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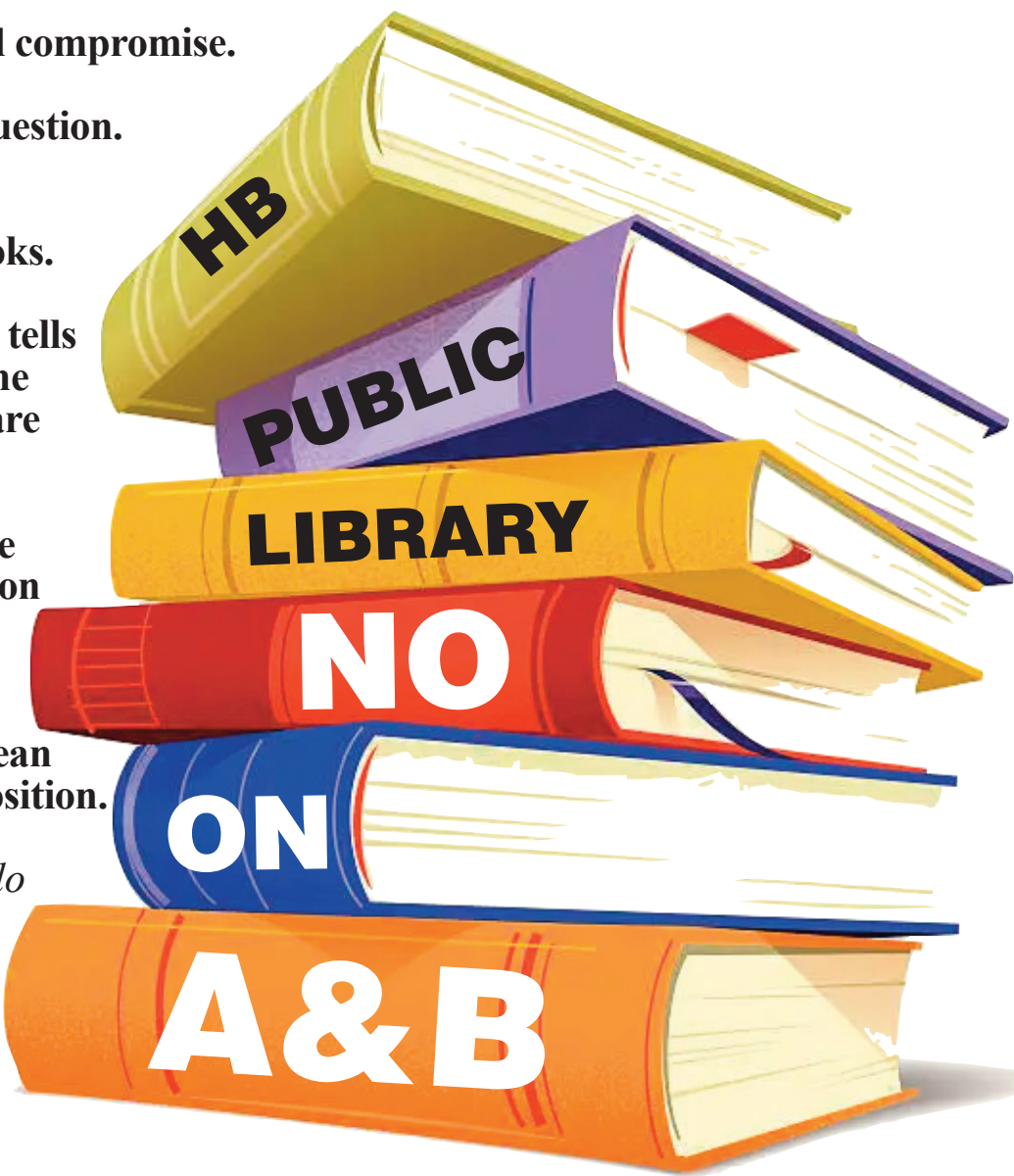
Rather, I am choosing "Common Sense" and practical compromise.

I have taken the time to review some of the books in question.  
(Sorry -what does a vagina taste like, etc.)

I do not know anyone who wants to ban any of the books.

My education, life experiences, childhood, adult status tells me clearly - ...use the concept of "age appropriate" as the guideline as to where these more or less explicit books, are kept in the library.

A No vote on A & B - keeps the books in question in the library but places them by policy, and judgment, common sense -and practicality in an age-appropriate library location. That is not a complicated issue, I do not think that is a Racial, Radical, Republican or Democratic issue...It could be a parental position and that is why I lean to the NO position.



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Arguably the first supercar ever made in the 1930s, its low stance, powerful engine, lightweight construction, 123 mph (200 kph) top speed and influential teardrop body is a stunning example of art-deco design.

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*"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."*  
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

### sad truth

I don't make jokes.  
I just watch the Government and report the facts!

~ Will Rogers (1879- 1935)

## PURE NONSENSE: THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN LOSERS ARE THE WINNERS AND THE WINNERS ARE THE LOSERS!

**FORMER USA SURFING CEO BURNS  
HUNTINGTON BEACH TO THE GROUND**

The Battle for Los Angeles '28 was a turn few saw coming. The City of Angels was awarded the Olympic Games in 2017 though the initial thrill quickly gave way to pitched partisanship. Namely, where would the surfing portion be contested? Le-moore, California attempted to throw its CAT hat into the ring but it was quickly yuck-yuck'd by International Surfing Association leader Fernando Aguerre. Hawaii was floated except not seriously, which left San Clemente and Huntington Beach.

Supporters of each burgh dug right in, attempting to win the nod with Huntington Beach emerging as the early betting favorite. Alas, Surf City backers had no idea that San Clemente had a plant in the planning committee's war room, resident of Lower Trestles and former CEO of USA Surfing Greg Cruse.

The Mickey Rooney doppelgänger sat down with the San Clemente Times, recently, sharing how he pushed the Spanish Village by the Sea over the line, praising its assets, before breaking out a blowtorch and burning Huntington Beach to the ground.

"In late July and early August (the Olympic window), Huntington is either flat or you're dealing with sweeping south swells that wall up

through the pier," Cruse maliciously shared, continuing, "It doesn't bring out the best surfing."

Wow.

Necessary, you think, to go scorched earth after victory has already been achieved?

Cruse continued roasting the rubble by adding, "Almost every surfer I spoke with wanted it here (at Lowers). This is where they train. This is the wave that raised them."

Burn baby burn.

The plan, as it is now, is to provide room for 4000 spectators and rope off snowy plover nests.

Very cool.

## DID YOU KNOW

The biggest butterfly in the world has a 31cm wingspan

## Surprising Sports Facts That You Never Would've Guessed



## SPORTS

- If your hat falls off during a tennis match, your opponent has the option to declare it a "hindrance" and redo the stroke.
- Japan is home to the world's largest bowling alley called the Inazawa Bowling Centre.
- Starting in 1990, Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls never had a three-game losing streak for eight years.

Huntington Beach (pictured) burning.  
Photo: Encyclopedia of Surfing



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



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# America's Best Roast Beef Sandwiches

Cheapism/Lacey Muszynski

When you're in need of comfort food, classic roast beef sandwiches are a satisfying solution. While they appear all over the United States, there are plenty of regional variations and famous renditions worth exploring. In the Midwest, pot-roast-style beef is served open-face on bread covered in gravy, and roast beef po'boys are popular on the Gulf Coast. From Baltimore pit beef to California tri-tip, here are some drool-worthy roast beef sandwiches lauded by critics and reviewers.



Shawn C./Yelp

## The Greatest Breakfast Sandwich in Every State



Andrew

### Massachusetts: Bagelsaurus Cambridge

With its quirky name and lines out the door, Bagelsaurus became the established breakfast destination immediately upon opening in 2014. While it has a range of breakfast sandwiches, one of its most mouth-watering is the Eggspañola: free-range egg, feta, paprika aioli, and parsley gremolata. You can throw avocado on for a small fee.

## Mr. Beef on Orleans Chicago

### What to order: Italian beef

The Italian beef sandwich is as important to Chicagoans as the Chicago hot dog. At Mr. Beef on Orleans, which has been around since 1979, they roast beef in Italian seasonings, slice it thinly, and let it get happy in its own juice while waiting to be eaten. Get your sandwich "dipped" if you want it completely soaked in delicious au jus, and opt for the spicy giardiniera peppers instead of the sweet roasted bell peppers. Check out the celebrity photos on the walls while you try not to drip on your shirt.

## Celebrity Chef Recipes

We've made 165 recipes from celebrity chefs to find the best ones. Here are the winners in each category.



Jeff Mauro's recipe for homemade hash browns came together quite easily

Business Insider

- Business Insider put over 160 recipes from celebrity chefs to the test to find the tastiest winners.
- We've tried everything from breakfasts and dinners to desserts and specialty bread.
- Some winning recipes came from Guy Fieri, Ree Drummond, Carla Hall, Ina Garten, and more.

Business Insider put the best recipes from celebrity chefs head-to-head to find the most delicious salads, desserts, bread, beverages, and more. Here are some of the winners, from hearty breakfasts to refreshing cocktails.

## Breakfasts

The most important meal of the day deserves a great recipe. Food writers Paige Bennett and Tiffany Leigh tested scrambled eggs, omelets, blueberry pancakes, and breakfast burritos to see if they were worth the hype.

The winning chef's scrambled eggs had parsley as a secret ingredient! Read more about the winning recipe and full battle here: I made scrambled eggs using 8 recipes from famous chefs to find the best one. *Editor's note: This story was originally published in September 2021 and most recently updated on December 26, 2024.*

Writer Andy Lynes thought Mauro's recipe for hash browns was easy to follow and produced a recognizable version of the breakfast classic. Notably, this recipe didn't call for eggs or onions. Mauro's recipe required a short list of potatoes, butter, olive oil, paprika, garlic powder, and cayenne powder. The final hash browns had a great color from the spices, and they crisped up nicely in the pan.

**CLICK HERE Watch video to see how to make this recipe!**

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# smallest TOWNS in AMERICA



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In a country that boasts metropolises like New York, Miami, San Francisco, and Dallas, it's easy to forget about the other end of the spectrum — small towns with populations in the hundreds, tens, or even single digits. Tiny towns across America offer a striking contrast to modern hubs; these places, where everyone knows your name and life moves at a much slower pace, hold onto a sense of community and history that often gets lost.

Despite their size, these small towns have rich local traditions, fascinating histories, and unique quirks that continue to attract the curious. Whether it's the allure of natural hot springs, a quirky one-resident town, or a town where everyone lives in the same building, these spots are some of the smallest (and most interesting) towns in the U.S.

## Marineland, Florida Population: 9

Located along Florida's northeastern coast, Marineland was originally built around the famous Marineland Aquarium and remains the smallest town in the state. Visitors come for eco-tours and to enjoy the town's quiet beaches where you can easily find a spot to pitch a sun umbrella.

Fun Fact: Marineland was one of the world's first oceanariums, and the aquarium was opened as Marine Studios, a facility designed for Hollywood filmmakers to create underwater footage for motion pictures and newsreels.

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

### Workers pose next to the chain used for the Titanic's anchor, 1910.

The Titanic was meant to be unsinkable, and with the amount of man hours that went into it you'd think that claim would be warranted. In order to simply build one anchor workers had to ward with tons of high grade steel. One entire anchor was made of about 16 tons of steel which had to be super heated until it was red hot in order to form the anchor's shaft. At the time of construction there were more than 3,000 men employed in the small English town where the anchor was made, and it took two years from start to finish to actually finish construction.



Source: Wikimedia Commons

# Vintage Photograph



Lesbian Couple  
At  
Le Monocle,  
Paris, 1932

## Biggest Boomtowns in Every State



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**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.

## Arkansas: Springdale

Change in population:

1 year: 6.78%

5 years: 12.73%

8 years: 19.17%

Change in occupied housing units:

1 year: 6.90%

5 years: 12.97%

8 years: 19.39%

Change in owner-occupied housing units:

1 year: 12.98%

5 years: 23.42%

8 years: 23.55%



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Dangerous waters

While the beauty of America's lakes, rivers, and coastlines is undeniable, a sobering statistic reveals a hidden threat: an average of 4,000 drownings occur annually in the US, many within these very waters. Places that appear idyllic, like the breathtaking Lake Tahoe or the dynamic Colorado River, can possess an undercurrent of danger that often goes unnoticed.

THIS LIST HIGHLIGHTS 10 OF THE MOST HAZARDOUS WATERWAYS IN THE UNITED STATES.

### 1. Lake Michigan



Lake Michigan is a captivating body of water that also has sudden and robust rip currents, which sadly lead to a series of unfortunate and tragic drowning deaths every year. In a span spanning from 2010 to 2016, Lake Michigan emerged as the site of more water-related drownings and rescue operations than any of its counterparts among the Great Lakes, according to the National Weather Service. The tranquil facade that the lake often presents contrasts starkly with its potent undercurrents. Those who find themselves drawn to its inviting shores need to be aware of what lies beneath.

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### 2. Colorado River



While the Colorado River boasts breathtaking beauty,

all is not as calm as it looks. The formidable rapids and currents found here are no laughing matter; even experienced swimmers and boaters have struggled and the area has seen numerous deaths. Water temperatures can be frigid, and hazards such as trees and other debris can pop up out of nowhere, leaving dangerous conditions for even expert-level whitewater rafters, according to the Denver Post.

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### 3. Potomac River – Great Falls area

The Great Falls area, nestled along the Potomac River, boasts mesmerizing beauty with water flowing over the steep, jagged rocks. But the body of water



harbors a concealed danger. Treacherous undercurrents and dangerous rocks and rapids have resulted in several accidents. It's strictly prohibited to swim in this area, and the National Park Service reminds people not to ignore the rule, as rescue is extremely difficult.

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### 4. Hanakapi'ai Beach

Hanakapi'ai Beach is nestled within the breathtaking



expanse of Hawaii. It's a beautiful place to hike, but the waters command the utmost respect. The hidden currents are incredibly strong — and dangerous. The reason? There are no offshore reefs to provide a barrier against water swells, according to Explore. The beach may look peaceful, but the waters can yank you far away from shore and into danger in an instant — and there are no lifeguards stationed here to save you.

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### 5. Lake Tahoe

Straddling the border of California and Nevada, Lake Tahoe has an inviting expanse of crystal-clear waters to entice adventurers from all corners. The surface may look tranquil, but the strong currents and sudden



depths warrant caution. There are unexpected drop-offs that can startle even the most experienced swimmers, for one. Adding to the complexity, the chilly water temperatures pose challenges, potentially catching those who dare to plunge off guard. The area has seen numerous drownings over the years, according to San Francisco Chronicle.

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### 6. Yukon River

Amid the rugged splendor of Alaska's wilderness, its rivers reveal a landscape of both beauty and chal-



lenges. Cold water temperatures, swift currents, and floating debris create a formidable environment, demanding vigilance from both boaters and swimmers alike. One prime example is the Yukon River, which snakes its way through the state's expanse. It's renowned for its icy waters, potent currents, and difficult conditions that amplify the risk of mishaps, leading to boater deaths that have taken place in the area.

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# Capturing More Local Water for Orange County's Future



Orange County is now able to capture even more local Santa Ana River stormwater thanks to a recently approved change to the way water is stored behind Prado Dam.

Efforts to store water behind the dam have been in place since 1995 through a long-standing partnership between the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). This latest approval, known as a “minor deviation,” allows the USACE to adjust their operations manual to further raise the dam’s water storage level to capture and store even more water, which will be especially helpful during storm events.

That water is eventually released at rates where OCWD can divert it out of the Santa Ana River and recharge it into the Orange County Groundwater Basin, a critical resource that serves as the primary drinking water supply for 2.5 million people including those living and working in the cities of Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley.

This minor deviation to the USACE Water Control Plan raises the water level from 505 to 508 feet above mean sea level, with the potential to go as high as 512 feet in the future. This adjustment will allow us to capture an additional two billion gallons of stormwater, enough water to supply 48,000 people, and save \$6 million in imported water costs. This local water resource is not only more

cost-effective, but also more reliable and energy-efficient compared to imported water from northern California and the Colorado River.

With this minor deviation in place, OCWD and its partners are taking stormwater capture to the next level with the implementation of Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO). Devel-

By improving the ability to monitor and predict these kinds of weather events, FIRO gives dam and flood control operators the tools they need to safely store more water behind Prado Dam without compromising flood risk management. OCWD can then capture this water as it’s released and recharge it into the basin, sending less water to the ocean.

Once fully implemented, FIRO at Prado Dam will be the largest and first project of its kind in southern California and only the second in the state. It’s a major milestone in regional water management and a testament to the power of innovation and collaboration.

These efforts may not be visible to the average resident, but their impact is significant. By investing in smarter stormwater capture strategies, OCWD is strengthening the reliability of the Orange County Groundwater Basin for generations to come.

To learn more about this project and OCWD’s work to protect and increase Orange County’s water supply, visit

[www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com) or follow @OCWaterDistrict on social media.

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The Orange County Water District can capture even more local Santa Ana River stormwater behind Prado Dam, helping to increase Orange County's drinking water supply.



oped by the Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, FIRO uses advancements in weather forecasting technology and artificial intelligence to better track atmospheric rivers, which are large pockets of moisture in the sky that deliver much of California’s annual rainfall.

## Most Iconic Moments in History

### Sammy Davis, Jr. And Clint Eastwood With A Revolver Backstage At The Sands Hotel 1959



This photo shows a young Clint Eastwood with Sammy Davis Jr., hanging out backstage after a performance by Davis at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas. It's 1959, which is interesting -- while Davis was a much-beloved entertainer at the time, Eastwood was just getting started. The actor had done some small parts in movies, and had been appearing on Rawhide as Rowdy Yates for less than a year. Eastwood never particularly liked the Rowdy Yates character, but it established him as a convincing cowboy and factored into his getting a job in A Fistful Of Dollars, which premiered in 1964.

But this moment between Davis and Eastwood predates Eastwood's reinvention by five years. And why are they geeking out over a revolver? While it's natural that Eastwood might be interested in a gun, what was the draw for Davis?

In fact, Sammy Davis Jr. was reportedly pretty handy with a piece. In a 1992 New Yorker article, Bob Munden, who was the world-record-holder for fastest draw, ranked the four fastest gun-drawers in Hollywood. Check it out: 4th place went to Glenn Ford; 3rd to Clint Eastwood; 2nd to Sammy Davis, Jr.; and first to -- wait for it -- Jerry Lewis.

Wait -- Jerry Lewis?!? Didn't see that coming. Apparently you never did in a showdown with Jerry.

Source: Reddit



# On the Vine or Nearby

## The 7 Best Vermouths for a Manhattan, According to Bartenders

The pros recommend their favorite brands for the iconic whiskey cocktail.

By Kate Dingwall  
Liquor.com / Janet Maples

Few cocktails are as iconic as the Manhattan. The Golden Age cocktail has played a supporting role in plenty of films and television shows and inspired countless drinks, some of them classics in their own right—see the Rob Roy, Brooklyn, Black Manhattan, and Red Hook.

The standard recipe starts with three ingredients: two parts whiskey, one part sweet vermouth, and a dash of bitters. From that timeless formula, things get weird. Swap in scotch to make a Rob Roy, maraschino and Amaro Lucano for a Bushwick (created by Phil Ward during his Death & Co days), or the vegetal Italian liqueur, Cynar, for a Little Italy. Go further afield with the Manhattan Transfer: a dry Manhattan take with high-proof rye and Ramazzotti.

While it's easy to get caught up in the riffs and unconventional recipes, it's always good to get back to the basics. A classic Manhattan puts vermouth on a pedestal, so the choice of bottle is crucial. But the question of which vermouth to use doesn't always have a clear answer.

"Let's start by saying there is no right or wrong answer to this question," says Alex Pisi, lead bartender for The Wells in Washington, D.C. "It boils down to personal preference and pairing—finding the perfect balance between the spirit you are using and the modifier."

"Lower alcohol whiskeys tend to play nicer with more delicate vermouths," says Ted Rink, beverage director at BLVD Steakhouse. "Bigger profiles and higher-ABV whiskeys need something equally bold."

"Italian vermouths [tend to be] full-bodied, rich, bold, and have loud flavors," says Rink. "French vermouths are [often] delicate, light-bodied, more floral, [and] with very subtle flavors. Spanish vermouths are [usually] more medium-bodied with a funky oxidized quality and a raisin-like flavor."

Pisi recommends tasting your base whiskey and pulling out the notes you prefer, such as vanilla, orange, caramel, peppercorn, baking spices, or smoke. Match up your vermouth accordingly, and remember, "There is no wrong vermouth for a Manhattan but there is a right one for you," says Pisi.

We consulted bartenders from across the country to share their preferred vermouths for Manhattans. The following bottles are the pros' personal favorites.

### Best Overall: Cocchi Vermouth di Torino

#### Cocchi Vermouth di Torino

When picking a vermouth, Christian Favier, bar manager at The Ordinary in Charleston, South Carolina, asks one question: "Bourbon or rye?"

If the answer is rye, "the perfect pairing is Cocchi Vermouth di Torino," says Favier. "It's as classic as Torino vermouth gets, with heavy influences of cinchona, Chinese rhubarb, and citrus that can do a lot of heavy lifting in making a Manhattan exceptional," he says. "We're in a renaissance of great vermouth right now, but sometimes, you can't beat the classics."

To make what Common Thread's James Nowicki calls his "everyday Manhattan," he needs Cocchi. "It's extraordinarily well-balanced, approachable, and easy to find," the Savannah-based bar manager says. Expect complexity and a bitter-citrus balance that

highlights sweet flavors of orange zest, rhubarb, and grape alongside cocoa. He finds that it really shines in inverted drinks, like a Reverse Manhattan.

### Best Splurge: Cocchi Barolo Chinato

#### Cocchi Barolo Chinato

Nowicki also recommends Cocchi's higher-end option, Barolo Chinato, if "you're really looking to flex."

"As the name suggests, it's made with 100% nebbiolo from barolo infused with similar bittering agents and botanicals as the baseline product," says Nowicki. "The difference is the slight aging process and a

Basque Country, is a great sipper on its own, but its unique fruit profile, sweetness, and balancing minerality make it something special in classic cocktails," says Stephen Burgess, bar director of Justine in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The mineral-forward red vermouth calls for a base of Hondarrabi Zuri grapes grown on the coasts of the Bay of Biscay in Spain's Basque region, which are then blended with herbs and botanicals grown locally. It's the only red vermouth made in Basque Country.

"It is light-bodied enough to make room for the accompanying whiskey but has enough character to stand up to even barrel-proof spirits," says Burgess.

### Best Italian: Mancino Rosso Amaranto Vermouth

#### Mancino Rosso Amaranto Vermouth

Pisi prefers Mancino Vermouth Rosso Amaranto, a Piedmontese bottle with a base of barbera d'Asti DOCG wine. "The goal of founder Giancarlo Mancino's, a bartender turned vermouth maker, was to create a modern-day vermouth that tastes like the fortified wines of the golden age: full of depth and character with a great amount of complexity," says Pisi.

"It's incredibly versatile as a modifier, offering a mild citrus note [and] a deep rich vanilla note with a backbone of rhubarb, charred wood, and juniper," says Pisi. "These characteristics make for a really well-balanced Manhattan that showcases the sweetness of whiskey, tames the spicy notes, and adds incredibly luscious silk texture. Magnifico!"

### Best French: La Quintinye Vermouth Royal Rouge

#### La Quintinye Vermouth Royal Rouge

"If I'm making someone a classic Manhattan, I reach for La Quintinye's vermouth every time," says Burgess.

It's the first vermouth known to be made from a base of Pineau des Charentes, amplified with a base of 28 French botanicals including artemisia, nutmeg, ginger, cinchona, and amargo.

"It's classically fruit forward but elegantly balanced with earthy and herbaceous flavors," says Burgess. "This vermouth brings out the best of any whiskey that's lucky enough to be in a cocktail with it."

### Best Budget: Trinchero Vermouth Rosso

#### Trinchero Vermouth Rosso

Ziv Scherman, food and beverage director of Blue Jay Bistro in Littleton, North Carolina, finds that the balance of herbs and sweetness in Trinchero red vermouth "rounds out the bite from a bourbon in a Manhattan, and really adds depth."

The recipe hails from an 1890 Piedmontese recipe, which is now produced in California's Napa Valley.

Made from a base of barbera and chardonnay grapes infused with 19 herbs and spices (including ginger root, vanilla bean, star anise, and orange and lemon peel), the profile veers plummy and fruit-forward, with leading notes of blackberry and dark cherry.

It's also delicious in its own right. "This vermouth is fantastic on its own over a large rock," says Scherman.



deeper, more expressive base wine. Barolo Chinato is delicious and should be consumed by itself or be the star of whatever drink is being made."

An important thing to note: "As with dry vermouth, [sweet vermouth] should all be kept in the refrigerator after opening," says Nowicki. "It is wine, after all."

### Best for Bourbon Manhattans: Punt e Mes

#### Carpano Punt e Mes

Punt e Mes is Adam Morgan's "go-to vermouth." The Husk Nashville bar manager finds that "even though it's regarded as a sweet vermouth, it has a touch of bitterness that adds character and depth that you won't find with any other bottle." Morgan likes to serve it in a Black Manhattan variation paired with richer food dishes. "In the drink, it retains that silkiness that you expect from a rouge, with an added pop of herbaceousness," he says.

While technically a sweet vermouth, Punt e Mes toes the line between vermouth and amaro with its distinct herbal flavor and rich bitterness. The recipe dates back to 1870 when a Turin stockbroker would order a Carpano sweet vermouth with a dose of quina bitter liqueur (or "a point and a half," as the name translates).

Favier prefers this vermouth with bourbon. "It needs the bitter notes and structure," he says. Try Punt e Mes in a Red Hook or Another Fine Mes.



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The Finest Vintage Cars of the  
1960's Golden Age



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When Chevrolet put the new “Jet-Smooth” body on its traditional X-frame full-size sedan for 1963, it set a visual template for sedans that would persist all the way to the current year. Long, low, and clean, the new look of Chevrolet was so popular that the United States Government started thinking about anti-trust enforcement! And you could have it a literal million different ways, from thrifty six-cylinder taxicab Biscayne to roaring big-block V-8 Impala. It was certainly the finest and most capable automobile ever sold at an affordable price to the general public.

1964 Chevrolet Impala

Curbivore 2025:  
Autonomous Cars are Here

And other key takeaways from a conference devoted to curbside commerce.

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When was the last time you thought about the curb? You know, that little piece of real estate between your home or business and the cars zipping by that you maybe faintly worry might scrape your wheel rim. Turns out that little piece of pavement is hot property for cities, tech companies, and everyone in the ride-sharing, food-delivery and package-shipping business, as we discovered by attending Curbivore 2025.

Founded by Jonah Bliss, Curbivore is in its fifth year as a conference dedicated to the business that happens along city streets. This one-day conference took place near the warehouse district near downtown Los Angeles, with a dozen panels and workshops, and speakers representing tech, mobility and ridesharing industries as well city government agencies from Los Angeles to New York City.

With panel discussions and fireside chats titled “The State of our Streets, Cities & Logistics Networks in 2025”, “Uber’s Vision for the Future of Autonomous Mobility and Delivery”, “Electric, Autonomous, & Shared: Meet the Fleets of the Future” you’d be correct in guessing the conversations were pretty forward-looking and high-level. But there were some a couple of key insights as to what we can expect in the near future.

Autonomous Vehicles are Here, But Human + Robot Drivers Are Our Near Future

Just ahead of Curbivore 2025’s kickoff came the news that Amazon’s robotaxi service Zoox would begin to service the greater Los Angeles area, making it the sixth city, after San Francisco, Las Vegas, Seattle, Austin and Miami. Zoox joins Waymo, which rolled out its Waymo One autonomous driving service in Los Angeles in 2024 and recently won our Best Tech Award for 2025.

During the fireside chat on “Uber’s Vision for the Future of Autonomous Mobility and Delivery”, Uber’s global head of autonomous policy, Richard Willder made it clear that Uber users will have the choice of selecting a human or autonomous driver for its ride-sharing, food-delivery and freight services in the future. This hybrid approach is already happening in Texas, New Jersey and Ohio, where Uber Eats has partnered with Avride’s cute food-delivery robots, in the cities of Austin, Dallas, Jersey City, and around the campus of Ohio State University. Later on this year, Avride expects to launch its Hyundai Ioniq 5–based robotaxis.

Advantages of introducing autonomous vehicles and food-delivery robots alongside their human counterparts? Per Willder, this hybrid approach allows for technology to be introduced in a “low-stakes environment” and can help autonomous vehicles shine in their best situations. He used the example of catching an Uber to the from an airport; some riders may want to chat with a driver about the city in which they’ve just landed. Others may prefer not having to talk with a robot driver. Another benefit of incrementally scaling up autonomous technology over time is that is less expensive.

What About Human Drivers?

When asked what human Uber drivers should think about the arrival of autonomous technology, Willder said the company sees a long-term future for human drivers on the platform, as one of the two choices for consumer: human or robot driver. Also, Willder believes that in the near term, the autonomous industry is a job creator.

Whatever is Coming, Cities and Governments Are On Their Own.

While autonomous vehicles, delivery robots, public/private partnerships, and the trust, safety and sustainability of all of these things coming together at the curb were the topics of separate discussions at Curbivore 2025, the tariff turmoil, roiling stock market, and roll back of climate change initiatives by the Trump administration were omnipresent. None of the speakers, moderators or panelist seemed particularly spooked by the ever-changing developments, some even joked about it. Others, like Tiya Gordon, the co-founder of curbside energy supplier it-selectric, and guest on The InEVitable podcast, had succinct and sober advice: “We should all expect less help from the federal government.”



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The food market continues to expand at an accelerated rate, with manufacturers and brands adding new products every day. Business is booming, with grocery store sales having more than doubled in the last 30 years in the US alone.

Consumers love to consume products that are tasty and cost-effective, but have we ever stopped to look behind the veil and investigate exactly what's in our foods? From beaver butt secretion to sheep sebum in our chewing gum, there's a lot out there that you won't find advertised at Walmart.

**Flavored Nuts**  
**Company:** Planters and more  
**Market Share:** \$54.11 billion global nut market size\*  
**Ingredient:** Acrylamide

Raw nuts provide quite a few health benefits. Healthy snack nuts, like a bag of raw almonds or peanuts, are a good way to keep blood sugar level, and they're far superior to a sugary granola bar or a handful of chips. However, flavored nuts, like honey-roasted, chocolate-powder-dipped, or chili-lime, are a different story. Though flavor adds a spark to this snack, it also adds sugar and salt.

Check the back of the package to see which it's higher in. If you're looking to play it safe when it comes to sugar and sodium, buy unsalted peanuts or raw almonds. Though roasted nuts have their benefits, even roasting them can be a problem, as they can decrease the nuts' healthy fat and lead to the formation of acrylamide, a harmful ingredient the NTP classified as a potential "human carcinogen."

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**Dried Fruit**  
**Company:** Good and Gather, Bare, Sunsweet, and more  
**Market Share:** \$10.22 billion\*  
**Ingredient:** Sugar

Dried fruit is super expensive, so your wallet will probably thank you for axing this food from your snack list. Dried fruit is more expensive than regular fruit because of the labor that goes into extracting the juice and drying it out.

The problem with dried fruit is that it has a lot of sugar and calories. Because the fruit is shrunk due to the drying process, you can't tell how much you're eating. Though dried fruit

can provide you with antioxidants and fiber, it is also jam-packed with sugar. For example, a packet of Good and Gather Dried Unsweetened Mangos has a total of 67 grams of sugar. And that's the unsweetened kind!

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**Wheat Bread**  
**Company:** Nature's Own, Sara Lee, Pepperidge Farm, Martin's, etc.

**Market Share:** \$161 billion total wheat flour market\*

**Ingredient:** High glycemic index  
According to CNN, "wheat bread" is a food that seems healthy, but, in reality, most diet experts "avoid" eating it. Mark Sherwood, the founder of Tulsa's Functional Medical Institute and the author of Quest for Wellness, called wheat bread an "ultimate con" and "deceiver."

While it does have its benefits, wheat bread has a glycemic index of sixty-nine. This can cause "extreme blood sugar elevations," which, in turn, results in a "high insulin response." High insulin responses lead to fat accumulation and inflammation over time. Nutritionists at Healthline say that the best bread to eat is actually "sprouted whole grain."

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**Trail Mix**  
**Company:** Archer Farms, Nature's Garden, Market Pantry, Planters, Kirkland, and more

**Market Share:** \$11.18 billion growth by 2026\*

**Ingredient:** Hidden sugar  
In this case, how healthy your trail mix is depends on what is in it. Trail mix has a reputation for being healthy, as it is seen as a snack you can take on-the-go when you're out hiking. In reality, you might want to check the back of the label.

The "Monster Mix" from Archer Farms bills itself as a trail mix, but it has sixteen grams of sugar per one-quarter-cup. That's less than a handful. You could easily find yourself topping 100 grams of sugar in one setting. Trail mix with things like M&Ms, peanut butter candies, and chocolate chips is delicious, but it is not, by any means, a healthy food.

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Did you ever have a perfect day, 24 hours when everything went right? I had one yesterday, and it scared me.

I woke up at seven, feeling great. That's crazy, because if I breathe normally before my morning coffee, something's not right.

My Dad lived a long life because he monitored his health constantly. He insisted that "Feeling good is the first sign of feeling bad."

When I was in my 20s, 30s, and 40s,



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every day was sunny with no chance of storms. At age 50, I began to look for tornadoes everywhere, including in my nose and throat.

I started dropping into a local coffee shop to check on neighbors who were a couple decades older. They appreciated my thoughtfulness...but mostly I was looking for what diseases might attack me next.

During my 51st year, I entered a nearby clinic and made appointments with every specialist there. I got a decent report from everyone but the obstetrician. He said, "You're a male, and you can't get pregnant. You don't need to come back again."

One doc told me I needed exercise. A second one found tennis elbow. A third said I had athlete's foot.

So, today I play tennis until either my arm hurts or my feet itch.

There's one guy in our neighborhood who decided he would feel better if he modeled his dog's lifestyle. So, he barks at anybody who comes to his front porch, and occasionally rushes out into the yard to chase a squirrel.

His wife finally insisted he quit this program, because last week he got stuck in the dog door.

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.



Miriam Adelson & family

Net Worth: \$32 Billion | Age: 78 | Source of Wealth: Casinos | Citizenship: U.S.

Adelson and her family own more than half of Las Vegas Sands, one of the world's largest casino operators. She inherited the stake after her husband, longtime Republican Party kingmaker Sheldon Adelson died in 2021. A physician, she has given over \$1 billion over her lifetime to fund medical research and drug discovery, according to Forbes estimates.



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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.

**Trader Joe's**  
**Original Headquarters:** Monrovia, California  
**Purchased By:** Theo Albrecht  
**Country:** Germany

Competition in the convenience store sector has always been fierce, especially if it's located in a heavily populated area. Back in 1967, Joe Coulombe started stocking unusual and hard to come by foods to try and entice customers into shopping with him instead of at 7-Eleven. It worked.

That store is still open today, but Joe sold Trader Joe's in 1979. The owner of Aldi Nord, Theo Albrecht became the new owner. Aldi is a huge supermarket chain, so the Albrecht's have a great deal of family money. Theo is said to be worth over \$16 billion thanks to his wise investments.

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**Lucky Strike**  
**Original Headquarters:** Richmond, Virginia

**Purchased By:** British American Tobacco  
**Country:** England

Lucky Strike cigarettes, or "Luckies", is one of the best-known American cigarette brands there is. Back in the 1930s and 1940s, everyone was smoking Lucky Strikes thanks to its appealing advertising. As a result, the brand was the number one-selling cigarette at the time.

The company first brokered its relationship with Brit-

**Purchased By:** Gildan Activewear  
**Country:** Canada

One of the most appealing aspects of clothing retailer American Apparel for consumers was its slogan, "Made in USA – Sweatshop free." For the conscientious shopper, this was a brilliant brand. Everything went swimmingly for the company up until 2015, when it went bust and scrambled to get back on its feet.

In 2017, Canadian company Gildan Activewear swooped in to save the day, buying the rights to the American Apparel name and buying the manufacturing equipment at the same time. It didn't come cheap, at a final price of \$88 million. Because of this, American Apparel lives to fight another day – only, now it's Canadian.

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**7-Eleven**  
**Original Headquarters:** Dallas, Texas  
**Purchased By:** Seven & i Holdings  
**Country:** Japan

Every great company starts with one person and a dream. 7-Eleven was no different. Jefferson Green was just an average guy working for Southland Ice in 1927 when he started to expand his range, providing customers with eggs, bread, and milk. This business model proved popular, especially when he changed the name to 7-Eleven after the store's opening hours.

As the decades ticked by, 7-Eleven became a well-known brand in America, with more locations than Jefferson Green could've ever dreamed of. However, it didn't come out of the 1987 financial crash unscathed. Japanese company Ito-Yokado bought it. Now, it's part of its parent company, Seven & i Holdings.

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ish American Tobacco in 1976, before B.A.T then bought its old parent company the American Tobacco Company in 1994 and absorbed both Pall Mall and Lucky Strike. Despite this, the company continues to be considered quintessentially American, thanks in part to shows like Mad Men.

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**American Apparel**  
**Original Headquarters:** Los Angeles, California

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# FAMOUS MURDERS THAT REMAIN UNSOLVED

By Thomm Quackenbush

Despite what television would have you believe, not every murder is solved in under an hour. No matter how much effort police put into the cases at the time and amateur sleuths do afterward, some murders will never be solved.

That's not to say that all unsolved murders are created equal. For some, almost everything about the case is unknown: the culprit, the victim's identity, the method, the motive. On occasion, the best the police can tell the public is that someone was definitely killed, but anything after that is nebulous. With other cases, everyone knows who did it, but they managed to get acquitted or gave the police an alibi. In still others, the only reason that witnesses aren't pointing fingers at the culprit is that these fingers will be immediately cut off — along with their heads.

However, for what little good it did for the victims, sometimes being unable to solve a murder drives those left behind to improve the world so that no one else has to suffer the same fate.

## Hall-Mills Murder: unfaithful under the tree



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Time explains how a clergyman and choir singer were murdered in New Jersey in 1922: Dr. Edward Hall had one bullet wound. Eleanor Mills, his mistress, had three, and her throat had been cut. The killer had posed them under a crabapple tree, surrounded by tatters of their love letters. According to "Cold Cases: Famous Unsolved Mysteries, Crimes, and Disappearances in America," after they were murdered, the killer posed them with Mills' head resting on Hall's arm and her hand on his knee. Hall's business card was propped up on his shoe. An autopsy showed that they had been dead about 36 hours before discovery.

The crime scene was picked over by souvenir hunters when the case hit the press, hampering the ability of the police to find evidence — especially the murder weapons.

The star witness was Jane Gibson, who, by dint of raising pigs, was referred to as the "Pig Woman." She attested to having heard the gunshots and seen four people, two men and two women, one of the latter shouting "Henry." Returning later, she saw Hall's wife Frances weeping over her husband's corpse. A neighbor, A.C. Fraley, who lived across from the scene, heard nothing, nor did her boarders. Gibson lied.

Among the suspects were a case of mistaken identity by a jealous lover, Frances Hall and her brothers, or her cousin Henry Carpenter. That Mrs. Hall sent clothing to be dyed black around the time of the double murder increased suspicion. All suspects were eliminated or acquitted.



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# MAN ARRESTED IN THEFT OF DHS CHIEF KRISTI NOEM'S PURSE IS IN THE U.S. ILLEGALLY, OFFICIAL SAYS

NBC Universal / LAURA STRICKLER

The suspect who was arrested Saturday in the theft of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem's purse is in the country illegally, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia said in an interview with NBC News.

Ed Martin said a second suspect who also is in the country illegally is being sought by law enforcement.

It is not believed the suspect targeted Noem because she was the Department of Homeland Security chief, Martin said.

"There is no indication it was because of that. It was frankly, it was a nice looking purse," Martin said in a recorded telephone interview.

In the call, Martin said Immigration and Customs Enforcement is now involved.

"President Trump's direction to us is we charge these folks that are here illegally and we prosecute them, as well as deport them when need be, you know, as soon as that can happen," Martin said, adding: "What I can tell you is he won't be back on the streets in America."



Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem speaks during a news conference at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement headquarters on April 9, 2025, in Washington. Kristi Noem (Alex Brandon/AP)

The person who took the bag knew what he was doing, Martin said.

"This was not an amateur. This was a person, a thief, that knew how to do this. You could see how he scouted the room out."

No further information about the man's identity was available.

A D.C. Metropolitan Police spokesperson declined to comment.

As DHS secretary, Noem receives Secret Service protection.

When asked for comment from the U.S. Secret Service agent that was providing protection for Noem, agency spokesperson Anthony Guglielmi said, "For the safety of our agents and officers, we are not in a position to confirm or comment at this time. Should criminal charges be filed, the Department of Homeland Security will provide public information in accordance with established procedures."

Noem's purse was stolen when a masked man walked into Capital Burger, a restaurant in D.C., on Sunday night. The man passed two plainclothes Secret Service officers who were sitting at the bar on his way to her table, which was upstairs.

He then sat down next to Noem's table, where she was eating with her family, and put his foot on her purse to drag it toward himself, according to two sources familiar who viewed the surveillance footage. Then, he swiftly picked it up, tucked it under

## ENTERTAIN IN STYLE WITH A SAVORY DESSERT

### A Savvy Weeknight Family Meal

Family Features

Because this time of year can be crazy busy, drive-thru meals can easily become the norm. While fast-food burgers may do the trick once in a while, they can get old quick if your family is

eating them every other night. This quick and easy Baked Spaghetti can bring everybody back to the table and it won't break the bank either. Find more weeknight dinner inspiration at Culinary.net.



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## Baked Spaghetti

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6  
1 pound ground beef  
1 pound spaghetti noodles  
1 jar (16 ounces) alfredo sauce  
1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce  
2 tablespoons garlic powder  
2 tablespoons onion powder  
salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
2 cups shredded cheese  
French bread or breadsticks, for serving

Heat oven to 350 F.  
Brown and drain ground beef. Cook noodles according to package instructions. Drain noodles; add alfredo sauce and mix well.  
Add marinara sauce, garlic powder and onion powder to ground beef. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.  
Place noodles in 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Spoon beef mixture on top but do not mix in. Cover with shredded cheese then cover with foil and bake 30-40 minutes.  
Serve with French bread or breadsticks.

his jacket and walked out, passing the protection agents on his way out.  
Noem's purse contained \$3,000 cash, as well as her DHS access badge, her passport, various credit cards, blank checks, a set of keys and her driver's license.  
The investigation is being handled by the Metropolitan Police and the U.S. Secret Service.  
NBC News asked Noem about the situation on Monday at the White House Easter Egg Roll. She said she couldn't provide a comment or details.  
"I don't think I can comment on it yet," she said. "It's not resolved yet."

## 3 Most Spiritually-Gifted Empath Zodiac Signs

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Some people are naturally intuitive to the emotional needs of others. While we all (hopefully) have empathy and compassion, some star signs are known for their empathic soul. Their spiritual gifts are tied to their ability to heal, support, or see others beyond the superficiality of their masks. These individuals find the most strength within themselves when they follow their purpose and calling to elevate the lives of others. Separating their magic from their acts of service is impossible, as both go hand in hand.

According to expert astrologers, three zodiac signs will most likely find their spiritual gifts through their calling as an empath.

### Libra

Libra is an Air sign, known for their charming disposition and gift of gab. They know how to make sure others feel included, seen, and worthy of attentive care. While they can be misunderstood as superficial at times, focused on beauty or aesthetics, they are deeply interper-



sonal. As the most relationship-oriented zodiac, Libra has a gift of reflecting back what others need to see within themselves: the dark, the light, and everything in between. Consciously or not, they help others find their path by acting as a reflection of their soul.

### Scorpio

Scorpio is known for their intense, powerful aura, which is full of mystery. However, Scorpio has profound empathy tucked away deep down. This Water

sign feels a soul calling to help others transform their mental and internal blockages into fuel for empowerment. While they may give you a helping of tough love at times, directly pointing at the core wound, issue, or limitation in your path, they do so with tremendous emotional investment. When someone they helped transmutes their darkness to light, Scorpio feels grateful, relieved, and elevated on their own path.

### Virgo

As the star sign associated with service, Virgo is encouraged to follow their empathic and intuitive instincts. They often find that the most spiritual blessings come to them when they give love, support, or practical resources to those in need. While this Earth sign can appear reserved, logical, and organized, it would be a mistake to dismiss their detail-oriented mind as careless or detached. Deep down, their analytical nature allows them to sense what others require on a soul level, focusing on uplifting those around them with practical tools, lessons, or wisdom.



# 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?*

**The Children's Place**  
**Year Established: 1969**  
**Store Closures: 122**

The Children's Place has been a go-to store for many parents and families for over 50 years, but the company has faced a tough time of it. Even before 2020 profits were starting to fall, so it's hardly surprising that some big changes were announced in March of 2021.

The company decided the best course of action is to close 122 locations by the end of the year, on top of the 178 other locations that were closed in 2020. It's a devastating blow to employees, but executives hope it will give the brand what it needs to be able to trade another day.

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**Cracker Barrel**  
**Year Established: 1969**  
**Store Closures: TBC**

Cracker Barrel has been serving customers since its inception in 1969, much to the delight of many Americans across the country. The eatery has over 600 locations, but rumors started circulating in recent years that the chain could be looking at closures.

However, if the last few years have taught us anything, it's to expect the unexpected. Cracker Barrel wouldn't be

the first popular chain to close underperforming locations in the current climate. So, while there are no closures currently planned, it might be wise to watch this space.

@Kiara Fleming/ Yahoo.com

**Foot Locker**  
**Year Established: 1974**  
**Store Closures: 117 Branches\***

The bad news: sportswear favorite Foot Locker has announced plans to close some 117 stores. The good news? The majority of these stores are located overseas, meaning its US market and locations will remain mostly intact.

However, sales aren't the full picture of what is going on at a store. Foot Locker might have strong sales numbers, but not everything is smooth sailing. The closures are occurring because of a shakeup in management. Foot Locker got a new CEO, and the CEO is having the company lay off employees and cut jobs to reorganize.

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**Guess**  
**Year Established: 1981**  
**Store Closures: 200 Branches\***

Guess has been part of American history since it emerged from California in 1981, but like many luxury retailers, things haven't been easy lately. In January 2021, Guess announced plans to close 200 stores across the world in the following two years. While it equates to just 9% of their global presence, the majority of closures will be in the US and China.

Stock in the company is down 52% in the last year thanks to closures due to the pandemic. With no other way to recoup their losses, Guess is doing what many other retailers are opting to do – close their doors and hope for better days.

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## What's up with efforts to restore wild salmon to the U.S. West?

*Dear EarthTalk:  
What's up with efforts to  
restore wild salmon to the U.S. West?  
~ J.D. via email*

Over the past century, wild salmon populations on the U.S. West Coast have declined drastically. In Washington State alone, salmon populations have dropped to as little as five to 10 percent of their historical numbers, according to the Recreation and Conservation Office. In response, efforts to restore them have ramped up as concerns grow about their survival.

Salmon play a crucial role in the environment, supporting ecosystems, fishing industries and Indigenous communities that have depended on them for centuries. But between habitat destruction, overfishing and climate change, the numbers really took a hit. In recent years, there's been a big push to restore them, with new projects and funding, though overall progress has been inconsistent in certain areas.

One of the biggest problems is that salmon habitats have changed over time. Dams block their migration routes, making it harder for them to reach

the places where they spawn. Some projects, such as those on California's Yuba River, are working on removing barriers or building special passages so salmon can get through easier. Another issue is water temperature—rivers are getting too warm because of climate change and salmon need cold water to survive. In some areas people have been planting more trees along riverbanks to help provide more shade but it's a slow process. Plus, ero-

are also stepping in, raising salmon to release into the wild, though some scientists worry that hatchery fish might not act like real wild salmon and could mess with natural populations.

But even with all these efforts, salmon still have a lot of problems. Climate change is making rivers drier in some places and flooding in others, which totally throws off their migration. Plus, there's still a debate over whether big dams should be taken down to let salmon move freely again. Meanwhile, predators like sea lions have been snatching up more salmon lately, making it even harder for the fish to bounce back.

To help, check to see if seafood is sustainably caught, support policies that protect salmon, and volunteer for local conservation projects. And of course, tackling climate change matters, because without fixing bigger environmental issues, salmon recovery will be an uphill battle. There's a long way to go, but with enough effort, wild salmon could still make a comeback.



2025 was a record year for chum salmon returning to Piper Creek in Seattle.  
Credit: : Roddy Scheer

sion causes too much dirt in the water which can end up burying salmon eggs before they can hatch.

There's been a lot more funding lately to help salmon recover, but this isn't a new effort. Since the 1990s, billions of dollars have been invested in salmon restoration across the Pacific Northwest, with funding from federal, state and tribal governments. In 2023, the U.S. Congress allocated an additional \$60 million to support restoration projects, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) leading multi-agency federal efforts to improve wild salmon populations. Some hatcheries

### CONTACTS:

NOAA's Plan to Save Wild Salmon and Steelhead,

[fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/endangered-species-conservation/saving-pacific-salmon-and-steelhead](https://fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/endangered-species-conservation/saving-pacific-salmon-and-steelhead).

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## Brown Derby Cocktail

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Cocktail Corner

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The classic Brown Derby cocktail features bourbon, grapefruit juice and honey syrup. That trio of simple ingredients belies the complex taste of the drink, in which honey bridges the gap between tart citrus and spicy bourbon to produce an intricate combination that has stood the test of time.

Brown Derby cocktail in high-stemmed coupe glass, with a head of foam and orange twist, on a light colored background

#### Ingredients

1 1/2 ounces bourbon  
1 ounce grapefruit juice, freshly squeezed  
1/2 ounce honey syrup  
Garnish: grapefruit twist

#### Steps

Add the bourbon, grapefruit juice and honey syrup into a shaker with ice and shake until well-chilled.

Fine-strain into a cocktail glass.

Express the oil from a grapefruit twist over the drink and drop the twist into the drink to garnish.

## GAME DAY SIGNS GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP



### SIBLING RIVALRY

Somehow, these two brothers grew up supporting two opposing teams, so when they play each other, things can get messy.

On the right we have a Los Angeles Angels fan, who came especially to support Mike Trout, with whom he shares a number. On the left, we have a Detroit Tigers fan, who wants to disavow any connection with his brother. We are impressed that they can sit next to each other (relatively) peacefully at a game like this!.

## HISTORICAL PHOTOS



The only female in history to strike out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. You go Jackie Mitchell! 1931

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### Parents keep kids home to protest school closure

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Parents kept 200 elementary school students home from school for an entire day in a parent-organized protest of the district's plans to close the school.

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### Massachusetts: Duguay's Chicken and Seafood Gardner

What began as a farm store next to a poultry farm in 1968 has bloomed into a restaurant serving fried seafood and chicken. Though the original Duguay's building burned down, the new, simple dining area still has a comfortable feel with wood paneled walls and a fireplace. The chicken is a deep golden color, and it's the perfect pair with thick wedges of their "Jo-Jo" potatoes.



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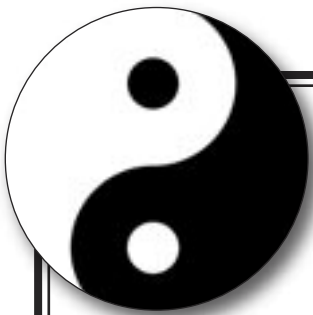


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# ON THE DARK SIDE OR MAYBE THE LIGHTER SIDE...

## VIRGINIA GIUFFRE'S FAMILY SPEAKS OUT ABOUT HER SUICIDE AT 41: 'TOO MUCH TO CARRY' (EXCLUSIVE)

People / KC BAKER

Virginia Giuffre's family is speaking out following her death in an exclusive interview with PEOPLE

Virginia, one of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's most prominent accusers, died by suicide on Thursday, April 24

"She was one of the most beautiful souls you would ever have the chance to meet," Virginia's sister-in-law, Amanda Roberts, tells PEOPLE

Virginia Giuffre spent most of her life fighting for justice for herself and other sexual abuse victims. But, in the end, the toll may have been too much, according to her family.

"The world lost a fierce warrior," Virginia's sister-in-law, Amanda Roberts, tells PEOPLE in an exclusive interview following Virginia's death by suicide at age 41. "She wished for all survivors to get justice. That is who she was."

Virginia, one of the most outspoken accusers of convicted sex offenders Jeffery Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell, died at a farm in the Neergabby area outside of Perth, Australia, where she had lived for the last several years, on Thursday, April 24, her family announced on Friday, April 25.

"We lost our sister," Amanda says through tears. "Her children lost their mother, and her mother lost her daughter."

"That's where we are now. She was one of the most beautiful souls you would ever have the chance to meet," she continues. "But I think sometimes, that load and that weight becomes too much to carry."

Emergency services responded to a residence in Neergabby and found an unresponsive 41-year-old, Western Australia Police Force media liaison officer Shelby Brady previously confirmed in a statement to PEOPLE.

Emergency first aid was rendered, but the woman was declared dead at the scene. According to authorities, "early indications" show that "the death is not suspicious." Major Crime detectives are currently investigating.

Virginia's brother, Sky Roberts, was staying with her when she died, according to Amanda.

In late March, Virginia said in an Instagram post that she was near death and in the hospital after a car she was in days earlier was struck by a school bus going more than 49 mph.

"I've gone into kidney renal failure," Virginia wrote alongside a photo of herself lying in a hospital bed, her face covered in bruises. "They've given me four days to live, transferring me to a specialist hospital in urology."

Shortly after, Virginia came forward with allegations of abuse against her husband of 22 years, Robert Giuffre.

She told PEOPLE in an exclusive statement, "I was able to fight back against Ghislaine Maxwell and Jeffrey Epstein, who abused and trafficked me."

But I was unable to escape the domestic violence in my marriage until recently. After my husband's latest physical assault, I can no longer stay silent."

Virginia had reported assault to police in Dunsborough, Western Australia, in January, though Robert was not charged for any crime, Virginia's rep previously confirmed to PEOPLE.

Robert's attorney, meanwhile, told PEOPLE in an email statement, "Unfortunately, as the issues you raise are before the Courts in Australia, both he and anyone associated with the case, including Ms Giuffre or her agents, are prohibited from discussing or utilizing the media. Therefore, there is no comment."

Sky and Amanda told PEOPLE that Virginia had been having marital issues for a while and had separated from Robert — the father of her three children, ages 19, 16 and 15 — sometime around August 2023.

Virginia became known publicly in 2010, when she came forward as a victim of Epstein, who died in his prison cell at age 66 in 2019, and Maxwell, 63, who is currently serving a prison sentence for child sex trafficking in connection with Epstein.

In 2021, Virginia claimed in a lawsuit filed against Prince Andrew in New York that the royal forced her to have sex with him three times between 1999 and 2002 in London, New York and on a private Caribbean island owned by Epstein. (The two reached an out-of-court settlement in February 2022. The amount was not disclosed.)

Amanda tells PEOPLE she believes the trauma in Virginia's life may have become too much.

"When you go through what she's been through her entire life, it's not over when the court case is over. You are still fighting for the rest of your life," she says.

"So she's fighting real physical pain that she endured, and she was fighting her real mental pain. And sometimes when that mental pain overrules, you can't even see anything else but that," Amanda continues. "I think it's everything from when she was a child until that last day."

Amanda says she still cannot believe that Virginia is dead. "We are all in a stage of wishing this is a nightmare we are going to wake up from," she tells PEOPLE.

She adds that, in the past few weeks, she and Virginia, whom she considered a "sister," had "some very, very deep conversations."

"I tried to encourage her. We as women have the power to heal each other," Amanda says.

Speaking about Virginia's role as a mother, Amanda says Virginia loved her three children "fiercely."

"I would never want them to think that she didn't love them, because they were always on her mind," she continues.

Amanda says she and her family will now continue the work of the organization Virginia founded, Speak Out, Act, Reclaim (SOAR), a non-profit that provides support for survivors of sexual assault.

"We're going to do everything in our power to continue her legacy and will continue to advocate for survivors all over the world," she tells PEOPLE.

Read the original article on People

## CA's Economy Is Now Larger Than All But These 3 Countries: WHAT FORM OF GOVERNANCE SHOULD THIS "COUNTRY" HAVE?

New data shows the Golden State's nominal GDP reached \$4.1 trillion, surpassing Japan's \$4.02 trillion

Kristina Houck, Patch Staff

CALIFORNIA — California now has the fourth largest economy in the world.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's office announced Thursday that the Golden State has overtaken Japan to become the fourth-largest economy, according to newly released data from the International Monetary Fund and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The data shows California's nominal GDP reached \$4.1 trillion, surpassing Japan's \$4.02 trillion. That places the state behind only the U.S. at \$29.18 trillion, China at \$18.74 trillion, and Germany at \$4.65 trillion in

global economic rankings.

"California isn't just keeping pace with the world — we're setting the pace," Newsom said in a statement. "Our economy is thriving because we invest in people, prioritize sustainability, and believe in the power of innovation."

California's economy is growing at a faster rate than the world's top three economies, according to data. The state's GDP grew at a rate of 6% in 2024, outpacing the country's 5.3% rate, China's 2.6% rate and Germany's 2.9% rate.

Newsom credited the state's new ranking to a growing population and record tourism spending. He noted that California is the country's top state for new business ventures, as well as the strength of the state's agricultural, high-tech and manufacturing centers.

California surpassed France in 2016 to become the sixth largest economy in the world. The Golden State became the fifth largest economy in 2017 and held that spot for seven consecutive years, according to the governor's office.

Last summer, California became home to the most Fortune 500 companies in the country. The Golden State, with 57 of the nation's largest companies, claimed first place for the first time since 2014, according to Fortune. California beat both Texas and New York, which tied for second place with 52 companies each.

While celebrating the latest milestone, Newsom noted that President Donald Trump's broad-sweeping tariffs threaten the state's growth.

"And, while we celebrate this success, we recognize that our progress is threatened by the reckless tariff policies of the current federal administration," he said. "California's economy powers the nation, and it must be protected."

Newsom's office filed a lawsuit last week in federal court to challenge Trump's authority to enact tariffs without the support of Congress. The tariffs have disrupted supply chains, inflated costs for the state and residents, and inflicted billions in damages on California's economy, his office said.

2024 NOMINAL GDP	
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# Iconic American Brands That Aren't Made in the U.S.

## Cheapism

## Born in the USA, Reproduced Elsewhere

The declining state of manufacturing in America is a reliably hot-button political issue. Though industries such as finance and real estate have gradually grown to employ more workers than manufacturing, it's still difficult to grasp just how many products are no longer made in the U.S. They include the Apple iPhone, which is now being made in India in addition to China.

Apple of course isn't alone; some of the best-known U.S. companies — from apparel to automakers — have moved the bulk (or all) of their manufacturing overseas.



Amazon

# Barbie

A major figure in the lives of so many young girls, the all-American Barbie doll is one of the most iconic products made by multinational toy manufacturer Mattel. The company is based in Los Angeles but closed its last U.S. factory in 2002, outsourcing all production to China.

**Huffv**

Huffy's bicycles came with a U.S. flag emblazoned somewhere on the frame until 1999, when it was hit by financial struggles and a drop in bike prices dictated by high-volume retailers, such as Walmart. The company laid off hundreds of plant employees in Ohio, Missouri, and Mississippi, as it moved manufacturing operations to Mexico and China.

## Fisher-Price

Founded in New York in 1930, Fisher-Price has been making reliable children's toys for nearly a century, having helped popularize the use of plastic for toymaking in the 1950s. The company's shift to international manufacturing began in 1993, when it was acquired by Mattel, and led to a massive recall of nearly a million China-made toys in 2007, because of concerns about lead paint.



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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.

**Art Deco Clocks**  
**Maker:** Vienna, Tiffany & Co., and more  
**Original Price:** Varies  
**Worth Today:** \$200-\$1,000\*

Art Deco was a style of design that first showed up in France before World War I. It influenced everything, from the design of buildings and furniture to vacuum cleaners and radios. Clocks even got a remake in Art Deco's image. Art Deco clocks from 1900 to 1940 sell for \$200-\$1,000 on eBay.

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The makers vary. Tiffany & Co., Vienna, and Shreve, Crump, & Low are some of the big names in the Art Deco clock business. Obviously, the rarer the clock and materials, the higher the price. If you're not sure whether your clock is Art Deco, take it to an appraiser.



**First Edition: A Christmas Carol**  
**Maker:** Chapman & Hall  
**Original Price:** \$0.05\*  
**Worth Today:** \$75,000\*

According to AbeBooks, an antique bookseller, a First Edition copy of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol costs \$75,000—and that's for a used book. The book was published in 1843 by Chapman & Hall. First editions are incredibly hard to find, especially in good condition. We'd bet that there are less than 100 of these left in the world, which explains the high price.

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Dickens published A Christmas Carol nearly two centuries ago, but the tale still is an integral part of Christmas celebrations to this day. The fable has inspired spoofs, remakes, TV shows, and blockbuster hits, proving that a good story never gets old.



**Ozark Tourist Pottery**  
**Maker:** Ozark Pottery Company  
**Original Price:** \$20-\$50\*  
**Worth Today:** \$895-\$1,500\*

The Ozarks extend across five states, including Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri. The majority of the Ozarks lie in Northern Arkansas and Southern Missouri. For a while, the Ozarks were one of the most popular tourist destinations in the U.S.

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Ozark Roadside Tourist Pottery is a collection of cement pottery made by Ozark Pottery Company. The pottery was sold during the 1930s and 1950s, when souvenir, craft, and novelty shops were a common feature of Ozark tourism in the automobile era. Now, these pieces of pottery sell for \$800 and up, if they are authentic from OPC.



# MOST Beautiful ACTRESSES OF ALL TIME

BY HEALTH DISCOVER TEAM

From the golden era of Hollywood to the modern spotlight, American women have left an indelible mark on the world with their timeless beauty. Explore the most beautiful American women, from the Golden Era of Hollywood to the latest pop culture icons and traverse through time to pay tribute to these iconic figures and their beautiful selves!

## Sandra Bullock

Sandra Annette Bullock was born in Arlington, a Virginia suburb of Washington, D.C. Her mother, Helga Bullock (née Helga Mathilde Meyer), was a German opera singer. Her father, John W. Bullock, was an American voice teacher, who was born in Alabama, of German descent. Sandra grew up on the road with her parents and younger sister, chef Gesine Bullock-Prado, and spent much of her childhood in Nuremberg, Germany. She often performed in the children's chorus of whatever production her mother was in.



## Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962)



Marilyn Monroe was an American actress, comedienne, singer, and model. Monroe is of English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh descent. She became one of the world's most enduring iconic figures and is remembered both for her winsome embodiment of the Hollywood sex symbol and her tragic personal and professional struggles within the film industry. Her life and death are still the subjects of much controversy and speculation.

## June Allyson (1917-2006)

SoundtrackAmerican leading lady whose sweet smile and sunny disposition made her the prototypical girl-next-door of American movies of the 1940s. Raised in semi-poverty in Bronx neighborhoods by her divorced mother, Allyson (nee Ella Geisman) was injured in a fall at age eight and spent four years confined within a steel brace. Swimming therapy slowly gave her mobility again, and she began to study dance as well. She entered dance contests after high school and earned roles in several musical short films.





# ONE MAN’S TRASH, ANOTHER’S JACKPOT: WILD STOOPING DISCOVERIES IN NEW YORK

*Bored Panda / GRETA JARUŠEVIČIŪTĖ*  
New York City is known for many things. It is a haven of diversity, a global hub of finance and arts, and, as a famous popstar once encapsulated it, a “concrete jungle where dreams are made of.” It is also where you can take home free stuff from the streets.  
For New Yorkers, this practice is known

as “stooping,” and fascinatingly enough, people do encounter excellent finds. This trend has taken a life of its own, and there is a dedicated Instagram account for it.  
We’ve collected photos from the page showing discarded furniture, pop culture mementos, and artwork worthy of the centerpiece spot in the living room. Indeed, NYC is a captivating place.



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# The 11 Best East Coast U.S. Beaches to Visit for Postcard-Worthy Views

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Ah, the relaxing calm of listening to waves crash into the shoreline with your feet are nestled in the sand. You can find countless such spots all along the coasts of the United States, but we must admit that not all beaches are created equal. To help you find your own next best destination, we've made a list of best beaches on the East Coast for you.

Whether you are looking for new area to explore as a couple or with your family or even somewhere to live, you're sure to find idyllic spots from Florida to North Carolina to Maine below. Sure, you can hop on a flight to islands all over the world to find stellar beaches and they can make perfect escapes when the U.S. is dreary and cold in January and February, but some of our favorites are close to home—think the Hamptons, Cape Cod, Assateague Island, and beyond! So get your bathing suits, sunscreen, and beach chairs packed and get ready for all the goodness of your new favorite beach, or at least to daydream of it as you scroll through.

Here, the best East Coast beaches in the U.S. to consider now.

## 1) Mansion Beach: Block Island, Rhode Island

Mansion Beach, accessible via a dirt road in Block Island, provides visitors with the perfect mix of relaxation and excitement for the whole family,” says Caroline Quinn, travel expert at Black Tomato. When soaking up the sun, bodyboarding in the waves, and combing for shells along the uncrowded shoreline, the peaceful ambiance is such a delightful contrast to other East Coast tourist darlings that draw huge summer crowds.

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## 2) Georgica Beach: East Hampton, New York

Abutting the Georgica Association—one of the most exclusive and expensive communities in the world—beautiful Georgica Beach makes the singularly rough drive out to the Hamptons well worth it.

This particularly splendid stretch of East Hampton is where city transplants and owners of summer homes nearby come to catch rays, go for a refreshing dip, and plan Instagram-worthy beach picnics.

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## 3) Siasconset Beach: Nantucket, Massachusetts

One of the loveliest and most easy-to-access beaches on Nantucket, Siasconset Beach, on the eastern tip of the island, sits within biking distance of Greydon House in the utterly charming, old-school town of Sciasonsett. Backed by dunes, it's a popular—and photogenic—spot for swimming, surfing, and fishing.

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## 4) Gooch's Beach: Kennebunkport, Maine

“Set along the scenic coastline of Kennebunkport, Gooch's Beach is a cherished gem of New England with timeless charm,” says Quinn.

Ideal for beachgoers of all ages, it's as pretty as a postcard with velvety sand for leisurely barefoot strolls and building castles, beginner-friendly waves for surfing and swimming, and gorgeous sunset views.

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## 5) Corolla Beach: Outer Banks, North Carolina

The Outer Banks are a favorite of outdoor enthusiasts. For many thrill-seekers, the 4x4 drive to Corolla Beach is a trip-making high-light in and of itself.

“Once there, visitors can spot wild horses roaming freely along the tranquil shoreline and even embark on a kayak safari for a closer look,” reveals Quinn.

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## 6) Newcomb Hollow Beach: Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Quinn calls dune-backed Newcomb Hollow Beach “one of Cape Cod's hidden gems.” After a day swimming in the water and sunning on the golden sand at the northernmost oceanside beach in Wellfleet, stick around to catch the prettiest sunset on the hook-shaped peninsula.

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## 7) Assateague Beach: Assateague Island, Maryland

A bastion of serenity, Assateague Beach is hidden away on Assateague Island, a sleepy 37-mile-long barrier island and protected nature sanctuary. Far removed from the mainland crowds, wild horses roam and the waves of the Atlantic Ocean lap the near-empty shoreline where your footprints might be the only ones etched into the sand.

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## 8) Cape May Beach: Cape May, New Jersey

Cape May is a long-time favorite Jersey Shore town. One of its biggest draw cards? The wide sandy beach runs parallel to the boardwalk and extends for miles. In the summer, it's packed (though, not unpleasantly so) with families sharing snacks and cool drinks under umbrellas, playing frisbee, and frolicking in the water.

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## 9) Aquinnah Beach: Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts

With its dramatic multi-colored clay cliffs, golden sands, and crystal-clear waters, Aquinnah Beach provides a stunning backdrop for a day of fun in the sun. Its timeless charm and unparalleled beauty make the half-mile stretch of coastline ideal for travelers looking to experience the true essence of Martha's Vineyard.

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## 10) Good Harbor Beach: Gloucester, Massachusetts

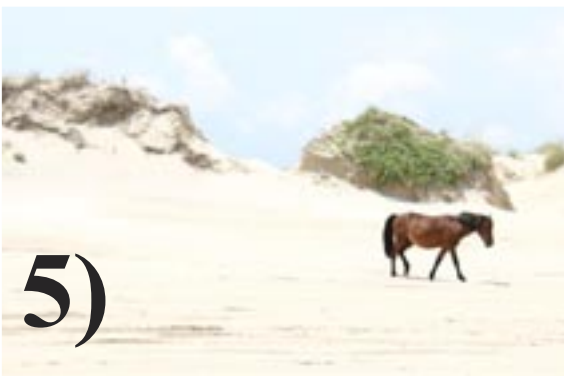
Favored both by locals and travelers alike, Good Harbor Beach draws visitors into a world of natural splendor with its pristine sands and sparkling water. Quinn also touts the fact that it's just steps away from Ravenswood Park, a peaceful 600-acre nature reserve.

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## 11) South Beach: Miami Beach, Florida

The sizzling strip of shore that gave rise to an entire vacation destination, palm-fringed Miami Beach brings the heat with its year-round sunshine, golden sand, turquoise water, and colorful lifeguard houses. Umbrellas and loungers from various hotels line the beach—and it's got some of the best people watching around.

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# 10 Photos That Show Just How Cheap Childhood Was in the '70s

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Life may have seemed simpler in the 1970s, but can we also talk about much cheaper it was for children to have fun? Forget paying an arm and a leg at the movie theater, attending fancy summer camps, or having to buy an expensive laptop for school. Entertainment came in the form of 20-cent toys, free TV, and running wild (without adults!) through the neighborhood. If you need a reminder on just how expensive life has become for children to merely exist, take a look at these photos that revel in 1970s frugality.



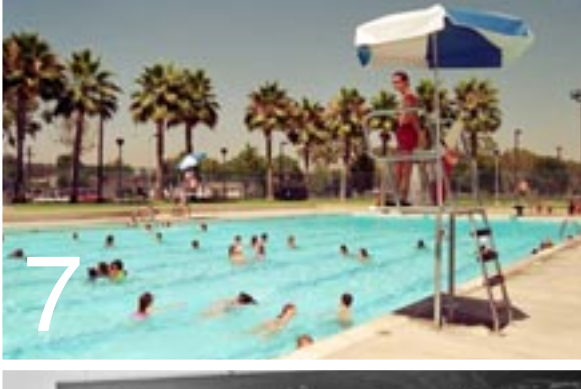
## 1. 20-Cent Toys

Two boys wearing plaid shirts stand at a store counter with a container of pink gumballs labeled 20¢ EACH. One boy holds coins while the other examines a gumball. Shelves of colorful items fill the background. Forget paying \$50 for a complicated Lego set. With two dimes in your pocket, you could score a 20-cent rubber ball and a whole day's worth of entertainment.

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## 2. Backyard Birthday Parties

A group of children wearing party hats sit around a picnic table outdoors, enjoying



drinks and snacks at a birthday party. The scene is in black and white, with a lawn, fence, and lounge chair in the background.

Listen, an elaborate birthday party with a bouncy house is all well and good. But armed with some paper party favors, hot dogs on the grill, and a homemade cake, and a backyard birthday party in the 1970s was just as enjoyable.

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## 3. Simple Summer Pleasures

Three children sit around a stone campfire, roasting food on sticks. Two are seated in chairs, one waves at the camera. Camping gear and a red cooler are on a table behind them, with trees and a road in the background.

Instead of expensive summer camps that required you to sign up a year in advance, summertime pleasures in the '70s often had more "roughing it" vibes. Think make-shift tents, s'mores by the campfire, and cheap lawn chairs.

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## 4. Basic Playground Equipment

Two children play on a metal swing set in a grassy backyard. One child swings high while the other sits on a baby swing, both dressed warmly. Trees and bushes are visible in the background.

Before the days of elaborate playgrounds filled with tunnels, bridges, and towers, there was the simple swing set. The humble seesaw. The metal slide. Ah, memories.

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## 5. Homemade Halloween Costumes

A person decorates a ghost costume made from a white sheet draped over a chair indoors. A carved jack-o'-lantern sits on the floor nearby, and large windows with curtains are in the background.

Sure, some parents still make their kids homemade Halloween costumes. But more often that not, kids want the bedazzled, \$50 costumes from a megastore. In simpler times, a sheet with holes cut out for eyes would be good enough.

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## 6. Secondhand Everything

A vintage, weathered tricycle with faded blue paint and rusted wheels sits on green grass, surrounded by overgrown plants.

Whether kids got their clothes or toys from older siblings or the local thrift shop, growing up in the '70s often meant owning secondhand clothes and entertainment to keep costs down. Today, fast fashion and heavily-marketed, tech-heavy toys make it tempting for parents to spend money on the newest and flashiest items.

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## 7. Afternoons at the Local Pool

A lifeguard watches over people swimming in an outdoor pool on a sunny day. Palm trees line the background, and several swimmers are in the water. The lifeguard sits under a blue and white umbrella.

Today's water adventures often involve custom pools, \$600 inflatable slides, and private swim lessons. But in the '70s, an afternoon spent splashing around at the local pool or near a backyard sprinkler was time well spent.

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## 8. Low-Tech Classrooms

A teacher writes complex math equations on a chalkboard while several high school students sit at desks, facing forward and taking notes in a classroom.

Kids going to school in the 1970s only had to bring in basic school supplies, lunch, and a few personal items. Today, laptops and pricey calculators are commonplace, along with the ubiquitous smartphone.

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## 9. A Reasonable Allowance

A woman and two young boys sit at a glass table counting coins and bills. The woman holds a pen and paper, while the boys handle money near a red piggy bank, in a brightly lit living room.

Did you know there are debit cards for kids now? And that the average weekly allowance for a high schooler is \$20 per week? Judging by this Reddit thread, plenty of kids in the '70s didn't have an allowance at all — and if they did, they had to work for it.

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## 10. Free TV

Two young children lie on the carpeted floor, propped on their elbows, watching a vintage television. A chair and a small table with a radio sit in the background, evoking a mid-20th-century living room.

Free broadcast TV was all you needed to catch your favorite shows on Saturday mornings. Now? Kids have to log in to one of the many streaming services that steadily raise subscription prices.

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