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100 Years Before Musk Andrew Mellon - DOGE'r

One of America's richest men came to fix Washington. It didn't end well.

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He was one of the richest men of his time, a powerful force in business and then in government — so influential that political adversaries taunted the White House that he was “the real president.”

Today, that's Elon Musk's story, as the world's richest man winds down his tumultuous time in Washington as a “special government employee” in President Donald Trump's administration. But while Musk's astronomical wealth and the work of his Department of Government Efficiency have been one of a kind, there are strong echoes of another businessman-turned-slasher-of-government who came to Washington just more than 100 years ago.

Andrew Mellon, a Pittsburgh banker and one of America's wealthiest men in the early 20th century, was treasury secretary to three Republican presidents — Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover — for more than a decade in the 1920s and early 1930s.

Like Musk, Mellon came to Washington with the aim of drastically cutting back federal spending. Like Musk, he remained involved in his private businesses at the same time, as biographer David Cannadine has chronicled, sparking fierce protests from opposition Democrats.



President Donald Trump and Elon Musk at the White House on March 11.
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Like Musk, political opponents made him a national boogeyman and suggested that Mellon was the true power in Washington.

Three presidents served under him, the joke went. Sen. Robert La Follette Sr., a Wisconsin progressive, said Mellon was “the real president of the United States. Calvin Coolidge is merely the man who occupies the White House.”

And as Musk leaves the White House and appears to consider his political legacy, voicing concern that Trump and Republican lawmakers won't follow through on his hopes of big spending cuts, Mellon's own complicated legacy illustrates how difficult even titans of industry have found the task of permanently bending politics and government toward their will.

Mellon achieved his goals for a time, paring back yearly federal spending to approximately half the level it was before he took over the Treasury Department and reforming U.S. tax laws.

But the Great Depression turned the nation sharply against him and the Republican Party personified by wealthy businessmen, with Mellon becoming a political lightning rod in the way Musk has this year.

In “Mellon: An American Life,” Cannadine wrote that Mellon's son recalled witnessing an early exercise in political social media targeting the treasury secretary: a rhyme written on a urinal at a rest stop between Pittsburgh and Washington.

“Mellon pulled the whistle, Hoover rang the bell,” it began, “Wall Street gave the signal, and the country went to hell.”

When Democrats took back Congress in the backlash after the Depression began, they investi-



“Three eaglets, born to resident bald eagle pair Lucy and Ricky, rest in their nest at the Prado Wetlands in Riverside County.”

NATIONAL EAGLE DAY

Welcoming Three New Eaglets at Prado Wetlands

Cathy Green, Orange County Water District

A lesser-known but meaningful observance is coming up—National American Eagle Day, a perfect time to recognize a heartwarming milestone within our region: the arrival of three bald eaglets at the Prado Wetlands in Riverside County.

The proud parents, Lucy and Ricky, are a pair of bald eagles that have made the wetlands their home. Their eaglets, banded by a wildlife biologist on April 9, are now about 16 weeks old. One eaglet has already taken its first flight and has been seen near the nest. Young bald eagles typically fledge between 10 and 14 weeks of age and remain nearby for another one to two months as they continue learning to fly and hunt under their parents' guidance.

This year's successful hatch mirrors last spring, when Lucy and Ricky raised another trio of eaglets—all of whom have since established territories of their own. It's a remarkable sign of the flourishing ecosystem supported by the wetlands.

Beyond bald eagles, the Prado Wetlands is home to several rare and endangered species, such as the Santa Ana sucker, osprey and least Bell's vireo. The continued success of wildlife in the wetlands is a strong reflection of how our work in the wetlands supports our water management goals.

Owned and managed by the Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District), the Prado Wetlands are the largest constructed wetlands on the West Coast. It serves a dual purpose: ensuring a high-quality, reliable water supply for Orange County and providing vital habitat for wildlife like Lucy and Ricky.

OCWD diverts half of the Santa Ana River's base flow into the wetlands, where native plants and beneficial microorganisms naturally treat the water by removing pollutants such as nitrates. This process helps purify the water flowing into the Orange County Groundwater Basin—the primary drinking water source for 2.5 million people, including residents of Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach and surrounding cities.

In partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), OCWD also captures and stores millions of gallons of stormwater behind Prado Dam, located near the wetlands. The stormwater is released at a rate that District staff can capture and put back into the groundwater basin, helping to bolster our local water supply.

To further enhance stormwater capture efforts, OCWD



Andrew Mellon (center) with President Calvin Coolidge and first lady Grace Coolidge on the White House lawn in 1926.
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~ Stephen Covey*

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)

REPORT: CALIFORNIA RANKS #2 STATE WITH THE NAUGHTIEST TRAVEL HABITS

DID YOU KNOW

The biggest butterfly in the world has a 31 cm wingspan

Attention, this is your captain speaking... Y'all need to stop fighting on this airplane. And getting drunk and filming each other, too. Whew. Solitaire Bliss is back with the 2025 installment of America's Naughtiest Travel Habits. We apologize in advance!

Lowlights from California:
Residents have some of the naughtiest travel habits (ranks 2nd highest in the U.S.)

13% have had BO from not bathing recently (ranks 2nd highest in the U.S.)

14% have been in a physical

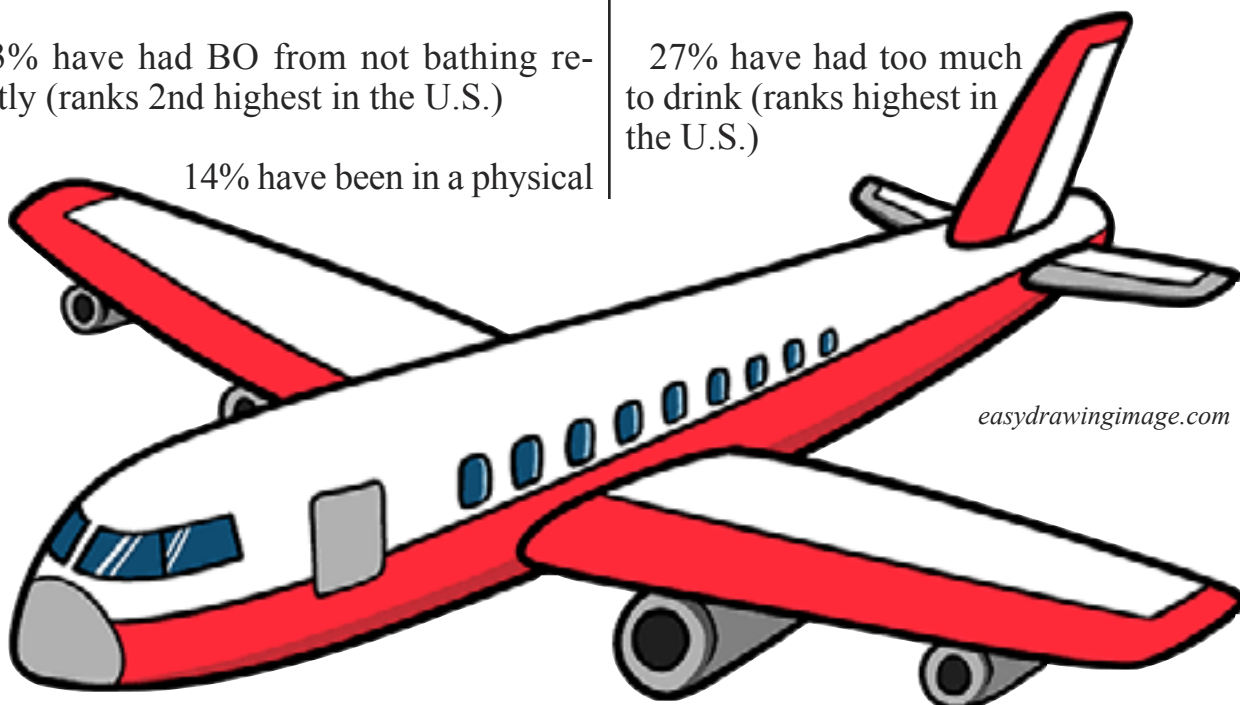
confrontation with others (ranks 2nd highest in the U.S.)

16% have gone barefoot on a plane (ranks 5th highest in the U.S.)

23% have brought strong-smelling food on the plane (ranks highest in the U.S.)

27% have been in a verbal confrontation with others (ranks 2nd highest in the U.S.)

27% have had too much to drink (ranks highest in the U.S.)



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Surprising Sports Facts That You Never Would've Guessed



SPORTS

Tug of war was an Olympic event between 1900 and 1920.

There are exactly 108 stitches on a baseball.

The longest successful shot in NBA history was 89 feet by Baron Davis on February 17, 2001. He shot it with 0.7 seconds remaining in the third quarter as a defender closely guarded him.

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.



Brian L./Yelp

The Greatest Breakfast Sandwich in Every State



Michigan: Honest John's Detroit

Honest John's covers all kinds of breakfasts, from traditional to extravagant, and its sandwich selection reflects that. It serves the egg, sausage, and cheese you crave, but also has hearty vegan options and a hunking breakfast burrito to refuel those who had a late and wild night.

Crivello Ristorante Italiano



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Pioneer Pit Beef Baltimore

What to order: Super pit beef

Pit beef is ubiquitous in the Baltimore area, and it's generally a simple sandwich of charcoal-roasted beef on a bun. At Pioneer Pit Beef, they offer pit beef at whatever doneness you prefer — stick with medium-rare if you're a beef lover — and sliced thinly on a meat slicer. It's piled on three different size sandwiches, then topped with whatever you like from a long list of sauces and toppings. Since it's only a shack, eat it on the picnic tables outside, or take it to go.

Celebrity Chef Recipes

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



Aaron Sanchez's corn on the cob.

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.

Side Dishes

A meal isn't complete without a generous side. We tested everything from different kinds of bread to salads and spreads to find which ones should be staples at your dinner table.

For flavorful corn on the cob, try a spicy chile-lime recipe topped with cheese

Aaron Sanchez's corn on the cob.

Aarón Sánchez's corn looked and tasted delicious. Paige Bennett followed corn recipes from Fieri, Giada De Laurentiis, Trisha Yearwood, and Aarón Sánchez.

After grilling the corn for 20 minutes, Sánchez seasons it with rocoto-chile paste, fresh cilantro, lime juice, butter, cumin, salt, and pepper.

Bennett topped it with cotija cheese, cilantro, and butter for a spicy and cheesy main dish.

Read more about the winning recipe and full battle here: I tested 4 corn on the cob recipes by celebrity chefs, and the best was the spiciest.

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

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.

Bonanza, Colorado Population: 20

Once a booming silver mining town between 1880 and 1888, Bonanza is now almost a ghost town with just 20 residents. Despite its size, it still has an official mayor (Betty Tyree) and a sense of community among the few who remain.

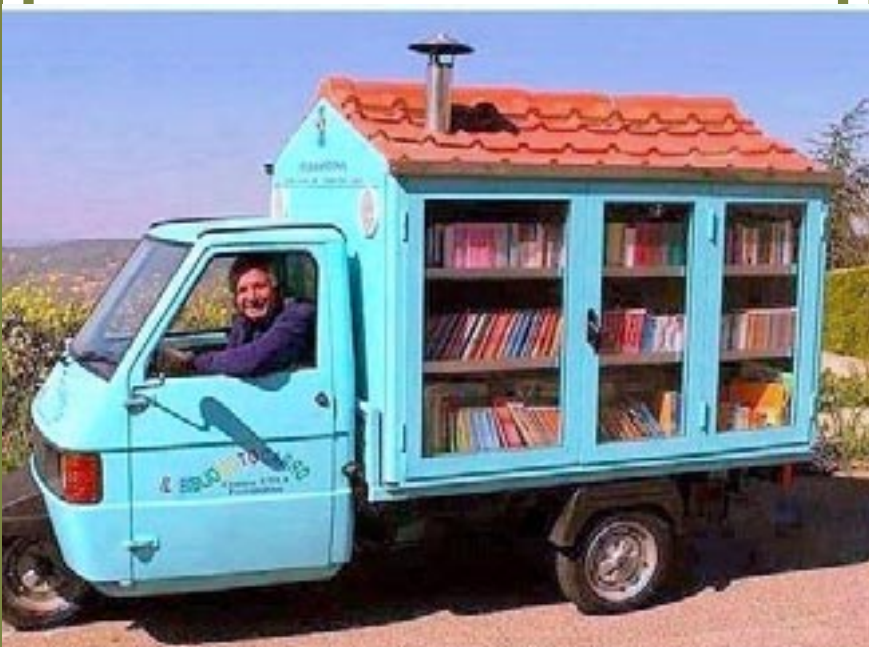
Fun Fact: If you look on Redfin the town has a sole listing, a 1979 single family home for \$299,900, not a bad deal considering you have access to National Forest Lands right on your doorstep.

Rare Historical Photos Reveal More Than Immediately Meets The Eye

Retired teacher, Antonio La Cava, driving his "Il Bibliomotocarro"

Reading is one of the most important things for a developmental brain. Whether someone is taking in fiction, science, or a meaty biography, those words help us grow and realize our full potential. Books can inspire us to great things and teach us things we never knew about ourselves, which is why it's a shame when less developed areas don't have the kind of literary access that's available in larger cities. Retired teacher Antonio La Cava is attempting to fix that in Spain with his Bibliomotocarro, a traveling library driven from town to town to offer books to people of all ages. He told the BBC:

I was strongly worried about growing old in a country of non-readers. Carrying out such action has a value, not only social, not only cultural, but has a great ethical meaning.



Source: Pinterest

Vintage Photograph



The Most Beautiful Suicide - Evelyn Mchale Leapt To Her Death From The Empire State Building, 1947

Robert C. Wiles

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.

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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	Don Jose	10% off your entire food Bill	9093 Adams	HB	714.962.7911
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Massive Saharan Dust Plume is Heading for Florida

CBS News / SARAH LYNCH BALDWIN

Saharan dust is heading toward Florida and could be seen over the state by this weekend, radar shows.

Dust is forecast to hit south and central Florida on Saturday and stay for at least several days, according to CBS Miami's NEXT Weather radar.

Computer models show that after an initial dust wave, a larger and denser plume could be seen in Florida by the middle of next week, CBS Orlando affiliate WKMG reports.

Radar also shows dust over south Texas on Monday.

Saharan dust was already seen in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands this week, the National Weather Service in San Juan reported on Tuesday. It noted dust impacts included reduced visibility and hazy skies, and said more dust is forecast to move in Saturday and linger through at least Tuesday.

Satellite imagery showed dust above most of the Atlantic's tropical waters on Thursday — spanning all the way from Africa's coast to the Gulf, the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch said in a post on X. It noted that the dry air suppresses the development of storms. Hurricane season officially starts on Sunday.

It is typical for dust to move across the Atlantic every



year in early summer, WKMG reports. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says it is called the Saharan Air Layer, which is "a mass of very dry, dusty air that forms over the Sahara Desert during the late spring, summer and early fall."

Its activity usually "ramps up" in the middle of June before peaking from late in the month to the middle of August, meteorologist Jason Dunion told NOAA's National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service back in 2020. New "outbreaks" — formed when "ripples" in the atmosphere along the edge of the Sahara Desert kick up dust — can occur every few days and reach as far west as Florida and Texas. Dust sometimes covers areas over the Atlantic as large as the continental United States, Dunion said.

The National Weather service said the dust can impact allergies and lead to eye irritation.

Newport Beach DoorDash Driver Stole Over \$2.5 Million From Company: Authorities

He would place expensive orders through customer accounts and then use employee credentials to manipulate DoorDash software, officials said.



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Bruce Willis, 70, Has the Sweetest Obsession Amid Ongoing Health Challenges

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Bruce Willis, 70, Has the Sweetest Obsession Amid Ongoing Health Challenges originally appeared on Parade.

Bruce Willis was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia in 2022, making some day-to-day activities a challenge. The Die Hard actor is no longer working

"With my dad, given the challenges that he's dealing with, whenever we go over there to visit, his face just lights up and he gets so excited and is so sweet with her," Rumer told the outlet. "My family is so incredible with her. I feel so lucky, and she's so lucky. I mean, they are obsessed with her."

Since welcoming Louetta in 2023 (with now ex-boyfriend, Derek Richard Thomas), Rumer has shared a handful of moments that her daughter has shared with Bruce. And while he may not be completely able to comprehend some things — or communicate others — there does appear to be a light in his eyes whenever Lou is around.

As Lou has gotten older, some fans even think that she looks just like her grandpa Bruce.

"A mini Bruce right there! So cute," one fan commented on photos of Lou that Rumer shared back in February.

"Most definitely a Willis," someone else said.

Bruce is a father of five daughters (three with ex-wife Demi Moore and two with wife Emma Heming Willis). However, Lou is his only granddaughter.

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and has spent the majority of the past few years surrounding by his loved ones. But there's one person in particular who lights up his world — and that's his granddaughter, Louetta, 2.

In an interview with People magazine, Willis daughter, Rumer Willis, spoke about the sweet relationship that her dad has with her daughter.

Anna Schier, Patch Staff

CALIFORNIA — A DoorDash driver from Orange County pleaded guilty Tuesday in federal court to conspiring to steal more than \$2.5 million from the San Francisco-based company, according to authorities.

Sayee Chaitanya Reddy Devagiri, 30, of Newport Beach, and three other defendants were indicted by a grand jury in 2024, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, with Devagiri facing the charge of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, of which he pleaded guilty.

Devagiri worked with others in 2020 and 2021 to cause the company to pay for deliveries that never happened by placing expensive orders through customer accounts and then using employee credentials to access DoorDash software, authorities said.

Devagiri would manually reassign orders to driver accounts he and others controlled, report the orders were delivered when they weren't and manipulate the company's computer systems to prompt DoorDash to pay the driver accounts, according to the department. He would then change the status of the orders from "delivered" to "in process" and reassign them to other fraudulent driver accounts, starting the process again, authorities said, adding the whole thing typically took under five minutes and was repeated hundreds of times for many orders.

Devagiri's next hearing is set for Sept. 16, according to the department, which said he faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

100 Years Before Musk Andrew Mellon - DOGE'r

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gated the intersection of Mellon businesses and government contracts they won while he was in the Cabinet, initiating impeachment proceedings before he resigned to take an ambassadorship.

And ultimately, Mellon saw his low-spending, laissez-faire ethos pushed aside in national politics by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his New Deal, which ushered in a wave of government spending and social programs that were anathema to Mellon-era Republicans.

No historical comparison lines up neatly in all respects. While Musk and Trump's administration sought to slash programs through presidential orders and an expansive view of executive power, Mellon worked through Congress to enact his budgetary priorities.

Mellon was fabulously wealthy, thanks to investments in businesses from aluminum to oil to early airlines and beyond, but Musk's businesses and riches are on a significantly different scale. And Mellon's final work with the government, years later, was also of a decidedly nonpolitical nature: He established the National Gallery of Art, seeding



Andrew Mellon served as treasury secretary to three Republican presidents: Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover.

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it with his impressive private collection.

Musk's story is far from its final chapter, with more twists and details to come even as he ends his stint at the White House. What we know for sure, though, is that wealth and power of that magnitude endure through the years.

In a twist of fate, after the Trump administration and DOGE slashed grants and staff this year, the Mellon Foundation, which was launched by Mellon's children decades ago using part of the family fortune, stepped in to fill \$15 million of the gap.

And there's another eye-popping financial connection between the Mellon years and Musk's time in government.

Musk was the biggest disclosed donor in the 2024 elections. The second-biggest? Timothy Mellon, Mellon's grandson, who gave nearly \$200 million in support of Trump, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and other causes, according to OpenSecrets — paving the way for Musk's stint with DOGE in Washington.



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This Orange County Water District article was provided by Cathy Green, who represents Division 6 of the District. Division 6 includes Huntington Beach and parts of Fountain Valley. Contact Director Green at cgreen@ocwd.com.



Most Iconic Moments in History



Bob Ross Was Once A Master Sergeant In The Air Force

We all remember the late Bob Ross as host of the PBS show The Joy of Painting which aired from 1983 to 1994. Ross endeared himself to viewers with his soothing voice, perpetually happy outlook and perfectly spherical perm hairdo. Ross taught us to paint "happy little clouds," and it was impossible not to crack a smile at the sight of this joyful man creating his soothing landscape art.

Ross had a whole life before he arrived on PBS -- in fact, he served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years. He developed his interest in art during his time in the military, attending art classes put on by the USO. It was the '60s and '70s, though, and he disliked his instructors' emphasis on abstract painting -- Ross wanted to paint recognizable landscapes. He finally learned to paint landscapes in the Italian alla prima (also known as "wet on wet") style, and could finish a landscape painting in an hour. He left the Air Force in 1981 at the rank of master sergeant, because he found he could make more money selling his art than he did in Air Force salary. Two years later, his TV show debuted.

Source: Reddit

On the Vine or Nearby

10 Cocktails to Make with Cucumbers

Looking to put cucumber to
work in a cocktail?

Here are our favorite recipes.

By *Prairie Rose*

Light, refreshing, and naturally cooling, cucumbers are the ideal ingredient to balance the heat of alcohol in a cocktail.

Native to India, cucumbers have a long history in food and drink. Cultivated as a food source for over 3,000 years, the ancient Egyptians were said to have made a spirited concoction from fermented cucumber juice that was buried in the ground for several days before consumption. The vegetable played a significant role in recipes in ancient cultures such as Greece, Rome, China and Persia, and was often used medicinally.

Fresh cucumber adds a subtly sweet vegetal note to cocktails and a clean, grassy green fragrance. Belonging to the Cucurbitaceae family, which includes watermelon and muskmelon, cucumbers can impart bright melon flavors as well.

CUCUMBER COCKTAIL TIP

Cucurbitacins—natural compounds found in cucumbers which can exhibit bitter and almost musky flavors—pair best with citrus, botanicals, and aromatic herbs in cocktails.

Because cucumbers contain compounds called cucurbitacins—a natural defense mechanism to repel pests and insects—they can also taste slightly bitter. This astringent quality can work well to counterbalance other flavors like peppery spice and sugar. In cocktails, these savory characteristics complement citrus, botanicals, and aromatic herbs especially well.

Hendrick's Gin launched in 1999 and famously added cucumber to their recipe of traditional botanicals helping to pave the way for a more modern gin flavor profile. With the cocktail revival of the early-2000s came a new appreciation for cucumber's varied culinary attributes and the distinctive ingredient soon found its way into a number of classic riffs and original cocktails.

With its herbaceous qualities, gin is a natural pairing with the palate-cleansing crispness of cucumber. But the cooling vegetal flavors are surprisingly adaptable to a variety of spirits and flavors including agave spirits, rum, whiskey, sparkling wine, and beyond.

Here are 10 of the best cocktails to make with cucumbers.

Cucumber & Rose Collins

The Cucumber & Rose Collins is a riff on the 19th-century classic Tom Collins which combines gin, lemon juice, sugar and club soda. Created by bartending vet Charlotte Voisey, this twist is a combination of Hendrick's gin, fresh cucumber and lemon juice, and rose syrup. Served in a Collins glass over fresh ice, this refreshing cocktail is topped with a cucumber slice garnish.

El Pepino

El Pepino translates to “the cucumber” in Spanish and is a modification on the classic Margarita. The drink made headlines in 2012 when singer and actor Justin Timberlake mentioned it was his favorite cocktail during an interview with *Bon Appétit*.

This recipe combines blanco tequila with agave nectar and fresh lime juice. Cucumber and jalapeño pepper are muddled together and shaken with the mixture over ice until well chilled. This is all then double strained into Tajín-rimmed rocks glass filled with fresh ice.

Cucumber Gimlet

A classic Gimlet is a form of gin sour that traditionally includes gin, lime and simple syrup. This simple update adds cucumber to the mix for a crisp and vegetal spin on the gin favorite.

A light, floral gin such as Hendrick's is your best option to highlight the cucumber qualities, but other citrus-forward bottlings will work as well. Cu-

and a nutty sweetness from Frangelico hazelnut liqueur. Banks 5-Island Rum and coconut water round out the ingredients and are all stirred in a mixing glass over ice. The mixture is strained into a chilled coupe glass and garnished with a cucumber slice.

Kentucky Maid

The Kentucky Maid is part of a modern classic drinks category created by Sam Ross in the early aughts. The “Maid” set of drinks contains some variation of muddled cucumber, mint leaves, and simple syrup, with different base spirits and citrus choices getting swapped in to create endless variations. This version uses bourbon as its base and skews closely to the classic Whiskey Smash.

Kew Garden

This Mojito reinterpretation is another Jim Meehan creation developed in homage to Banks 5-Island and the British botanist the rum is named for: Joseph Banks.

“This floral, savory Mojito variation was inspired by the royal botanical garden that Joseph Banks curated as an advisor to King George III,” says Meehan.

The drink uses the Mojito template of rum, lime, mint leaves and simple syrup, with an addition of muddled cucumber and St-Germain elderflower liqueur. Topped with club soda

Green Beast

This absinthe-based drink was created in 2010 by London bartender Charles Vexenat for brand behemoth Pernod Ricard in order to showcase their absinthe. Vexenat tempers the high-proof absinthe with fresh muddled cucumbers, lime juice, simple syrup and a good amount of chilled water. This can be made directly in the glass or scaled up to be served as a punch for a crowd.

Hello, Sun

This spa-like creation comes from Eden Laurin, the managing partner of The Violet Hour and a health and wellness entrepreneur. The Hello, Sun combines aloe liqueur with mezcal, fresh lime juice, cucumbers and mint.

For the aloe liqueur, Laurin creates her own with a reduction of aloe water mixed with rum agricole and honey. You could also opt to use a bottle of Chateau—a California-made aloe liqueur that also contains cucumber, spearmint, lemon peel and muskmelon.

Maxwell

This Champagne cocktail from San Francisco bar veteran H. Joseph Ehrmann is a recipe made for two and features cucumber vodka, Cointreau, fresh cucumber and lemon juices, agave nectar and a topper of Champagne. To get the cucumber juice, you can either use a juicer, or muddle fresh cucumber until 3/4 of an ounce of fresh juice is extracted. Either way yields a delicious, effervescent drink.

cumber wheels are muddled with simple syrup before the rest of the ingredients are added and shaken over ice until chilled. The drink is then strained into a coupe glass and garnished with a cucumber wheel.

Cucumber Cleanse

The Master Cleanse—a combination of maple syrup, lemon and cayenne juice—was the inspiration behind this cocktail from California's Montage Laguna Beach resort and spa. Bartender Sean Hogan replaced the maple syrup for ginger and honey and included vodka, along with fresh cucumber, lemon juice, egg white, and hibiscus lavender bitters. After shaking and straining, a garnish of ground cayenne pepper is lightly sprinkled atop the glass—the heat from the combination of cayenne and ginger offset the cucumber's cooling effects, to create a perfectly balanced drink.

Chairman's Refresher

The Chairman's Refresher comes from bartender and author Jim Meehan. This silky smooth refresher gets a vegetal kick from muddled cucumber



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The Mini

When looking at the best of the British 60s, next to The Beatles and The Rolling Stones sits the truly iconic Mini, which no matter which name it was under, is a legend of its time. For that reason, any Mini from the decade comfortably makes it onto this list. There are probably quite a few of you who owned a Mini, the original ones – not the bus-sized de-badged BMWs of the roads today.

Despite having great success in the rally world, the mini was never really about that, and even the most powerful model only had a little 1.3-liter engine. Rather, what made the Mini so special was its iconic styling, cheap price, and can-do attitude. With over 1,000,000 first generation Mini's sold, there's still a great amount of them still around today, so if looking for a cheap nostalgic ride, the Mini is your BFF.

EV Tax Credits Get The Ax Under The One Big Beautiful Bill

Republican House bill would also end Biden-era emissions standards.

• The One Big Beautiful Bill Act passed the House of Representatives by a 214-213 vote early Thursday morning. It now goes on to the Senate.

• Among a slew of other provisions, the bill moves the expiration date of EV tax credits from December 31, 2032, to December 31, 2025.

• The bill also ends the clean vehicle tax credits for used EVs and for commercial vehicles.

BY TODD LASSA

You have until December 31 to buy an electric vehicle and claim the \$7,500 tax credit if the One Big Beautiful Bill Act the House of Representatives passed by a 214-213 vote early Thursday morning makes it through the Senate (likely) and on to the president's resolute desk for his signature (for sure).

The budget bill does not require 60 votes in the Senate, so 51 of the chamber's 53 Republicans must sign on for passage.

Considering its close call in the House, where Republican hardliners balked over a Congressional Budget Office-projected \$3.1 trillion increase in the federal debt over the next decade, the bill will not have an easy ride in the Senate without a considerable number of amendments, none of them likely related to clean vehicles.

Due date to avoid government shutdown for Trump's signature is September 30.

Trump signed an executive order, "Unleashing American Energy," January 20, which calls for ending EV tax credits, as well as ending federal funding for a national EV recharging network. The president's EO stopped funding for the recharging network in February, but the EV tax credits remain.

Currently, the EV tax credits, which were implemented after President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act in 2022, are set to expire December 31, 2032.

Subtitle C, "Make America Win Again," of Title XI of the budget bill "accelerates the expiration date to December 31, 2025. This provision also implements a special rule for taxable year 2026 that only allows vehicles produced by manufacturers that have not sold 200,000 new clean vehicles as of December 31, 2025, to qualify for the credit."

That 200,000 vehicle limit recalls EV credits available to US taxpayers for years before the Biden administration's IRA. It's not crystal clear what the 200,000-sales limit would mean for EV buyers.

In many cases the \$7,500 new EV credit has been available as the sale closes, so there may be an opportunity to claim the credit up to the April 15, 2026, Internal Revenue Service personal income tax filing deadline.

According to Cox Automotive's EV sales data through February of this year, Tesla, General Motors, Ford, Hyundai Motor Group (including Kia), BMW, Volkswagen, and the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Alliance have already breached the 200,000 mark for EV sales in the US.

Rivian had sold 127,579 and Mercedes-Benz was at 114,211, so they both may be within the limit by the end of this year. The rest, including Toyota Motor (including Lexus), Honda/Acura, Subaru, Lucid, Jaguar Land Rover, Vinfast, and Mazda are well below the limit.

The House GOP budget bill also ends the clean vehicle tax credits for used EVs and for commercial vehicles. It terminates the alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit, which gives tax credit for up to 30% of "property" to store or dispense clean-burning fuel, or recharging EVs, that cost up to \$100,000.

In each case, like the new-EV tax credit, the House budget bill calls for moving up expiration dates from December 31, 2032, the date set by the Biden IRA, to December 31, 2025.

US auto sales have been strong for all passenger vehicles so far this year, much of it attributed to consumers trying to beat Trump administration tariffs, but there is some evidence



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that anticipation of the end of the tax credits has helped EV sales.

From January to April, new vehicle sales were up 5.5%, to 5.38 million. EV sales for the same period were up 5.7%, to 392,312 by April, according to Cox Automotive.

Further indicating that some consumers are rushing to buy an EV while they can still get a tax credit, the Cox Automotive Dealer Sentiment Index, a survey of the level of franchise and independent dealer optimism, found that while the EV sales index fell to a score of 44, sentiment for the EV tax credit's effect on sales reached a record high of 62.

The Energy & Commerce committee section of the Big Beautiful Bill Act also puts an end to Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for 2024-26, plus CAFE standards for passenger cars and light trucks for model year 2027 "and beyond," as well as fuel efficiency standards for heavy-duty pickup trucks and vans for MY30 and beyond.

The Environmental Protection Agency under the Biden administration in March 2024 issued standards that would mandate EVs reach 30% to 56% of passenger vehicle and light-duty truck production and 20% to 32% of medium-duty truck production, by 2030-32.

The House budget bill mandates these standards "shall have no force or effect."

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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.

Trix Yogurt

Company: General Mills

Market Share: \$7.24 billion total yogurt sales in the U.S.*

Ingredient: Sugar

You probably could have guessed this one. After all, when you open a cup of Trix yogurt, glaring, bright colors stare back at you. To General Mills' credit, they did remove the red and blue dyes from their packaging. They've also cut artificial flavors and high fructose corn syrup.

Still, Trix has fourteen grams of sugar in just one cup of its yogurt. Though high in calcium and potassium, the sugar content is still high, especially for such a small serving size. General Mills has come a long way since the Trix's old formulation, but it still needs improvement to make it a truly healthy food.

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Fruit Cocktails

Company: Dole, Todays, Del Monte, Seasons, etc.

Market Share: \$2.9 billion canned fruits market

Ingredient: High fructose corn syrup

If you look at the back of the label on fruit cocktails like the Dole Canned Fruit Cocktail Salad, you'll see, prominently listed, "High Fructose Corn Syrup." Just because something has the word "Fruit" in it does not make it healthy, and the HFCS that fruit cocktails submerge fruit in is extremely unhealthy.

HFCS is even banned in several countries, including Ireland, India, Austria, Sweden, Lithuania, and Uruguay. In France, Australia, China, and the U.K., there is a limit of one pound per capita. According to the Cleve-

land Clinic, HFCS "increases your appetite." Compared to regular sugar, it actually "promotes obesity more." It contributes to high triglycerides, diabetes, inflammation, and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease as well.

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Protein Bars

Company: Atkins, Kashi, Quest, and more

Market Share: \$3.4 billion*

Ingredient: Sugar alcohols, soy, HFCS, or sugar

According to Vita Cost, there are some ingredients you will want to avoid when picking out a protein bar. These bars can be a great, healthy way to quench your appetite, as long as they don't have any harmful ingredients lurking in their midst.

Sugar alcohols and soy are two common protein bar ingredients. Xylitol, mannitol, sorbitol, and others can cause constipation, diarrhea, and intestinal pain. Soy, another ingredient, can be an allergen for sensitive consumers. And, of course, high fructose corn syrup and high quantities of sugar should also be avoided. When selecting a protein bar, keep it as simple as possible: go for bars with the fewest artificial ingredients.

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Frozen Yogurt

Company: Yasso, Stonyfield, Friendly's, Ben & Jerry's, etc.

Market Share: \$2.14 billion by 2028

Ingredient: Sugar

Be careful hanging your hat on frozen yogurt as a healthy dessert. Though frozen yogurt has some health benefits, such as lower calories and lower fat and saturated fat, as well as beneficial bacteria and nutrients, it isn't a food you should binge on or even eat that frequently.

For example, Friendly's Frozen Yogurt has eighteen grams of sugar in just one half-cup serving. It also has no Vitamin A, no Vitamin C, and no iron, as well as just 10% the DV of calcium. Treat frozen yogurt like ice cream, and only eat it in moderation, as this "health food" is full of hidden sugar.

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Quinn Minute - Middle School Smells

by Rix Quinn

I'm not sure I had much sense of smell until sixth grade. The only aroma I remember before that was dinner rolls in the elementary cafeteria.

But junior high was different. For the first time, many girls started wearing perfume. Guys started splashing on after-shave.

The aura in a small classroom was astounding. Imagine walking into a flower garden and inhaling the essence of spring mixed with a saddle and cheese.

The school hallway scents were variable. What you sniffed depended on what door you entered.

If you entered through the biology room, you smelled alcohol or formaldehyde. If you came in through the gymnasium, you sniffed either laundry detergent or dirty socks...depending if the giant washer was off or on.

Most kids chose the lunchroom entrance. Those fragrances changed, depending on the day of the week. The older the meat supply, the odder the smells.

For example, let's say the meat-of-the-week was turkey. On Monday we smelled appetizing sliced turkey and dressing.

On Tuesday, the entrée became turkey and gravy. On Wednesday, the daily special changed to turkey casserole.

On Thursday there were two selections. That might be either turkey soup, or fried turkey slices with special sauce. I never asked what the special sauce was, but I ate it.

But Friday was scary. That's when the special became Turkey Surprise. I won't say what the surprise was, but I got surprised twice.

That's when I invented my own new Friday ritual: sandwich-from-home.



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.

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Rafaela Aponte-Diamant

Net Worth: \$33.1 Billion | Age: 79 | Source of Wealth: Shipping | Citizenship: Switzerland and Italy

Aponte-Diamant and her husband Gianluigi Aponte, co-founders of MSC, each own a 50% stake in the company they started in 1970, which has since become the world's largest shipping line. She is responsible for decorating the ships for the company's MSC Cruises. She and her husband entered the industry using a \$200,000 loan to buy a ship.



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.

Popsicle

Original Headquarters: Oakland, California

Purchased By: Unilever

Country: England

Popsicle has such an interesting history that it's almost Hollywood. The recipe was created by 11-year-old Oakland native Francis Epperson when he accidentally left a drink outside overnight with a stick in it. When he returned to it the next day, it was a popsicle. As an adult, he released the product to the world and it was an instant hit.

Just three years later in 1925, Epperson sold the rights to the Joe Lowe company, a move which he later regretted, stating "I haven't been the same since." Epperson's rival Good Humor bought the Popsicle in 1989, but by then was a subsidiary of Unilever, making the Oakland-born Popsicle a British-Dutch owned creation.

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Hellman's

Original Headquarters: New York City

Purchased By: Unilever

Country: England

Hellman's mayonnaise is a refrigerator staple for most households. There's one man responsible for that. German-born Richard Hellmann came up with the recipe back in 1905, putting a twist on the French

condiment and bringing it into the American market. Customers at his delicatessen loved it so much that Hellman sold it alone. By 1932, he sold to Best Foods, where it stayed for another 70 years. By 2000, the company was purchased by Unilever, who spent \$20.3 billion on the brand that started out as a simple sauce in New York City.

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Dirt Devil

Original Headquarters: Charlotte, North Carolina

Purchased By: Techtronic Industries

Country: China

Dirt Devil vacuum cleaners have been keeping America's homes clean for 115 years, ever since they were first invented in 1905 in Cleveland, Ohio by Philip Geier. Since then, the range has expanded and over 25 million units have been sold, thanks in large

to its unique Cyclone system.

Chinese company Techtronic Industries is the current proud owner of Dirt Devil, but it isn't the only household appliance brand it owns. TI also purchased Hoover some years ago, giving the Hong Kong-based company quite the overseas appliance investment portfolio. Dirt Devil continues to have its HQ in North Carolina.

@Sydney Colquitt / Pinterest.com

Smithfield

Original Headquarters: Smithfield, VA

Purchased By: WH Group

Country: Hong Kong

When it comes to producing pork-based products, Smithfield Foods reigns supreme. The company has been going since 1936 when it was created by Joseph W. Luter and his son. The business grew steadily over the years to become one of the largest in the industry, with over 500 farms in America alone.

Back in 2013, WH Group bought Smithfield foods for the astronomical sum of \$4.72 billion. At that time, it was the most expensive acquisition made by a Chinese company in America. So, while Smithfield's HQ might be in Smithfield, Virginia, the company is actually run from Luohe in Henan province.

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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.

Mary Pinchot Meyer: slain by the CIA?



Robert L. Knudsen/Wikipedia

According to Smithsonian Magazine, on October 12, 1964, two men heard a shot nearby, a cry for help, and then another shot. They claimed to have found a Black man standing over Mary Pinchot Meyer's body.

The police located Ray Crump Jr. nearby, with wet clothing and a cut on his hand. He told them that his fishing pole had dropped, then that he was drunk and had fallen into the Potomac. When they investigated, they found his fishing pole safe at home. What they did not find — there or ever — was the murder weapon. Crump was acquitted owing to a lack of evidence. What would be his motive for killing an artist out for a lunchtime walk, which (per CrimeReads) she had taken to do to process the murder of her former lover?

When Meyer died, few knew of the affair she'd had with JFK. Her ex-husband and CIA deputy director Cord Meyer stated that Mary was killed by "the same sons of b*tches that killed John F. Kennedy" because she knew "too much for her own good." It is a more captivating theory than that Crump had killed her out of nonspecific racial animosity. He was a mentally unsteady man who would have had a more challenging time with so efficient a killing, leading to speculation that he was a patsy. (Crump did go on to commit a series of rapes and arson.)

Conspiracy theorists were free to speculate, but no one else was ever charged. If the CIA was indeed involved, it's unlikely anyone will be.

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WHITE HOUSE ACKNOWLEDGES PROBLEMS IN RFK JR.'S 'MAKE AMERICA HEALTHY AGAIN' REPORT

Associated Press / AMANDA SEITZ

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House will fix errors in a much-anticipated federal government report spearheaded by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., which decried America's food supply, pesticides and prescription drugs.

Kennedy's wide-ranging "Make America Healthy Again" report, released last week, cited hundreds of studies, but a closer look by the news organization NOTUS found that some of those studies did not actually exist.

Asked about the report's problems, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said the report will be updated.

"I understand there was some formatting issues with the MAHA report that are being addressed and the report will be updated," Leavitt told reporters during her briefing. "But it does not negate the substance of the report, which, as you know, is one of the most transformative health reports that has ever been released by the federal government."

Kennedy has repeatedly said he would bring "radical transparency" and "gold-standard" science to the public health agencies. But the secretary refused to release details about who authored the 72-page report, which calls for increased scrutiny of the childhood vaccine



Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. speaks as Education Secretary Linda McMahon listens during a Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Commission Event in the East Room of the White House, Thursday, May 22, 2025, in Washington. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

schedule and describes the nation's children as overmedicated and undernourished.

Leavitt said that the White House has "complete confidence" in Kennedy.

"Minor citation and formatting errors have been corrected," HHS Spokesman Andrew Nixon said in an emailed statement. He described the report as a "historic and transformative assessment by the federal government to understand the chronic disease epidemic afflicting our nation's children."

NOTUS reported Thursday that seven of the more than 500 studies cited in the report did not appear to have ever been published. An author of one study confirmed that while she conducted research on the topics of anxiety in children, she never authored the report listed. Some studies were also misinterpreted in the MAHA report. The problematic citations were on topics around children's screen time, medication use and anxiety.

Kennedy's MAHA report had already been stoking concerns among Trump loyalists, including farmers who criticized how the report characterized the chemicals sprayed on U.S. crops.

The report is supposed to be used to develop policy recommendations that will be released later this year. The White House has requested a \$500 million boost in funding from Congress for Kennedy's MAHA initiative.

Associated Press writer Will Weissert contributed.

ENTERTAIN IN STYLE WITH A SAVORY DESSERT

Cool Down This Summer with a Sweet Slushie

Family Features

Each season throughout the year seems to have its own "flavor," and summer is no exception. Hamburgers and hot dogs off the grill, refreshing watermelon at snack time and cool, delicious ice cream on warm evenings.

While many people think of sweetpotatoes during the holidays, you can make this sweet vegetable a key ingredient all year-round – including summertime. As one of the most versatile veggies you can find, they're easy to add to a variety of recipes while enhancing flavor and boosting nutrition content.

Sweetpotatoes can be your summer staple in both simple and elevated recipes alike, as well as

in both sweet and savory dishes. They can be cooked or prepared in several ways: on the stove, baked, microwaved, grilled or slow cooked.

Or, for an easy way to cool down in the heat, try them in a creamy drink like this Sweetpotato Summer Slushie. It may surprise you, but sweetpotatoes are ideal for sipping – smoothies and cocktails are both crowd-pleasers, especially during sweltering summer days. This refreshing treat can be made with or without the boozy kick; just break out the blender and kick back in the sunshine.

To discover more ways to cook and enjoy sweetpotatoes all summer long, visit ncsweetpotatoes.com.



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Sweetpotato Summer Slushie

Recipe courtesy of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission

1 cup cooked, mashed North Carolina Sweetpotatoes

1 cup pineapple juice

1/2 cup orange juice

1/4 cup lemon juice

1/4 cup coconut milk

2-3 tablespoons simple syrup or honey (adjust to taste)

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups crushed ice

2 ounces spiced rum, coconut rum or

bourbon (optional)

pineapple slices or orange wedges, for garnish (optional)

In blender, blend sweetpotatoes, pineapple juice, orange juice, lemon juice, coconut milk, simple syrup or honey, vanilla extract and ice until smooth and slushy.

Pour into glasses and serve.

For alcoholic version: Add spiced rum, coconut rum or bourbon after blending. Pulse in blender or stir after blending for layered effect.

Garnish with pineapple slices or orange wedges, if desired.

This Is the Most Googled Casserole in the US

Simply Recipes / SHEELA PRAKASH

A casserole is many things: It's versatile, utilitarian, and nostalgic—at least for me, anyway. As a child of the 90s, I grew up on them. My dad rotated through three or four casserole recipes like tuna noodle casserole and baked ziti, which fed our family for nights at a time thanks to their ability to stretch as leftovers.

I am pretty sure there is an endless collection of casserole recipes out there in the world—all ready to feed many and feed them well. With all of the comfort food possibilities, one casserole reigns supreme according to Google Trends: the all-mighty Tater Tot casserole. Since 2004, Americans simply cannot get enough.

Our Tater Tot Casserole Is a 5-Ingredient Winner

"Tater Tot casserole" can refer to a few different versions with one thing in common—crispy tots on top. The Midwestern classic hotdish has a number of permutations all on its own. There are even breakfast versions featuring ingredients like eggs, sausage, and cheese.

Our take on the one-pan breakfast casserole calls for just five ingredients and is ready in under an hour. You simply brown and cook sausage in a large skillet, sprinkle the sausage with shredded cheese, pour a mixture of eggs and milk over both, top everything with a layer of frozen Tater Tots, then bake the casserole for 35 to 40 minutes, until set.

It can also be fully made ahead of time and refrigerated for up to five days, which means it's a great option when you're looking to save time in the morning. Even though it's called

a breakfast casserole, this recipe is tasty any time of day. Serve wedges for lunch or pair them with a simple green salad or your favorite roasted vegetable for an easy breakfast-for-dinner.

Customize This Casserole

Like all the best recipes, this one is flexible:

Many Tater Tot casseroles include a vegetable but this one doesn't. If you'd like to add one, though, feel free. Sauté chopped bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, or a combination with the sausage.

Instead of breakfast sausage, try hot or sweet Italian sausage or Mexican chorizo for a spicy kick. You can also use chicken, turkey, or beef sausage instead of pork sausage.

Try shredded mozzarella, pepper Jack, or a cheese blend like Mexican or Italian instead of the cheddar.

Frozen sweet potato tots are a fun swap in for regular potato tots, too.

Get Recipe with Title: Tater Tot Breakfast Casserole

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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?

Walmart

Year Established: 1962

Store Closures: 154 Branches*

As the old saying goes, "When one door closes, another opens." This is the case for Walmart, which announced that it would be closing 154 stores through 2022. The department store had closed the exact same number a few years ago, but it didn't leave everyone with all bad news.

Walmart said that it would open between fifty and sixty new Walmart SuperCenters (Walmart stores with eye care, pharmacies, and a restaurant in them), as well as 85 to 95 regular "neighborhood markets." According to the chain, approximately 10,000 employees will be affected by the closures.

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American Eagle Outfitters

Year Established: 1977

Store Closures: Up to 250 branches*

American Eagle Outfitters has been around for some time, with hundreds of stores across America. While it's not the biggest retailer out there by any means, the company has big plans and hopes to reach a revenue of \$2 billion by 2023. In order to make this happen, it plans on closing around 250 stores by 2023.

That way, it hopes to be able to focus on growing its

other brand, Aerie, and pool more resources in that direction. It will be a long process, but it's worth keeping an eye on your local store. The retailer is a fixture in malls across the country, so it'll be sad if it starts to disappear.

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DSW

Year Established: 1969

Store Closures: 65 stores over the next four years*

Designer Brands, also known as DSW, found it particularly hard to come out of 2020 unscathed. The business reported a 36% drop in sales thanks to temporary store closures, and like many, needs to find a way to recoup its losses.

Over the next four years, the business plans to close 65 different stores. That may come as a shock to long-standing lovers of the clothing retailer, but it's just one of many fashion houses looking to scrape some money back from a disastrous period.

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Pottery Barn

Year Established: 1949

Store Closures: 3 Branches*

Owned by Williams-Sonoma, Pottery Barn had announced the closure of at least one of its store locations before the beginning of 2020, it is currently unknown if any more stores are slated to close by the end of the year. The brand is associated with hip, posh home furnishing decor and is based in San Francisco.

Alas, despite pop culture accolades, there is no denying that Pottery Barn is struggling in the market right now. The Denver Post pointed out the problem back in 2017, stating that the company was "struggling to adapt" to a changing "retail landscape." The company's furniture is not apartment-sized, and that has cut out a huge segment of potential customers.

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Are there ways living organisms can be used to fix pollution?

Dear EarthTalk: Are there ways living organisms can be used to fix pollution? -- M.L., via email

Pollution remains one of the most significant environmental challenges, contaminating air, water and soil and posing risks to human health. Traditional cleanup methods, like chemical treatments and mechanical removal, often come at a high cost and sometimes harm the environment further. So scientists have turned to bioremediation, a process of using living organisms to break down and remove pollutants. This is proving to be a cost-effective and sustainable solution for fighting contamination across our ecosystems.

One of the most promising applications of bioremediation involves microorganisms like bacteria and fungi, which are capable of breaking down harmful substances into less toxic forms. Some bacteria, like *Alcanivorax borkumensis*, thrive on oil spills, consuming hydrocarbons and helping to restore marine environments. Other species, like *Pseudomonas* bacteria, can absorb heavy metals from contaminated soil and water, reducing the toxicity of industrial waste sites.

Fungi, like *Phanerochaete chrysosporium*, can degrade complex pollutants such as dioxins and pesticides. Scientists are also developing genetically modified microbes to enhance bioremediation efforts. Scientists design these engineered organisms to target specific pollutants, breaking them down more efficiently than their natural counterparts. "We could start trying to predict what compounds a particular bacterium/enzyme [combination] can use

helps researchers track the spread of pollutants and develop strategies for mitigating their challenges. The effectiveness of these organisms depends on environmental conditions like temperature, pH, and nutrient availability.

People can advance bioremediation techniques by supporting sustainable cleanup efforts and scientific research. By spreading awareness about these methods and advocating for funding in environmental science, people can help accelerate the adoption of natural pollution cleanup solutions. "The knowledge gained from the research will allow scientists to engineer the organisms and their chemical processes to target specific man-made toxins," Leys says. Advancements in genetic modification and synthetic biology will likely make bioremediation a widely used method in the coming years.



Watershed bioremediation can help restore formerly compromised lands.
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from the genome sequence," says David Leys, a scientist who has worked on detoxification for many years.

In addition to microorganisms, certain animals also play a vital role in cleaning up pollution. Oysters and mussels act as natural water filters, absorbing heavy metals and microplastics from aquatic ecosystems, improving water quality while also serving as indicators of environmental health. Pollinators like bees and butterflies can accumulate pollutants in their bodies, which help provide insight into contamination levels. Studying these animals

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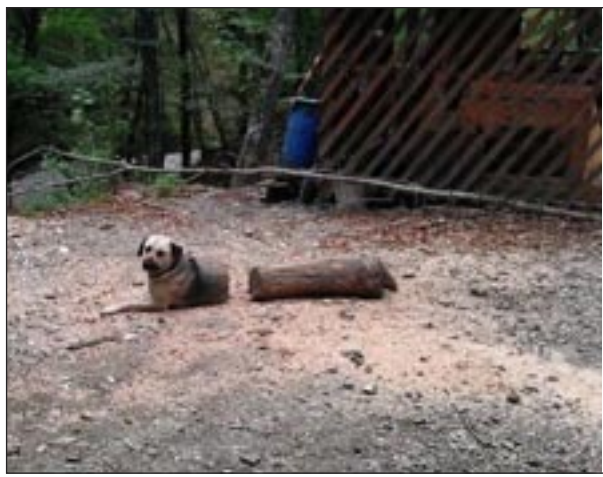
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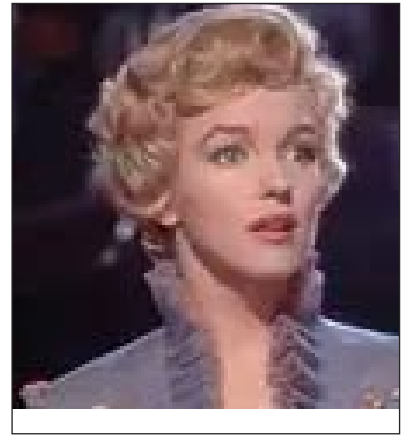
Cadillac Margarita (El Cadi) Cocktail

A Grand Marnier float takes this riff from Karla Flores-Mercado over the top.

MARILYN MONROE

Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962) Model, actress, singer and arguably one of the most famous women of the twentieth century. Monroe has become an iconic representative of fame and female beauty. She is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures in American culture.

"I am good, but not an angel. I do sin, but I am not the devil. I am just a small girl in a big world trying to find someone to love."



By Audrey Morgan

There's no one specific recipe for the Cadillac Margarita, and it might mean something different to whomever you ask. For Karla Flores-Mercado, proprietor of Bar Flores and other establishments in Los Angeles, it brings to mind Southern California's old-school Mexican restaurants like Acapulco, where she bartended early in her career, serving Cadillac Margaritas with a shot of Grand Marnier for customers to pour over the drink.

The origins of the Cadillac Margarita are murky, but it was popularized in the 1980s and '90s as chain restaurants began adding Cadillacs to their menus with substitutions like higher-end tequilas and the aforementioned Grand Marnier.

Ingredients

1 1/2 ounces El Tesoro Blanco Te-

quila

1/2 ounce Naranja Licor de Naranja

1/2 ounce lemon juice, freshly squeezed

1/2 ounce lime juice, freshly squeezed

1/2 ounce agave syrup

1/2 ounce Grand Marnier; to float
Garnish: salt rim

Steps

Rub the rim of a double Old Fashioned glass with a lime wedge, and dip a quarter of the glass in salt to coat. Set aside.

Combine all ingredients except the Grand Marnier in a shaker filled with ice. Shake vigorously for 25 seconds.

Double-strain through a fine-mesh sieve into the prepared glass over fresh ice.

Float Grand Marnier on top.



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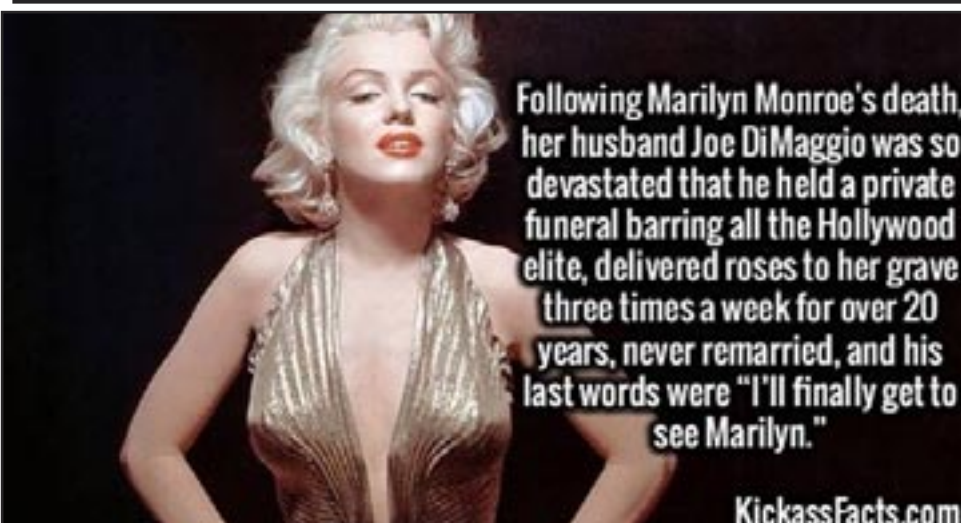
Did they lose because of a bad call? At this college basketball game, where Dayton beat Stanford, these fans certainly thought so, and wanted to blame the referee for their team's poor performance.

Their very eye catching approach to letting the referees know how they felt deserves some points, but we don't think it will help their team win. These poor guys went all out, and they don't look too happy about the way the game is going. Well, there's always next year!

HISTORICAL PHOTOS



A Sikh soldier of the British Indian Army fits a gas mask to a mule (circa 1939 - 1945).



Following Marilyn Monroe's death, her husband Joe DiMaggio was so devastated that he held a private funeral barring all the Hollywood elite, delivered roses to her grave three times a week for over 20 years, never remarried, and his last words were "I'll finally get to see Marilyn."

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When it comes to restaurants, looks can be deceiving. Great food can come from almost any kitchen, whether the restaurant is fancy or not. It's the unassuming spots that often prepare some of the best fried chicken, maybe because fried chicken is an unassuming dish itself. We examined customer reviews and expert recommendations to find fried chicken joints in every state that offer fantastic chicken in an unpretentious atmosphere. Next time you're in the mood for Southern-style fried chicken, check out these hole-in-the-wall joints, walk-up windows, drive-thrus, truck stops, and gas stations for a bucket of fried goodness — and maybe a side of potatoes while you're at it.

Michigan: Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken Detroit

Fans call this fried chicken "the best in the world" on Yelp, but the hot and spicy fried chicken is a Memphis tradition here. Consider getting a plate with beans, slaw, and white bread. But even if you just get chicken, you'll still be happy.



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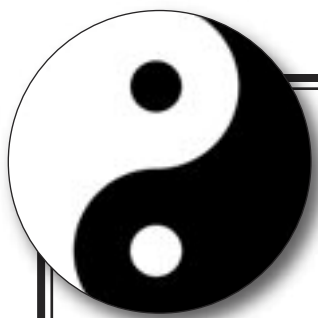


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ON THE DARK SIDE OR MAYBE THE LIGHTER SIDE...

19-YEAR-OLD CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH MASSIVE NEW JERSEY WILDFIRE

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A 19-year-old from Ocean Township, New Jersey, is accused of starting a massive wildfire that prompted thousands of evacuations, burned around 15,000 acres and destroyed a commercial building.

Joseph Kling was arrested and charged with aggravated arson and arson, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office said Thursday. The fire, named the Jones Road Wildfire, erupted Tuesday in Waretown and has spread throughout the southern Ocean County area.

Prosecutors accused Kling of setting wooden pallets on fire and then leaving the area without ensuring that the fire was fully extinguished.

As of Thursday morning, it was 50% contained. There have been no reports of deaths or loss of homes.

The Cedar Bridge Fire Tower located a plume of smoke coming from the area of Jones Road and Bryant Road in Ocean Township just before 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Emergency personnel observed a fire within the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust's Forked River Mountains Wilderness Area.

The cause of the fire was determined to be incendiary by an improperly extinguished bonfire, the prosecutor's office said in a news re-

lease.

Kling is being held at the Ocean County jail pending a detention hearing.

The inferno has burned about 15,000 acres in Ocean and Lacey Townships, New Jersey Forest Fire Service said Thursday morning in an update on Facebook. Eight structures have been threatened, and one commercial building was destroyed.

About 5,000 residents were evacuated, but evacuations have since been lifted.

On Wednesday, acting New Jersey Gov. Tahesha Way declared a state of emergency. Fire officials and Shawn M. LaTourette, state commissioner of environmental protection, have said that the fire is expected to burn for a couple more days.

LaTourette said it could end up being the biggest wildfire in the state in 20 years.

"Thanks to the incredible, heroic work of the good men and women of our New Jersey Forest Fire Service, folks' homes and lives have been saved and we've truly

averted a major disaster," he said Wednesday. "Now, this wildfire is not under full and complete control. We still have a lot of work to do to achieve complete containment of the wildfire."



Firefighters battle a house fire in Lacey Township, N.J., on Wednesday.

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What Health Experts Wish You Knew About Orange Juice

There's a reason we pour a glass of orange juice in the morning or grab a bottle if we're feeling under the weather. It's made from oranges, which are full of vitamin C. Vitamin C supports the immune system, so it has become known to many as "healthy." But just how healthy is it to drink orange juice every day?

We wanted to know all the facts about starting your day with a glass of OJ, so we got in touch with Lauren Manaker, R.D.N., and Dr. Raj Dasgupta, Chief Medical Advisor for Garage Gym Reviews. The bottom line? It's complicated.

"Orange juice does have some great perks—like being packed with vitamin C and antioxidants—but drinking it every day isn't always the best idea," Dr. Dasgupta says.

The Health Benefits Of Orange Juice

"Orange juice is the darling of the immune health-supporting drinks, thanks to the vitamin C it provides," Manaker says. "But OJ is so much more than a vessel for this key nutrient."

Other key nutrients in orange juice are folate and thiamin. Some OJs are also fortified with vitamin D and calcium, which Manaker says might support bone health.

"Since most Americans are not eating the recommended servings of fruits and veggies every day, OJ can help bridge the gap in an accessible and versatile way," she adds. So that's good news if you're an orange juice drinker.

The Potential Risks Of Orange Juice

Here's the thing, though: Orange juice contains a lot of sugar. According to the USDA, an

average 8-ounce serving has about 26 grams of carbohydrates and 20 grams of sugar.

Juicing strips fruit of much of its fiber. A cup of orange juice has zero protein, fiber, or fat, which are nutrients that can help slow the absorption of sugar and prevent blood sugar spikes.

"It's easy to forget how much sugar is in even

suming their healthcare provider approves of them drinking fruit juice," Manaker says.

Pasteurized Vs. Unpasteurized Orange Juice

There are also some food safety things to keep in mind when choosing your juice. Unpasteurized OJ is often favored for its fresh taste, but it comes with an increased risk of contamination from bacteria, Manaker says. Pasteurized orange juice undergoes a heat treatment that kills harmful bacteria, but some of the nutritional value and flavors can be lost in the process.

Pasteurized orange juice has a longer shelf life, so if you decide to purchase unpasteurized juice, she said you should drink it shortly after it's made.

"And if you are making it at home, wash the outside of the orange before squeezing to help remove any bacteria that may be on the surface."

The Bottom Line

So, is it healthy to drink orange juice every day? This depends on several factors, such as your diet and health history.

"There are a few reasons someone might want to skip orange juice," Dr. Dasgupta says. "If you're watching your blood sugar, trying to cut back on sugar, or have acid reflux, it might do more harm than good."

"If a person is relatively healthy and they are not eating enough servings of fruit every day (as most Americans are not), then a glass of OJ ever



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a small glass, and without the fiber you'd get from eating an orange, it can spike your blood sugar quickly," Dr. Dasgupta says.

And according to Manaker, even natural sugars can contribute to increased caloric intake and potential weight gain if consumed in excess.

And due to its acidity, orange juice could make symptoms worse for anyone with acid reflux or gastritis. She also says people with diabetes or who are managing PCOS might experience elevated blood sugar when drinking orange juice by itself.

"For this population, drinking orange juice as they are enjoying a meal or snack that provides protein, fiber, and fat may be a better bet, as-



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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.



Converse

One of America's most easily recognizable footwear companies is Converse, particularly for its long-running Chuck Taylor All-Stars. The company struggled for several decades before filing for bankruptcy repeatedly and selling to Nike, which helped the shoes enjoy a resurgence but also moved manufacturing completely from the

United States to Indonesia and other Asian countries.

Nike

The Nike swoosh is among the world's most recognizable brand logos, bringing to mind the company's athletic footwear and scores of endorsements by American athletes. Though founded in Oregon, the company has been making shoes in international plants since at least the 1970s, when new protective labor laws in South Korea and Taiwan drove manufacturing to less prohibitive markets in China and Vietnam. But as wages have increased in China, Nike has shifted more production to Vietnam and other Asian countries. In 2019, the company said it would spend \$184 million to expand its third U.S. "Air manufacturing innovation facility." The coronavirus pandemic killed that idea.



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Levi's

An American brand that's survived since its founding during California's gold rush, Levi's is inseparable from the blue denim jeans it brought into fashion. But today most if not all of the iconic garment-maker's products are manufactured in plants in China, Vietnam, and elsewhere around the world.



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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.

RCA Victor Record Player

Maker: RCA

Original Price: \$50*

Worth Today: \$500-\$2,000*

Before RCA bought the Victor Talking Machine Company in the late 1920s, the latter was the largest manufacturer of record players and phonographs in the world. RCA, a record label, bought Victor and continued its line of record players, including the Victrola.

Now, a Victrola can be worth between \$500 and \$2,000, depending on the condition. Other antique record players from Victor and RCA can also be worth quite a bit at auction. Working antique record players often go for \$180 to \$250, unless they are a rarer, harder-to-find piece like the Victrola. The Victrola was originally made in 1906 as a phonograph.

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Jadeite Ball Jug

Maker: Anchor Hocking

Original Price: \$15-\$20*

Worth Today: \$200-\$500*

Jadeite is a hard, tough, dense material that is the mineral that takes up most of jade. Jade is a valuable stone that is especially prized in Asian countries like China, though most gem-quality jadeite comes from the northern part of Myanmar.

A Jadeite Ball Jug is a tilted, globular pitcher that is made from the green mineral. Jadeite ball jugs aren't easy to find. They are often worth anywhere from \$200 to \$500 at auction, and the ball jugs date between the 1920s and 1960s. Jadeite was more common in the 1940s and '50s, so pieces from the '20s, '30s, and '60s will likely sell for higher.

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Advertising Signs

Maker: Coca-Cola and others

Original Price: Unknown

Worth Today: \$780-\$5,300*

The soda fountain had its glory days in the early 1900s, and this heyday lasted until the 1950s. Fountains featured ice cream, meals, and soft drinks (specifically, Coca-Cola), and they were often the "it" place to gather with your friends. As people moved out of cities and into the suburbs in the late 1950s, soda fountains lost a lot of their popularity.

Now, it's rare to find a vintage soda fountain establishment. However, that doesn't mean

that paraphernalia from these old-timey fountains is worthless. Vintage Coca-Cola signs, such as this one, can sell for hundreds, if not thousands, at auction.

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Debbie Reynolds

Debbie Reynolds was born Mary Frances Reynolds in El Paso, Texas, the second child of Maxine N. (Harmon) and Raymond Francis Reynolds, a carpenter for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Her film career began at MGM after she won a beauty contest at age 16 impersonating Betty Hutton. Her first film role was as actress Billie Lourd.



Julia Roberts

Julia Fiona Roberts never dreamed she would become the most popular actress in America. She was born in Smyrna, Georgia, to Betty Lou (Bredemus) and Walter Grady Roberts, one-time actors and playwrights, and is of English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, German, and Swedish descent. As a child, due to her love of animals, Julia originally wanted to be a veterinarian, but later studied journalism. When her brother, Eric



Roberts, achieved some success in Hollywood, Julia decided to try acting.

Demi Moore

Demi Moore was born 1962 in Roswell, New Mexico. Her father Charles Harmon left her mother Virginia Guynes (née King) before Demi was born. Her stepfather Danny Guynes didn't add much stability to her life either. He frequently changed jobs and made the family move a total of 40 times.



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

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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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AVELO AIRLINES HAS AN EXPANSION PLAN — DEPORT MIGRANTS FOR ICE



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Avelo Airlines is targeting a new passenger segment: migrants being sent to detention centers across the U.S. The budget carrier will also use its planes to fly migrants out of the country under the Trump administration's hardline immigration policies.

Avelo has signed a contract with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to handle deportation flights for U.S. Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE), the company told CBS MoneyWatch. Avelo, which launched in 2021, said the move is necessary for the Houston-based airline to remain financially stable.

"We realize this is a sensitive and complicated topic," Avelo founder and CEO Andrew Levy said in a statement to CBS News earlier this month after the company struck a deal with ICE. "After significant deliberations, we determined this charter flying will provide us with the stability to continue expanding our core scheduled passenger service and keep our more than 1,100 crewmembers employed for years to come."

The domestic and international flights ferrying migrants will begin May 14 out of a new hub at Mesa Gateway Airport in Phoenix, where Avelo will station three Boeing 737-800 planes to handle the transports. Unlike the company's regular commercial flights, the aircraft used for the trips will not bear Avelo's logo, the company said.

Avelo described the agreement with ICE as a "long-term charter program." The exact terms of the deal were not made public.

The airline is now recruiting flight attendants to staff the flights, according to a job posting for what it calls a "charter program for the Department of Homeland Security." The job pays \$28 an hour for the first year of service.

"We are seeking energetic, highly motivated Flight Attendants who wish to join a committed group of safety and service professionals at Avelo Airlines," the listing reads.

"Flights will be both domestic and international trips to support DHS's deportation efforts," the post adds, although it makes no references to migrants.

Avelo offers flights across the U.S. and to international destinations including the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Mexico. It operates out of eight hubs across the U.S., flying out of the following airports: Concord-Padgett Regional Airport in North Carolina; Hollywood Burbank Airport in California;

Lakeland International Airport in Florida; Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina; Sonoma County Airport in California; Tweed-New Haven airport in Connecticut; Wilmington Airport in New Hampshire; and Wilmington International Airport in North Carolina.

The company previously operated charter flights as Casino Express Airlines before rebranding as Avelo in 2021, according to S&P Capital IQ.

Avelo declined to comment further on its contract with the government. DHS confirmed to CBS MoneyWatch that Avelo is contracting with ICE to assist with deportation flights.

The Department of Homeland Security has long contracted with CSI Aviation, an aviation broker that provides private air charter services, medical flights for patients in emergencies and government flight services. Under its new contract with ICE, Avelo will operate as a sub-carrier of CSI.

DHS also subcontracts with other air charter companies, which provide planes and operate the flights. One such charter outfit is GlobalX. It handles roughly 70% of DHS' flights, according to immigrant advocate Tom Cartwright of Witness at the Border, an activist group monitoring ICE operations.

GlobalX did not reply to a request for comment on its work with DHS.

Cartwright, who tracks ICE flights through publicly available sources, expressed surprise at Avelo agreeing to shuttle migrants destined for detention centers or deportation.

"I have never seen a retail airline that sells to consumers being used in this way," he told CBS MoneyWatch. "Typically, charter companies that don't fly retail-type flights. They are not selling tickets directly to consumers."

According to data on USAspending.gov, a U.S. government website that tracks federal spending, DHS' roughly 6-month contract this year with CSI Aviation is worth at least \$78.1 million. Its value could rise to as much as \$162.2 million.

The purpose of the agreement, the site states, "is to provide daily scheduled large aircraft & special high risk charter flights to facilitate ICE's enforcement and removal of operations of illegal aliens."

CSI Aviation did not immediately respond to CBS MoneyWatch's request for comment on its contract with the federal government.

Cruising for revenue

Airline industry experts said charter outfits like

CSI typically aren't familiar to the general public. "Nobody has usually ever heard of the airlines," Scott Keyes, founder of Going.com, a flight deals site, told CBS MoneyWatch. "They are charter airlines that don't have a set schedule on a website," he said.

However, an upstart airline hunting for additional revenue streams outside of selling tickets to members of the flying public is not unusual.

"It's very difficult to compete with the Deltas and Uniteds of the world, so they try any number of tactics," Keyes explained. "They fly to and from smaller cities, they offer bargain-basement prices. There are all different types of counter-positioning things they do."

But Avelo's move is more surprising because most commercial airlines don't have enough spare aircraft and crew for specialized operations like migrant flights, noted Seth Miller, founder and editor in chief of PaxEx Aero, an aviation consulting service. Miller said he opposes Avelo working with U.S. immigration authorities on ethical grounds.

Avelo's contract with DHS is also drawing criticism from an immigrant advocacy group. A petition started by the New Haven Immigrants Coalition urging people to boycott Avelo until it severs ties with ICE has collected more than 34,650 signatures.

"We reject the Trump Administration's inhumane deportation practices, reject cooperation from the State of Connecticut in support of Avelo as long as they are complicit in these practices and pledge to boycott Avelo as long as they are profiting from ICE flights," the petition states.

Although federal contracts can provide steady business for airlines and charter carriers, Avelo's partnership with DHS poses a reputational risk, experts told CBS MoneyWatch.

"I still think it's morally questionable to run these charters for the federal government and think it poses a very real reputational risk for Avelo," Miller said, citing protests against the airline at some of Avelo's hubs.

Will Humphries, a traveler at Sonoma County Airport, in Santa Rosa, California, where Avelo operates, is among those members of the flying public who plan to boycott Avelo because of its work with ICE.

"There's not much I can do as an individual, so the limited choices I can make, like switching an airline, is definitely within my ability," he told CBS News Bay Area.

'AARON' TOPS CALIFORNIA'S SPORTS-INSPIRED BABY NAMES, SURVEY FINDS.

• Poll of 3,115 couples on which sports stars they'd pick if they were naming a future kid after one.

• Kawhi Leonard & Shohei Ohtani were also popular.

• Infographic showing top baby names inspired by sports stars, by state.

Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce, Joe Burrow, Jayson Tatum, Caitlin Clark, and Simone Biles - these names don't just light up the sports pages; they're sparking something bigger. They're the kind of athletes who don't just win games but leave a mark, inspiring fans to dream a little bolder. And apparently, that inspiration's hitting the baby name books too. Ever wonder how many kids will end up toddling around with names pulled straight from their parents' sports heroes?

Gambling 'N Go asked 3,115 couples which sports stars they'd pick if they were naming a future kid after one - and the answers are a wild mix of fandom, hometown loyalty, and maybe a sprinkle of hope that a name like Mahomes comes with a rocket arm attached.

Californians' Top Picks for Tiny Champs

#1 'Aaron' (Rodgers)

Aaron Rodgers, a future Hall of Fame quarterback known for his precision passing and football IQ, was born in Chico, California. He built a legendary career with the Green Bay Packers, leading them to a Super Bowl victory in 2011 and earning multiple MVP awards along the way. After a stint with the New York Jets, Rodgers is now a free agent and reportedly considering new offers, including from the New York Giants. Parents drawn to his name likely admire his leadership, skill, and the lasting legacy he built from his California roots.

#2 'Kawhi' Leonard

Kawhi Leonard, known for his incredible defense, quiet demeanor, and clutch performances, has cemented himself as one of the NBA's most respected players, hailing from Los Angeles. His relentless work ethic, showcased in championship runs with the Spurs and Raptors, and his ability to deliver in big moments - like his 2019 playoff heroics - have made his name appealing to parents. Those choosing Kawhi's name likely value his understated toughness, his championship pedigree, and the pride he brings to his home state.

#3 'Shohei' Ohtani

Shohei Ohtani, the extraordinary two-way baseball sensation, has taken the MLB by storm with his unprecedented ability to dominate as both a pitcher and hitter for the Los Angeles Angels since arriving in 2018. His rise to stardom in California, marked by MVP awards and jaw-dropping stats, has captivated fans throughout the state, from Los Angeles to beyond. Parents picking his name see it as a symbol of talent, dedication, and the rare ability to break boundaries in a sport that thrives on tradition, reflecting Ohtani's unique impact.

In other states, some choices were no-brainers, like something out of a feel-good sports flick. In Alabama, where college football is more than just a sport - it's a way of life, the name Jalen reigned the most popular for boys. It's an obvious nod to Jalen Hurts, who first made a name for himself as the quarterback for the Alabama Crimson Tide, leading them to multiple national championship appearances before making his way to the NFL as the Eagles' superstar QB.

Over in Colorado, Nikola was the top choice for boys, which makes perfect sense considering Nikola Jokić's near-mythical status in the state. As the Denver Nuggets' dominant big man and two-time NBA MVP, Jokić not only brought Colorado its first-ever NBA Championship, but he did it with a level of effortless brilliance that has made him a fan favorite in every corner of the state.

Down in Florida, where sports culture thrives on international superstars, the name Leo was the clear winner - an obvious nod to Lionel Messi, who brought his world-renowned talent to Inter Miami. Since arriving, he's not just transformed the team, but also redefined Major League Soccer in America, drawing record-breaking crowds and turning Miami into a global soccer hub. Considering Florida's melting-pot identity and love for all things flashy, it's no surprise that Leo was a favorite among would-be parents.

Texas - home of big personalities and even bigger legacies - chose to honor Simone Biles with Simone as the top girls' name. The Houston-born gymnastics legend, who has racked up more Olympic and World Championship medals than most can count, is a hometown hero and a global inspiration.

Over in Connecticut, basketball royalty took center stage with Breanna being the most popular choice for girls. It's a tribute to Breanna Stewart, the WNBA superstar and UConn legend, who led the Huskies to an astonishing four consecutive NCAA titles before becoming a league MVP.

Meanwhile, in Iowa, the state's admiration for Caitlin Clark was loud and proud. The homegrown superstar from Des Moines has revolutionized women's college basketball, shattering scoring records and making the Iowa Hawkeyes a must-watch team nationwide.

What's Really Behind the Choice?

You'd think jaw-dropping stats would seal the deal, but only about one in four people (26%) said an athlete's skills would sway them. Considerably more - 74% - cared about who the athlete is off the field. Touchdowns and trophies are great, but parents want a name tied to someone their kid won't be embarrassed about down the road.

Which League Rules the Nursery?

If you're guessing the NFL's king here, you're spot on. Nearly half the respondents - 47% - said football has got the biggest pull on baby names. The NBA trailed with 22%, while baseball (14%) and soccer's MLS (12%) had their diehard fans. Hockey? Tough break - the NHL only got 5%.

The Catch with Sports Names

Picking a name off a jersey's not all fun and games, though. Almost half - 47% - worried it might get too popular, picturing a future where every playground has

a Travis or Simone. Another 35% fretted their hero could turn into tomorrow's villain - fair, given how fast reputations can flip (ask any parents who named their child 'Vick' between 2001-2006). And 18% just didn't want people thinking they are a superfan.

When a Star Stumbles

What happens if your kid's namesake goes from champ to chump? Most folks - 83% - said they'd stick with the name anyway. Scandal or not, it's their child. But 17% admitted they'd consider a redo.

Team Names: The Next Frontier?

Naming a kid after a player's one thing, but a whole team? That's next-level fandom. Still, 19% were into it - maybe a future Raven or Laker's on the cards. The other 81%? Not so much. Hard to picture a toddler named 'Seahawk' waddling around.

"It's no surprise people are drawn to athletes for inspiration," says Leo Coleman of Gambling 'N Go. "These are folks who show grit and heart - qualities any parent would love to see in their kid. Naming a child after one just feels like a natural way to pass that energy along."

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SUPERSTAR SPAWN
THE ATHLETES INSPIRING AMERICAN BABY NAMES

We surveyed 3,115 people across all 50 states to reveal which sports stars are influencing the next generation's names. From Patrick Mahomes to Caitlin Clark, see which athlete-inspired names dominate in your state.

BABY NAMED AFTER SPORTSTAR	STATE
Jalen Hurts	Alabama
-	Alaska
DeAndre Hopkins	Arizona
Daniel Gafford	Arkansas
Aaron Rodgers	California
Nikola Jokić	Colorado
Breanna Stewart	Connecticut
Elena Delle Donne	Delaware
Leo Messi	Florida
Kyle Pitts	Georgia
Max Holloway	Hawaii
Leighton Vander Esch	Idaho
Anthony Davis	Illinois
Zach Edey	Indiana
Caitlin Clark	Iowa
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas
Devin Booker	Kentucky
Joe Burrow	Louisiana
Jeremy Swayman	Maine
Kevin Durant	Maryland
Jayson Tatum	Massachusetts
Draymond Green	Michigan
Paige Bueckers	Minnesota
Jonathan Mingo	Mississippi
Max Scherzer	Missouri
-	Montana
Jordan Larson	Nebraska
Bryce Harper	Nevada
-	New Hampshire
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Aaron Judge	New York
Zion Williamson	North Carolina
Josh Duhamel	North Dakota
Jake Paul	Ohio
Jalen Hurts	Oklahoma
Sabrina Ionescu	Oregon
Miles Sanders	Pennsylvania
-	Rhode Island
A'ja Wilson	South Carolina
-	South Dakota
Tee Higgins	Tennessee
Simone Biles	Texas
Zach Wilson	Utah
-	Vermont
Justin Verlander	Virginia
Isaiah Thomas	Washington
-	West Virginia
Jordan Love	Wisconsin
Logan Wilson	Wyoming

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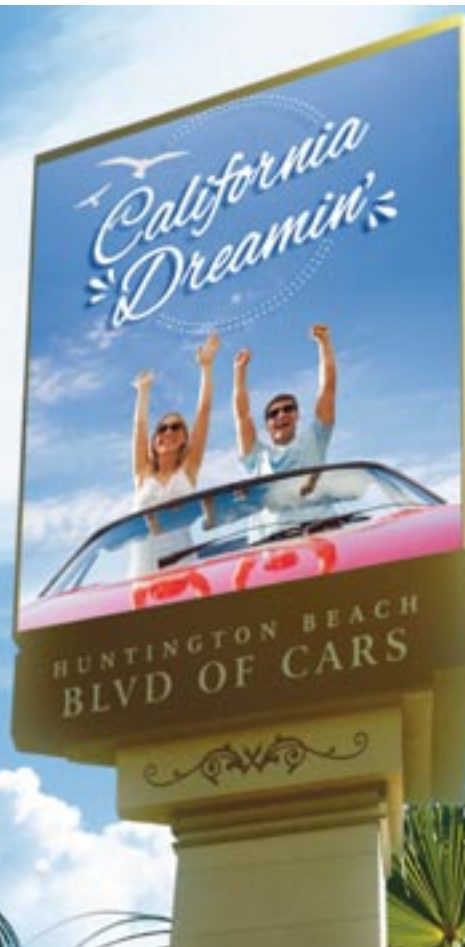
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