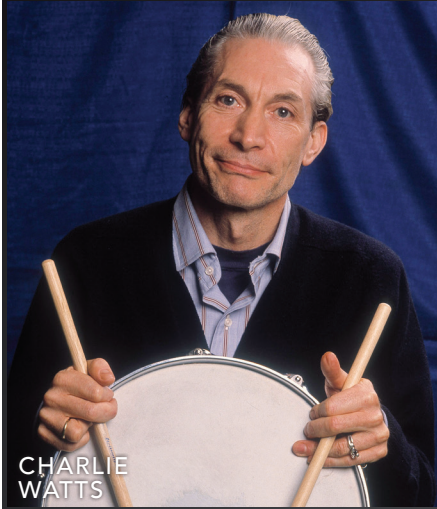


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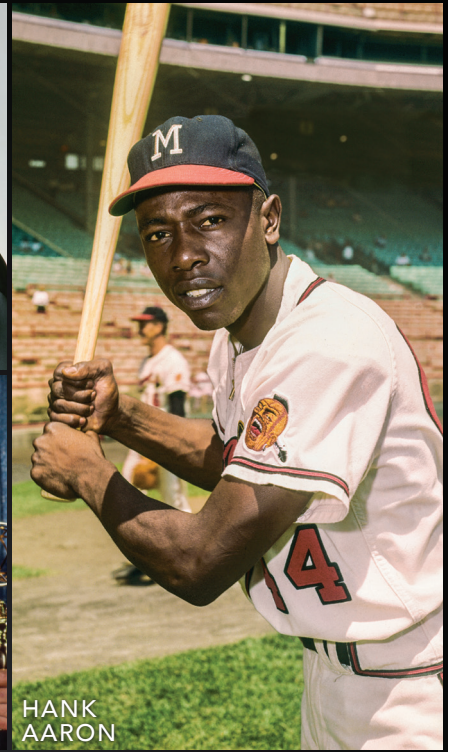
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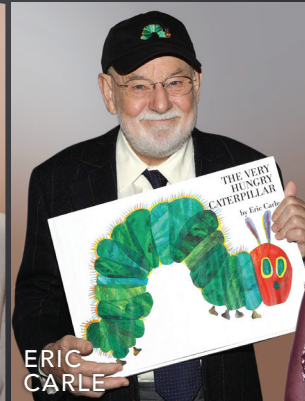
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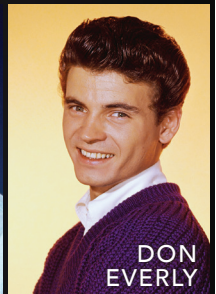
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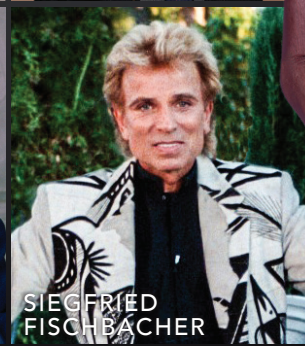
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# Personality Parade



## LILY COLLINS RETURNS TO PARIS

Collins resumes her adventures in *Emily in Paris* (Dec. 22 on Netflix). Season two of the hit comedy-drama series finds her American-transplant character better at navigating the city but still struggling with the idiosyncrasies of French life and language. And like her character, Collins, 32, found herself more comfortable in the City of Light. "I definitely got to know [Paris] better this time around," she says, "because I wasn't taking a lot of public transport because of [COVID-19] regulations for filming, so I was walking a lot more."



## CHILLING WITH KEANU

**Keanu Reeves** returns in the long-awaited fourth film in the groundbreaking *Matrix* sci-fi franchise, *The Matrix Resurrections* (Dec. 22 in theaters and on HBO Max), which arrives nearly 20 years after the third, *The Matrix Revolutions* (2003). Here are some fun facts about the native Canadian actor, 57, whose first name means "cool breeze over the mountains."

He lost the role of Wolverine in *X-Men* to Hugh Jackman.



▶ One of his first roles: playing a competitive cyclist (for which he shaved his legs) in a 1980s commercial for Coca-Cola.

When Reeves first began acting, his agent thought his name was too exotic, so he was credited as K.C. Reeves, Norman Kreeves or Chuck Spadina.

## OLIVIA COLMAN HITS THE BEACH

Colman—who received an Oscar for *The Favourite* and a nomination for *The Father*—is back in another awards-buzzy film role in *The Lost Daughter* (Dec. 31 on Netflix). The British actress stars in the psychological drama as Leda, a college professor who confronts the unconventional choices she made as a young mother after meeting a woman and her daughter on a Mediterranean vacation. Colman, 47, says she was thrilled to be a part of an ensemble cast that includes Dakota Johnson, Jessie Buckley, Peter Sarsgaard and Ed Harris. But one thing was not so thrilling: "I had to faint on the beach a lot—a hard, pebbly beach—and [I was] bruised and sore," she says. "But I was [still] excited about it all."



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

## RYAN SEACREST

The *American Idol* and *Live With Kelly and Ryan* host, 46, returns to Times Square for *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest* (Dec. 31 on ABC), celebrating the 50th anniversary of Clark's TV special. The festivities will ring in 2022 with more than five hours of celebrities, music and the first-ever Spanish-language countdown from Puerto Rico.

**Why has *New Year's Rockin' Eve* stood the test of time?** Dick Clark set the tone for a

nationwide—now global—celebration by televising what happens in Times Square and creating a party and a big concert environment for people who are going to be home. So they can ring in the New Year, celebrate and feel like they're a part of something.

**What will the party look like this year?** Ciara and Billy Porter will be joining as co-hosts. Last year, as you're aware, there was nobody in Times Square, just a few people. This year, we're hoping it'll be a little more back to normal.

**What's the secret to *American Idol*, returning in 2022 for its 20th anniversary, lasting for two decades?** Looking back at some of the first seasons, the show looked and felt really different than it does now. Sure, the concept—the foundation—is the same. But look at the evolution of the artists who are auditioning now, and at the style of the show, and it's a real study of how one show can continue to evolve.

**Do you make New Year's resolutions?** I try to add a new layer to life every new year. This year my passion has migrated into the world of farming. I have personally planted two different olive groves in California. I'm studying how to cultivate those to create my own organic olive oil one day.

What's his worry about *American Idol*? Go to [Parade.com/seacrest](https://www.parade.com/seacrest) to find out.



▲ An avid rider, he co-founded Arch Motorcycle Company, which builds and sells custom bikes.

In high school, Reeves contemplated trying out for the Canadian Olympic ice hockey team.

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THE STORIES BEHIND YOUR FAVORITE

## Holiday Songs

Music is the one gift everyone gets for the holidays. As much as we love the catchy tunes, the stories behind the songs can be fascinating too. Here are eight of the most dramatic. Go to [Parade.com/music](http://Parade.com/music) for more.

—Jim Farber

### 1 “Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)”

The kickoff single from the album *A Christmas Gift for You From Phil Spector* had the unfortunate fate to be released on the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. In deference to the tragedy, both the single—voiced by girl group mainstay **Darlene Love**—and the album were temporarily pulled from stores. The song didn't click until 1986 when Love performed it on *Late Night With David Letterman*, kicking off a tradition that lasted until 2014. In 2015, Love started belting the classic on *The View*, and it broke into *Billboard's* Top 20 this past January.

### 2 “Christmas Time Is Here”

The first Peanuts-related TV special, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, which debuted in 1965, has earned as much love for its music as for its characters and script. Cool jazz hipster Vince Guaraldi composed the score, and “Christmas Time Is Here,” which matches his plaintive piano

to a chorus of singing kids, is both aching and gorgeous.

### 3 “All I Want for Christmas Is You”

Nearly every “holiday classic” was written at least 40 years ago. In 1994, however, **Mariah Carey** cooked up a song that stands with the best of them. She later admitted it was written not from memories of a happy childhood (which she did not have) but “from my early fantasies of family and friendship.”

### 4 “White Christmas”

Irving Berlin wrote the classic and **Bing Crosby** first sang it in the 1942 movie *Holiday Inn*. The song resonated with American soldiers spending their first holiday away from home in the Pacific in the wake of the Pearl Harbor attack. Ironically, 33 years later, the song marked the end of the Vietnam War after it was played by the American Radio Service to signal troops to make their final evacuation.

5 “Feliz Navidad” Combining two cultures gave **José Feliciano** one of the



most beautiful hits of his career. For his 1970 release, he sang the verses in English and the chorus in Spanish. Fifty years later, this cross-cultural hit made a deeper impact than ever, hitting its all-time peak on the *Billboard* chart at No. 6.

### 6 “The Chanukah Song”

Despite many of the best-known holiday songs being penned by Jewish writers, including “White Christmas,” “The Christmas Song” and “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree,” it took a comic to score a Top 10 Hanukkah song. **Adam Sandler** debuted his witty piece in 1994 on *Saturday Night Live*, stuffing it with names of celebrities who are either fully Jewish (David Lee Roth), part Jewish (Paul Newman) or not at all Jewish (O.J. Simpson).

### 7 “The Christmas Song (Merry Christmas to You)”

Amid a July heatwave in 1945, songwriter Robert Wells decided to “stay cool by thinking cool,” according to singer **Mel Tormé**, his writing partner on this song. The pair took just 40

minutes to write what became the most-performed cold-season song of all time. Tormé wasn't the first singer to perform it. The Nat King Cole Trio had the initial crack. In fact, Cole wound up cutting four separate versions, the last of which (in 1961) became the one most fans cherish.

### 8 “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”

The youngest person ever to score a hit holiday classic was 13-year-old **Brenda Lee**. The 1958 song was penned by Johnny Marks, who had already written seasonal standards like “A Holly Jolly Christmas” and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” It hit *Billboard's* Top 10 as recently as 2019.

#### COMING JANUARY 2!

Anthony Anderson on the final season of *Black-ish* and his role on the *Law & Order* reboot.



Note: There will be no December 26 issue of Parade.



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PARADE SALUTES SOME OF THE MEMORABLE FOLKS WHO LEFT US IN 2021. GO TO [PARADE.COM/REMEMBER](https://www.parade.com/remember) FOR MORE. BY DILLON DODSON

## STAGE & SCREEN QUEEN

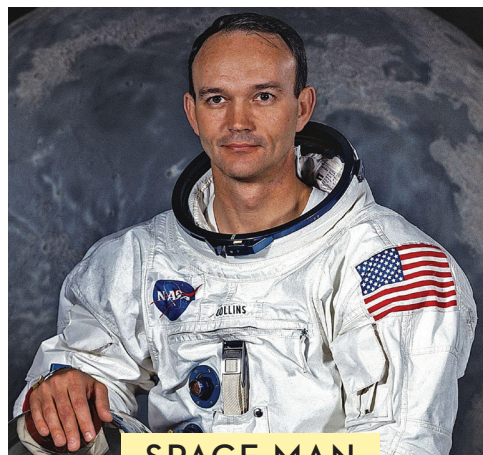
Former fashion model **CICELY TYSON**, who portrayed strong characters on stage and screen for more than 60 years (she earned a Tony, three Emmys and numerous nominations), was best known for her roles in the films *Souder* and *The Help* and on TV in *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* and *Roots*. She died Jan. 28 at age 96 of undisclosed causes.



The only actor to win Emmys for playing the same character (Lou Grant) in both a comedy (*The Mary Tyler Moore Show*) and a drama (his own spinoff from that hit series, entitled *Lou Grant*), **ED ASNER** died of natural causes Aug. 29 at age 91.



**PRINCE PHILIP**, a decorated World War II veteran and husband to Queen Elizabeth II, died of natural causes in England's Windsor Castle April 9 at age 99. The longest-serving consort of a British monarch, the Duke of Edinburgh also was the longest-lived male member of the British royal family.



## SPACE MAN

While Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first astronauts to step foot on the moon in July 1969, **MICHAEL COLLINS** was doing an equally important job: piloting the orbiting spaceship, *Columbia*. An Air Force fighter pilot who joined NASA during its two-astronaut Gemini program, he became the third American to perform a spacewalk and eventually logged 266 hours in space. He died of cancer April 28 at age 90.

## FAREWELL, PHYLLIS

**CLORIS LEACHMAN**, the Iowa-born Oscar winner for *The Last Picture Show*, also was a standout on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Phyllis* and *Malcolm in the Middle* and in the movies *Young Frankenstein* and *Bad Santa*. Leachman won eight Emmy Awards and set a record for competing on *Dancing With the Stars* in 2008—at the age of 82. She died following a stroke, with COVID-19 complications, Jan. 27 at age 94.



The Academy Award winner for playing mother to Cher's Loretta in the Oscar-winning 1987 movie *Moonstruck*, **OLYMPIA DUKAKIS** boasts other memorable roles in *Steel Magnolias* and *Tales of the City*. The prolific theater actress, who was a cousin of Massachusetts politician Michael Dukakis, died May 1 at 89.



By the time he was 10, **DEAN STOCKWELL** had appeared on Broadway and in movies with such notables as Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. He also is remembered for TV and film roles in *Quantum Leap*, *Married to the Mob* (which earned him an Oscar nomination), *Dune* and *Paris, Texas*. He died of natural causes at 85 on Nov. 7.



With an acting career spanning nearly 50 years, **NED BEATTY** was memorable in *Deliverance*, *Nashville*, *All the President's Men*, *Superman*, *Rudy*, *Roseanne*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Charlie Wilson's War* and *Network*, for which he was nominated for his only Oscar. He died of natural causes June 13 at age 83.



Phil and **DON EVERLY** initially found fame in Nashville by writing songs for Grand Ole Opry star Roy Acuff's publishing company and then with their own hits, including "Bye Bye Love," "Wake Up Little Susie," "All I Have to Do Is Dream" and more. The Everly Brothers were among the first inductees into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Don died Aug. 21 at age 84. (Brother Phil died in 2014 at 74.)



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## MR. CHAIRMAN

Raised in New York City by Jamaican immigrants, **COLIN POWELL** was the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (under President George H.W. Bush) and went on to serve as the U.S. secretary of state (the first Black American to hold that job as well) during the presidency of George W. Bush. Powell, who was being treated for blood cancer, died of COVID-19 Oct. 18 at age 84.



A jazz-influenced rock 'n' roll drummer, **CHARLIE WATTS** became the thumping heartbeat of the Rolling Stones when he came aboard in 1963. A graphic designer before joining the band, he used those skills to help design the sets for some of the Stones' tours as well as several of their album covers. He died Aug. 24 at 80 following surgery for an undisclosed condition.



Founding ZZ Top bassist **DUSTY HILL**, who grew up playing the cello but was steeped in the blues of Southern Black troubadours like Muddy Waters and Son House, helped the group earn three Grammy nominations—the latest in 2021 for the music film *That Little Ol' Band From Texas*. He died of cancer July 28 at age 72.



**DUSTIN DIAMOND** appeared as Screech in all 86 episodes of the popular late-'80s/early-'90s high school sitcom *Saved by the Bell*. He died of small-cell carcinoma of the lungs Feb. 1 at age 44.

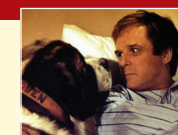


## HAMMERIN' HANK

Hall of Famer **HANK AARON** was Major League Baseball's all-time home run king, with 755 (before Barry Bonds entered the picture). He started out in the Negro Leagues, then moved to the majors, playing for the Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves. He was a devoted civil rights activist who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from George W. Bush. After his 23-season MLB career, Aaron owned several Atlanta car dealerships; he gave an autographed baseball to every customer who purchased a new car. He died Jan. 22 of natural causes at age 86.



Half of the famous Las Vegas magic duo Siegfried & Roy, **SIEGFRIED FISCHBACHER** died of pancreatic cancer Jan. 13 at 81.



Broadway, film and dog-dad (*Beethoven*) legend **CHARLES GRODIN** died at age 86 on May 18 of bone marrow cancer.



Iconic CNN broadcasting host **LARRY KING** was known for his suspenders and for conversing on the air with just about everyone who was anyone, including presidents and politicians, pop stars, superstar athletes and legendary actors. He died of sepsis Jan. 23 at age 87.



Versatile and prolific actor **GAVIN MACLEOD**, best known for his TV roles as ship captain Merrill Stubing on *The Love Boat* and television writer Murray Slaughter on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, was 90 when he died on May 29.

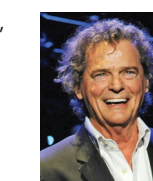
A Canadian comedian with a comically deadpan delivery, **NORM MACDONALD** first rose to prominence as a *Roseanne* writer and then graduated to *Saturday Night Live*'s "Weekend Update" desk. He died Sept. 14 at 61 after a near-decade fight with acute leukemia.



Author and artist **ERIC CARLE**'s beloved *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*—recognizable by its hand-painted tissue paper collages—has sold more than 55 million copies and been translated into more than 70 languages. Award-winning Carle published more than 70 books. He died May 23 of kidney failure at 91.



"I'm hooked on a feelin', high on believin' that you're in love with me," sang Oklahoma-born Grammy winner **B.J. THOMAS**, whose other hit songs include "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," the Oscar-winning tune from the *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* soundtrack. He died of lung cancer May 29 at 78.



## NIGHT COURT STAR

Fan favorite **MARKIE POST** starred as bail bondsman Terri Michaels on TV's *The Fall Guy*, public defender Christine Sullivan on *Night Court* and reporter Georgie Anne Lahti on *Hearts Afire*. One of her final TV appearances was playing herself in a season-three episode of *30 Rock*, when she, Harry Anderson and Charles Robinson (who died July 11 at age 75) staged a mock reunion of the *Night Court* cast. Post died of cancer Aug. 7 at age 70.



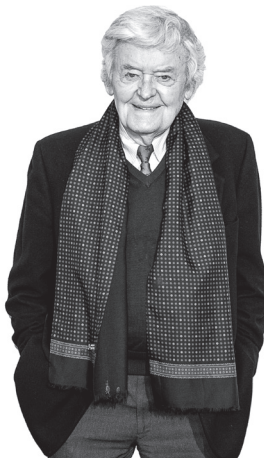
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## MARKING MR. TWAIN

A flair for the historical led to a long acting career for five-time Emmy winner and Tony-winning Mark Twain impersonator **HAL HOLBROOK**, who headlined his own internationally renowned one-man show. Among his many roles, Holbrook portrayed the president in the 1974 *Lincoln* TV miniseries as well as his Oval Office adviser, Preston Blair, in Steven Spielberg's 2012 *Lincoln* film. Long-time husband to actress Dixie Carter (who died in 2010), he died Jan. 23 at age 95 of natural causes.



Carrie Bradshaw's BFF **WILLIE GARSON** was set to reprise his role as Stanford Blatch in the *Sex and the City* reboot *And Just Like That...* before he died from pancreatic cancer Sept. 21 at age 57.



Freddy Jones, the smarty-pants drummer in the 2003 Jack Black comedy *School of Rock*, was played by **KEVIN CLARK**, who went on to be a musician and songwriter. The 32-year-old had just formed a new band when he died after being hit by a car as he rode his bike in Chicago on May 26.



Caldecott Medal-winning author and illustrator **JERRY PINKNEY** was beloved for his kid-friendly books and his portraits of historic Black figures, including Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, for the Black Heritage stamp series. He died of a heart attack Oct. 20 at 81.



## TOM HANKS' BOSOM BUDDY

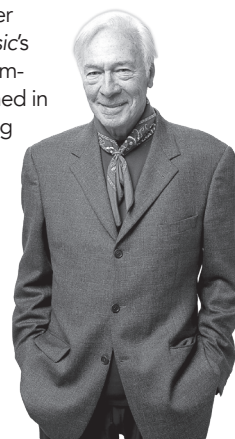
Remembered for television roles on *Goodtime Girls*; *Bosom Buddies*; *Newhart*; *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids: The TV Show*; *Gotham*; *Evil*; and the ABC miniseries *Madoff*, **PETER SCOLARI** won an Emmy for playing Hannah's dad on HBO's *Girls* in 2016. He died of cancer Oct. 22 at 66.



Fans know him best as Omar from *The Wire*, but **MICHAEL K. WILLIAMS** first danced his way to a music-video role alongside Madonna. He went on to perform in *Boardwalk Empire*, *The Night Of*, *When We Rise* and *Lovecraft Country*, for which he earned his fifth Emmy nomination. He died of a drug overdose Sept. 6 at age 54.



**CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER**, forever remembered as *The Sound of Music*'s Captain von Trapp, received two Emmys, two Tonys and an Oscar. Trained in Shakespeare, he gave commanding stage performances in *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Henry V* and more, and he acted in a variety of films, including *Beginners*, *A Beautiful Mind*, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* and *Knives Out*. He died at age 91 on Feb. 5 after a fall.



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A musician would marry a man named Fred in 1952. Soon after, **JOANNE ROGERS** provided voice work for his first TV show, *The Children's Corner*, and would become the inspiration for the puppet Queen Sara on *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. She died of natural causes Jan. 14 at age 92.



Independent filmmaker, actor, novelist, playwright, painter and musician **MELVIN VAN PEEBLES** surprised Hollywood with his wildly successful 1971 "blaxploitation" epic *Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song*, a tale of a young Black man's travails against the police. The father of actor-director Mario Van Peebles, he died at age 89 on Sept. 21.



**MARCUS A. YORK's** character Billy Merchant, property manager of the building that housed *The Office's* Dunder Mifflin Paper Company, had many comedic run-ins with Steve Carell's manager character Michael Scott, usually about the real-life wheelchair used by the paraplegic actor. York, a strong advocate for people with disabilities, died May 19 at 55.



Fans came to know **BIZ MARKIE**—the "Clown Prince of Hip-Hop"—from his beatboxing and producing, most notably on his hit "Just a Friend," and as an actor in the movie *Men in Black II* or on TV's *In Living Color*, *Empire* and *Black-ish*. He died July 16 at 57 after a long struggle with Type 2 diabetes.



For decades, millions of people tuned in to radio and then television to hear **RUSH LIMBAUGH**

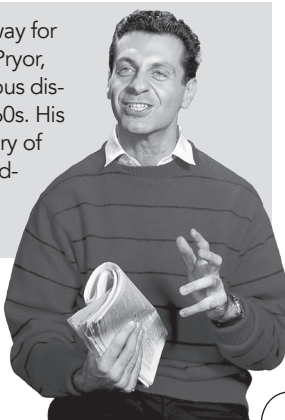
give his conservative slant on political events. He died of lung cancer Feb. 17 at age 70. In 2020, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Donald Trump.



At *Friends'* Central Perk coffee shop, Jennifer Aniston's Rachel is manager Gunther's forever crush. **JAMES MICHAEL TYLER**,

the actor who played him, was first cast as an extra, but his "unique spirit" caught the eyes of the show's creators, who decided to expand his story. Tyler died Oct. 24 at age 59 of prostate cancer.

Canada-born comedian **MORT SAHL** paved the way for Lenny Bruce, George Carlin, Joan Rivers, Richard Pryor, Bill Maher, Jon Stewart and others with his humorous discourses on edgy cultural topics in the 1950s and '60s. His debut album, *At Sunset*, was deemed by the Library of Congress as the "earliest example of modern stand-up comedy on record." He died of natural causes on Oct. 26 at age 94.



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# What America Eats



## Easy Holiday Coffee Cake

With a generous shower of buttery nuts and brown sugar, plus a drizzle of icing, this coffee cake channels the flavor of classic cinnamon rolls. It's from the new cookbook *Y'all Come Over* by Rebecca Lang and ideal for your holiday brunch fun.

### MAKE-AHEAD CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE

In a large bowl, beat  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup (1½ sticks) **unsalted butter**, softened, on medium speed until creamy. Gradually add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup **granulated sugar** and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup firmly packed **light brown sugar**, beating well. Add 2 **large eggs**, 1 at a time, beating just until blended after each addition.

In a medium bowl, combine 2 cups **all-purpose flour**, 1 tsp **baking powder**, 1 tsp **baking soda**,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp **salt** and  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp **ground cinnamon**. In a small bowl, combine 1 cup **sour cream**,  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup **heavy cream** and 1 tsp **vanilla extract**. With mixer speed on low, add flour mixture to butter mixture, alternating with sour cream mixture, beginning and ending with flour. Allow each addition to fully incorporate before adding next. Scrape batter into a greased and floured 13-by-9-inch pan. Cover tightly; chill 8–24 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Let batter stand at room temperature 30 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup coarsely chopped **pecans**,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sliced **almonds**,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup firmly packed light brown sugar, 6 Tbsp all-purpose flour,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup ( $\frac{1}{2}$  stick) melted unsalted butter and  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp ground cinnamon. Sprinkle over batter. Bake 32–35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

In a small bowl, stir together 1 cup **powdered sugar** and 2 Tbsp **milk** until glossy and looks like ribbons when spoon is lifted from bowl. Drizzle over warm cake. **Serves 8–10.**

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## Ask Marilyn

By Marilyn vos Savant

After arriving at an appointment a day early, I saw my mistake was thinking of Saturday and Sunday on the right side of the calendar, whereas Sunday was actually on the left. So why do we call Saturday and Sunday weekend days?

—Paulette Jahnke, Cincinnati, Ohio

Because American calendars are out of sync with Americans! Our calendars do not follow international standards (ISO 8601), which start the week with Monday and end it on Sunday. (I myself find the Sunday start so counterintuitive that I always choose the Monday-start option on my digital calendars.) Our country's practice dates back to the Romans, who named the days starting with the sun (Sunday) and the moon (Monday).



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