

The Concord GRAPEVINE

SUPER BOWL LVIII

In the very first Super Bowl on January 15, 1967, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Back then, sixty million people tuned in for the first broadcast.

Why is it Super Bowl 58 and not 57? According to the NFL the Roman numerals were adopted to clarify any confusion that may occur because the NFL Championship Game—the Super Bowl—is played in the year following a chronologically recorded season. Numerals I through IV were added later for the first four Super Bowls.

Super Bowl Sunday is the second-biggest eating day of the year for Americans. According to the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, this Sunday in February is the second-highest day of food consumption in the US, behind Thanksgiving.

Several NFL teams have never won the Super Bowl, but there are 12 NFL teams that have never taken home the rings, the bonuses, or the big W from the Super Bowl: Browns, Bills, Chargers, Bengals, Cardinals, Falcons, Lions, Jaguars, Panthers, Texans, Titans, and Vikings.

Most of the quarterbacks in Super Bowl history come from the same 11 colleges. As of 2017, Notre Dame, Michigan, and Stanford were tied for the most alumni with Super Bowl appearances, each with seven. Purdue came in second with six.

Tom Brady is the most successful quarterback in Super Bowl history. The 46-year-old player has had 10 appearances and seven wins.

Some Super Bowl tickets can cost more than the average American's annual salary, which is approximately \$59,428!

The NFL does not pay bands or artists to perform at the halftime show. According to the New York Times, the NFL doesn't pay artists an "appearance fee." But the organization does cover all expenses for the performance as well as the cost of things like lighting, bodyguards, and stagehands.

There are a lot of footballs used during the big game, and the inspection process is lengthy. For regular games, each team typically breaks in 12 footballs to be used during the game. These footballs are presented to officials and inspected for air pressure and proper protocol two hours and 15 minutes before the game.

A lot of thought goes into the Super Bowl location, and the venue is determined way in advance. There are several crucial factors in choosing where to play Super Bowl games, and the stadiums are chosen years in advance. The NFL considers things like weather, the quality of the stadium, and the accommodations available near the location. *Source: www.businessinsider.com*



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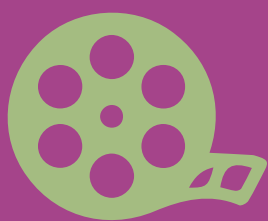
4th	World Cancer Day
6th	Safer Internet Day
8th	Slovenian Cultural Holiday
10th	Chinese New Year
11th	International Day of Women and Girls in Science
14th	Ash Wednesday
14th	Valentine's Day
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Movie MADNESS

February 2024 Movie Theatre and Streaming Releases



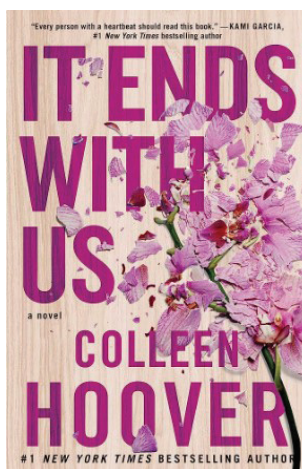
February 2nd Argylle

A reclusive author writes best-selling espionage novels about a secret agent named Argylle who's on a mission to unravel a global spy syndicate. However, when the plots of her books start to mirror the covert actions of a real-life spy organization, the line between fiction and reality begin to blur.



February 16th God & Country: The Rise of Christian Nationalism

God & Country looks at the implications of Christian Nationalism and how it distorts not only our constitutional republic, but Christianity itself, and asks this question: What happens when a faith built on love, sacrifice, and forgiveness grows political tentacles, conflating power, money, and belief into hyper-nationalism?



February 9th It Ends with Us

A girl named Lily has just moved and is ready to start her life after college. Lily then meets a guy named Ryle and she falls for him. As she is developing feelings for Ryle, Atlas, her first love, reappears and challenges the relationship between Lily and Ryle.



February 16th Land of Bad

Reaper is an Air Force drone pilot supporting a Delta Force special ops mission in the South Philippines. After the mission goes terribly wrong, he has 48 hours to remedy what has devolved into a wild rescue operation. The green air controller is thrust into the middle of a high-stakes extraction which involves no weapons and no communication other than the drone above.



February 13th Fortunes of War

When a covert raid in Normandy goes wrong, a small team of British commandos are cut off from their comrades. Holed up in a barn and surrounded by Wehrmacht forces, their chances of survival appear bleak, until an unexpected discovery provides an opportunity to escape.



February 23rd Sacred Soil: The Piney Woods School Story

This film amplifies the journeys of several Piney Woods School students and staff members of one of America's oldest Black boarding schools, providing a never-before-seen window into the complex layers of the school and its students. Vividly, yet beautifully, the story captures the emotional, physical, and mental tolls required to be young, Black, and educated in America by honoring the students' perspectives of themselves and their school.



Culinary CREATIONS

Recipes to Make for the Big Game!

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Ingredients:

- 2 cups finely chopped or shredded cooked chicken
- 1/3 cup cayenne pepper sauce
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp. finely chopped green onions (optional)
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 cup crumbled bleu cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°. Toss chicken with cayenne pepper sauce. Stir in remaining ingredients except bleu cheese. Spoon into 1-1/2-quart shallow casserole, then sprinkle with bleu cheese. Bake uncovered 20 minutes or until bubbling. Serve, if desired, with celery and/or your favorite dippers.



Ham and Cheese Panini

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise, divided
- (8) 1/4 inch thick slices Tuscan bread
- 12 ounces sliced ham
- 8 ounces round soft ripened Brie cheese
- 1/2 tablespoon chipotle powder

Directions:

Place 3 tbsp. of mayonnaise in a small bowl; set aside. Place bread slices on a cutting board. Evenly spread all slices with remaining mayonnaise. Evenly top 4 of the bread slices with ham slices. Cut the rind off the Brie. Divide the cheese into 4 equal parts, then cut each part into thick slices. Place Brie slices evenly on top of ham slices. Top with remaining bread, mayonnaise side down, to close each sandwich. Spread reserved mayonnaise in a thin layer on the outer top and bottom bread slices of each sandwich. Place in a large nonstick skillet and cook over medium-high heat, pressing gently, and turning once, until both sides of bread are golden brown and Brie is melted, working in batches if necessary. Serve hot and enjoy!



Bananas Foster

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, ground
- 1/4 cup dark rum
- 1/4 cup banana liqueur
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 each bananas, cut in half lengthwise, then halved
- 4 scoops vanilla ice cream

Directions:

Combine butter, sugar, and cinnamon in a large sauté pan. Place pan over low heat and cook, stirring, until sugar dissolves. Stir in banana liqueur, then place bananas in pan. When bananas soften and begin to brown, carefully add rum. Continue to cook sauce until rum is hot, then use an igniter or long match to ignite the rum. When flames subside, lift bananas out of pan and place four pieces over each portion of ice cream. Generously spoon warm sauce over ice cream and serve immediately.

Source ~ <https://tasteofthenfl.com/recipes/>





Helpful TIPS

Declutter Your Apartment!

Feeling cramped in your apartment? If so, you can invest a little time—and very little money—by taking advantage of the many ways to remedy the situation. Read on for organizational tips for efficient apartment living.

Start by Decluttering

Take the time to eliminate anything you don't want, need, or use. From appliances to clothes, note how often and for what purpose you use each item. If the item doesn't serve you any purpose, then it's time to get rid of it. Once you're done decluttering, donate anything you haven't used or worn in the last year. Clearing up space and discarding all your unused or forgotten items will instantly freshen up your apartment and leave you feeling accomplished.

Organize Your Cabinets and Drawers

Next start organizing your cabinets and drawers throughout your apartment. Keeping a clean apartment can impact your mental, emotional, and physical health. However, sometimes the things that contribute to clutter the most are the items we don't see.



To organize your apartment for efficient living, declutter your cabinets and drawers. Do you have a cabinet filled with 10-plus different brands of similar household cleaners? Are your drawers stuffed with miscellaneous odds and ends? If yes, work your way through your inventory and determine which products you should keep or throw away. Invest in bins or drawer dividers to separate the tiny spaces into designated areas for specific items. Then, enjoy your newfound cabinet and drawer space to store other essential items.

Maintain a Clean Office Space

Staying productive at work requires a clean office space, and that's true for your home office, as well. Whether you use your home office daily, occasionally, or just when you need to pay bills, you want to keep your space organized and efficient so you can get work done. To organize your



workspace start by investing in storage solutions for paper files, pens, highlighters, and other office materials. Then, personalize your space by adding small plants, hanging artwork or photos on the wall, or incorporating other decorations.

Reconsider Your Wardrobe

Organize your wardrobe by sorting which clothes you want to keep and which clothes you want to give away. If you haven't worn something in a long time and it's just sitting in the back of your closet taking up valuable space, then it's time to donate it. After sorting your items, search for space-saving solutions—such as over-the-door shoe storage or bins for closet shelves—and employ them in your space. If you need to use your closet for multiple purposes move your clothes to under-the-bed storage to make room for a small desk or dresser. Elevating your closet into a multi-purpose feature will give the area a unique edge while also serving a purpose for you and your everyday needs.



Take Advantage of Hidden Storage Solutions

One of the best ways to organize your cluttered space is to hide functional items in inconspicuous places. If your shoe collection is tumbling out of your closet, consider investing in under-bed storage. This way, you can keep your belongings in a secure, convenient place without compromising on space. If you're tight on space in your living room, purchase a two-in-one ottoman that doubles as a coffee table and extra storage space. There is a myriad of furniture that offers dual purposes—from side tables that double as desks to ottomans that convert into extra seating. To organize your apartment like a pro, take advantage of the hidden storage solutions available to you.

~Source: www.apartments.com

Create a Fingerprint Heart Tree

Here's what you'll need:

- Light pink or white construction paper
- Brown construction paper
- Paint in "Valentines colors" like red, pink, and white
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencil

1. Trace your child's hand on a brown piece of construction paper, leaving room to draw the rest of the tree trunk coming off of it, then cut it out.
2. Let your child dip their fingers into the paint and start fingerprinting onto the pink (or white) construction paper. Use multiple colors to paint all over the paper.
3. After the paint is dry, it's time to cut out hearts. Cut the painted paper into strips, and then fold each strip to cut out small hearts.
4. Set the hearts aside and glue the tree trunk onto a blue piece of construction paper.
5. Make glue dots all around the hand portion of the tree and begin gluing down the hearts. Don't worry about gluing them down completely. It looks 3D if you let the sides pop up and overlap a bit with the other hearts.
6. Let the glue dry and your artwork is done!

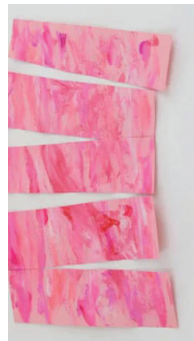
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