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KIWANIS OF HB - "GIVERS" \$36,000 In 2026 Scholarships

Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach celebrating 65 Years of Service with \$36,000 in Student Scholarships- Need Based Community Service Organization Continues Longstanding Commitment to Local Youth and Education

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Celebrating 65 years of community service, the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach proudly awarded \$36,000 in scholarships to deserving local students during its annual scholarship presentation ceremony.

The scholarship program, uniquely designed by the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club, recognizes students based on both academic achievement and financial need. The annual awards ceremony remains one of the

year.”

The ceremony brought together students, families, educators, Kiwanis members, and community supporters for an evening recognizing perseverance, leadership, academic excellence, and future promise.

2026 Scholarship Recipients

Gisell Butron

Gisell is a graduate of Ocean View High School and

WHY YOUR VOTE COUNTS



Steve Hilton - KCR4

Michael Gates- AgNet West

In my view, above all, please vote. Vote for common sense, hold wasteful and ineffective government accountable, and support significant tax reform.

California voters often hear that electing a Republican governor or attorney general is meaningless because the Legislature is controlled by a Democratic supermajority. That argument overlooks the enormous independent authority vested in these two statewide offices. The Governor and Attorney General are not merely participants in government—they are among the most powerful decision-makers in California.

Electing Steve Hilton as Governor and Michael Gates as Attorney General would immediately change the direction of state government, regardless of who controls the Legislature.

The Governor exercises broad executive authority over thousands of appointments throughout state government. California's Governor appoints members to powerful boards, commissions, and regulatory agencies that directly impact housing, transportation, public safety, environmental policy, business regulation, and coastal development. Agencies such as the Coastal Commission, Air Resources Board, State Water Board, and numerous licensing and regulatory bodies wield tremendous influence over the daily lives of Californians. A Governor committed to accountability and reform can reshape these institutions through appointments, oversight, and executive leadership.

The Governor also controls the executive branch bureaucracy, proposes the state budget, can veto legislation, and has the authority to remove or replace many appointees who fail to serve the public interest. While a supermajority Legislature is powerful, it cannot control every decision made throughout the executive branch.

Likewise, the Attorney General is California's chief law enforcement officer. The office provides legal oversight, guidance, and support to law enforcement agencies across the state. When local prosecutors decline to pursue certain matters, the Attorney General possesses significant authority to intervene in appropriate cases and ensure state laws are enforced. The Attorney General also determines legal positions the state takes in court, influences criminal justice policy, combats public corruption, protects consumers, and represents California in major legal disputes.

Michael Gates, as Attorney General, would have the opportunity to restore confidence in equal application of the law, regardless of politics or geography. The office serves as an independent constitutional check within state government and can significantly influence how laws are interpreted and enforced.

The reality is simple: California's Governor and Attorney General possess powers that exist independently of the Legislature. Elections for these offices are not symbolic contests. They determine who appoints regulators, oversees state agencies, enforces laws, and represents the interests of nearly 40 million Californians. Regardless of party affiliation, voters who want meaningful change should recognize that these two offices remain among the most influential positions in state government.



Left to right; Dick Green, Gisell Butron, Autumn Martin, Jocelyn Lopez, Kathy Knight, Christopher Vincent, Brian Alvarez, Maverick Burnham, Pat Burns

organization's signature community service efforts and reflects the club's continuing commitment to supporting local youth and investing in future generations.

Kiwanis Club President Cathy Knight said the scholarship program represents one of the most meaningful traditions of the organization.

“One of the major reasons I joined Kiwanis is because of this event every year — our youth scholarship awards,” Knight said. “It is incredibly rewarding to see our club help students pursue their educational goals and celebrate their accomplishments.”

Founded more than six decades ago, the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach has long been dedicated to serving children and families throughout the community through volunteerism, youth programs, scholarships, and charitable outreach. The organization is part of Kiwanis International, a worldwide service organization focused on improving the lives of children.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Dick Green, a longtime Kiwanian and community volunteer, coordinated this year's scholarship program and presentation ceremony.

“Kiwanis HB is all about serving children of all ages,” Green said. “It gives me so much pleasure to coordinate this program and be a part of this presentation each

is going to UC Berkley this fall.

Comments from Gissell's Biology teacher "she is one of the most motivated and caring students I have had

She understands that science and empathy go hand in hand

Gisell serves as an executive board member on four service clubs including AP Spanish, Ocean View Social society.

She has done summer internships at PepsiCo and Mo-viTherm

She currently works at Marshalls as a sales associate In her spare time she has earned a GPA of 4.81.

Autumn Martin

Autumn is a graduate of Ocean View High School Autumn is the president of the Conservation Club, member of the Associate Student Body and Business Academy Executive Board

Her Youth engagement coordinator comments that: Autumn's dedication, empathy, and ability to think beyond her own experience reflect a leader who will thrive in higher education. She will bring heart to every space she enters.

Autumn commented in her essay that she wants to create a future that is different from the financial struggles I grew up seeing.

Jocelyn Lopez

Jocelyn is a graduate of Ocean View High School

She is a member of: Sea hawk connection Crew, National Honor Society, Student Senate, and been a volunteer at St. Vincent De Paul.

She currently works with her father in landscaping

Her math teacher states that she is an intellectually engaged learner who approaches academic challenges with



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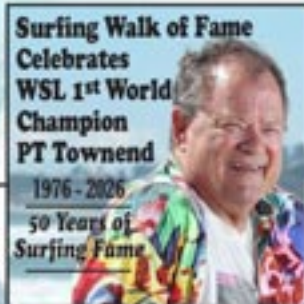
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“One is punished most for one's virtues.”

— Friedrich Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil

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In the grand tradition of history's most frequently mismeasured legends, the world has always had a fascination with “famous short people”—a category that somehow includes emperors, comedians, and anyone who stood slightly behind a microphone. Napoleon is still rumored to be defending himself from a tape measure in the afterlife, insisting the French Empire was “at least average height in spirit.”

Modern satire continues the trend, as every compact icon is rebranded into a motivational poster titled “Small Frame, Large Ego.”

Even entertainers like the famously energetic comedic great Martin Short carry the burden of a surname that sounds like a dare. Meanwhile, pop culture occasionally confuses satire for sociology, proving again that nothing travels faster than a bad interpretation of irony.

The tradition traces back to musical mischief like

Randy Newman's famously misunderstood satire “Short People,” which critics still argue about at dinner parties they weren't invited to.

Footnote: All historical inconsistencies, exaggerations, and unnecessary height commentary have been officially attributed—by unanimous imaginary consensus—to Dave Garofalo,

who insisted the world needed “more compact legends and better punchlines per inch.”



DID YOU KNOW

the Hawaiian alphabet has 13 letters

Surprising Sports Facts That You Never Would've Guessed



SPORTS

Volleyball was invented because the creator, William Morgan, wanted a game where players weren't required to run.

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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.



Philippe the Original/Yelp

Philippe The Original Los Angeles

What to order: Beef dip

There are two L.A. eateries that claim to have invented the French dip sandwich: Cole's and Philippe. No one may ever know for sure which one actually did, but at least one food critic has chosen Philippe as the better version of the sandwich. It's a simple thing with roasted beef on French bread, dipped, double-dipped, or "wet," depending on how much delicious beef au jus you'd like soaking the roll. You can add cheese if you like, but it's not necessary. The hot mustard is more of a requirement to cut through all that rich au jus. Neon pink pickled eggs and potato salad are classic sides here.

Celebrity Chef Recipes

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

The Greatest Breakfast Sandwich in Every State



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North Dakota: Bernbaum's Fargo

Delicatessen-inspired but sporting international offerings, Bernbaum's serves a popular bacon, egg, and cheese bagel, but its specialty breakfast sandwich replaces bacon with Romanian sausage and horseradish schmear. Bernbaum's also has all-day latkes, knishes, and vegan Reubens.



Several aspects about Ina Garten's sauce set it apart from the rest.

The best marinara sauce used red wine to create a sweet yet rich flavor profile

Paige Bennett for 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

Garten came out on top with the best marinara-sauce recipe perfect for any pasta. Garten's marinara recipe required a 1/2-cup of wine, crushed tomatoes, fresh parsley, salt, pepper, onion, garlic, and olive oil.

Bennett sautéed the onions and garlic and then deglazed the pan with red wine, which boiled down pretty quickly. Once she added the other ingredients to the pot and let them simmer, she topped the sauce with some fresh parsley.

Read more about the winning recipe and full battle here: I made marinara sauces using 4 celebrity chefs' recipes, and the best had an unexpected secret ingredient.

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If you're planning a cross-country road trip or simply want to get the most out of a visit to a new state, we compiled a list of some of the more stunning views in each state.

So grab your best travel credit cards and enjoy these scenic spots with beautiful views, which are popular among locals and tourists alike and accessible to most visitors.

Connecticut: Sleeping Giant State Park (Hamden)

There are many places to view Sleeping Giant State Park's namesake mountaintop, which resembles (you guessed it) the body of a sleeping giant around the park.

The area is worth a visit year-round but is particularly stunning in the fall.

Rare Historical Photos Reveal More Than Immediately Meets The Eye

Elvis Presley eating breakfast with his father Vernon and his grandmother Minnie Mae in 1959.

It's wild to think about someone as musically important and fascinating as Elvis having parents, it would make more sense if he sprung from the head of Zeus like Athena. The King grew up in Mississippi with his parents, Vernon and Gladys, and together they all lived in low income housing until he purchased Graceland in 1957. Elvis moved the whole family in with him, which is just what good boys did when they made a lot of money. His mother passed away in 1958 which just left Elvis with his father his grandmother living in Graceland. As he was entering the military at this time Elvis had to keep his strength up, and luckily his grandmother was there to make sure he had all the biscuits and fried peanut butter sandwiches he needed.



Source: Reddit

Vintage Photograph



The First Bananas In Norway, 1905

Report

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.

Kentucky: Georgetown

Change in population:

1 year: 5.58%

5 years: 14.42%

8 years: 22.14%

Change in occupied housing units:

1 year: 5.80%

5 years: 15.34%

8 years: 23.31%

Change in owner-occupied housing units:

1 year: 7.50%

5 years: 19.46%

8 years: 25.12%



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Why the ‘Complicated’ Economy is a Myth: Veteran CFO Provides 3 Simple Rules for Business Survival

SALISBURY, Md., May 28, 2026 — As businesses brace against persistent inflation and unpredictable supply chains, the standard playbook says leaders need increasingly complex forecasting tools to survive. Former CFO and veteran business owner Terry Conway argues the exact opposite.

“Complexity is what kills businesses under pressure, not the market,” Conway said.

Having spent decades “in the weeds” building and defending companies through major transitions, Conway has created a three-pronged framework for competing — one shaped not by theory, but by firsthand experience developing businesses in real time.

In *Business is Simple: From a Family Cottage Business to World Processing and Markets*, Conway details his three-part architecture — based on principles shaped by decades of experience as the former Perdue Farms CFO and longtime Handy Seafood owner.

Conway’s three tenets at the core of competing for revenue are:

- Continuously improve the value of products.
- Process those products at a competitive advantage.
- Develop leads for sales to close.

Conway also introduces “all-about’s” — bottom-line focal points designed to eliminate noise, encourage free-flowing communication and keep each function of a business aligned around its core purpose.

“Core values are essential,” Conway said. “I like two: ‘Trust is the cornerstone of everything’ and ‘free flowing collaboration to innovate and use innovations for competitive advantages.’”

This time-tested methodology guided Conway’s own journey as he took the helm of Handy Seafood — a small company with one phone line and no plans for expansion — and transformed it into a thriving international business operating across 17 countries. In his book, he retraces the risks, fierce competition, regulatory hurdles, betrayals, and costly mistakes he encountered and how he overcame them.

Along the way, Conway navigates emerging markets across Thailand and India through a series of high-risk ventures and international expansion efforts that earned him the nickname “The Indiana Jones of the seafood business.”

Part memoir, part business manual, part survival story, *Business is Simple* delivers a wealth of wisdom and strategies for entrepreneurs, business leaders, family-owned companies and recent college graduates — anyone looking for real-world applications of business principles.

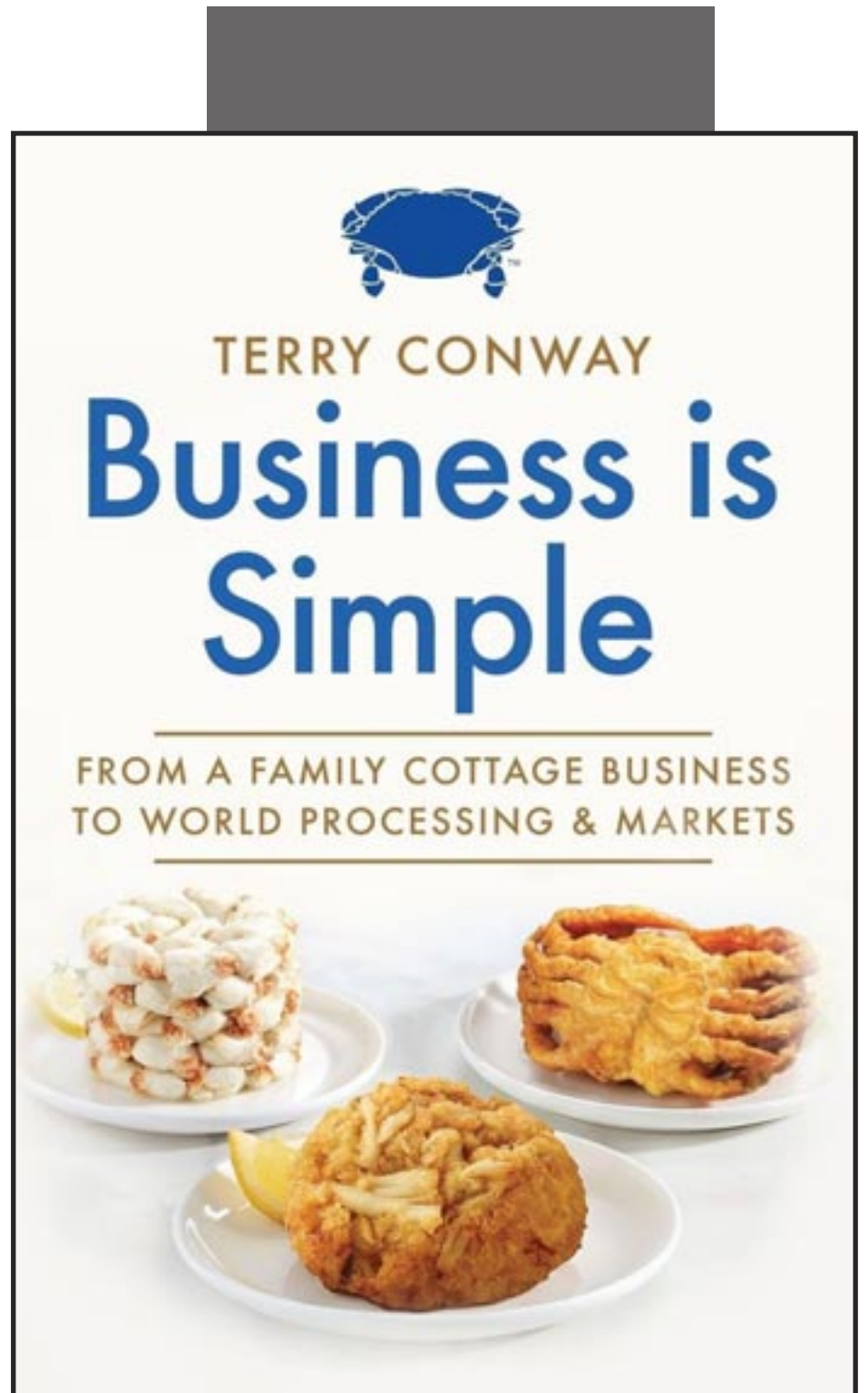
“Testing the structure had many enjoyable moments,” Conway added. “The thrill of making it work, the joy of working with cultures in 17 countries, spreading the brand worldwide, and building longevity for the family made the hard work worthwhile. I hope this book helps propel your growth.”

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Investing in Orange County's Water Reliability



The Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board of Directors recently adopted the District's Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget. While budgets are often associated with numbers and spreadsheets, this plan is really about supporting the work that helps keep Orange County's groundwater supply reliable, safe, and affordable for the communities that depend on it every day.

At the center of that work is the Orange County Groundwater Basin, which provides about 85% of the drinking water supply for 2.5 million people in north and central Orange County, including communities like Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. Managed by OCWD, the basin is one of the region's most important local resources and fuels Orange County's homes, businesses, economy, and overall quality of life.

Unlike imported water from the Colorado River and northern California, which is more expensive and less reliable, the groundwater basin provides our region with a stable local supply that can be managed close to home. OCWD works with 19 cities and retail water districts to help ensure the basin remains sustainable for current and future generations by effectively managing the groundwater supply so local water retailers can continue to meet most of their water demands from groundwater.

To help maintain and protect this vital resource, the District's \$300 million budget includes continued investment in PFAS treatment facilities, groundwater re-

charge operations, water quality monitoring, storm-water capture, seawater intrusion protection, and improvements to critical water infrastructure. These projects and programs help ensure that facilities and equipment continue operating effectively while protecting groundwater quality throughout the basin.

The budget also supports the ongoing work needed

basin from seawater intrusion, which can impact groundwater quality if left unmanaged. Additional investments help maintain recharge facilities, pipelines, monitoring systems, and other infrastructure that support the day-to-day operation of the basin.

Many of these projects take years of planning, coordination, engineering, and construction, but they provide long-term benefits by strengthening water reliability, protecting groundwater quality, and helping ensure a resilient local water supply.

With this budget in place, OCWD will continue to focus on operating in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner. The District regularly pursues grants and outside funding opportunities to help offset project costs and reduce impacts to ratepayers whenever possible.

If you have questions about OCWD's projects and programs that support the Orange County Groundwater Basin, I encourage you to visit OCWD's website – www.ocwd.com. OCWD also offers a Speakers Bureau program, where staff are

available to speak to community groups, schools, and organizations about local water supplies, groundwater management, water quality, and other District programs and initiatives.

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

Orange County Water District (OCWD) manages the Orange County Groundwater Basin. Part of this sound management means ensuring that facilities and equipment continue operating effectively while protecting groundwater quality throughout the basin.



to replenish the groundwater basin using a variety of water sources, including rainfall, Santa Ana River flows, recycled water, and imported water when needed. Maintaining a diverse mix of water sources helps us prepare for dry years, changing conditions, and unexpected challenges while continuing to provide communities with water they can count on.

A portion of the budget also supports infrastructure and operations that protect the coastal areas of the

Most Iconic Moments in History



A 'Man in the Moon' Hair-Beard Combo, 1895

The next time you see a hipster with a waxed mustache and pointy vandyke, just remember it could be worse. Little is known about this "Man in the Moon" look from 1895, but the wearer sure looks proud of it. Goes to show that irony was alive and well (in France, at least) a century before Gen-Xers discovered it.

The photo was taken by Nadar, who was an interesting guy himself -- as one of the most prominent photographers in France in the 19th century. Born Gaspard-Félix Tournachon, Nadar was also a journalist, novelist and caricaturist, and his love of ballooning led to him being the first person to take aerial photographs. Feeling lazy yet? Oh, and he also hosted the first exhibition of Impressionist painters in his studio (Monet, Degas, Renoir, and others), and photographed Victor Hugo on his death bed.

Now, keep it straight, those are accomplishments of Nadar, the photographer who took this picture. We have no idea what, if anything, Mr. Man-in-the-Moon accomplished in his life.

Photograph by Nadar. Source: Reddit

On the Vine or Nearby

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BLANCO, REPOSADO, AND AÑEJO TEQUILA PLUS WHERE JOVEN, EXTRA-AÑEJO, AND CRISTALINO FIT IN

By Vicki Denig &
Audrey Morgan

Agave is an exceptionally versatile plant. When cooked, fermented, and distilled, it can impart crisp vegetal notes to unaged blanco tequila, or a range of other flavors like caramel, vanilla, and dried fruit to oak-aged expressions such as reposado or añejo. These latter styles can bear more similarities to dark spirits like whiskey and cognac than what those more familiar with silver tequila offerings may expect.

All tequila starts in Mexico with the native blue Weber agave plant. The spirit can be made in parts of regions that include Michoacán, Nayarit, Gua-

tral method of roasting the agave in underground ovens. Most tequila also relies on commercial yeast during the fermentation stage, whereas traditional mezcal ferments naturally with airborne yeast.

What Are the Main Types of Tequila?

The Consejo Regulador del Tequila (CRT) classifies and regulates five main types of tequila: blanco (silver/white), joven (young/gold), reposado (aged), añejo (extra aged), and extra añejo (ultra aged). Generally, blanco tequilas have vegetal flavors of agave, citrus, grass, and pepper, while oak-aged expressions such as reposado or añejo will show toastier, deeper notes of vanilla, caramel, dried fruits, and warm baking spices. As with all spirits, however, specific expressions can vary according to many factors, including the terroir of the region, the types of barrels used, and how the tequila is produced.

This is what to know about the four main types of tequila, along with blends called joven and newcomer cristalino.

Blanco

Also known as: plata or silver tequila
Aged: up to two months

If you've ever ordered a Margarita or Paloma, chances are you've tried blanco, or silver, tequila. It can be aged for up to two months, but is typically bottled immediately after distillation, producing a clear, agave-forward spirit with notes of citrus, grass, and pepper that blends seamlessly into citrusy cocktails.

Depending on the quality of the product, you might have previously relegated blanco tequilas to mixed drinks or pounded as shots. But there are plenty of bottles, such as Tequila Ocho Plata, that are prized for sipping. In fact, because blanco typically spends no time in contact with oak, many tequila enthusiasts consider it the purest expression of an agave spirit.

Joven

Also known as: gold or oro tequila
Aged: varies; a blend of unaged and aged tequilas

Joven, which means "young," is a somewhat less-common blend of mostly blanco tequila and a small amount of aged tequila. Top-shelf joven tequilas can bear similarities to blended scotch.

Be sure, however, to double-check your label: Some tequilas labeled "gold" are in fact mixtos, or bottles made with less than 100% blue agave, which are cut with other non-agave ingredients, such as artificial caramel coloring or glycerin, to create a rounder mouthfeel.

Reposado

Also known as: aged or rested tequila
Aged: between two months and one year

Reposado translates to "rested," and this versatile expression indeed spends between two months and one year resting in oak or steel, most typically oak barrels that once held American whiskey. This time in the barrel imparts a light straw color and notes

that reflect the type of wood used, such as vanilla and caramel.

Reposado is a bartender favorite thanks to the sweet spot it hits between the brightness of blanco tequila and oak-

heavy añejo tequila. Ivy Mix, co-owner of Leyenda in Brooklyn, New York, has likened the versatility of reposado tequila to that of VSOP cognac: Spice and sweet aromatics render it complex enough for sipping, but it also works well in cocktails such as the Distrito Federal (Tequila Manhattan) or a Cadillac Margarita, a richer version of the classic made with reposado instead of blanco tequila.

Añejo

Also known as: extra aged tequila

Aged: one to three years

Some things are better with age, and añejo fans would add tequila to that list. Translating to "old," añejo tequilas must be aged for one to three years in oak. The barrel size is limited to 600 liters to maximize interaction between the wood and the tequila.

The result of this aging is a dark amber colored tequila with a smooth mouthfeel and complex flavor. Añejo tequilas often offer oak-forward notes of vanilla, caramel, baking spices, and dried fruit. Due to its richer profile, añejo is typically consumed as a sipping tequila, but it also makes a good stand-in for whiskey in cocktails such as the Añejo Old Fashioned.

Extra Añejo

Also known as: ultra aged tequila
Aged: minimum of three years

This category, which translates to "extra old," is a relatively new tequila classification that was officially codified by the CRT in 2006. A spirit with this label must be aged for a minimum of three years in oak barrels that are no larger than 600 liters, though many expressions are aged for more than 10 years.

The additional barrel time for extra añejo tequilas yields even more intense notes of caramel, vanilla, and baking spices. While aging, more tequila is lost to evaporation than with younger offerings, meaning extra añejo is significantly more expensive for distilleries to produce and bottles are often higher-priced. As such, tequilas aged this long are usually reserved for solo sipping.

Similar in spirit (and price) to aged rums, cognacs, and whiskeys, extra añejo tequila is often a favorite of collectors. Still, some agave aficionados may prefer the purer agave elements of younger tequila offerings, which haven't been as adulterated by the influence of oak.

Cristalino

Aged: varies

Appearances can be deceiving, as is the case with clear, aged spirit. Cristalino tequilas are matured in oak before going through a charcoal-filtering process to remove naturally occurring colors and some of the oakier notes from the barreling process, not unlike the process used to create many white rums. The base tequila can range anywhere from a reposado to an extra añejo, and the filtering process aims to offer the complexity and character of an aged expression paired with the crisp, bright notes that define a blanco.

Cristalino is a relatively new category that isn't standardized by the CRT. Producer Don Julio created the first bottle in 2011 to celebrate its 70th birthday, and since then other cristalino tequilas have competed for market space.



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najuato, and Tamaulipas, but a whopping 90% of the world's supply is produced in Jalisco, home to the spirit's namesake city, Tequila.

Jimadores harvest the agave plant, which takes about seven years to mature. After the spiky leaves are removed, the hearts, called piñas, are cut into pieces and steamed in above-ground ovens to transform the agave starches into simple sugars. Next, the pieces are crushed to extract juice from the piñas. This juice is left to ferment in large vats with water and yeast, then distilled at least twice, typically in copper alembic pots, to yield tequila. After this stage, the liquid is either bottled for distillation or barrel-aged to produce reposado, añejo, or extra añejo expressions.

The Expansive World of Tequila, Mezcal, and Agave-Based Drinks

By Mexican law, tequila must contain a minimum of just 51% blue agave. "Mixto" tequilas can be made with a mixture of the plant's juices and artificial sweeteners such as cane sugar or high-fructose corn syrup. However, while these can still legally be classified as tequilas, they're often of an inferior quality to tequila created with 100% blue agave.

Modern tequila production dates to the 1600s, and while the spirit is technically a type of mezcal, it differs from most traditional mezcals in the way the agave is cooked. Piñas today are most often steamed in brick ovens or industrial autoclaves, rather than roasted in earthen pits, although some tequilas such as Siembra Valles employ the ances-

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The Finest Vintage Cars of the 1960's Golden Age



AMC AMX

By the Sixties, American Motors was already struggling to match the styling and development budgets of their larger competitors. How did they close the gap? Through original and daring thinking. Consider the AMC AMX, which cut the wheelbase of the Javelin to create a two-seater that was somehow a sports car, a grand tourer, a drag racer, and an everyday intermediate - all at once. The wheelbase was Corvette-equivalent, and its performance was robust thanks to an all-V-8 powertrain lineup. The AMX deserved to be a hit, and it was.

EVERYTHING COMES BACK AROUND

By Evan Williams

Published May 25, 2026, Evan Williams is an automotive journalist and mechanical engineering technologist with more than a decade of experience in the industry. He has written for the Toronto Star and AutoTrader Canada and previously served as editor of Wheelscene.ca. A four-time Canadian Automotive Journalism Award winner, he is the current President of the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada, where he oversees the Canadian Car of the Year Awards program. At CarBuzz for the last year, Evan uses his engineering background to analyze vehicle tech and patents, with a focus on the details that defines great cars.

No generation wants to drive what its parents drove. It feels like it has taken forever for that to start this time around, but a new report says that it's on the way. Buyers across the board, but especially younger buyers, have rediscovered the sedan and they're more interested in cars than they are trucks or SUVs.

First it was the sedan, then it was the station wagon. Chrysler's minivans changed the game in the 1980s, and the Ford Explorer pushed the entire US into SUVs starting in the late 1990s and SUVs and crossovers have ruled the market ever since.

The Detroit Free Press spoke with multiple vehicle search sites who say that demand for sedans is



1976 Mercury Comet Sedan Gray/Blue Front Angled View - Ford

growing fast, and that there are a number of reasons why. Fashion is always important, but affordability also plays a role, along with the desire to drive something that doesn't match every other vehicle in the parking lot.

Affordability is huge. New vehicle prices have skyrocketed over this decade, and lower-cost options have been culled from the market. According to data from Cox Automotive, the average price of a new compact SUV in April was \$37,514. A compact sedan averaged almost exactly \$10,000 less.

Move up to something larger, and the savings grow. Midsize SUVs were \$50,380, while a new midsize sedan averaged just \$34,069.

Then there are gasoline prices. The gap between crossover and sedan in fuel economy has closed, but it still exists. With gas approaching record highs, the gap matters. When it comes to electric vehicles, the range gap between sedan and SUV remains large, another factor in favor of cars.

"I do think there's become kind of an SUV fatigue, I'd call it, that everyone is experiencing from consumers to car designers to rental agencies," Karl Brauer, executive analyst at iSeeCars, told the Free Press. "There's a group of people looking just to not look like everyone else. A sedan offers that — which is funny because they were considered boring and now they are cool."

When mom and dad drove minivans, SUVs were cool. Now that mom and dad have moved on to SUVs, young buyers want cars. A survey from Escalent's EVForward found that kids still want cars. 83% of the teenagers (14-19) surveyed said that owning a car is "a huge deal or pretty impor-

tant."

51% of the teens said they imagined driving a sedan in the future. That's compared with 31% for SUVs and just 14% for trucks.

This could be a problem for automakers, especially the biggest domestic brands. GM, Ford, and the Chrysler group (now Stellantis) ruled the sedan market for decades, but have all but abandoned it. Between the dozen domestic brands, the only sedans right now are three luxury Cadillac models and one Dodge that's the size of a full-sized SUV.

Sales of sedans only make up around 14% of the market right now, and there are only about 50 across the entire industry. That gives the automakers who remained in the game, like Nissan, Toyota, Honda, Mazda, Kia, and Hyundai, a leg up. They're ready to meet increased demand now, not three to five years after the executives realize it's time to move.

'SUV Fatigue' Hitting The Market

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FOODS YOU'LL NEVER EAT AGAIN AFTER YOU KNOW THE INGREDIENTS. OR MAYBE SHOULD NOT EAT AGAIN SCARY...

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.

Fat Free Milk

Company: Various

Market Share: \$5.5 billion by 2029*

Ingredient: Powdered milk

We all like to think that when we get milk from the store, we're getting a really decent product. While that's undoubtedly the case with a lot of companies, others may be hesitant to tell you what's in their mix, especially if it's fat-free.

A lot of businesses actually use powdered milk in their fat-free milk to help bulk it out and seem less watery. You know what's even worse? No one is actually legally required to tell you that this is in the milk because it's technically still the same main ingredient. It's not quite so fresh-looking now, is it?

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Citrus Flavored Sodas

Company: Mountain Dew and others

Market Share: 7% of total soda market* (Mountain Dew)

Ingredient: Yellow 5

A lot of soda companies use food dye and other colorants to make their product look more appealing, especially if it's a citrus-flavored drink. There's one ingredient called Yellow 5 that's supposed to be quite a bright yellow, but is that all it is? Does it do anything else?

A while ago, rumors started circulating that Yellow 5 could actually shrink testicles and lower sperm counts. While this was

proven to be false, it certainly wasn't a good look for those using it in their products, and as they say, mud sticks!

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Hard Cheese

Company: Kraft and others

Market Share: \$160 billion*

Ingredient: Cellulose/wood pulp

It's difficult to imagine that the tasty cheese you sprinkle on your pasta has anything in it other than dairy, but the reality is quite different. In fact, some hard cheese brands out there actually incorporate wood pulp into the mix.

It's not some shady trick, but an open FDA-approved secret. The wood pulp, otherwise known as cellulose, is a natural ingredient that is a proven and well-used anti-clumping ingredient. It's not just hard cheeses that have this, but tons of different grated cheeses as it stops lumps forming. However, one thing to note is that brands in the EU are not legally permitted to use cellulose.

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Margarine

Company: Various

Market Share: \$38.41 billion by 2027*

Ingredient: One molecule away from being plastic

Butter is an amazing substance that most of us really love. On toast, in cakes, basted over a chicken, you just can't substitute the real thing. Although, some have tried. Margarine was first invented as turkey food, but when the turkeys had enough of it scientists found another use for it.

Some internet sleuths have claimed that margarine, as a man-made substance, is actually just one molecule away from being plastic. Whether this is true or not is up for debate, but it's definitely not appetizing when you think about spreading it on your muffin, is it?

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Queen Minute - Hand Towels

By Rix Quinn.

I learned about hand towels later in life, because they were important to my wife.

As a kid, I paid them no attention whatsoever. If somebody told me, "Go wash your hands," I did that.

But I didn't disturb the towels. I wiped my hands on my pants.

When I got an apartment, my roommate and I bought lots of paper towels, and used them in kitchen and bathroom. But it takes lots of them to dry after a shower.

So we graduated to bath towels. We used them everywhere, and we also called them bathmats.

When I got married, my wife wanted different color towels for our two bathrooms. Also, they had to match the wall color, the wallpaper, or the tile.

I discovered that many had seasonal greetings or popular quotations printed on them. I even went shopping with her a couple times to pick out hand towels, but she told me the quotations I chose out were "distasteful," and would not be allowed in our house.

I learned that these smaller

towels originated as personal linens, something people could hang on their belts to use after handwashing. I had strict instructions never to use them to pick up spilled mouthwash, or to blow my nose.

In the 18th century some smaller towels became tea towels, and they were often made of fine linen. Today, our home's dish towels are absorbent cotton. These are my favorite small towels, because I also tuck them in my shirt collar to use during TV dinners.



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.



Julia Koch & family
Net Worth: \$64.3 Billion | Age: 61 |
Source of Wealth: Koch Industries | Cit-
izenship: U.S.

The widow of David Koch (d. 2019) slipped from second to third richest woman this year. She and her three children inherited a 42% stake of Koch Industries, which has businesses ranging from oil refining and medical technology to paper towels. She is a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



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.

Hush Puppies
Original Headquarters: Rockford, Michigan
Purchased By: Wolverine World Wide
Country: China, Vietnam, Brazil

Hush Puppies' shoe brand was introduced in 1958. It is owned by Wolverine World Wide, and Wolverine markets and licenses the shoes throughout 120 countries, including America. This means that the shoes are made in factories worldwide. The company almost went under in the mid-nineties, but I was saved by Geoffrey Bloom, the chairman.

There is a Hush Puppies factory located in Michigan along with the headquarters, but it is often cheaper in other countries to make the shoes there. Hush Puppies is noted for its inventive use of Scotchgard, a leather protector added during tanning to increase resistance to scuffs, stains, and water.

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Gillette
Original Headquarters: Boston, Massachusetts
Purchased By: Procter & Gamble
Country: Poland, Brazil, Mexico, China

Gillette is one of America's most popular shaving brands, and it does make part of its blade supply in America. However, the handles, cartridges, and razors are made in China, Mexico, Poland, and Brazil. Gillette still has a factory in Boston, and it's had that Massachu-



setts plant since the early twentieth century.

However, as its website stated, demand for razors has increased, so the company has expanded. 1992 was the first year Gillette attempted to corner the razor market in China, opening a plant in Shanghai. This allowed Gillette to access the demand of a billion razors per year then.

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Barbie
Original Headquarters: Hawthorne, CA
Purchased By: Mattel
Country: China

Ruth Handler made the first Barbie in 1959, launching the famous doll brand. Barbies are still extremely popular, even sixty-one years later, and Mattel, Inc. (the company that owns Barbie) has reported strong sales of 58 million Barbies sold annually. That is over 100 dolls per minute. Mattel's net revenue is around \$1.5 billion a year.

Fun fact: Barbies have never been made in America. Mattel opened its first Barbie plant in 1959 in Japan, when the company was struggling to recover after WWII. Now, it has four factories: two are in China, and the others are in Malaysia and Indonesia.

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Huffy
Original Headquarters: Dayton, OH
Purchased By: Russell Corporation
Country: China, Mexico, Taiwan

Huffy was founded more than a century ago in Dayton, Ohio. The company is a bicycle supplier, and it owns tons of subsidiaries, including Royce Union, American Sports Design Co., Gen-X Sports, and Huffy Bicycle Co. This athletic brand was founded by George Huffman, who used an old nickname as the company's title.

In late 1999, Huffy closed down its two U.S. bicycle plants in favor of cheaper manufacturing overseas. The company has outsourced production to six plants in China, in addition to one in Mexico and one in Taiwan. Before outsourcing, it had plants in Celina, Ohio.

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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.

Edwin Bartlett



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Edwin Bartlett's death was so strange, the British Medical Journal took another look at the case in 1994. It's still weird. Bartlett died on the evening of December 31, 1885, after undergoing dental treatment for his decaying gums, rotting teeth, and breath so bad that he and his wife slept separately. That had been the setup for some time, at least since August when a maid caught Mrs. Adelaide Bartlett in a rather compromising position with her tutor, the Reverend Dyson.

Adelaide went on trial for the murder of her husband, and one of the most damning pieces of evidence was the fact she had asked Dyson to buy her some chloroform a few days before Edwin died. She claimed it was for "an internal complaint" he was too embarrassed about to speak of himself. At the trial, it was brought up that the chloroform had disappeared, and the autopsy showed Edwin had so much in his stomach that examiners could immediately smell it when they opened him. Open-and-shut case, right?

Dyson was cleared of guilt almost immediately and claimed that Edwin thought he was terminally ill. That swung the court's opinion toward suicide and a not-guilty verdict for Adelaide. However, not everyone believed the suicide line. After the acquittal, a doctor at St. Bartholomew's Hospital said Adelaide "should tell us in the interests of science how she did it."

20 Slow Cooker Recipes for Sundays After Church

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Comforting and dependable. These are two words that can be used to describe your grandfather or other treasured family member in your life, but these words can also be used to describe a mealtime staple: ground beef. These recipes, nostalgic as well as filling, are like a walk down memory lane with every bite. We've pulled together ground beef recipes that are bound to be family favorites.

Slow Cooker Chicken and Gravy

Credit: Peyton Beckwith

"This was so easy and my family requested that it be put in the rotation. I followed the recipe exactly, served it with mashed potatoes and peas. A keeper for sure!" —BonnieG



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Bosses Are Quietly Replacing These 11 Job Titles With AI (Is Yours One?)

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Over the next four years, 40% of employers plan to reduce their workforce by replacing it with Artificial Intelligence (AI), according to the World Economic Forum's 2025 Future of Jobs Report. If this isn't worrying to you, then you might be doing better financially than many of your peers.

Polling by NBC revealed that the majority of registered voters don't like AI, nor do they trust it. That hasn't stopped employers from unleashing it in the workforce, though, and many jobs are already being replaced by these source-guzzling plagiarism machine referred to as AI.

See which jobs are quietly being replaced by AI and learn how that's going for businesses.

1. Customer service

Anthropic, the AI company operating the Claude model, released a report this year identifying which jobs AI would most likely replace, and customer service representatives are one of the most exposed occupations.

Just when you thought there couldn't be anything worse than clawing your way through an automated phone tree just to reach a human, now there isn't even a person on the other end. The problem for consumers is that these chatbots aren't actually providing customer service, and instead are simply adding a layer of gatekeeping to the process.

2. Administrative assistants

Smart calendars, automated emails, and productivity software made it easier for people without assistants to wrangle administrative tasks, but AI is projected to gradually displace the role of administrative assistant at a rate of minus 0.3% per year as AI tools, digital assistants, and workflow automations become more prevalent.

3. Data entry clerks

Entering, verifying, and organizing data is highly repetitive, which is prime territory for AI-powered automation — or is it? We might not be there yet, but it's not surprising that the tech gets better every day and it's coming.

Data entry clerks are at 95% automation risk, and job totals are expected to diminish by at least 25% by 2030, but that doesn't mean AI will be an effective replacement. The Tow Center for Digital Journalism tested eight major AI models for accuracy and found that collectively they were wrong 60% of the time.

4. Paralegals

AI is already being used by attorneys for research, drafting motions, reviewing cases, billing, advising clients, and more, and it is clients who face all the consequences when it goes wrong. Research shows that one in six AI legal models "hallucinate" (read: lie) benchmarking queries. General-purpose chatbots are even worse and can go as high as 82%.

Despite the obvious problems this causes clients, a whopping 73% of lawyers reported plans to integrate generative AI in 2023. Folks seeking legal representation might want to get it in writing that no AI will be used in their case before shelling out the big bucks to a law firm.

5. Interpreters and translators

Gone are the days of having to perform elaborate charades to communicate with speakers of a different language or flip through translation dictionaries. Type or talk into a digital translator, and it instantly spits out the same message in another language. Nobody can deny the usefulness of cross-language communications, and translators are rated at a 98% risk of AI automation.

The downside is that the translation quality drops significantly with AI usage. It's currently about 60-85% accurate, but struggles with complexities, nuance, cultural references, and context. Professional human translators consistently deliver 95% and above accuracy rates.

6. Market research analysts

Anthropic's AI model, Claude, is pitched as being able to analyze company data, regulatory filings, and market information to generate a detailed assessment in moments that would otherwise take a human days to compile. It's likely that market research analysts will be replaced by AI.

However, others are sounding the alarm about the impact this will have on markets. This is because AI is built on probabilistic text generation and not actual analysis of meaning, and predicting the most likely words is not the same as predicting market futures. Analysts relying on AI will find their market strategies homogenized with each other.

7. Call center reps

A wave of voice-automated AI is already flooding call centers and replacing workers. Countries such as India and the Philippines are leading providers of call center representatives as part of the business process outsourcing (BPO) industry, and they are already feeling strong impacts from AI.

Companies such as Lime Chat promise their AI agents can reduce the human workforce by 80%, handling the work equivalent of 15 humans, but at the price of just three. Companies such as Leaping AI make smaller claims, and indicate that most enterprises leverage voice AI agents for only the

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- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1-2 cups chicken broth
- 1 jar alfredo sauce

Cook ravioli according to package instruc-

tions and set aside.

Cut up rotisserie chicken, using as much as desired. Cut broccoli into bite-size pieces or smaller.

In pan over medium heat, heat chicken through. Add garlic powder and onion powder. Deglaze pan with 1 cup chicken broth then add alfredo sauce and broccoli.

Pour in remaining broth if sauce is too thick. Stir in cooked ravioli and heat through 2-3 minutes.

first 20% of conversations and that 50% of calls still need to be routed to a human.

8. Content writers and copywriters

Writers are already losing work to AI, a particular insult considering it is writers who had their work stolen to build these AI models in the first place. Content writers, copywriters, and staff writers are quietly being replaced with AI-generated personas.

Sites such as The Escapist, Videogamer, Esports Insider, Sports Illustrated, and more have all been caught replacing their writing staff with fake profiles and AI-generated articles. The result isn't skyrocketing readership, though; it is widespread mockery and plummeting trust in the institutions meant to be curating content.

9. Accountants and bookkeepers

In February, the bookkeeping, tax, and CFO services company Pilot announced a new Pilot AI Accountant, which they advertise as being able to run the entire end-to-end bookkeeping process without human involvement.

A 2024 QuickBooks survey revealed 98% of accountants and bookkeepers were already using AI to assist their clients, but professionals are also quick to point out that AI can't actually replace them. Client relationships are built on trust accrued over time as they interpret financial information into their clients' specific context.

10. Bankers

The question is no longer whether generative AI can be used in banking but how it will be used, because banks seem determined to find a use-case scenario for it.

Banks are launching hundreds of AI pilots across risk, compliance, and customer engagement, seeking to maximize profits, and 97% of senior leaders are pleased with the results of their AI investments. Consumers, on the other hand, do not

trust AI in their banking. A YouGov poll found only 19% of Americans trust AI in financial services.

11. Telemarketers

AI has already replaced telemarketers, as anybody who's ever answered a call labeled "spam risk" knows. It's actually more surprising that telemarketing is still a thing at all, considering how much consumers hate it. U.S. consumers receive an average of 10 spam calls per week, and one in 12 people lost money to a scam in 2025.

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Bottom line

Is AI a bubble that's about to burst or the next wave of the industrial revolution? The debate is heated, but most agree the safest AI-proof jobs are the fields that require physical presence, complex human judgment, or emotional intelligence.

Consumers aren't jumping on the AI bandwagon and instead are seeking out ways to make extra money on the side to cover bills and basic necessities, which begs the question: How will the economy function if workers (and their salaries) are all replaced by AI?

LAST CALL: These Chain Stores Are Closed 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?

Global Brands Group
Year Established: 2013
Store Closures: TBD*

Global Brands Group is still a baby company compared to some other ones in the fashion sector. Founded in 2013, the retailer sells clothing and accessories from brands like Fiorelli, Lego, Disney, and much more. Sadly, the business filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy at the end of July 2021.

It's only natural that this will most likely lead to store closures toward the end of the year and moving into 2022, but it remains to be seen just how many locations will close their doors. Minimizing outgoings is of premium importance.

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Palmer House Hilton, Chicago
Year Established: 1871
Store Closures: 1*

Hilton as a company owns many hotels, but there are some that are more ingrained in the public consciousness than others. Palmer House Hilton in Chicago first welcomed guests way back in 1871, but it's been on rocky territory in recent times.

A plummet in its value and a tough blow to the hospitality industry meant that the hotel closed in March 2020, staying closed for over a year until it reopened in

2021. It is currently taking bookings, but pundits are less than convinced about the longevity of the hotel's operations.

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Paper Source
Year Established: 1983
Store Closures: TBD (Filed Bankruptcy)

Paper Source, as you might have guessed from the name, is a one-stop-shop for custom invitations, paper goods, and greeting cards. The company announced in March of 2021 that it was filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Sales had plummeted because of the events of 2020, and Paper Source wanted to be sure it was protected while it restructured.

As with a lot of businesses, that restructuring likely means store closures. Stock market watchers were surprised at Paper Source's announcement, as the store had been expanding as recently as early 2020. It even bought some chains from Papyrus, its liquidating rival, before announcing the sharp reversal in fortune.

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Goodwill
Year Established: 1902
Store Closures: 8 Branches*

Goodwill is a discount store for pretty much everything you can think of, from furniture to clothing to random items. It's a shame that the chain has had to close several branches in certain areas, as low-income people rely on Goodwill for affordable items.

Goodwill announced in March of 2021 that it would be closing eight of its thrift stores in the Bay Area. Mike Keenan, the president of Goodwill in that area, said that the decision was "difficult" but necessary for "economic reasons." Specifically, the Goodwill closures will take place in Vallejo, Dixon, Berkeley, Albany, Oakland (Durant Square), Livermore, Dublin, and Oakley.

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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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Never Admit These 7 Things When a Cop Asks ‘Do You Know Why I Stopped You?’

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Flashing blue lights in the rearview mirror can make even calm drivers forget basic common sense. A simple question from an officer often catches people off guard, and many drivers start talking far too much before they even know what happened. One nervous sentence can turn a routine traffic stop into a much longer and more complicated interaction.

Drivers frequently volunteer information that gives officers extra reasons to investigate, issue citations, or escalate the situation. Staying polite matters, but smart drivers also know when silence works better than over sharing.

1. “Yeah, I Was Speeding”

Many drivers blurt out an instant confession because they think honesty will automatically earn mercy. In reality, admitting to speeding gives an officer direct evidence before the conversation even develops. Officers already rely on radar readings, pacing, or visual observations, so a confession only strengthens the case. A driver who immediately admits fault removes any room for clarification or discussion later. Calm responses like “I’m not sure, officer” keep the interaction respectful without volunteering unnecessary information.

People often confuse politeness with self-incrimination during traffic stops. A driver can stay cooperative while still protecting personal interests. Courts in many states allow officer testimony about roadside admissions during traffic hearings. Even a casual statement like “I was only going a little fast” can appear in official notes. Nervous chatter creates problems that silence could easily avoid.

2. “I Only Had a Couple Drinks”

That sentence raises alarms faster than almost anything else during a traffic stop. Officers immediately pay closer attention to speech, eye movement, and behavior after hearing any mention of alcohol. Even if the driver feels perfectly sober, the admission can shift the entire tone of the encounter. What started as a broken taillight stop can suddenly become a DUI investigation. Drivers often underestimate how quickly innocent comments can escalate scrutiny.

Alcohol-related traffic deaths still account for roughly one-third of fatal crashes in the United States each year, according to federal highway safety data. Officers receive extensive training to detect signs of impairment, and voluntary admissions make their job easier. A driver who admits to drinking may face additional field sobriety testing or prolonged questioning. Remaining calm and avoiding unnecessary explanations usually prevents extra complications. Short, respectful answers help keep the stop focused on the original issue.

3. “I Didn’t See the Stop Sign”

This statement sounds harmless, but it can create bigger legal trouble than many drivers realize. Admitting failure to see a stop sign may suggest distracted driving, fatigue, or careless operation of the vehicle. Insurance companies and courts often treat those admissions seriously because they imply negligence. A driver might think honesty shows responsibility, but officers may hear an admission of unsafe driving habits instead. That single sentence can influence how citations get written.

Traffic attorneys regularly warn drivers about accidental admissions during roadside conversations. Officers write detailed notes after traffic stops, including exact wording whenever possible. A statement about missing signs or signals can appear later in court proceedings or insurance disputes. Drivers gain nothing by speculating about mistakes before reviewing the actual situation. Calmly providing license, registration, and insurance information remains the smarter approach.

4. “I’m Late for Work”

Rushing creates one of the oldest excuses in traffic-stop history, and officers hear it constantly. Unfortunately, admitting urgency may reinforce suspicion that reckless driving occurred. Drivers who mention running late often unintentionally confirm speeding, aggressive lane changes, or failure to obey traffic signals. Officers rarely respond with sympathy because nearly every driver claims some urgent destination. That excuse usually

weakens credibility instead of helping.

Stress also causes people to overshare personal details that have nothing to do with the stop itself. A driver might start explaining schedules, bosses, family emergencies, or financial problems in an effort to gain empathy. Those details rarely affect whether a citation gets issued. Officers generally focus on observed driving behavior rather than personal circumstances. Keeping responses brief avoids turning a simple stop into an awkward life story.

5. “My License Is Probably Suspended”

Some drivers panic before officers even run identification checks. That fear leads to impulsive admissions that immediately increase tension during the stop. A suspended license can trigger arrests, vehicle impoundments, or expensive penalties depending on state laws. Volunteering uncertainty about license status may encourage deeper investigation before the officer even reaches the patrol car computer. Nervous guesses often create unnecessary trouble.

Millions of Americans deal with suspended licenses every year for reasons ranging from unpaid tickets to administrative errors. Some drivers genuinely do not know their current status because states sometimes mail notices to old addresses. Still, roadside speculation helps nobody. If a license problem exists, officers will discover it through standard procedures anyway. Drivers gain no advantage by announcing possible violations before confirmation.

6. “You Can Search the Car”

Many people offer consent searches because they think refusal automatically looks suspicious. In reality, constitutional protections exist for a reason, and officers know citizens can legally decline many searches. Agreeing too quickly can expose forgotten items, prescription medication issues, or belongings from passengers that the driver never considered important. Small misunderstandings inside vehicles sometimes snowball into major legal headaches. Drivers should think carefully before waiving rights under pressure.

Legal experts consistently recommend calm, clear communication during consent requests. A respectful response like “I’d rather not consent to searches” avoids hostility while protecting personal privacy. Officers may still proceed under certain legal exceptions, but voluntary consent removes an important layer of protection. Nervous drivers sometimes say yes simply because silence feels uncomfortable. That split-second decision can carry consequences long after the traffic stop ends.

7. “Go Ahead and Write the Ticket”

Frustration often peaks near the end of a traffic stop, especially after a long wait beside the road. Some drivers become sarcastic or combative because they assume the outcome already feels unfair. Telling an officer to “just write the ticket” may escalate tension during the final moments of the interaction. Officers retain broad discretion during stops, including decisions about warnings versus citations. A hostile attitude rarely improves those odds.

Roadside arguments also increase stress and distraction for everyone involved. Officers manage safety risks from passing traffic, emotional drivers, and unpredictable situations during every stop. Calm behavior usually keeps interactions shorter and smoother. Even when drivers disagree with a citation, the roadside rarely serves as the best place to debate guilt. Courts and traffic hearings exist specifically for those disputes.

The Smartest Thing Drivers Can Say Instead

Traffic stops feel stressful because drivers often panic and start filling silence with damaging information. Officers ask strategic questions, and nervous people frequently answer far more than necessary. Staying respectful, calm, and concise protects drivers far better than rambling explanations or emotional reactions. Simple responses paired with polite behavior usually keep encounters from escalating unnecessarily. Smart drivers know that silence can sometimes serve as the most powerful tool during a roadside stop.





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Dear EarthTalk:
Is anybody working on solar-powered trains, and if so, when will they be ready for prime time? -- Paul Best, Los Angeles, CA

Solar-powered trains run on the Sun's energy to operate, via solar panels placed on train stations, on the roofs of trains, or most commonly, from the rail tracks. They also often gain indirect energy from the sun, using electricity from solar farms that is sometimes stored in batteries to facilitate auxiliary functions other than propulsion, including lighting, ventilation and GPS systems. Most solar train travel as of 2026 has been for short distances, optimal for tourism and urban shuttles, like the Byron Bay Train in Australia.

However, there are significant plans to achieve long-term solar train travel across the world.

Unlike traditional diesel-powered trains, solar-powered trains are highly sustainable and offer an improved climate future because they rely on clean and renewable energy. Like other renewable energy sources, solar power improves the environment because it decreases environmental tensions and pollutants that arise with the use of fossil fuels.

In 2019, the International Earth Agency pre-

dicted that the global rail network could expand to almost 2.1 million kilometers by 2050. In 2024, Argentina unveiled its first solar-powered tourist train with a range of about 41 kilometers. Since introducing their first solar-powered train in 2017, India has also joined the effort. Indian Railways plans to develop 20 gigawatts of solar energy in vacant lands by 2030. The U.K. and Switzerland have also made efforts to introduce solar energy in train travel.

mate change group Possible, wrote in The Guardian, "We think solar could power 20 percent of the Merseyrail network in Liverpool, as well as 15 percent of commuter routes in Kent, Sussex and Wessex...trains and trams all over the world could be running on sun in a few years' time." Approved in 2008, California's solar-powered high-speed train will run approximately 1287.5 kilometers and is the first of its kind across the world. This train is set to be completed in 2030 and hopes to connect to cities like Vancouver, San Diego and Los Angeles.

While solar-powered train projects are promising, they still face financial, operational and timing challenges. Many have to do with train maintenance and durability, which can impact the safety of train operations. Nevertheless, solar trains could completely shift the current state of climate-conscious transportation.

Solar powered trains are becoming a reality in the UK and India, but why not in the U.S. as well?



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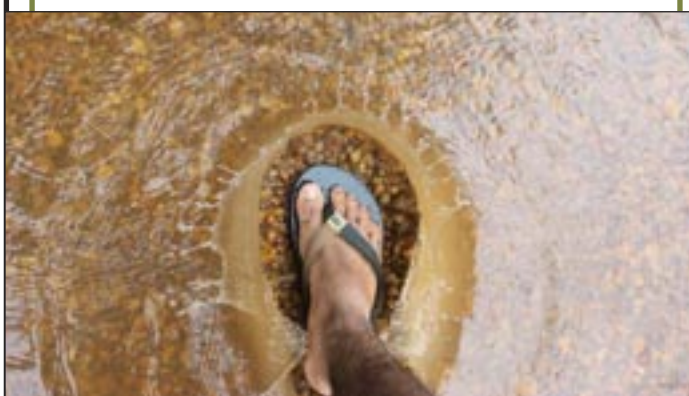
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Cocktails & WOMEN

El Pepino Cocktail

The History of the Pepino Cocktail

Like many iterations of classic cocktails, the Pepino has generations of fans and competing origin stories. In 2012, singer and actor Justin Timberlake launched the drink into the mainstream during an interview with Bon Appétit in which he said the Pepino was his favorite cocktail. His version was said to be based on a creation of noted bar professional Junior Merino, which utilizes pineapple in addition to cucumber, tequila, and lime juice, with Grand Mariner as a sweetening agent. Another claim to the origin of the drink goes to Las Vegas-based Gaston Martinez, whose version omits pineapple but includes cilantro for an herbal kick, as well as egg white for texture in the style of a traditional sour.

Ingredients

- 2 1/4-inch wheels cucumber
- 2 1/4-inch wheels fresh jalapeño
- 1 1/2 ounces blanco tequila
- 3/4 ounce agave syrup (recipe below)
- 1 ounce lime juice, freshly squeezed
- Garnish: Chili-salt rim (or Tajín) and cucumber slice

Steps

Add cucumber, jalapeño, and tequila to a shaker. Muddle for 10 seconds until fully pulverized. Add agave syrup and lime juice, then fill shaker with ice and shake for 15–20 seconds until well-chilled. Double-strain through a fine mesh strainer into Tajín-rimmed rocks glass filled with fresh ice. Garnish with remaining cucumber slice.

Cocktail Corner



MATI HARI

Mata Hari was an exotic dancer from the Netherlands who gained much fame in France as a dancer. During the First World War, she was arrested on charges of espionage and executed by a French firing squad. Evidence of her actual guilt is frequently questioned.



This Pittsburgh Steelers fan is claiming to hold a sign from a higher authority.

A SIGN FROM HEAVEN

Dressed like Jesus and asserting that he's giving advice from his dad (read: God), he is telling his football team to run the ball. If he really is speaking for god, the Steelers would do well to listen to his advice. Although if god truly were supporting them, you might think that they would have won a Super Bowl since 2009.



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persistence and a genuine desire to understand at a deeper level. She has been strong supporter of a sibling with autism.

Jocelyn stated in her essay that "This scholarship would not simply help me afford college, it would help transform years of hard work, hope and sacrifice into a future tat once felt impossible.

In addition to all the extracurricular activities, Jocelyn has a 4.31 GPA.

The Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach is a nonprofit community service organization dedicated to serving children and improving the local community through scholarships, volunteer projects, youth leadership programs, and charitable initiatives. The club is part of Kiwanis International, serving communities throughout the world.

Christopher Vincent

Christopher is a graduate of Ocean View High School

Christopher's math teacher states is very mature and has done well in classes with older students.

He continues that in my twenty-eight years of teaching, I have taught thousands of students and Christopher is one I will never forget. He has ade his mark at Ocean View Hight School in a positive way across a variety of contexts.

Christopher has had to struggle with difficult finances, transportation and a lot of difficulty to get where he is today.

Brian Alvarez

Brian is a graduate of Ocean View High School

Brian's social science teacher and football coach says that he is the kind of teammate that every coach hopes to have, encouraging, selfless and always willing

to uplift those around him

In addition, his perseverance through personal tragedy and adversity further reinforces why he is so deserving of support

His English teacher reports that Brian , in addition to being an excellent student, he is a leader on his football team, a volunteer at church and a mentor to younger kids including his younger sister.

He has extensive experience to service and leadership by volunteering with HB City Junior Lifeguards, salty Grom Surf Camp and Seaside Community Church

He has also done well in school with a 4.21 GPA

Maverick Burnham

Maverick is the founding member of the National League of young Men, Involved in the Bombay Beach Holiday Giving Project. He is currently planning on entering Goldwest College.

Maverick's English teacher states that; Maverick personifies perseverance and success. He entered my classroom having overcome significant early learning challenges of which he tested out of by ninth grade. This transformation is a testament to his sheer determination. He then earned second place in our World's Fair competition showing his creativity and ability to communicate.

Maverick's sign language teacher reported that he is truly one of the most dedicated and hardworking students I have had the pleasure of working with in my time in teaching.

His work experience includes serving as a janitor for Beachcities Church and currently at In-N-Out recently promoted to Store Associate #2

In his part time he has a GPA of 4.07.

HISTORICAL PHOTOS



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Restaurants Worth Crowing About

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.

North Dakota: Schatz Crossroads Restaurant

MinotSchatz Crossroads looks kind of like every other truck stop in the Midwest, with shades of brown and beige the predominant color scheme, but lots of light coming in the windows to cheer it up. Make a pitstop at the attached convenience store and gas station, then head to the 24/7 restaurant where they serve up all kinds of hearty fare for cheap, including a crispy deep-fried half-chicken dinner. The dessert counter filled with pie and cheesecake will be extremely tempting on your way out.



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

7 NBC SHOWS CANCELED SO FAR IN 2026 — AND WHY THEY GOT THE AXE

Entertainment Weekly

Key Points

- NBC has canceled seven shows so far in 2026.

- Notable cancellations include **Brilliant Minds** and **Law & Order: Organized Crime**.

- The network is also ending all of its first-run syndicated programs.

As the 2025-2026 network season winds down, we're saying goodbye to a handful of shows that won't be returning next year.

A number of NBC shows have not been picked up for renewal this fall, from scripted TV series to daytime talk shows. Among them are the *Law & Order* spinoff *Organized Crime*, the Zachary Quinto-led medical drama *Brilliant Minds*, and *The Kelly Clarkson Show*.

Additionally, NBCUniversal will no longer produce any first-run syndicated TV programming, such as *Access Hollywood* and *The Steve Wilkos Show*.

In a statement to *The Hollywood Reporter* explaining the decision, NBCUniversal's Frances Berwick said, "NBCUniversal is making changes to our first-run syndication division to better align with the programming preferences of local stations."

Keep reading for everything we know about the NBC shows that won't appear in the fall lineup this year.

Brilliant Minds

After only two seasons, NBC is saying goodbye to *Brilliant Minds*.

Inspired by the work of famed doctor and writer Oliver Sacks — specifically his books *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* and *An Anthropologist on Mars* — *Brilliant Minds* stars Zachary Quinto as New York City neurologist Dr. Oliver Wolf, a gifted practitioner who also suffers from face blindness.

Brilliant Minds couldn't cultivate a devoted audience, per *Deadline*, which reported that it was NBC's lowest-rated drama series on the linear TV lineup. It didn't help that the show had "the steepest double-digit year-to-year declines," despite maintaining its same Monday



time slot after *The Voice*.

Some of the cast took to Instagram to react to their show's fate. "I'm really going to miss getting to work with these people. Not just the ones you see on screen, but the hundreds of other people that worked on this production," wrote Brian Altemus, who played Dr. Charlie Porter, in a post on Instagram.

Meanwhile, director and executive producer DeMane Davis shared a cast photo with the caption: "This was my family for two seasons. What a privilege. The pure joy of working with these people is something I will and already carry with me daily."

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Stumble

Stumble got the boot after only one season, which ended in March. Broadway icon Kristin Chenoweth led the series — a mockumentary about a junior college cheerleading team — alongside Jenn Lyon, Taran Killam, Jarrett Austin Brown, Anissa Borrego, and Arianna Davis.

The comedy debuted in November and received positive reviews from critics. Sadly, viewership reportedly didn't match the strong reviews, and the show failed to find a large enough audience to justify a renewal.

Karamo

Hosted by *Queer Eye*'s Karamo Brown, *Karamo* was a conflict-resolution daytime talk show intended as a successor to *Maury*, with Brown promising to take a less sensationalist approach to the show.

Unfortunately, the syndicated series will not be returning for a sixth season. Brown, who also recently said goodbye to *Queer Eye*, seems to be keeping busy with motivational videos, per his Instagram.

The Steve Wilkos Show

After debuting in 2007 and airing for 19 seasons, *The Steve Wilkos*



Show is coming to a close. The series is hosted by Wilkos, a former police officer and director of security on *The Jerry Springer Show*.

The series will continue to air new episodes throughout the summer before switching to reruns upon its conclusion in the fall.

Credit: Heidi Gutman/NBC

Law & Order: Organized Crime

Law & Order: Organized Crime, which saw Christopher Meloni reprise his role of Elliot Stabler, ran for five seasons before getting the axe.

The cancellation came in April, nearly a year after the June 2025 conclusion of season 5.

In 2025, Meloni admitted to *PEOPLE* that he wasn't sure if *Organized Crime* would be getting a sixth season. "I don't know if there's going to be another. You're asking for America," he said.

Meloni posted an emotional video to Instagram following the cancellation news. "Hey everyone, I just saw that they announced OC, *Organized Crime*, won't be coming back," he said. "So I wanted to take this moment to say thank you to the fans, who not only helped give the character of Elliot Stabler life and longevity, but for sticking with him and welcoming him back."

Access Hollywood and Access Daily

The iconic Hollywood news show hosted by Mario Lopez, Kit Hoover, Zuri Hall, and Scott Evans will soon take its final bow after roughly three decades on the air. Its companion series, *Access Daily*, was also canceled.

Access Hollywood will wrap in September 2026. The announcement came in March as part of NBCUniversal's decision to end all first-run syndicated programming.

The Kelly Clarkson Show

The Kelly Clarkson Show is coming to an end after seven seasons, but the host claims it was entirely her decision and not related to NBCUniversal's choice to end all first-run syndicated programming.

Clarkson said the decision was driven by her desire to spend more time

with her children.

"This was not an easy decision, but this season will be my last hosting *The Kelly Clarkson Show*. Stepping away from the daily schedule will allow me to prioritize my kids, which feels necessary and right for this next chapter of our lives," she wrote in a February 2025 Instagram post.



In August of last year, Clarkson's ex-husband, Brandon Blackstock, died after a battle with skin cancer. His illness had led Clarkson to cancel several Las Vegas residency dates. New episodes of *The Kelly Clarkson Show* will continue to air through the fall.

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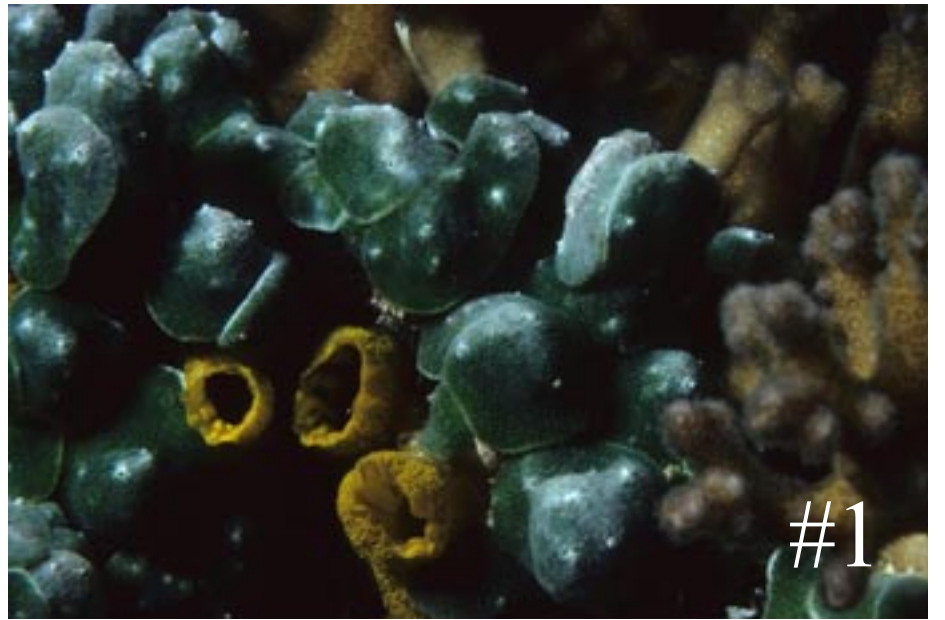
Nonsense-Sounding Statements That Turned Out To Be True

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Don't believe everything you read on the internet. By now, we can all agree that it's full of fake stuff and AI isn't helping the situation. Misinformation spreads like wildfire and often, it's disguised so well that you might be none the wiser. But sometimes, fact is indeed stranger than fiction and the things that sound like complete and utter rubbish turn out to be true.

Humans glow. The universe is beige. Per capita, the Vatican has the highest crime rate in the world. Those were just some of the statements that popped up when someone recently asked, "What sounds like complete nonsense, but has been proven to be true?"

Bored Panda has put together a captivating and surprising list of the best answers. From biology to geography, psychology to history, and everything under the sun, there's enough here for anyone looking to sound a little more clued up at that next social gathering. Don't forget to upvote your favorites and feel free to share your own "nonsense-sounding" gems in the comments section below.



One aspect that makes memory unreliable in detail is that you only remember an event one time. After that, each time you recall it, you're only remembering the last time you remembered it, not the event itself. Memory is a game of telephone we play with ourselves.

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We have little crystals in our inner ear. If they get out of place, it can upset your sense of balance. It's sometimes possible to get them back into place by moving your head a certain way. I'm a speech pathologist. I studied audiology and the anatomy of the speech and hearing mechanisms, but that was over 25 years ago and I never heard about these crystals. Apparently they were discovered before that time so I don't know why we were never taught about them. My mom told me the doctor had her move her head to get her crystals back in place and I thought it was a total hoax until I looked it up.

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Per capita, the Vatican City has the highest crime rate in 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 knickknack 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.



Royal Typewriters
Maker: Royal Typewriter Company

Original Price: \$100-\$125*
Worth Today: \$500-\$700*

Edward B. Hess founded the Royal Typewriter Company in Brooklyn, New York City in 1906. They demonstrated their prototype typewriter to investor Thomas Fortune Ryan, who was impressed with the novelty and innovation of the equipment. The first typewriter ever produced by Royal, the Royal Standard, hit shelves in the spring of 1906.

The Royal Standard set itself

apart from its competition, thanks to its unique flatbed design. Now, over a century later, you can sell a Royal Typewriter (or buy one) for \$500 to \$700. Earlier, well-kept models, of course, are the ones that make the most money at auction. Sotheby's had a Royal Standard listed for \$700 at one point.

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Football Programs Harvard v. Yale

Maker: Harvard/Yale
Original Price: Free
Worth Today: \$20-\$100*

In higher education, the three-hundred-year-old rivalry between Harvard and Yale is unmatched. The rivalry is a staple for both schools, and the football games between the Crimson and Bulldogs draw thousands of spectators a year. The first football game between the schools took place in 1875.

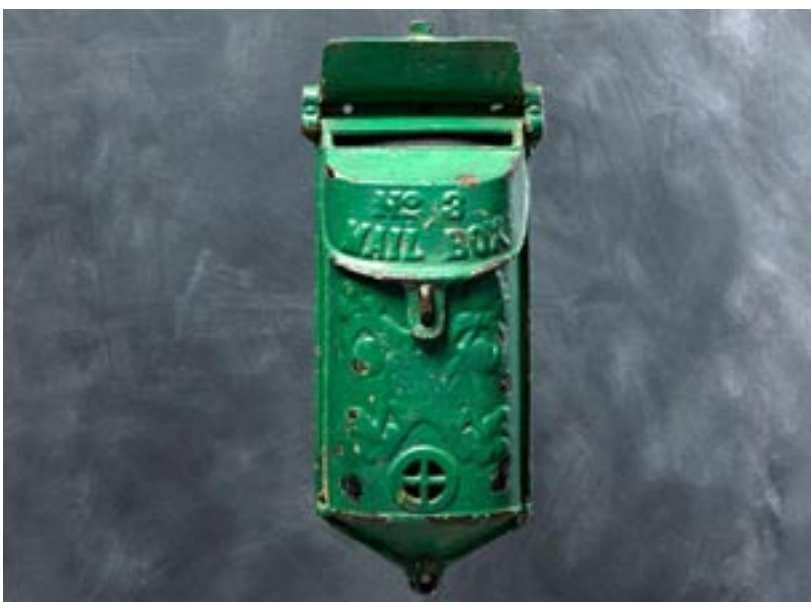
Antique football programs from the games can sell for \$20-\$100 on eBay, as fans seek to own part of the history of this legendary rivalry. The older the program, the more money you can get for it. For example, a Harvard vs. Yale program from 1989 sells for \$19.99 on eBay, while one from 1936 is currently selling for \$89.99.

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Cast Iron Mailbox
Maker: Griswold and others
Original Price: \$20-\$40*
Worth Today: \$50-\$200*

Most mailboxes are made from a combination metal consisting of galvanized steel, stainless steel, Zintec steel, or aluminum. After the mailbox is made, it is then powder-coated to fit the design requirements of its recipient. There are some mailboxes that are made of wood or plastic, but they are often less common, as they are not as durable as metal boxes.



In 1924, postal officials called for mailboxes to be made of cast iron, as they were cheaper to make, more durable, and rust-resistant. Though cast iron boxes have faded out of style, you can resell yours for \$50-\$200 on eBay, as some buyers still want to go back to the days.

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Interesting Old Photos for People who Love History

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The world is constantly changing, and eventually, our memory alone isn't enough to portray how things really were. It can distort important details, leaving gaps in our understanding of the past. That's why archives are so valuable.

The Facebook group Old Historical Photos is home to hundreds of images from days gone by. Thanks to the community's dedication to record keeping, we get to see the events, places, and people that might otherwise be lost to time. Previous eras feel much more tangible.



#1

Kids playing in the mud, 1960s Glasgow.
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#2

Anne Frank's father Otto revisits the attic entrance where he and his family hid for two years before their betrayal. Amsterdam. 1960.

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It happened to Einstein, Marilyn, Washington & more: 12 famous misquotes

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Some of history's most often repeated sayings were never actually said. At least not by the people we love to credit. You have probably read dozens of quotes wrongly attributed to Albert Einstein or Oscar Wilde, but Marilyn Monroe also made the list. As did Marie Antoinette! Today, we are setting the record straight on some of the most stubborn quote myths.

1) "Let them eat cake"

Despite her reputation for extravagance, there's no evidence that Marie Antoinette ever uttered these words. The quote "Qu'ils mangent de la brioche" is often pinned on her as a symbol of her indifference to the hardships of starving peasants.

However, the phrase first appears in Jean-Jacques Rousseau's *Confessions*, which he started writing in 1765, when Marie was just about nine years old and still living in Austria.

2) "I cannot tell a lie"

The famous story about young George confessing to chopping down a cherry tree is pure fiction, cooked up by biographer Mason Locke Weems after Washington's death.

There's no evidence Washington ever said this. Weems simply wanted to craft a moral and visually memorable legend for America's first president.

3) "The ends justify the means"

While "The Prince" does argue that rulers sometimes need to be ruthless, Niccolò Machiavelli never wrote "the ends justify the means."

The phrase is a simplified (and distorted) summary of much more complicated ideas he discussed about power and politics.

4) "And yet it moves"

The force of the Roman Inquisition fell upon Galileo, the father of modern astronomy who defended heliocentrism. He supposedly muttered this famous phrase after being forced to counter his views, defending that the Earth did move around the sun.

However, there's no contemporary record of the defiant line being spoken. It first appeared decades later, in a biography written well after Galileo's death.

5) "Be the change you wish to see in the world"

Michael Jackson did sustain that he was starting by changing "the man in the mirror," and Mahatma Gandhi probably would have agreed. But the exact words of the famous line were never said by the real Gandhi.

His advice was much more nuanced about personal responsibility and social reform. The polished quote is a bit of a paraphrase meant to capture his philosophy in a nutshell.

6) "Well-behaved women rarely make history"

You can thank Marilyn Monroe for a lot, but not this quote. Although often typed on posters next to her iconic photos, the line was actually written by historian Laurel Thatcher Ulrich in a 1976 scholarly article.

She wasn't encouraging rebellion either: She was observing that history tends to overlook women who "color inside the lines."

7) "Elementary, my dear Watson."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote many lines spoken through his fa-

mous detective, Sherlock Holmes. But this one—perhaps the most often repeated line—wasn't among them!

Yes, Watson was Holmes' dear sidekick, and probably Sherlock used the word "elementary" at some point. Still, the straight line "Elementary, my dear Watson" cannot be found anywhere in the original texts.

8) "Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken"

Oscar Wilde, a master of aphorisms, had wit to spare. Many lines can be attributed to him. This one, however, doesn't ring like those by the author of *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.

The saying doesn't appear in any of his writings or documented conversations. It likely emerged around the end of the 20th century, stitched together by fans who loved the idea of Wilde's spirit.

9) "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again..."

"... and expecting different results." You might have read this quote and felt inspired by it. Although often attributed to Albert Einstein, there's no record of him saying it.

Some say that the earliest known appearance is in a 1980s Narcotics Anonymous pamphlet. The internet did its job and blurred the origins of the quote.

10) "Far from the maddening crowd"

This one is only slightly incorrect. Thomas Hardy fans, take note: The

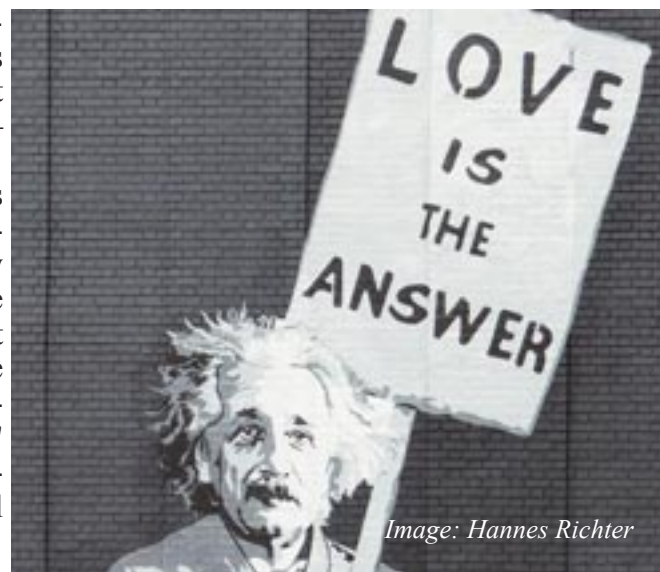


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correct line is "far from the madding crowd." And, in fact, Hardy borrowed it from Thomas Gray's 1751 poem *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*, which read "Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife." "Madding" meant frenzied, not "maddening."

11) "Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing"

Vince Lombardi gets the credit, but even he said he was misquoted! The original line came from UCLA coach Red Sanders, who reportedly told his team this hard-hitting slogan in the 1950s. Lombardi's version was similar but way less cutthroat: He said, "Winning isn't a sometime thing; it's an all the time thing."

12) "The British are coming!"

Paul Revere didn't actually yell this because, back in 1775, that would have been confusing. Most colonial Americans still considered themselves British.

What he likely said was something closer to "The Regulars are coming out" or "The Redcoats are on the move." He also didn't yell, since secrecy was key for his mission

Pete Buttigieg, JD Vance Lead in New 2028 Presidential Primary Poll

FERNANDO CERVANTES JR., USA TODAY

Former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has surged into the lead in new polling on a potential 2028 Democratic presidential primary field.

According to the most recent poll by Emerson College Polling, released May 28, 18% of Democratic voters said they would back Buttigieg's presidential bid, with California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-New York, coming in second and third, respectively.

On the Republican side, Vice President JD Vance narrowly leads the field of potential candidates with 36% of primary voters, only one point ahead of Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

It marks a significant climb of 15 percentage points for Rubio since Emerson's previous poll of the potential Republican field in February, as Vance's support as the top choice has fallen by 16 percentage points over the same period.

According to the same poll, 15% of Republican primary voters remain undecided, while Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley polled at 5%. The Emerson College poll was conducted between May 24 and

May 25, with 1,000 respondents and a margin of error of $\pm 3\%$.

Is Pete Buttigieg running for president?

Although he leads the field of potential Democratic candidates in 2028, Buttigieg has been

Are you going to run again?" the Rev. Al Sharpton asked Buttigieg, according to *The Hill*.

"You save me a seat, I'll be there," Buttigieg responded, but did not elaborate further.

Is JD Vance running for president?

As of now, Vance has not formally announced his intentions to run for president in 2028.

President Donald Trump has also refused to choose between Rubio and Vance to be his successor in 2028. During a White House event on May 11, Trump said the pair would make a "perfect ticket" for a run in the next presidential election.

"I do believe that's a dream team, but these are minor details. That does not mean you have my endorsement under any circumstances," Trump said. "I think it sounds like presidential candidate and vice presidential candidate."

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unclear on whether he is running for president. But during remarks at the National Action Network conference in April, Buttigieg hinted at a 2028 presidential run being a real possibility.

"When you ran for president, you met me and we went up to a well-publicized lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant in Harlem. Just so my calendar is clear. Should I be reserving a table at Sylvia's?"

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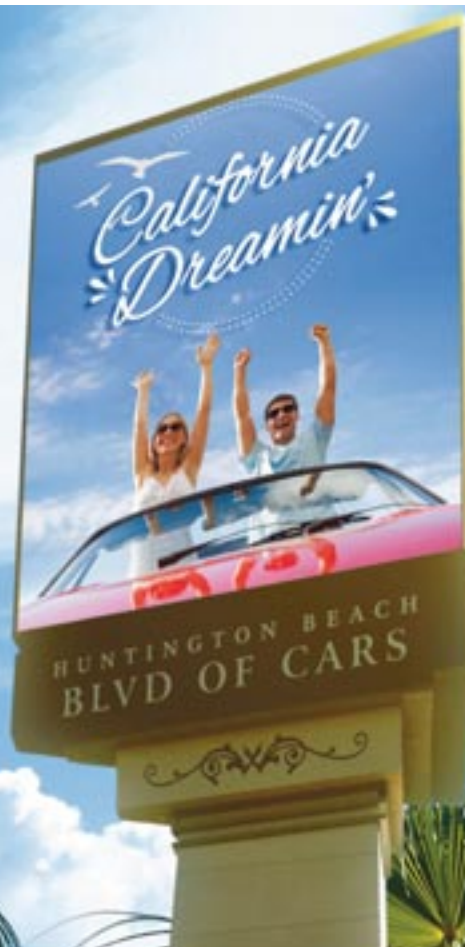
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