemed dissatisfied not knowing if they married and lived happily ever after. “My Fair Lady” was released in 1965, won 10 Academy Awards, including best picture, actor and director. George Bernard Shaw, the author of “Pygmalion,” the play from which the mega-hit Broadway show and film were based, was adamant that “Eliza emancipate herself and not relapse, she must retain her pride and triumph to the end.”

Today’s “cancel culture” is purporting to judge great films made before our so-called wokeness, films that depict THEIR times, but with the morals and ways of our times. To presume to white-wash these visions of life in those period pieces is absurd. “Gone With the Wind” told a story about the Civil War based on a novel, not a textbook. “My Fair Lady” was Shaw’s vision of his times, not a true story. “Grease” is what it is ... a writer’s view of teenagers in 1959. We need to do something to stop this “cancel culture” before all the great films and books have been picked apart ... as in Ray Bradbury’s brilliant “Fahrenheit 451,” which was about burning books because the government wanted to keep people illiterate! Would you rewrite your own family history because you don’t like how it unfolded, and edit out the parts you don’t like?

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Speaking of classics, Oscar-winning actress Helen Mirren (for “The Queen”), now 75, hits big screens June 25 in “F9,” followed by “White Bird: A Wonder Story,” with Gillian Anderson, before taking on Golda Meir in “Golda.” Nobody has played the former Israeli prime minister since Ingrid Bergman won an Emmy for “A Woman Named Golda” (1982). Meir lived to be 80, leaving “lots of wiggle room” for Mirren.

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**SUDOKU PUZZLE**  
 by Linda Thistle

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Answer

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆  
 ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Once known as the Gilbert Islands, what is the current name of the island nation?
2. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product's slogan is, "It gives you wings"?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to die in office?
4. MOVIES: What was the town's name in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life"?
5. ANATOMY: In what part of the human body is the ulna located?
6. TELEVISION: Which 1960s sitcom featured the catchphrase, "Sorry about that, chief"?
7. HISTORY: In which century did England's War of the Roses take place?
8. LITERATURE: The setting of which children's book is a place called Puddleby-on-the-Marsh?
9. MATH: What Arabic number is represented by the Roman numerals DCIX?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does a cytologist study?

**Answers**

1. Kiribati
2. Red Bull
3. William Henry Harrison
4. Bedford Falls
5. Forearm
6. "Get Smart"
7. 15th
8. "The Story of Dr. Dolittle"
9. 609
10. Cells

**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps

MOM SAYS I NEED TO COME OUT HERE AND "EARN MY KEEP."  
 SHE THINKS SOME MANUAL LABOR WOULD DO ME GOOD.  
 SHE ALSO TELLS ME THAT "NOTHING IN LIFE IS FREE."  
 WITH THAT, I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD FIRST BEGIN WITH SALARY NEGOTIATION?

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Are you a fan of hot peppers? One you might want to avoid is the Dragon's Breath chili pepper, which could kill you by causing a type of anaphylactic shock, burning and even closing your airway. But Mike Smith, its inventor, never intended it to be eaten: It was actually developed for use as a topical numbing agent for people who are allergic to regular anesthetics.

• Only two countries use the color purple in their national flags — Dominica and Nicaragua.

• Steven Spielberg's adaptation of Peter Benchley's "Jaws" made a lot of folks afraid to go back in the water, but perhaps what they should have been more concerned about is the fact that the sea is also home to nearly 200,000 different kinds of viruses!

• It is illegal to enter the House of Parliament while wearing a suit of

armor.

• The first person to be charged with driving too fast was Walter Arnold, of the English village Paddock Wood in Kent. On Jan. 28, 1896, he clocked in at four times the speed limit in his Benz — or a whopping 8 mph. A constable chased him down on a bicycle and issued Arnold a ticket.

• Just as earth has earthquakes, the moon has — you guessed it — moonquakes. While less common and less intense than the shakes we know and dread, they're believed to result from tidal stresses connected to the distance between the two bodies.

• The Elysia cf. marginata, a type of sea slug, can not only survive decapitation, but grow an entire new body afterward.

• Pineapple works as a natural meat tenderizer. It's packed with the enzyme bromelain, which breaks down protein chains.

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**Thought for Today:** "Towering genius disdains a beaten path. It seeks regions hitherto unexplored." — Abraham Lincoln

# FLASH BACK POP, ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA BY MICK HARPER

1. Who wrote and released "Hang On in There Baby"?
2. How did The Eagles get their start?
3. What was John Denver's first U.S. No. 1 hit?
4. Which singer wrote and released "Tracks of My Tears"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "How many roads must a man walk down before they call him a man?"

with the middle one added later. It started as only two verses in the No. 14 500 best songs list in the No. 14 and ended up on Rolling Stone's list about freedom, peace and war, Dylan in 1962. The song asks questions, "Blowin' in the Wind," by Bob Dylan that topped the charts in 1967. It was Johnny Rivers' own version in 1965. But Smokey Robinson, in 1965. But 1974.

1. Johnny Bristol, in 1974. Bristol was the songwriter/producer behind dozens of Motown hits, including "Your Precious Love," "If I Could Build My Whole World Around You" and "Twenty-Five Miles." Linda Ronstadt recruited some of them (Glenn Frey, Don Henley and Bernie Leadon) to tour with her and play on her third album before they went out on their own.

Answers



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"Lia Makes Custom Masks for the Prom, Graduation or Any Occasion"

by Anthon D'Angelico

What may be easy for one may not be easy for another, and that certainly goes for fashion. Is there a party, event, or special night coming up such as the prom or graduation where a gown, dress or fashionably designed article of clothing is needed? Or maybe COVID-19 has got you down, and you want to up your mood with some brand new clothes to finally step out as the pandemic winds down. Never fear the matter, what is important to know is that Lia has most definitely got you covered...literally!

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Quarantine may have gotten many down, but it is important to remember summer is right around the corner, and outdoor dining is at its peak. New clothes, and alterations to some, are definitely needed in order to boost happiness and radiate confidence as we get back to normal. If clothes are not fitting right anymore, have no fear. Lia has the cure to that: besides dressmaking, Lia also does alterations to already made clothes that will have you

singing as you walk out of the shop. Really, what can't Lia do?

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## WOLFGANG PUCK'S KITCHEN

You can enjoy your cherry cobbler and diet, too!

By Wolfgang Puck

I cannot tell a lie: I love cherry season! And even though the old story about young George Washington chopping down a tree may be more myth than fact, there is no way I personally could deny that - if a ladder weren't available - I might be tempted to use a hatchet to get to the sweetest, sun-ripened fruit.

Cherries are among of my favorite early summer treats. Each one looks like a beautiful gem. They're so plump, tender and juicy, yet they possess a tantalizing touch of crispness when you bite into them. And the flavor! That mixture of sweetness, tartness, rich perfume and a little bit of spice is beyond mere words.

Of course, I love to eat them raw. My love for them is so great, in fact, that when I've gone cherry-picking, a lot of what I pluck from the trees never makes it all the way home. But recipes including fresh cherries give me good reason to save some for my kitchen. And one of my favorite such dishes is a simple cherry cobbler.

The very idea of a dish called cobbler attracts me. The name itself probably comes from both the fact that the dessert seems cobbled together: a mixture of ingredients very simply and casually assembled. Then there's the topping itself: soft dough, dropped in irregular spoonful to resemble old-fashioned cobblestone street.

That all sounds so appealing, doesn't it? Nowadays, however, some home cooks may shy away from making cobbler for fear of the fat and calories involved, especially in the topping itself. That's why I developed the following recipe.

In this version of cherry cobbler, I use a thin topping of shortcake to produce the classic dessert in a way that doesn't compromise on its great flavors and textures but is much lower in fat than the original. Halving the quantity of the dough makes a little go a long way, giving you a good little taste of the delicious, rich crust in every bite, while only about 15 percent of the total calories come from fat.

You can use the same approach throughout the summer to make other cobblers as well, substituting in-season fruits like peaches, plums, nectarines or all kinds of berries in any combination you like. Try adding a light garnish of toasted slivered almonds or other nut pieces at serving time if you'd like extra crunchiness and a hint of richness without too much extra fat.

I hope you'll find this recipe a great new way to celebrate cherry season yourself. That is, if you manage to buy enough fruit to make it home from the market or the orchard!

## CHERRY COBBLER WITH JUST A LITTLE SHORTCAKE CRUST

Serves 8

### SHORTCAKE DOUGH:

1 cup (250 mL) cake flour  
2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, chilled, cut into small chunks  
5 tablespoons half-and-half  
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, at room temperature

### CHERRY FILLING:

2 pounds (1 kg) fresh cherries, pitted  
1/4 cup (60 mL) honey  
1/4 cup (60 mL) packed brown sugar  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
1 tablespoon kirsch

### TO ASSEMBLE:

1 quart (1 L) vanilla nonfat frozen yogurt (optional)

For the shortcake dough: put the flour, granulated sugar, baking powder and salt in a food processor fitted with the stainless-

steel blade. Pulse on and off a few times to combine. Add the chilled butter and pulse several times, until the butter is chopped up into small pieces the size of gravel.

With the motor running, pour the half-and-half through the feed tube; stop processing the moment the dough barely

begins to come together. Set the work bowl with the dough aside. Set aside the room temperature butter.

Preheat the oven to 375 F (190 C).

For the cherry filling: in a medium saucepan combine the cherries, honey, brown sugar and cinnamon. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until the cherries begin to give up their juices and the mixture resembles a light compote, about 10 minutes. In a small bowl, stir together the cornstarch, lemon juice and kirsch to form a fluid slurry. While stirring the cherries, drizzle in the slurry, and then continue cooking, stirring frequently, until the compote thickens.

With the room-temperature butter, grease an 8-by-8-by-2-inch baking pan. Spoon the filling into the buttered pan. With a tablespoon, drop dollops of the shortcake dough evenly over the surface of the filling; use all the dough in the processor bowl, carefully scraping off and including any dough sticking to the blade. With the back of the spoon, lightly spread the dough.

Bake until the shortcake is golden brown and the fruit is bubbly, 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and leave the cobbler to settle at room temperature for 10 minutes.

To assemble the dish, use a large spoon to transfer portions of the cobbler to individual dessert plates or bowls. If desired, add a scoop of frozen yogurt to each portion. Serve immediately.



## LAFF - A - DAY



"That's my story. Now I'll give you his story."

## Prune-stuffed roast loin of pork (Arrosto di Maiale alle Prugne)

Courtesy of Lidia Bastianich from "Lidia's Mastering the Art of Italian Cuisine" (Knopf)



Serves: 8

### Ingredients:

- 8 ounces dried pitted prunes
- 1/2 cup bourbon
- 3-pound boneless center pork loin roast, trimmed
- 10 fresh sage leaves
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup finely diced carrot
- 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 1/2 cup roughly chopped onion

- 4 garlic cloves, crushed and peeled
- 2 1/2 cups chicken stock

In a small bowl, soak the prunes in bourbon 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Drain the prunes, and set four of them aside along with the soaking liquid.

To stuff the roast: Use a sharp knife to cut a 1-inch pocket along the entire length of the eye, around the top half the roast, like forming a tunnel. Cut from both sides of the roast until you cut through.

Stuff three quarters of the soaked prunes into the slit in the roast, and tie the roast securely with kitchen twine at 2-inch intervals. Thread the sage leaves underneath the ties on either side of the roast. Season the roast generously with salt and pepper, and rub it with the olive oil.

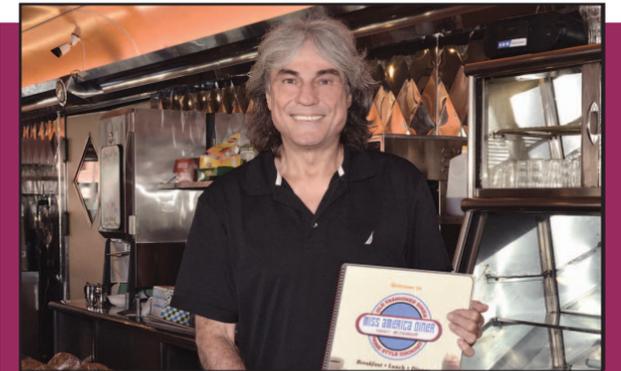
Put the roast in a large roasting pan, and roast 15 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 400 degrees. Tilt the roasting pan, and spoon off excess fat. Scatter the carrot, celery, onion, and garlic around the roast. Roast an additional 15 minutes. Add the reserved prunes and soaking liquid, and roast 10 minutes.

Pour the stock

into the pan, and continue cooking, basting the roast occasionally with the pan juices, until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the roast registers 145 degrees, about 30 minutes more.

Remove the roast to a platter. Pass the contents of the pan through a food mill fitted with the fine disk into a small bowl. (Alternatively, strain the liquid through a sieve, pressing on the vegetables to extract as much liquid as possible and to force some of the vegetables through the sieve.) Skim all fat from the surface of the sauce. The sauce should be thick enough to coat a spoon lightly. If not, transfer it to a small saucepan and reduce a bit more. Season the sauce with salt and pepper, if needed.

Cut the meat into 1/4-inch slices, and serve it with the sauce.



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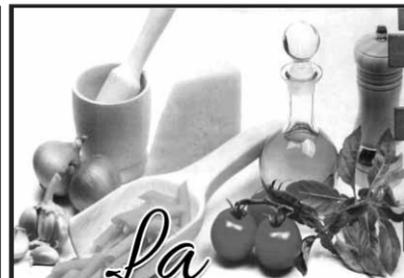
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## Moments in time

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• On May 22, 1455, the battle of England's War of the Roses begins in St. Albans, 20 miles northwest of London. The forces of House of York, whose badge was a white rose, defeated the red-rose House of Lancaster. Both families claimed the throne and the war would stretch on for 30 years.

• On May 23, 1934, famed fugitives Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker are killed in a police ambush near Sailes, Louisiana. They died in a two-minute fusillade of over 150 bullets. The Barrow Gang was believed responsible for the deaths of 13 people, including nine police officers.

• On May 21, 1955, then-unknown singer Chuck Berry pays his first visit to a recording studio and cuts "Maybellene." The song became a No. 1 R&B hit and a top 5 pop hit. It helped that DJ Alan Freed played the record for two hours straight during his WINS radio show in New York City.

• On May 17, 1965, after a two-year investigation, the FBI declares the suppos-

edly pornographic lyrics of "Louie Louie" to be officially unintelligible.

• On May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, violently erupts. The massive blast killed 57 people and leveled nearly all vegetation as far as 12 miles away.

• On May 19, 1997, a 3-year-old boy dies of avian influenza in Hong Kong. Before the outbreak was controlled, six people were dead and 1.6 million domestic fowl were destroyed. The virus mutated and caused 62 more human deaths in Asia by 2005.

• On May 20, 2007, Fox's long-running animated series "The Simpsons" airs its 400th episode. "The Simpsons" debuted in December 1989 with a special Christmas show, "Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire." Its success paved the way for other adult-oriented animated series, notably "King of the Hill," "The Family Guy" and "South Park."



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What South African golfer completed the second-place career Grand Slam — finishing second in all four majors — with

his runner-up finish at the 2017 PGA Championship?

2. National Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Early Wynn Jr. retired in 1963 with how many career wins?

3. In 1991, Los Angeles Kings owner Bruce McNall, hockey great Wayne Gretzky and actor/comedian John Candy jointly purchased what pro football team?

4. A motorsport circuit named after Formula One driver Carlos Pace, who died in a 1977 plane crash, is located in what country?

5. Name the starting quarterback for the 1964 NFL champion Cleveland Browns who also produced a doctoral dissertation titled "A Characterization of the Set of Asymptotic Values of a Function Holomorphic in the Unit Disc."

6. In 2020, what team hired Kim Ng as the first female general manager in Major League Baseball history?

7. What famous Seattle rock band was originally named after NBA player Mookie Blaylock?

- Answers
1. Louis Oosthuizen.
  2. 300.
  3. The CFL's Toronto Argonauts.
  4. Brazil.
  5. Frank Ryan.
  6. The Miami Marlins.
  7. Pearl Jam.

# 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

1. James Spader's role on "The Blacklist"
4. Cartoon dog
8. "Major \_\_\_"
11. \_\_\_ Gardner
12. Emily or Markie
13. 90 degrees from NNW
14. Series for Liza Snyder (4)
17. Mediocre grade
18. "\_\_\_ It Up"; 2018 Zoey Deutch movie

19. Series for Sherman Hemsley
21. "Kourtney & Kim \_\_\_ Miami" (2009-13)
24. Initials for the star of "Maude"
25. "I \_\_\_ Legend"; Will Smith film
26. Dorothy's aunt
27. Actor Matheson's initials
28. "Promised \_\_\_" (1996-99)
30. "Guilty" or "Not guilty"
32. "One Day \_\_\_ Time"
34. Battery size
35. "\_\_\_-Nine"
41. Objective
42. "How \_\_\_ Your Mother"
43. Slangy refusal
44. Miss Piggy's word in referring to herself
45. Namesakes of Natalie Cole's dad
46. "Mike Hammer, Private \_\_\_" (1997-98)

## DOWN

1. Male animal
2. Zsa Zsa's sis
3. "So You Think You Can \_\_\_"
4. Mayberry resident
5. Speck
6. Suffix for fool or child
7. Letters from Greece
8. Actress Burke
9. Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
10. Cub Scout group

15. "\_\_\_ Talk About Kevin"; 2011 film
16. 1960 Mary Martin TV movie (2)
19. Early fratricide victim
20. "Baby \_\_\_"; 2008 Tina Fey movie
22. At any \_\_\_; nevertheless
23. \_\_\_ Swan; "Once Upon a Time" role
29. Dorothy Lyman's role on "Mama's Family"
31. Singer Frankie
33. Related
34. Picnic spoilers
35. Word from Emeril
36. "\_\_\_ Bravo"; John Wayne movie
37. Writer Alcott's monogram
38. "Are We There \_\_\_?"; 2005 Ice Cube film
39. Anti's vote
40. Lamb bearer



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