



The Huntington Beach Pier is an iconic attraction.  
VISIT HUNTINGTON BEACH

*Roger Sands / Contributor Mar*

The Second City travel trend is increasing as travelers start to realize there are so many great destinations with fewer crowds, a slower pace and myriad of experiences to uncover. According to NerdWallet, second city is a somewhat ambiguous term, but it’s generally used to refer to the second-most populous city in a state.

There are several reasons why you should consider visiting a second city this year during your travels: You’ll avoid crowds; You’ll help reduce overcrowding; You might not have to fly; You might be able to extend your trip and take a “workcation.”

The following second cities roll out the red carpet for visitors.

**Huntington Beach, California:**  
**As an alternative to Los Angeles.**

Just southeast of Los Angeles, the seaside Huntington Beach is coined Surf City USA for its sandy dunes and iconic pier. At 1,850 feet in length, the Huntington Beach Pier is one of the longest piers on the West Coast. Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve is a haven for birdwatchers and nature lovers, while Huntington Central Park is a lush 350-acre oasis. Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum is dedicated to preserving the past, participating in the present and influencing the future of all aspects of surfing culture worldwide. Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa is a sun-soaked escape. Boasting direct access to the Huntington Beach Pier via pedestrian sky bridge, the resort features 517 oversized guestrooms and suites and a selection of activities. After a day of sightseeing relax at the Pacific Waters Spa.

**Carmel, California:**  
**As an alternative to Napa.**

Enjoy wine tasting in one of California's largest wine growing regions, Carmel Valley, a best kept secret. Sign up for Carmel-

by-the-Sea’s Wine Walk. You’ll visit two wine tasting rooms as you stroll through a charming European-style village to sip, savor and discover the region’s premium wines. Since the turn of the century, Carmel has been a haven for artists and a refuge for writers and intellectuals who shaped this unique artist colony. Only minutes from Pebble Beach and Big Sur, Quail Lodge & Golf Club offers a great value on the Monterey Peninsula. The quaint lodge is nestled on 850 acres of lush fairways, oak-studded meadows and sparkling lakes, offering guests an array of amenities to experience.

**Charlottesville, Virginia:**  
**As an alternative to Washington, DC.**

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the area is teeming with history and wine. The area is one of the most acclaimed wine regions on the East Coast. Home to the Monticello Wine Trail, the area boasts over 40 wineries, and is also home to the historic pedestrian Downtown Mall, one of the longest pedestrian malls in the country. This avenue is paved with brick features, and large, mature oak trees run down its center. World-class artists perform at music venues, while the Ix Art Park offers visitors a unique experience with an outdoor public art park. Keswick Hall is a beautiful luxury resort featuring an 18-hole championship golf course, a brand-new spa, the farm-forward restaurant Marigold by Jean-George, a resort farm, a magnificent infinity pool and clay tennis courts.

**Savannah, Georgia:**  
**As an alternative to Atlanta.**

A charming southern escape, Savannah is a bustling city rich with history and numerous culinary delights. Visitors to Sa-

**1000  
Volunteers  
Needed for  
Community  
Service Day in  
Huntington  
Beach and  
Fountain Valley**

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, the ninth annual Community Service Day has 25+ projects throughout Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley; each project needs 20 - 200 volunteers and is coordinated by 30 different nonprofit leaders and city agencies.

Join us at our 8:00 am rally at Huntington Beach Central Park bandstand behind the library. All registered volunteers will receive a t-shirt and breakfast items at the rally. Projects commence at 9:00 am till 12: noon. Volunteers, please register on Just-serve.org or at communityservice-day.org for the projects.



Each year our event mobilizes hundreds of volunteers of all ages and interests to complete projects in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley; projects that have a lasting impact on our community. The Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council in collaboration with numerous corporations, companies, and nonprofits organizes the day of service.

Community Service Day fosters community stewardship enhancing our quality of life in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley by engaging our collective time, talents, and resources to unite our cities, identify and address community needs and foster a culture of volunteerism and giving.

After the service projects a Community Picnic will begin from 12: noon - 3:00 pm with entertainment, food, and civic presentations at the iconic bandstand.

For more information about the event and register to volunteer, visit communityserviceday.org.



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Not easy to tell Hall of Famer Rollie Fingers, or Steve Garvey or Fernando Valenzuela, or Mike Scioscia or any of the other 35 MLB greats that we were not going to have the event. There was Michael Reagan, President Reagan's son, numerous Law Enforcement award winners and staff.

A sold-out golf tournament! Over 21 on-course restaurants, beverage station and vendors all had to be apologized to.

RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3RD, 2023 at THE HUNTINGTON CLUB,  
9 AM REGISTRATION, 10:30 SHOTGUN

We had an outstanding FREE Youth Baseball clinic on Sunday, January 29th at Fountain Valley Sports complex.

With 8 MLB Greats joining us and with over 200 local young kids registered, the 3-hour event was packed with excitement. Take a look!



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		<b>Monday Celebrity Banquet Ticket Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reception &amp; Banquet: \$100 single/\$150 couple</li><li>\$75 single accompanying golfer</li></ul>
		<b>Golf Player's Package</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>\$175 single / \$390 3-some with celebrity player**</li><li>\$1,500 4-some joining all our celebrities for golf/banquet**</li><li>Golf in Celebrity Tournament, includes ticket to Celebrity Banquet</li></ul>
		<b>I cannot attend, Please accept my donation, \$</b> _____

\* Logo inclusion in pre-benefit promotion on social media & website  
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# The Weak That Was America: Home of the Free because of the Brave



Dave Garofalo  
Publisher

INSPIRATION

*“Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers.”*  
~ Socrates

DID YOU KNOW

## ABLUTOPHOBIA REFERS TO A FEAR OF WHICH ACTIVITY?

**More About This Answer!**  
Ablutophobia refers to a very specific fear, one related to bathing or the process of cleaning oneself. Those with ablutophobia may have extreme anxiety or panic when asked to clean themselves, even if it is just with water. It can be extremely limiting for those with ablutophobia as it can prevent them from engaging in activities such as swimming, going to the beach, and even washing their hands. This fear is believed to stem from a number of different causes including traumatic events or being anxious due to something that happened while in the bath or shower.



ISTOCK

It only takes six minutes for alcohol to affect your brain

## Sports Pictures from the PAST



AP Photo/Kathy Willens

**MALCOLM BUTLER STEALS SUPER BOWL XLIX FOR THE PATRIOTS WITH CRUCIAL INTERCEPTION**  
DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2015

What made the moment: Trailing 28-24 with just two minutes remaining in Super Bowl XLIX, the Seattle Seahawks needed to drive the field for a touchdown to secure their second straight title. After a brilliant connection between Russell Wilson and Jermaine Kearse gave the Seahawks first-and-goal, the touchdown felt inevitable. But rather than let Marshawn Lynch bulldoze his way into the end zone, the Seahawks threw on second-and-goal from the one-yard line, Malcolm Butler jumped the route, stealing victory from the jaws of defeat and adding another title to the Patriots dynasty. There's a strong argument that Malcolm Butler's interception at the end of Super Bowl XLIX was the greatest play in NFL history — has any player ever so surely swung a championship.

A huge stack of toilet rolls fell on me in the supermarket. I'm ok though, just soft tissue damage.

**THE SAD TRUTH**  
I contend that for a nation to try and tax itself into prosperity, is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.  
~ Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

## without her man

When I was a proofreader, I shared with my coworkers this example to illustrate how writing can skew based on gender: A professor wrote on the blackboard, “Woman without her man is nothing.” The students were then instructed to insert the proper punctuation. The men wrote, “Woman, without her man, is nothing.” The women wrote, “Woman! Without her, man is nothing.”  
~ Susan Allen

## If Animals



COMED TALK

These crazy, ridiculous, and almost unbelievable statistics will make you question everything



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discoveries

U.S. National Park:

The words “For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People” stretch across the northern entrance of our nation’s first national park, Yellowstone.

According to the Department of Interior, the goal of the National Park Service is, and has always been, to keep our wild places protected and unimpaired for future generations. To that end, more than 400 areas and 84 million acres spanning all 50 states and several unincorporated territories of the United States, protect America’s greatest natural treasures. With 61 of those wilderness areas totting National Park designation, it can be tricky trying to pick which park to visit.

So, to help you determine which parks should be higher on your bucket list, we ranked each park based on their overall accessibility, facilities and accommodations, trails and attractions, crowds, and, of course, overall ‘wow’ factor, which we measured by photo ops and stunning scenery.

Keep in mind, it’s almost impossible to say that one is better than the next — there’s truly something special about each one of our national parks.

Credit: LarryKnupp/iStock

SOUTH DAKOTA

We see you South Dakota, and your 244,000 acres of pristine, protected wilderness. Although Badlands isn’t entirely unknown, it’s often referred to as an under-appreciated park in comparison to heavy hitters like Yosemite or Yellowstone.

Yet, each year, over 1 million visitors travel along the Badlands Loop Road to experience magnificent craggy buttes, pinnacles and spires that seem to surprise the surrounding prairie grasslands. As far as accommodations go, Badlands is home to two year-round, first-come, first-serve campgrounds. Or, if you don’t want to rough it, the Cedar Pass Lodge, a seasonal chalet, is also within park limits.

Although this Mars-like landscape has several accessible trails and overlooks — like the Pinnacles Overlook, Cliff Shelf Nature Trail, and Fossil Exhibit Trail — you won’t find nearly as many designated trails here as you will find in other, comparable national parks. Fortunately, their open backcountry policy permits hikers to explore off-trail. No permit? No problem. You can venture literally anywhere in the park, as long as you’re 1.5 miles from a road or trail.

Still, although Badlands has a lot to offer, we have to recognize that mixed-grass prairie and exploring fossil beds isn’t necessarily for everyone. In terms of spectacular scenery, Badlands just doesn’t deliver the same oomph for effort as some of the other parks.

“Venezuela’s hyperinflation has made the Bolivar virtually worthless; Venezuelans that moved to Colombia commonly weave bills into bags and wallets, then sell them on the streets.”

Interesting and Fascinating

Presidential Facts

President Dwight David Eisenhower (1890-1969) was the only president to serve in both WWI and WWII.

Wikipedia.com



# These Cameramen Captured More Than Expected

## Sonic Boom

Contrary to popular believe, this is not proof that planes pass gas. This is a picture of the plane bursting through the sound barrier. It just went faster than the sound waves produced by the engine. No, I'm kidding. It totally farted.Okay, jokes aside, an airplane can move faster than sound waves. Just like when a boat sails on the sea, it creates waves. These waves are visible to the naked eye. However, in the case of an airplane, the waves cannot be seen but only heard. What happens is that when a plane travels, the air molecules present in the front get compresses. This creates waves, which later spread in all directions. The waves then travel at the speed of sound, which we call sound waves.



# Vintage Photograph



7-Foot  
Bolaji Badejo,  
A Nigerian  
Design  
Student And  
One-time  
Actor,  
Wearing His  
Costume  
From The  
Now Classic  
Sci-Fi Thriller  
Alien, 1978

## Biggest Boomtowns in Every State

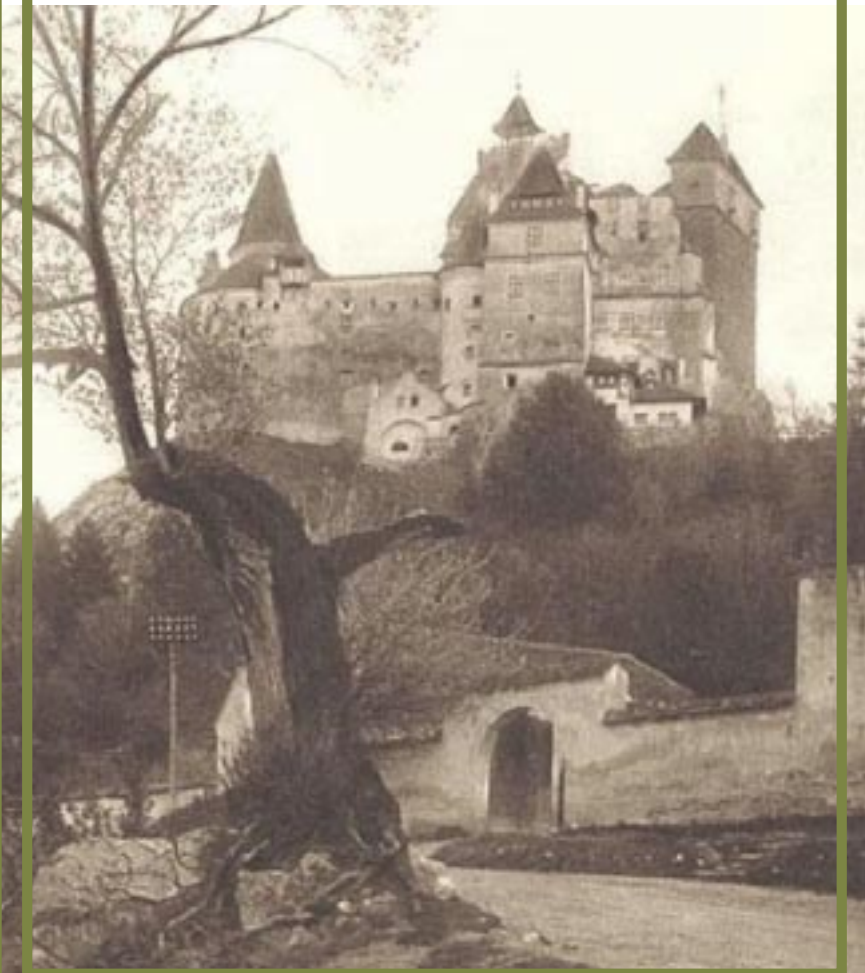


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## Rare Historical Photos Reveal More Than Immediately Meets The Eye

### The Imposing Bran Castle Watches Over Romania, 1920.

Known as Dracula’s home, Bran castle is supposedly the fortress that inspired Bram Stoker to write Dracula, the Rosetta Stone for gothic writing and horror in general. By the time Bram Stoker’s Dracula was released in 1897 the castle had fallen into disrepair and was in serious need of a renovation. After Transylvania officially became a part of greater Romania, the citizens of Brasov voted to rebuild the dilapidated castle and restore it to its former glory. Once the castle was back up and running it became a favorite residence of Queen Maria of Romania much to the pleasure of the townspeople.



Source: Reddit

GoBankingRates / JORDAN ROSENFELD

**Boomtown.** The word sounds like it's describing an explosion — and in a way, it is. Boomtowns are considered the fastest-growing cities in America due to rapid business and population growth. An example of such a place is Woodbridge, Virginia, which saw massive five- and eight-year percentage changes in population at 863.35% and 840.66%, respectively.

But Woodbridge isn't the only boomtown out there. GOBankingRates found one in every state by looking at the one-, five- and eight-year changes in population, occupied housing units and owner-occupied housing units of cities with a population of more than 25,000 but less than 500,000. Find out if you're living in one of America's most thriving cities, and see if your city makes the list.

### California: Irvine

Change in population:  
1 year: 9.23%  
5 years: 20.60%  
8 years: 34.62%

Change in occupied housing units:  
1 year: 9.33%  
5 years: 21.05%  
8 years: 35.78%

Change in owner-occupied housing units:  
1 year: 7.77%  
5 years: 12.83%  
8 years: 20.54%



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## NATURAL Wonders OF THE WORLD

### JEITA GROTTO

The Jeita Grotto is a series of karst caves in Lebanon that was inhabited in prehistoric times and is now a major cultural symbol of the nation, not to mention a practical one considering it supplies drinking water to over a million Lebanese people.



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## Where To Stay, What To Do, When Visiting Second Cities



genuine taste of Southern warmth. Within close proximity to a myriad of attractions such as the Savannah Riverwalk along with numerous museums and galleries, there is something to do for all ages.

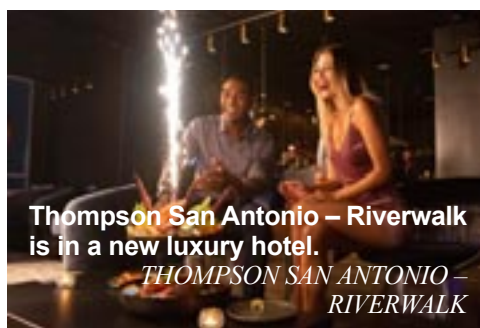
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## San Antonio, Texas:

**As an alternative to Austin.**

The city's attractions are endless and include theme park giants Six Flags Fiesta Texas and SeaWorld San Antonio, or explore cultural sites like San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. San Antonio's dynamic culinary scene is the

Only UNESCO City of Gastronomy in Texas and one of two in the country. Leading the culinary charge is Steve McHugh who helms the kitchen of Landrace at Thompson San Antonio - Riverwalk, and whose menu showcases regional Texas producers. A dramatic addition to the San Antonio skyline, Thompson San Antonio – Riverwalk is in a new luxury hotel situated on the famous



Riverwalk, in the city's emerging Arts District, just steps from a growing neighborhood of galleries.

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## MANCHIN SAYS HE'LL DECIDE HIS 'POLITICAL FUTURE' IN DECEMBER (COULD BE THE SENATE SEAT THAT TURNS THE TIDE)



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Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) said on Sunday he would decide his “political future” — whether that entails running for president or for reelection — at the end of the very end of the year, as he faces growing questions about what comes next with his term up in 2024. “There’s plenty of time for the elections,” Manchin said in an interview with CBS’s “Face The Nation.” “This is the problem with America right now, we start an election every time there’s a cycle coming up.” Manchin, one of the most moderate Democrats in the Senate, is up for reelection in 2024. But he has yet to commit to running for his seat again, which has been a key hold for Democrats with slim majorities in the Senate.

“I’ve got plenty of time to make up my mind,” Manchin said. “I will make my political decision in December, whatever it may be.” Sidestepped question about Biden It is one of the first times that Manchin has given a timeline for when he will make a decision about what his political future holds. He was also unclear on whether the decision he was making was to run for reelection in the Senate or to run for president. He also sidestepped a question about whether he would endorse President Biden should he be the Democratic nominee in 2024. The only move that Manchin has ruled out thus far is running for governor of West Virginia, an office he has already held. He seemed to indicate earlier this month that he would not run for

president, but then walked those comments back, saying they were made “in jest.” “I didn’t say anything about that,” Manchin said when asked about his comment about not launching a White House bid. “I’m not taking anything off the table.” Manchin keeping his cards close to his chest comes as Democrats face a tough Senate map in 2024, with Republicans having key opportunities to pick up seats in places such as West Virginia, Montana and Ohio. Manchin has even in recent weeks dodged questions about his party loyalty. When asked on Fox News last month whether he was a Democrat, Manchin evaded, saying instead: “I’m an American.”

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## Where To Stay, What To Do, When Visiting Second Cities

### Memphis, Tennessee:

As an alternative to Nashville.

Everyone knows about Graceland, but there’s so much more to see in this charming city. National Civil Rights Museum provides an overview of the American Civil Rights Movement from slavery to the present. With more than 3,500 animals, the Memphis Zoo guarantees exciting adventures. Stax Museum of American Soul Music was the creative home for many would-be stars, while



Memphis is bursting at the seams with musical history.

RAPHAEL TENSCHERT

Beale Street is three blocks of nightclubs, restaurants and shops featuring a melting pot of delta blues, jazz, rock 'n' roll, R&B and gospel. The Blues Hall of Fame Museum is a hidden gem, while music lovers will appreciate the immersive experience of the hidden Listening Room at Central Station hotel downtown. Located inside the 535,000 square-foot Bass Pro Shops

at the Pyramid, Big Cypress Lodge offers travelers a culturally rich experience full of Southern charm, a great culinary scene, civil rights and music history. Big Cypress Lodge is at the center of it all.

### Palm Beach, Florida:

As an alternative to Miami

Part of Florida’s Gold Coast, Palm Beach is an idyllic destination for travelers seeking warm, sunny respites. Cruising crystal clear waters is a main attraction, and the signature 50-foot catamaran “Hakuna Matata” offers a multitude of different cruises to the public daily out of Downtown West Palm Beach’s gorgeous Waterfront. Peanut Island Kayak Snorkel Adventure, West Palm Beach Food Tours and Live Freediving are highly enjoyable.

Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa is situated on a private beach with seven acres of oceanfront. Guests are met with champagne, breathtaking ocean views and cooling tropical breezes upon arrival. Indulge in the warm Florida sunshine in a private cabana and relax in sumptuous accommodations.

## MOST EXPENSIVE Cars Owned by Richest Celebrities Will Numb Your Head

Snoop Dogg’s car collection is nothing short of amazing. The man has them all, from classic masterpieces to even a school bus. Among this unique collection sits a few priceless cars, but nothing surpasses the ‘1974 Snoop DeVille Lowrider’. Low riders are a classic trend that took the 20th century by storm, and Snoop holds these genius machinations to heart. That’s why he enlisted the legendary Big slice to develop the perfect machine for him. The result was a breathtaking Lime Green beauty that turns heads whenever it passes by. It’s one of those cars that make you want to hop in and go for a cruise on a Sunday afternoon.

### Snoop Dogg – 1974 Snoop DeVille Lowrider, Priceless





# Theater Review, “King Lear”



By Ben Miles

Tragedy is literally defined as a play dealing with great suffering, destruction and distress and having an unhappy ending, especially one that concerns the downfall of the main character. William Shakespeare’s “King Lear” — considered by many, including Nasrullah Mambrol of the “Literary Theory and Criticism Journal” to be the epitome of theatrical tragedy. Mambrol who writes in his July 2020 article “Analysis of William Shakespeare’s ‘King Lear,’” that “(T)he notion that ‘King Lear’ is Shakespeare’s (and by implication drama’s) greatest play is certainly debatable, but consensus in its favor has gradually coalesced over the centuries since its first performance around 1606.”

Or as 18th Century essayist and critic Samuel Johnson claimed regarding “King Lear”:

“There is perhaps no play which keeps the attention so strongly fixed; which so much agitates our passions and interests our curiosity. The artful involutions of distinct interests, the striking opposition of contrary characters, the sudden changes of fortune, and the quick succession of events, fill the mind with a perpetual tumult of indignation, pity, and hope. There is no scene which does not contribute to the aggravation of the distress or conduct of the action, and scarce a line which does not conduce to the progress of the scene. So powerful is the current of the poet’s imagination that the mind, which once ventures within it, is hurried irresistibly along.”

What an awful lot to live up to in a live theater production; nevertheless, the Long Beach Shakespeare Company gives it a royal effort. Gory and visceral, “King Lear” is a long story, (Shakespeare’s sixth longest, consisting of 26,145 words) with a cast of twenty two characters, played by an ensemble of fifteen actors. Compounded by archaic language and many plot twists “Lear” is likely, without at-

tentive direction and precision acting, to become unwieldy; as this production sometimes does.

With disciplined direction by Holly Leveque, she poses this argument in the production’s program: “What unites us in this



existence is a Celebration of Life, Grief, and Death. How can you prepare the ones you love for when they lose you? A powerful royal family’s reign and legacy is thrown into chaos as power and greed poison and lead them to a legacy lost. The dream of a circle of life is presented at the beginning of the play, with Lear wanting someone to continue his legacy. In the end past faults are forgiven and family is reunited. Reconciliation is where this tragic tale ends, with the survivors left to pick up the pieces, to somehow start a new beginning and carry on the kingdom.”

This is also an accurate encapsulation of the play. King Lear, in all his need for flattery and in a state of sad deterioration, is powerfully portrayed by Ari Agabian. Mr. Agabian nails the monarch’s monologues wherein he presumes to divide his kingdom between his three daughters based on the love and devo-

tion they proclaim for him.

Two daughters, Regan and Goneril (credibly performed by Aura Rico and Jessica Wienecke, respectively) are onto their father’s fatal flaw, heaping mounds of flattery on the old man in order to receive their proportion of Lear’s kingdom. Even though the words ring with perfunctory praise and overblown adulation, the King’s ego cannot resist acquiescing to the false flattery of these two deceptive daughters. They and their husbands (Dylan J. Sampson as Duke of Albany and Andrew Tyrell-Smith as Duke of Cornwall) receive sizable portions of the vast kingdom.

Cordelia, the third daughter (played with subtly by Jahnavi Aithal) refuses to exaggerate her feelings for her father. In response to the King’s egotistical request, Cordelia says “Nothing my lord.” Startled, Lear inquires, “Nothing?” In retort the King admonishes, “Nothing will come of nothing,” demanding that she “Speak again.”

The Long Beach Shakespeare Company makes much with little more than dedicated theater artists and a great play, of which “King Lear” is considered top tier. It’s inspiring to be amidst such artistic commitment and creativity generosity. Nothing will come of not seeing this epic tragedy played out on the stage of the Long Beach Shakespeare Company. See it while you can.

**What:** “King Lear” runs from February 24 - March 11 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m.

**Where:** Helen Borges Theatre, 4250 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, 90807

**How:** Call (562)997-1494 or visit lbshakespeare.org

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Dinner Party At The Hotel Astor In 1904

## Most Iconic Moments in History

Here's a casual dinner that took place on December 7, 1904 at the Hotel Astor in New York City. The hotel had just opened in September of that year, and was the latest addition to the Astor family's hotel empire, which also included the Waldorf-Astoria and the St. Regis.

The Hotel Astor occupied a 35,000 square feet off Broadway between 44th and 45th Streets. The area today is well known as Times Square, but that was a brand new name back in 1904 -- it was called Longacre Square until the New York Times moved its offices to a new skyscraper on 42nd St. On April 8, 1904, the junction of Broadway and Seventh Avenue between 42nd and 47th Streets was renamed Times Square, and the Hotel Astor, with its numerous ballrooms, themed restaurants, and famous rooftop bar, was a key part of the entertainment hub. The Hotel Astor closed and was demolished in 1967.

Source: Reddit





# On the Vine or Nearby

## Five Trends That Will Define How We Drink in 2023

### Is the Michelada the new Bloody Mary?

by Caroline Hatchett

Each January, we look at the previous year's trends, and see what predictions we can formulate about the next year in drinks. Some hunches for 2023? You'll be hearing more about American single malt whiskey, sipping Micheladas at brunch, and adding more non-alcoholic bottles to your bar cart. And, no, the \$20 cocktail isn't going anywhere.

#### Are Micheladas the New Bloody Marys?

Micheladas aren't new. This year, however, the Mexican beer cocktail sits at the center of a cocktail trend Venn diagram. It's low-ABV, it's brunch-ready, and both mega-brands and craft brewers are now making canned versions (though Athletic Brewing's Chelada Nada, a non-alcoholic version, is currently sold out).

The spiritual home of the drink, Mexico City, is also seeing a boom in tourism. The capital city's Micheladas are fantastic in both their variety and their over-the-top, made-for-TikTok presentations. As with the Bloody Mary, American bars are getting wild with toppings: Think boiled shrimp, ceviche, fruit skewers, Tajín-dusted vegetables, chapulines, and whole overturned bottles of beer.

#### Bring on the American Single Malts

American single malt has always been experimental, with its bottles influenced by the unique geography, local agriculture, barrel aging, and malting techniques of U.S. producers. But this category, whose first releases date to the 1990s, has never been legally defined in the manner of bourbon or Tennessee whiskey.

After years of lobbying by distillers, though, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) has officially set proposed standards for American single malts, aiming to put them into effect in April 2023. "[The] mash is 100% malted barley," states TTB documentation. "It must also be distilled and aged at a single distillery in the U.S. at a distillation proof of 160 or less and stored in oak barrels at a maximum size of 700 liters."

Drinkers should expect a boom in the category. Texas-based single malt producer Balcones was recently purchased by Diageo, and Jack Daniels will unveil its first single malt in 2023. Upstate New York's Tenmile Distillery will release its first "Little Rest" Scottish-style American single malt in the spring, though you'll have to sign up to get one of 3,000-ish remaining bottles.

#### The "Drink Masters" Influence

If Netflix's Drink Masters is any indication, multi-sensorial cocktails, foam, and snack sidecars are in. Also apparently back after a brief hiatus: the word mixologist (say it's not so).

But what the competition show really demonstrates is that cocktail culture is ready for a brighter media spotlight. The casting on Drink Masters shows an industry populated by diverse bartenders, strong women, queer drink makers, and genuinely nice people. These folks are professionals, and it's easy to imagine a future where winners (dubbed the "Ultimate Drink Master"—click here for the season one spoiler) gain perks and opportunities long afforded to popular television cooking competition victors, be it funding for future projects, new bars, consulting contracts, or non-profits. Drink Masters has star-making potential, and the liquor industry has the deep pockets to support it (the show's \$100,000 prize, and much of its back bar, comes from Pernod Ricard).

Copycat shows are sure to follow.

#### From Non-Alcoholic Bottle Shops to Sober Bars

The United States has experienced a proliferation of non-alcoholic bottle shops, pioneered in large part by the opening of New York City's Spirited

Away in 2020. In the years since, the category has expanded, with shops now populating cities as varied as Houston; Los Angeles; Alexandria, Virginia; and Charleston, South Carolina. Popular chain Boisson, which operates 10 non-alcoholic retail locations between California and New York, just secured \$12 million in funding.

Naturally, dedicated non-alcoholic bars have followed. Examples abound, like New York City's new-in-2022 "elixir lounge" Hekate, Denver's hybrid coffee/sober bar Awake that debuted in 2020, or Wildcrafters in Jacksonville, Florida, which has been serving tea, kava, and spirit-free cocktails since 2020. Community, inclusivity, and a growing swell of interested consumers are driving the growth. This dry movement, according to a mission statement from Austin's Sans Bar, "is a decision to be fully present in a world that distracts us from our purpose, and tells us the solution for deep human connection and fun can only be found inside of a bottle."



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#### Tapping into the Complexity of Zero-Proof Spirits

The craft of mixing drinks is going through a seismic change, thanks to the rise of non-alcoholic spirits and aperitifs. N/A drinks are now standard on cocktail menus. Home bars are now stocked with bottles from Seedlip and Lyre's—often right next to the hard stuff. And that's good news for everybody: sober folks, people trying to drink a little less, and even the most devoted boozehounds who are simply seeking new flavors.

As the non-alcoholic category matures and bartenders familiarize themselves with the plethora of new ingredient options, we think they'll start reaching for booze-free bottles to make spirited cocktails even more interesting. Some are already using N/A spirits to dilute classic cocktails like the Martini, and acclaimed bartender Jim Meehan is now working the non-alcoholic botanical spirit Wilderton into zero-, low-, and high-proof cocktails. It's still early days, but look for more N/A spirits on back bars and mixed into your next cocktail, whatever its ABV may be.



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## The Finest Vintage Cars of the 1960's Golden Age



1966 Toyota 2000GT

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The 1966 Toyota 2000GT debuted in 1965, and it was to be Japan's first supercar. It was a front-engine, rear-wheel-drive 2-seater that revolutionized the company's sportscar division. The 2000GT made its film debut in 'You Only Live Twice' (1967) co-starring with James Bond as a convertible. As the most collectible Japanese car ever, with only 351 units produced, one competitive racer sold for \$1.7 million at a recent auction.

When Toyota wanted to be competitive at the SCCA, they put their car under the workmanship of Carroll Shelby. The American auto designer stripped down the Toyota to its base parts, added better tires, boosted the engine size, and replaced the suspension. Two of these modified 2000GTs finished in 1968 in the CP category, losing only to Porsche. One of these is the model that went for \$1.7 million.

# This Is Why New-Car Model Years Aren't in Sync with the Calendar

New-car model years often aren't in sync with the calendar, but it wasn't always that way



BY GREG FINK / CAR AND DRIVER

You don't need to travel at the speed of light to witness time travel. In fact, all you need is a subscription to Car and Driver to see the theory at work. How else can you explain the way we always send you a magazine dated at least one month ahead of the month of receipt?

It's not just magazines that appear to bend the space-time continuum. Vehicle model years frequently differ from the official calendar year. Your calendar may display the year 2023, but somehow new-car dealerships across the country are starting to stock 2024-model cars and trucks. What gives?

Blame Franklin D. Roosevelt. Originally, automobile model years tracked calendar years. However, that practice changed in the mid-1930s, after FDR signed an executive order that dictated automakers release their new vehicles in the fall of the preceding calendar year "as a means of facilitating regularization of employment in the [automotive] industry." Auto assembly-line workers are typically idled during a new-model changeover, and the president reasoned that if their idle period were to happen earlier in the fall, autoworkers would be able to maintain employment through the holiday season and would thus be able to spend more money.

Some 90 years later, the tradition of releasing new vehicles in the final months of the preceding calendar year remains common. This custom, however, is by no means set in stone. Under Environmental Protection Agency rules, manufacturers can introduce a next-model-year vehicle for public sale as early as January 2 of the preceding calendar year—for example, a 2024-model-year vehicle can be sold starting on January 2, 2023. Conversely, manufacturers can introduce and release a new vehicle for sale as late as December 31 of the corresponding calendar year, so a 2024-model-year vehicle can be introduced up to and including December 31, 2024. Due to this wide latitude, manufacturers often bring out vehicles well before—and after—the traditional pre-holiday period.

Two examples from the recent past are the 2016 Kia Sorento and the 2016 Mazda CX-9. While both vehicles wore the same model-year designation, the two mid-size crossover SUVs were released at very different times. In Kia's case, the Korean company began selling its new 2016 Sorento in January 2015. At the time, a Kia spokesperson ex-

plained: "Model-year designations may be assigned because of the vehicle's larger life-cycle plan." The spokes-



person added that "marketing, fuel economy, and homologation reasons" are also at play in this decision, and regulatory requirements may change from model year to model year.

Meanwhile, Mazda chose to release its then-new 2016 CX-9 in the middle of the 2016 calendar year—nearly a year and a half after its Kia competitor. At the time, a Mazda spokesperson noted to us that several factors went into the company's decision to label the late-release CX-9 a 2016 model and not a 2017, including Mazda's desire to



avoid potential consumer confusion that can come from selling a next-model-year vehicle in the current calendar year.

Like Kia's spokesperson, though, Mazda's acknowledged that marketing also played a role in the CX-9's model-year designation: "Based on [model year] 2016 numbers, the CX-9 [had] the best fuel economy of any non-hybrid mid-size three-row [SUV] in its class." Had Mazda marketed the CX-9 as a 2017 model-year vehicle, it potentially would have lost that brag-worthy claim. Though the Mazda CX-9 retained its fuel-economy crown among its non-hybrid peers for the 2017 model year, the brand had no way of knowing this at the time of the SUV's debut.

More recently, supply-chain issues—largely related to

the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as other factors—have forced automakers to launch new model-year vehicles at earlier and later dates. For instance, Honda started selling the 2022 model-year Odyssey minivan early in the 2021 calendar year as a result of a supplier-related issue.

As a spokesperson for the company shared with us at the time: "The timing of model year introductions varies from model to model for a number of reasons, some of which are out of our control. We pulled forward the introduction [of] the model year 2022 Odyssey primarily due to the discontinuation of the HondaVac feature in the Odyssey Elite at the conclusion of the 2021 model year based on a supplier issue."

Denoting a vehicle's model year is its Vehicle Identification Number or VIN. In the early years, VINs—which were introduced in 1954—lacked any standardization. It wasn't until 1981 that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration required all vehicles sold in the United States to adopt today's 17-character VIN, the tenth of which designates the model year. The letter P indicates the 2023 model year—or the 1993 model year—and R means 2024.



Before the ascension of the VIN, manufacturers relied on their own internal serial numbers for marking specific vehicle information. This convention allowed automakers the freedom to determine a vehicle's model year at will. Case in point: Faced with a backlog of unsold cars in 1951, Kaiser simply added a handful of new trim pieces and changed the serial numbers of leftover 1951 models in order to sell the cars as new '52s. The company did the same thing two years later, renumbering unsold 1953 cars as 1954 models.

Ultimately, the reasons a vehicle's model year often fails to sync with today's calendar year are fourfold: historical precedent, regulatory rules, marketing considerations, and, as of late, supply-chain issues. Time travel, however, has nothing to do with it—unless you happened upon a DeLorean in the mid-1950s.

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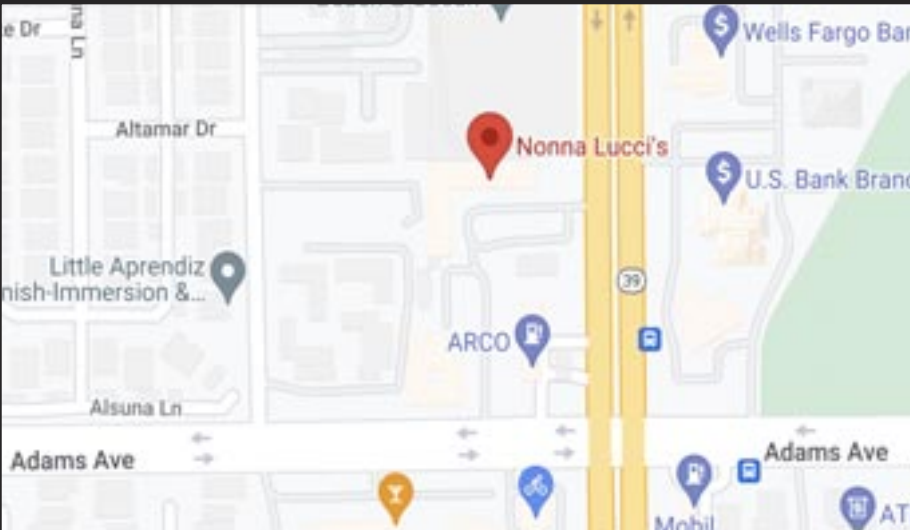
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# The American Companies That Aren't Actually American Anymore

By Kate Prince/Business

Many brilliant companies – from Apple to Starbucks – have been founded in the United States, starting out as small ventures to become international leaders in their fields. However, the world of business isn't always as straightforward as it looks. Regardless of how well-rooted a company's American history is, it doesn't mean that it will always belong to Uncle Sam.

In fact, many quintessentially American brands are no longer American-owned at all. From Ben and Jerry's to IBM and Holiday Inn, overseas investors have played a big part in keeping these companies moving forward. Without them stepping in, some of them may have ceased to exist altogether.

**Dell**  
**Original Headquarters:** Round Rock, TX  
**Purchased By:** N/A  
**Country:** China, Malaysia, Brazil, Ireland

Dell is one of the largest computer companies in the world. Owned by Michael Dell and founded in the eighties, the company has split its computer manufacturing. It makes all of its servers in Austin, Texas. It used to build its laptops in America, but it was cheaper to outsource.

Now, the company has laptop factories in Mexico, Brazil, Malaysia, China, and Ireland. Its Limerick, Ireland plant is build-to-order, and the Irish plant got a lot of press when it opened up in 2000. The plant is 40,000 square feet, making it one of Ireland's largest factories. It employs more than three-thousand people.

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**Nike**  
**Original Headquarters:** Beaverton, OR



**Purchased By:** N/A  
**Country:** Vietnam, China, Indonesia, Japan, Brazil, Sri Lanka

Speaking of Nike, the athleticwear giant has tons of factories overseas. One in five pairs of Nikes are made in China, making the country the second-largest producer of Nikes in the world. China and Nike have contracts with 180 manufacturers, which employ more than 210,000 people. The largest producer is in Vietnam, and

there are also plants in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Japan, and Brazil.

Nike and Adidas have been shrinking their China manufacturing. In 2012, one in three pairs of Nikes (32%) were made in China. Now, 19% of Nikes are made there. Nike has not stated the reason for the decrease.

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**Estee Lauder**  
**Original Headquarters:** New York, NY

**Purchased By:** N/A  
**Country:** China

Estee Lauder was founded in New York City in 1946 by Estee Lauder and her husband, Joseph. It is still headquartered in the General Motors Building, and the high-end cosmetics brand is worth around \$11.6 billion in assets and \$4.4 billion in equity. The company is a pioneer in the "prestige cosmetics" brand.

Estee Lauder has a wide international reach. In China, it operates research and development facilities. In terms of making its products, it has factories in the UK, US, Canada, Switzerland, and Belgium. Estee Lauder, the founder, was, at one point, the wealthiest self-made woman in the world.

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**Levi's**  
**Original Headquarters:** San Francisco, CA  
**Purchased By:** N/A  
**Country:** Italy, Japan, China, USA

Levi's Jeans are one of America's biggest denim retailers, selling jeans and jackets by the millions. According to the company, Levi has \$5.76 billion in net sales each year. The company became popular in the sixties, as its consumer base expanded from cowboys, farmers, and factory workers to other buyers.

The company went public in the early seventies, and, at that point, it had operations in 50 countries. Levi's makes over 99% of their jeans in Japan, Italy, and China, as well as other non-American countries. They do have a small line, their 501 Jeans, made in a factory in North Carolina.

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# THE MOST FEARED WOMEN IN THE U.S.

BY SARAH CROCKER

What does it mean to be feared? Fear can encompass plenty of things, especially when we're talking about the highly complicated subject of feared people. Women, who have had to grapple with societies that often expect them to be compliant and to make as few waves as possible, tend to draw extra attention when they start alarming those around them. Of course, when we talk about feared women, there's the obvious target that centers on the array of murderers and criminals who have terrorized their fellow humans for eons. As history has shown with the likes of bloodthirsty folks such as Belle Gunness, women are more than capable of instilling dread and terror across an entire nation.

But "feared" women may also be ones who are considered to be inconvenient for their place and time, but who might win serious praise today. Some, such as the activist popularly known as Mother Jones, spoke out loudly for the rights of American workers, with little care for the sensibility of the higher-ups who benefited from the exploitation of laborers or other vulnerable people. Even more women have presented seriously complex figures, with actions that may earn them plaudits in some arenas and serious disapproval in others.

So, what does it take to be one of the most feared women in the United States? The answer varies widely depending on who we're talking about, but it's clear that none of the women discussed here were shy or retiring.

## GRISELDA BLANCO



As one of the leading crime lords of cocaine-wracked Miami in the 1970s and '80s, Griselda Blanco was responsible for a lot of death. According to Britannica, Blanco was born into poverty in Colombia. She reportedly kidnapped and killed a boy when she was only 11. We do know that she took up with a drug trafficker, Alberto Bravo, in the 1970s. They began importing cocaine into the U.S., though Blanco later returned to Colombia after authorities became too interested in her. Bravo later proved troublesome and was purportedly killed by order of Blanco. Eventually, she left a trail of suspiciously dead husbands, earning her the title of "Black Widow."

After setting up shop in 1970s Miami, Blanco began decimating competitors in the "Cocaine Cowboy Wars." Enriched and emboldened by the violent drug trade, Blanco lived lavishly. Ultimately, however, the law caught up with her and she was found guilty of drug-related charges in 1985 (via Britannica). Blanco was given a 15-year sentence, but prosecutors then worked to connect her to a series of violent murders. She ultimately escaped a death sentence by pleading guilty and was released in 2004.

Though Blanco was deported to Colombia, where she retired from her bloody ways, the criminal life wouldn't leave her alone. In 2012, she was shot by an assassin on a motorcycle as she exited a butcher's shop, according to The Guardian. It was a tactic she is said to have developed herself during her kingpin days in Miami.

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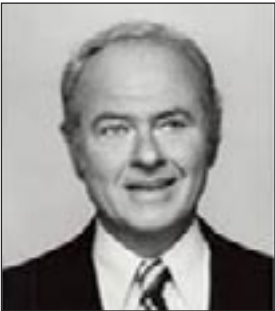


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Layered with a smooth cream cheese and mozzarella mixture then topped with crisp cucumber and a stem of green bell pepper, these St. Patrick's Day Sandwiches are easy and cute, which makes them a fan favorite at nearly any green gathering. They're also sprinkled with lemon juice to add a little acidity and create a nice, light bite.

Plus, this recipe is quick to make. When you're in a rush to get everything on the table for the party, it's easy to throw together and get on the platter in next to no time.

The sandwiches pop off the plate with their bright, seasonal garnishes. While sure



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St. Patrick's Day Sandwiches

Yield: 8 sandwiches

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1 cup finely shredded mozzarella cheese

4 English muffins

24 slices cucumber

8 thin slices green pepper

fresh cilantro leaves

lemon juice

lemon slices, for garnish (optional)

In bowl, mix cream cheese spread, moz-  
zarella cheese and salt well.

Split English muffins in half. Cut each  
muffin half into shamrock shape.

Spread cheese mixture over each muffin  
half.

Place three cucumbers on each "sham-  
rock," one on each "leaf." Use green  
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# LAST CALL: These Chain Stores Are Closing Locations in 2023

*The retail sector can often be fickle, even when the company is loved and established. Some of the titans in the industry have faced tough times in recent years, with even the seemingly infallible ones shuttering locations for good.*

*From Aldi to Costco, Walmart, and even designer stores, it looks like no one is safe. Business status can change on a dime, but let's see which household names are closing the doors for good in 2023. Will your local store be next – or has it managed to escape the retail apocalypse?*

**CVS**  
**Year Established: 1963**  
**Store Closures: 200 Branches\***

While CVS (and its CVS/Pharmacy brand) has managed better than most to adapt to consumers' online delivery needs, the company still faces an existential conundrum given its massive presence of nearly 10,000 stores nationwide. This mighty real estate investment in the face of dwindling walk-in customers has forced the company to both innovate and selectively cut back.

As a result, this year CVS plans to shutter at least 200 underperforming stores nationwide by the end of 2022, including its famous Springfield, Missouri location (known as the "largest CVS in the world"). Though this is less than 1% of their overall footprint, the move will cost CVS more than \$130 million.

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**Dunkin' Donuts**  
**Year Established: 1950**  
**Store Closures: 800**

Dunkin' Donuts is a company that many Americans know thanks to its advertising strategies. That doesn't mean that it's always going to be supremely profitable, though. The tides can change just as quickly on this business as they can anywhere else.

The company announced in 2020 that it would be closing

the doors on over 800 locations. With an operation like this, it's understandable that it's being done in stages, with more stores still set to close by the end of 2021. Walgreens to Stop Selling Abortion Pills by Mail in 20 States.

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**AMC**  
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**Starbucks**  
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# Cookies, Cocktails & WOMEN

## Quick and Easy Pizza Dough

By Greg Loftis

Martha Stewart Living,

Making pizza dough from scratch is no doubt a labor of love—but that doesn't mean it can't be fast and easy too. Just 30 minutes after forming and resting the dough, you can use it as the base for this classic pie, or get creative and make something like this tri-color salad pizza or an antipasto-inspired slice.

### Ingredients

2/3 cup warm water (110°F)  
1/4 ounce active dry yeast (not rapid rise; 2 1/4 teaspoons)  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 3/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting  
1 1/4 teaspoons kosher salt  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing

### Directions

#### Step 1

Combine water, yeast, and sugar in a bowl; let stand until foamy, about 5 minutes. Add flour, salt, and oil, and stir until a ragged dough forms. Transfer to a lightly floured work surface.

#### Step 2

Knead with floured hands until dough is smooth, elastic, and tacky but no longer sticky, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a bowl brushed with oil, turning dough to evenly coat. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand in a warm, draft-free place until doubled in volume, 30 to 45 minutes.

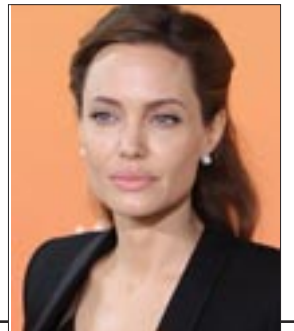
### Cook's Notes

This pizza dough can be made and refrigerated up to a day ahead; bring to room temperature before using.



## ANGELINA JOLIE

Angelina Jolie (b. 4 June 1975 – ) is an Oscar-winning actress, movie director, humanitarian and global celebrity. She rose to fame through her title role in the film “Lara Croft”. In recent years, Jolie has moved into film production, acting as director, writer and producer. She has six children, three of whom are adopted. She serves in a capacity as a Goodwill Ambassador for the UNHCR.



Wikipedia

## Prophet in Plain Clothes Cocktail

by Kelly Magyarics

Kraig Rovensky, the general manager of Life on Mars in Seattle and a self-proclaimed fan of Fernet-Branca, says this drink is named for the fact that “it hides the glorious message of fernet inside.” The bold character of Laphroaig, an ultra-peaty Islay scotch, is softened by the fernet, along with vermouth and another amaro. “You’re left with this smoky, bitter sipper that would be pleasing to any Rob Roy drinker,” he says.

“You have to pair fernet with either other bold spirits or flavors, or things that will soften it,” says Rovensky. “Those bold flavors, if paired well, can create cohesive wonderful cocktails.”

### Ingredients

1 ounce Laphroaig 10 year single malt scotch  
1 ounce Fernet-Branca  
1 ounce sweet vermouth (such as Carpano Classico)  
1/2 ounce Amaro Cinpatrazzo

Garnish: Luxardo cherry

### Steps

Add all ingredients into a mixing glass with ice and stir until well-chilled. Strain into a chilled coupe glass. Garnish with a cocktail cherry.



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**Dear EarthTalk:**  
*What are the health and environmental benefits of planting more trees in urban areas?*  
~ B. Marsden, Buffalo, NY

Planting more trees in urban areas has numerous health and environmental benefits. Trees are essential to human health, and they provide environmental bene-



Trees reduce air pollution, conserve energy, mitigate the urban heat island effect & reduce stormwater runoff. Credit: Roddy Scheer

fits by reducing air pollution, conserving energy, mitigating the urban heat island effect, and reducing stormwater runoff. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, a single mature tree can absorb up to 48 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) annually and release enough oxygen for two people to breathe comfortably all year.

Trees play a crucial role in improving air quality in urban areas. A study by the U.S. Forest Service found that trees in urban areas remove 711,000 metric tons of air pollution annually, saving the United States \$6.8 billion in air quality-related health care costs. Trees absorb pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and ozone, which can cause respiratory problems and other health issues. Trees also absorb fine particulate matter (PM2.5), which is associated with asthma, heart attacks, and premature death.

Urban forests also help reduce the urban heat island effect, which is when urban areas are significantly warmer than rural areas due to human activity and infrastructure. Trees provide shade, which helps to reduce surface temperatures, and they also release water vapor through transpiration, which cools the air around them. According to a study published in the journal Landscape and Urban Planning, increasing tree canopy cover in cities can help reduce temperatures by up to two degrees Celsius.

In addition to their health benefits, trees also provide environmental benefits by reducing energy consumption. Trees provide shade, which reduces the amount of energy needed to cool buildings in the summer. According to federal researchers, properly placed trees can reduce a building's air conditioning needs by up to 30 percent. Trees also act as windbreaks, which can reduce heating costs in the winter, helping to achieve up to a 50 percent decrease in annual heating costs. In fact, just three properly sited trees could save homeowners up to

\$250/year overall.

Trees are also essential in managing stormwater runoff. When it rains, stormwater runoff can cause flooding, erosion and water pollution. Trees absorb rainwater through their roots and help to reduce the amount of runoff. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculates that a single mature tree can absorb up to 100 gallons of water per day.

Furthermore, planting more trees in urban areas can improve mental health and well-being. Studies have shown that exposure to nature and green spaces can reduce stress, anxiety and depression. A study published in the Journal of Environmental Psychology found that people who live in areas with more trees and green spaces report better mental health than those who live in areas with less greenery.

We also need trees to absorb all that excess CO2 we have spewed into the atmosphere that is causing global warming. Trees have always been essential to the survival of humans and other organisms, but maybe never so much as the present given the existential threat posed by human-induced climate change.

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# Rix Quinn School Lessons

At lunch a few weeks ago an old friend asked, “What lessons did you learn from your school years?”

Well, here are five that stuck to me like glue.

1. Bells rule our life. The last high school bell, for instance, alerts us that we need to prepare for a career. Every year when the birthday bell rings, we’re reminded that time moves faster than a cheetah on a treadmill.

2. Don’t eat off your friend’s plate until he tells you it’s OK. In elementary school, I supplemented many lunches with somebody else’s dinner rolls.

3. Getting picked first on another student’s team means that the person recognizes your skill. Getting picked last means you should explore some of your other gifts.

4. Everyone can contribute. The tallest guy may be your basketball star. The smartest girl might be the school’s spelling champion. (My special gift: Teachers could point to me as a bad example.)

5. Never throw food. That’s true in the elementary lunchroom, or at the senior prom.

Finally, I learned in middle school that it’s hard to sling mashed potatoes much further than a couple of feet. Also, teachers do not appreciate gravy on their shirts.

Closing comment: We love the memorable poem by Pat D’Amico called “A Going Concern”: Your footprints in the sands of time would be a lot more fitting... Than impressions you will make if you are always sitting.



## Most Beautiful Female Billionaires

*It takes one several years of hard work in business to become a billionaire. Some of the young women presented in this list were lucky to have inherited billions of dollars while others have accumulated their multi-billion wealth from businesses. Interestingly, some of these women are still young in their early twenties and yet they have a personal net worth higher than budgets of some developing countries. The cash that they possess is enough for them to do whatever they want and more despite being born into very rich families.*




### Anna Anissimova

She is now called Anna Schafer and she is the daughter of a Russian metal magnate by the name Vasily Anisimov. Her father sent her to the U.S.A. following the killing of her older sister which occurred as a part of political plot.

Her worth which is attributed to her father’s fortune is \$2 billion. Moreover, she has done several things including modelling, real estate and at the moment, she is an actress performing in various films such as Trials of Cate McCall, The Whistleblower and Elizabeth Blue.





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# 'HUGE GAINS' IN CA SNOWPACK FREE HALF OF STATE FROM DROUGHT

## Recent storms have given California an above-average snowpack erasing both extreme and exceptional drought conditions from the state.

*Kim Harris / Patch Staff*  
UNION CITY, CA — The state's continuous stormy weather is making California's large snowpack even larger, state water officials confirmed during their third snow survey of the year and that means good news for the state which has suffered from drought for nearly three years.

Combined with the series of winter storms that hit California in December and January, recent storms have given the state "huge gains" and an above-average snowpack, water officials said in a news release issued after the March 3 snow survey.

After the months of heavy rain and snow, drought conditions are hugely improved throughout the state, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor which shows about 25 percent of the state in a

severe drought as compared to just over 80 percent at the beginning of the rainy season.

The latest survey also found that moderate or severe drought covers about 49% of the state, nearly 17% of the state is free of drought or a condition described as abnormally dry. The remainder is still abnormally dry.

"Clearly the amount of water that's fallen this year has greatly alleviated the drought," said Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at the University of California, Los Angeles. "It has not ended the drought completely but we're in a very different place than we were a year ago."


California's latest drought began in 2020 and no relief appeared in sight heading into this winter.

Three months ago virtually all of California was in drought, in-

cluding at extreme and exceptional levels. Water agencies serving millions of people, agriculture and industry were told to expect only a fraction of requested allocations.

Last week's survey painted a different picture.

"The manual survey recorded 116.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 41.5 inches, which is 177 percent of average for this location on March 3," the California Department of Water Resources said.



State Route 138 winds through snow-covered trees near Hesperia on March 1, 2023. Tremendous rains and snowfall since late last year have freed half of California from drought, but low groundwater levels remain a persistent problem, officials say.

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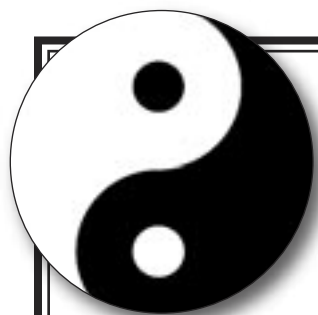
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# ON THE DARK SIDE OR MAYBE THE LIGHTER SIDE...

## Wagner chief says Russian position at Bakhmut at risk without promised ammunition

Reuters / NICK STARKOV

KYIV (Reuters) - The head of Russia's Wagner mercenary force warned that Russia's position around the eastern Ukrainian city of Bakhmut was in peril unless his troops got ammunition, the latest sign of tension between the Kremlin and the private militia chief.

Ukrainian military officials and analysts also reported leaders of Russia's 155th Brigade fighting near the town of Vuhledar, south of Bakhmut, were resisting orders to attack after sustaining severe losses in attempts to capture it.

For its part, the Russian Defence Ministry on Sunday said Russian forces had hit a command centre of the Ukrainian Azov Regiment in southeastern Zaporizhzhia region. The ministry did not elaborate on the attack.

Reuters could not independently verify the battlefield accounts.

Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin said Russia's front lines near Bakhmut could collapse if his forces did not receive the ammunition promised by Moscow in February.

"For now, we are trying to figure out the reason: is it just ordinary bureaucracy or a betrayal?" Prigozhin, referring to the absence of ammunition, said in his press service Telegram channel on Sunday.

The mercenary chief regularly criticizes Russia's defence chiefs and top generals. Last month, he accused Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and others of "treason" for withholding supplies of munitions to his men.

Yevgeny Prigozhin, founder of Russia's Wagner mercenary force, speaks in Paraskoviivka



In a nearly four-minute video published on the Wagner Orchestra Telegram channel on Saturday, Prigozhin said his troops were worried that the government wanted to set them up as possible scapegoats if Russia lost the war.

"If Wagner retreats from Bakhmut now, the whole front will collapse," Prigozhin said. "The situation will not be sweet for all military formations protecting Russian interests."

A Russian victory in Bakhmut, with a pre-war population of about 70,000, would give it the first major prize in a costly winter offensive, after it called up hundreds of thousands of reservists last year. Russia says it would be a stepping stone to completing the capture of the Donbas industrial region, one of its most important objectives.

Volodymyr Nazarenko, a commander of Ukrainian troops in Bakhmut, said that there had been no order to retreat and "the defence is holding" in grim conditions.

"The situation in Bakhmut and around it is very much hell-like, as it is on the entire eastern front," Nazarenko said in a video posted on Telegram.

Ukraine's military said early on Monday its forces had repelled 95 Russian attacks in the Bakhmut area over the previous day.

"The situation in Bakhmut can be described as critical," Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov said in a video commentary.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin ordered troops into Ukraine on a "special military operation" just over a year ago.

Since then, tens of thousands of people have been killed, millions have fled and cities have been reduced to rubble but Ukrainian forces, with the help of Western weapons, have limited Russian advances to the east and south.

To the north of Bakhmut, Russian troops advanced towards the town of Bilohorivka, just inside the Luhansk region, and shelled several settlements in the direction of Kupiansk and Lyman, the Ukrainian military said.

Woman and two children killed by Russian bombs

To the south, the Ukrainian military said Russian forces made preparations for an offensive in the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, shelling dozens of towns and villages including the city of Kherson, causing civilian casualties.

A woman and two children were killed by Russian mortar bombs in a village in Kherson region, the head of Ukraine's presidential office said.

Ukraine's air force spokesperson, Yuriy Ihnat, said 13 kamikaze drones had been shot down on Sunday night.

The governor of Russia's Belgorod region bordering Ukraine said one person was wounded by falling debris on Monday after Russian forces shot down three missiles near the town of Novy Oskol.

Belgorod borders Ukraine's Kharkiv region and has repeatedly come under fire since the beginning of Russia's invasion. Ukraine almost never publicly claims responsibility for attacks inside Russia.

## Here Are The Most Common Things Given Up For Lent In Every State

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The Lenten season is upon us! Across America, people are giving things up for the next 40 days in preparation for Easter. Check out what the most common choice was for every state:

Alabama - Using the deep fryer for breakfast

Alaska - Eskimo kisses

Arizona - Counting the 2020 Presidential ballots

Arkansas - Guessing which eye Sarah Huckabee Sanders is looking with

California - Pooping on the sidewalk

Colorado - Telling people how awesome Colorado is

Connecticut - Clams on pizza

Delaware - Being Delaware

Florida - Winning at everything

Georgia - Electing Stacey Abrams as Governor

Hawaii - Getting laid

Idaho - Trying to overcome that stupid potato stereotype

Illinois - Murder

Indiana - Inexplicably calling Coca-Cola "pop"

Iowa - Having way too much in-

Montana - Construction on the Keystone XL Pipeline

Nebraska - Killing the planet with cow farts

Nevada - Going to Gamblers Anonymous meetings

New Hampshire - Bragging about not having sales tax

New Jersey - Pronouncing water as "wuda"

New Mexico - Eating green chiles three meals per day

New York - Dying on the subway

North Carolina - Pretending to be a northern state

North Dakota - Letting people confuse them with those jerks down in South Dakota

Ohio - Clean water

Oklahoma - Scalping palefaces

Oregon - The eastern half of the state to Idaho

Pennsylvania - Winning a Super Bowl

Rhode Island - Telling people you're actually from Massachusetts

South Carolina - That gross mustard BBQ sauce

South Dakota - Trying to carve Trump's face into Mount Rushmore

Tennessee - Destroying the tattered remnants of country music

Texas - Pretending there's a south-



fluence on Presidential primaries

Kansas - Telling people that Superman grew up next door

Kentucky - Constantly explaining the difference between bourbon and whiskey

Louisiana - Pretending that beignets aren't just crappy donuts

Maine - Moose jerky

Maryland - Old Bay seasoning

Massachusetts - Their Boston accent, which is totally fake anyways.

Michigan - Playing Euchre

Minnesota - Going outside

Mississippi - The extra s, s, and p

Missouri - Toasted ravioli

ern border

Utah - Having an 11th baby

Vermont - Being so, so white

Virginia - D.C. commuters

Washington - Having a police department

West Virginia - Moonshine Mondays

Wisconsin - Saying "Ope!" when you bump into someone

Wyoming - Getting gored by bison

What are you giving up for lent this year? Comment below, or turn to the person next to you and loudly announce it.



# California’s Reparations Task Force Aims to Ignite a National Paradigm Shift

NBC Universal / CURTIS BUNN

SACRAMENTO — A task force set to discuss and issue recommendations about California’s debt to the descendants of enslaved people kicked off a two-day public hearing Friday — and it was clear that members and public in attendance were hopeful its impact could reach beyond the state’s borders.

The most populous state in the country is attempting to carve a pathway to reparations through the nine-member group, with a comprehensive set of recommendations expected to be released by July 1.

“This is an historic moment, not only for California, but America at large,” said Maureen Simmons, who as an intern for Assembly member Shirley Weber completed research that led to AB 3121 — the bill to create the Reparations Task Force in California.

While other cities like Evanston, Illinois, and Providence, Rhode Island, have established reparations for slavery and racial terror, Simmons said she is convinced California’s Herculean effort will act as a model “that will set the tone for what reparations should look like here across the U.S.”

In a 500-page preliminary report issued in June 2022, the California task force outlines wrongs specific not only to the state, but to discrimination and white supremacist policies across the country. As California Assemblyman and task force member Reginald Jones-Sawyer emphasized, “This will be the model for everyone, whether they do it at their local level, state level or when they finally do national reparations.”

Jones-Sawyer pointed out the unprecedented, “comprehensive evaluation of the harms of chattel slavery and its impacts on African Americans” to be documented in the final report, which he said will include data and research from a host of economists, analysts, historians, educators, genealogists and the California Department of Justice.

“This will be used by others,” Jones-Sawyer said. “And the reason ours will hold up is because the foundation of it is based on data, hard core data, suitable data.”

The preliminary report that is guiding the work of the California task force covers 12 points of emphasis: enslavement; racial terror; political disenfranchisement; housing segregation; separate and unequal education; racism in environment and infrastructure; pathologizing the Black family; control over creative, cultural and intellectual life; stolen labor and hindered opportunity; an unjust legal system; mental and physical harm and neglect; and the racial wealth gap.

The task force will recommend measures to address disparities in these areas, Jones-Sawyer said. But most noteworthy, he said, “we will recommend financial compensation. But we’re going to make recommendations on many areas that I think will have a longer lasting impact on African American life.”

But there are still a few issues that need to be worked out before the task force issues any recommendations. Among them, determine what are the California residency requirements to receive reparations; establish what were the beginning and end dates connected to the harms inflicted by slavery; who will be compensated, and how financial reparations will be paid and calculated.

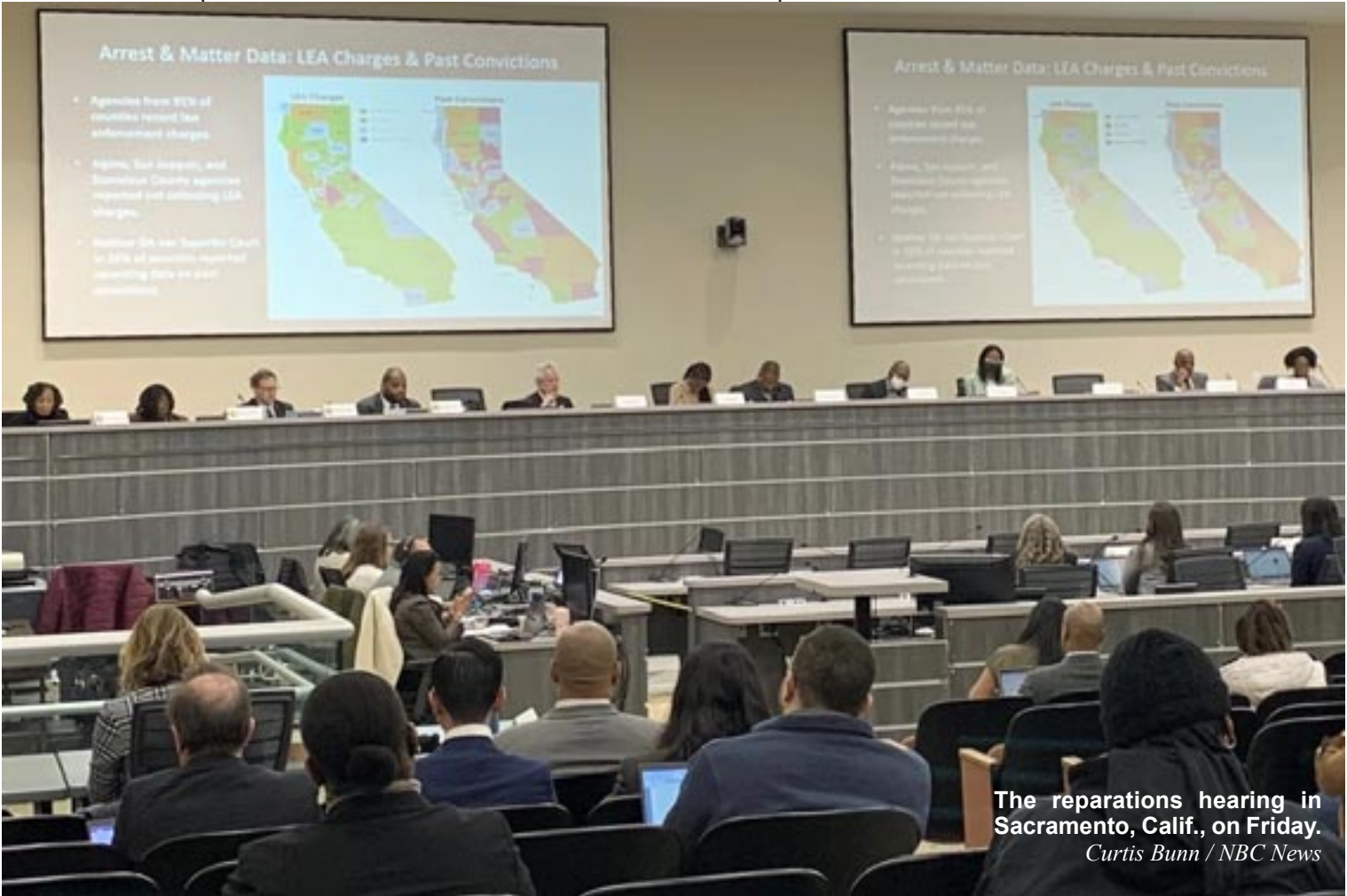
“It’s a big job, a hard job that, at first, I said, ‘No

way’ about being on the committee,” said task force member Cheryl Grills, a professor of clinical psychology at Loyola Marymount University. “But the African in me said, ‘I have a duty to do this. There’s nothing more revolutionary to do with your life in this moment.’ ... And so, the downside of it — the vitriol and mean-spiritedness that we endure, especially from Black people, is a different level of hurt and pain. But there’s so much more at stake.”

Jones-Sawyer said that as an elected official he is accustomed to what he called “Twitter terrorists.” But he said he feels sorry for the other task force members. “None of them signed up for that,” he

work is critical, she said.

“How can we let bygones be bygones when the knee of white supremacy is still on the necks of Black Americans choking the very life from us?” Simmons said at the hearing. “How can we let bygones be bygones when American medicine was built on the backs of slaves, yet the descendants of Black slaves have worse health outcomes than their counterparts due to health care disparities. How do we let bygones be bygones when Africans forced in the 400 years of chattel slavery, through kidnapping and fraud, undergirded the economic infrastructure of America, yet the economic wealth gap



said, “and the only thing that really bothered me is when my own people would attack me. That’s disheartening, because at the end of the day, I’m trying to do something for all Black people.”

The people’s angst was clear at the initial hearing Friday at the auditorium of the California Environmental Protection Agency. With a large media presence and television cameras pointed at them, residents lined up for the opportunity to express their support and concerns — in person and via phone — about the progress and process of the reparations movement.

The speakers were angry and agitated, hopeful and grateful. But they also were not convinced anything would happen.

“We’re conditioned to believe things won’t go our way,” said Rhona Washington-Bey, a mother who brought her two small children with her to the hearing. “But these hearings are important for us, the citizens, because it’s a way to get things off of our chest. Everyone has their ideas about what should happen, how reparations should happen. Everyone won’t be happy. But it’s exciting that California is trying.”

“So goes California, so goes the nation,” said Henry Williams, 88, who said he had picked cotton in Alabama as a youth.

Simmons, whose work as an intern helped with the formation of the task force, said she has heard from detractors that the quest for reparations is a “futile effort” and “we should just let bygones be bygones.” Those thoughts infuriated her and crystalized why the task force’s

between the heirs of chattel slavery and whites are a glaring reminder of the injustice caused by oppressive regimes?”

Although there remains much more work to be done by July, the anticipation is mounting, even for task force members.

“I’m almost afraid to believe it will happen,” Grills said. “But I act as if I believe. We have to act as if it is impossible to fail. So, I’m excited that we actually will move the needle on ensuring that Black people re-enter the circle of humanity, that we receive justice, that we get an opportunity to see ourselves unburdened by lies of white superiority and Black inferiority. And the entire country will benefit from what’s happening in California.”

## In Which City Was The First Saint Patrick's Day Parade?

The first ever Saint Patrick's Day parade took place in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1601. This parade was hosted by Spain and the Spanish people who were living there to celebrate the arrival of the faith of Ireland to their city. The parade featured a long procession with drummers and pipers whose tunes could be heard echoing through the city streets. Along with bagpipers and fiddlers, there were also a variety of teams competing as they prepared to walk across town showing off their uniforms, flags, and music making skills.







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# These Actors Epically Played Real People in These Films

Erika Burch  
When an actor plays a role, he or she does everything in their power to really get into it, to feel as that person would feel, and to portray those feelings on the film. But what happens when an actor lands a role based on a real person?



**Foxcatcher (2014)**  
Channing Tatum, Mark Ruffalo, and Steve Carell start in and this 2014 sports crime drama that centers around a deranged and wealthy wrestling superfan, John E. Du Pont (Carell,) who starts his own team in the '80s, with the help of naïve up-and-coming wrestler Mark Schultz (Tatum.) Du Pont was an ornithologist, philatelist, conchologist, and sports enthusiast who was convicted for murdering Schulz. He sentence was 30 years and he died in prison.  
The film has an 87% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes, with all of the star's performances being praised. Carell and Ruffalo were nominated for Academy Awards for their work, and Bennett Miller was up for Best Director.



**The Greatest Showman (2017)**  
Hugh Jackman plays the role of P.T. Barnum in this 2017 musical produced with a budget of nearly \$85 million. The film follows the man behind one of the largest old-world circuses, Barnum & Bailey. Zack Efron, Michelle Williams, and Zendaya also appear in the biographical drama. Barnum was an American showman, politician, and businessman and rose to prominence for his celebrated hoaxes and the founding of the Barnum & Bailey Circus.  
The Greatest Showman received a number of accolades, including the Golden Globe award for Best Original Song. It was nominated for two more Globes, which included the best actor for Jackman's work in the film.



**I, Tonya (2017)**  
Margo Robbie stars as former Olympic figure skater Tonya Harding in this biographical crime drama. The 2017 film tells the tale of the athlete, who infamously knocked out competitor Nancy Kerrigan's kneecap with a baseball bat in the 1990s, leading to her ruin. The film also goes into deep detail about Tonya's tragic life and heavily abusive relationship.  
The film grossed over \$53 million worldwide and holds a 90% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes. It received a number of awards, including a Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress for Allison Janney's role as the skater's harsh mother. Robbie was nominated for Best Actress for her performance as well

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# The Most Valuable Collectors' Items in History

By Audrey Kyanova

We've all heard the stories about someone stumbling upon a valuable comic or knick-knack in a Salvation Army, or the family who moves into a new house only to find a wine cellar below the floorboards worth a fortune.

Anything from baseball cards or vintage Coca Cola cans to stuffed toys or even ticket stubs from legendary concerts, could be the items worth millions. You never know what items are lurking in your basement or your local thrift store that could be worth big bucks to a collector.

Read on to discover a list of some of the most valuable collectible items of all time. You never know, it might be time to bring out the stepladder and venture into the attic. You could have been sitting on a dusty goldmine for decades, blissfully unaware.

## Masters of the Universe Eternia Playset

**Maker:** Mattel  
**Original Price:** \$19.99\*  
**Worth Today:** \$9,999\*

Masters of the Universe was a sword-and-sorcery franchise that Mattel created. The franchise popularized the culturally-iconic character of He-Man, and all the toys, games, books, and movies that came from Masters are likely worth billions, collectively. Vintage toys, such as this Masters of the Universe Eternia Playset, sell for top-dollar on auction sites.

The Masters of the Universe Eternia Playset was the largest toy Mat-tel ever made. Produced in 1986, the vintage Playset featured three towers and vehicles that ran around a monorail track. The Playset is the "Holy Grail" of Masters collecting because it is expensive and difficult to complete. Though only a few of these Playsets sold at the time and were a disappointment to Mattel, they have since grown to be very valuable.

@eterniplayset / Facebook.com



## Xero-Xero Cassette Tape (1997)

**Maker :** Xero (Now Called Linkin Park)  
**Original Price:** \$7-\$9\*  
**Worth Today:** \$4,500\*

You might not recognize the name "Xero," but you'll know the name Linkin Park. Linkin Park called themselves Xero before changing the band's name, and Xero was their self-titled, debut demo tape. The tape was recorded in 1996 and 1997 and released in November of 1997. The cassette tape is twelve minutes, thirty-six seconds long.

Produced by Mike Shinoda, Xero was influenced by what the band was "currently listening to." Shinoda said that all the vocals were recorded using a Shure SM58 microphone. Though Xero was a bust when it released, Linkin Park took off in 2000, which upped Xero's value and made it a classic piece of the band's early history.

@gorsoghomonyany / Pinterest.com



## David Bowie's 1974 Diamond Dogs Vinyl

**Maker :** RCA Victor  
**Original Price:** \$6.50\*  
**Worth Today:** \$3,550\*

David Bowie is one of the most iconic musicians of all time, and it's no surprise that memorabilia with his name attached sells for a lot of money. This is doubly true for Diamond Dogs, the artist's extremely rare album. Published on RCA Victor in 1974, Diamond has six A-side tracks and five B-side tracks.

The reason that Diamond Dogs sold for \$3,550 on eBay is because the album sold has unique cover art. Only ten albums printed had the non-air-brushed cover art, so the majority of Diamond Dog records sold looked slightly different than these rare, pricey editions.

@Jose Sousa / Youtube.com



# Celebrities We Didn't Realize Were Related

Chris Shackleton

We all know famous families such as the Kardashians and the Baldwins, but what about the celeb relations who don't flaunt their lineages? As it turns out, the world of showbiz is pretty small, and there are plenty of family connections that have managed to stay under the radar. That's right: you won't believe how connected famous people really are these days...



## Carrie Coon and Tracy Letts

Taylor Hill/WireImage/Getty Images

If you know the Chicago theater scene, you'll be familiar with actor Carrie Coon and August: Osage County playwright Tracy Letts. You may have read that they've been together since 2010 and are parents to a son, too. But even as their stars have soared, with Coon starring in The Leftovers, Letts in Ford v Ferrari and the pair appearing together in The Sinner, their public profile as a couple has still been relatively low.



## Amber Tamblyn and David Cross

Amber Tamblyn/Instagram

What do Tobias Funke from Arrested Development and Joan Girardi from Joan of Arcadia have in common? They're married in real life, of course. Yes, you read that right! Comedian David Cross and actress Amber Tamblyn have a daughter together, too. Perhaps the fact that they don't work together accounts for the relative lack of knowledge about their relationship, or maybe it's just because they don't court the tabloids.



## Chelsea Peretti and Jordan Peele

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Finding out that Get Out's Jordan Peele is married to Gina Linetti from Brooklyn Nine-Nine is a bit of a mind-blower. The pair are a bit of a social media success story, as they initially linked up via Twitter before getting married and having a son. And maybe they'll connect more easily in the eyes of the world if Peretti gets a starring role in Peele's next horror opus. That is, unless they like flying under the radar.



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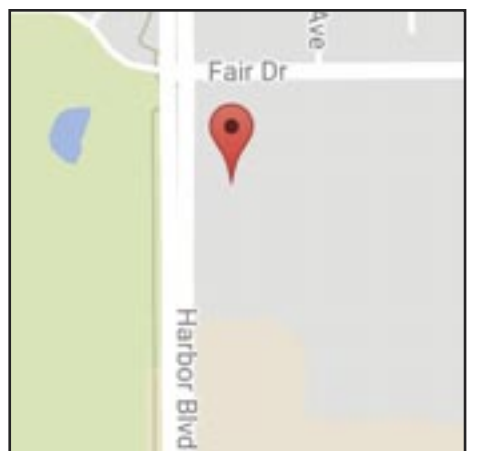
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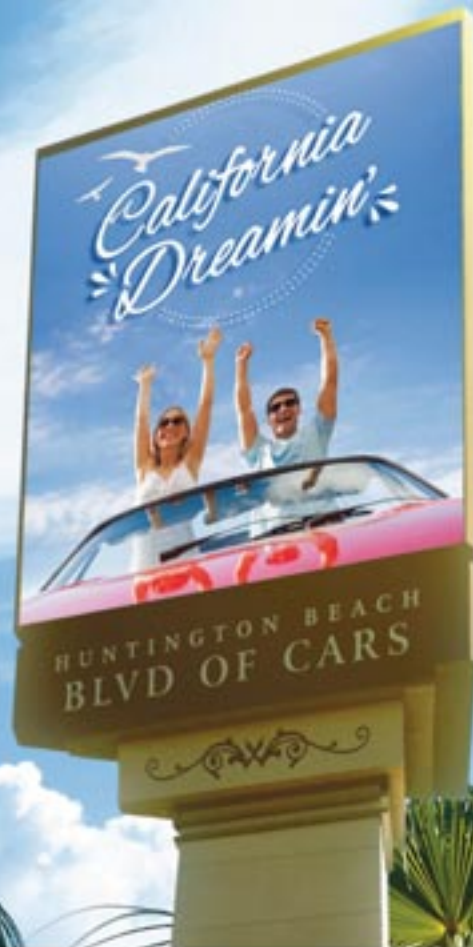
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