Remember When: Slip ’n Slide
For instant summertime fun, just add water! That was the premise of the Slip ’n Slide, which toy company Wham-O rolled out in 1961. The instant backyard water slide was invented by Robert Carrier, who got the idea after watching his 10-year-old son and his friends doing belly flops on a driveway made slick by the water from a running hose. Wham-O loved Carrier’s creation and boxed up a bright yellow 30-foot-long sheet of plastic that attached to a garden hose, selling over 30 million since its debut.

Brainteaser
Question: What color is the top stripe of the U.S. flag, red or white?
Answer: Red.

Wash, Dry and Moisturize
Frequent hand-washing is one of the best ways to prevent illness, but moisturizing your hands afterward is also important to your health. Hands that are dry, chapped or cracked indicate a damaged skin barrier, which provides less protection against germs. To help heal dry skin, health experts recommend applying a thick cream, balm or ointment with ingredients such as petrolatum, glycerin, mineral oil and ceramides.

Quick Phone Cover
For quick protection from outdoor elements, place your smartphone in a zip-close plastic sandwich bag. It will shield the device from water, sand or dirt, and you’ll still be able to see and use the phone’s touch screen.

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Star Swimmer
The first swimming school in America opened in Boston on July 23, 1827. One pupil who reportedly took advantage of its lessons was the country’s president, John Quincy Adams, who was 60 years old at the time.

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In the Swim
When the temperatures rise, one way to cool off is to put on your bathing suit and go for a swim. Soak up some facts about this wardrobe staple.

Early styles of swimwear were extremely modest. Women wore ankle-length, long-sleeved bathing gowns. Men’s suits covered their chests and legs.

The term “swimming suit” was first used in 1921 in magazine ads created by Jantzen, an Oregon swimsuit manufacturer.

In the 1930s, Olympic champion swimmer Johnny Weissmuller, who went on to acting fame as Tarzan, modeled one of the first brands of swim trunks.

On July 5, 1946, the bikini made quite a splash when it debuted in France. The two-piece design was very daring at the time.

Playing Pinball
Amid flashing lights and the sound of dings and buzzers, a small metal ball zigzags through a maze of bumpers, tunnels and ramps. That’s just part of the excitement of pinball, a classic arcade game.

Pinball can be traced back to an 18th-century French parlor game called bagatelle, similar to billiards. Variations of the game evolved in Europe and the U.S. In 1871, Montague Redgrave, a British immigrant who settled in Cincinnati, created a smaller tabletop form of bagatelle, which had a spring-loaded plunger to propel a marble-size ball onto the playing board.

The game was a hit with players of all ages, and coin-operated machine versions were later produced for penny arcades. In the 1930s, electric-powered features such as lights, sound effects and music added to the attraction. Player-controlled flipper paddles, which kept the ball in play longer, became standard in the 1950s, and the innovation helped modern pinball grow in popularity.

Pinball was banned in some major U.S. cities because it was said to be a game of chance, not skill. The ban was largely lifted in the 1970s, ushering in an era of high-tech machine designs.

A ‘Beautiful’ Tribute
Expressing national pride “from sea to shining sea,” the stirring anthem “America the Beautiful” turns 125 this month.

The song’s lyrics are the words of a poem written by Katharine Lee Bates, who was an English professor at Massachusetts’ Wellesley College. In 1893, while on a trip to Colorado, Bates visited Pikes Peak, and was struck by the view of natural beauty from the mountain and, in her words, “the sea-like expanse of fertile country ... under those ample skies.”

Inspired, she finished her poem during the trip, but didn’t publish it until two years later. The first version appeared in a weekly Massachusetts newspaper, The Congregationalist, on July 4, 1895.

For a while, “America the Beautiful” was sung to the melodies of various folk tunes, including “Auld Lang Syne.” But it was a hymn titled “Materna,” composed in 1882 by Samuel A. Ward, that became the most common music for Bates’ lyrics and is still used today. Ward, a church musician from New Jersey, never met the poet, but their combined talents resulted in what has been called “an expression of patriotism at its finest.”

“America the Beautiful” has become a patriotic standard and is often played at national celebrations and sporting events.
JULY ANNIVERSARIES!
JULY 4 Mike and Sue Finn
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JULY 8 Pete Talavs and Diana Maclaren
JULY 10 Dan and Gail Brittingham
JULY 25 Marty and Glenna Mace
JULY 27 Jim and Judy Daugherty
JULY 30 Jim Collins and Jo Glasgow

SAVE THE DATE!

July 4, 2020
Independence Day

September 7, 2020
Labor Day

October 31, 2020
Halloween Party

November 11, 2020
Veterans Coffee & Doughnuts

November 26, 2020
Thanksgiving Dinner

December 19, 2020
X-Mas Party Cal-Am

December 25, 2020
X-Mas Dinner

January 1, 2021
New Year’s Day Brunch

February 3, 2021
Golf Pancake Supper

February 7, 2021
Super Bowl Party

February 14, 2021
Valentine’s Dinner and Dance

February 27, 2021
Community Patio Sale

March 6, 2021
All Park Picnic

March 17, 2021
St. Paddy’s Day Dinner & Dance

April 16, 2021
Easter Dinner

May 9, 2021 Mother’s Day

May 31, 2021 Memorial Day

June 14, 2021
Flag Day Barbecue

July 4, 2021
Independence Day

Wit & Wisdom

“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.”
—Elmer Davis

“Be bold, be brave enough to be your true self.”
—Queen Latifah

“He doesn’t need to be big to be brave, because bravery is the courage found in the heart.”
—Aishah Madadiy

“Be brave. Take risks. Nothing can substitute experience.”
—Paulo Coelho

“Brave means listening to the still small voice inside and doing as it says. Regardless of what the rest of the world is saying.”
—Glennon Doyle

“Being brave isn’t the absence of fear. Being brave is having that fear but finding a way through it.”
—Bear Grylls
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