



# printer's press

Timely information and a good mix of fun from your friends at **NGD**

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## Back to School?

While the percentages vary, most higher education institutions report increases in the number of non-traditional students in the past 10 years. Perhaps you have entertained the idea of heading back to the classroom. While there are many things to consider, you owe it to yourself to explore all your options. Here are some questions to ask yourself as you think about hitting the books:

• **Does your employer have tuition reimbursement as an employee benefit?** This is one of the most underutilized benefits available to workers. Be sure you use it to your advantage. Some companies pay 100 percent of the tuition costs, some just a fixed percentage. Most require a certain grade, usually C or better, for reimbursement. Many companies ask that the course (or degree) be job-related . . . in other words, something that will help you do better in your present position.

• **Is your family willing to support your efforts?** To do your best, you need to have the backing of the

people closest to you. If they know this is an important goal to you, they are more likely to pitch in and help while you do homework.

• **Are you ready to forgo family time to work on papers or finish readings?** It's a short-term trade-off that has long-term implications. It also sets a good example for other students in your family, like your children or grandchildren.

• **Is your life in balance enough that you can give schoolwork enough attention?** If not, perhaps you should delay enrolling until a better time, but keep in mind there is no perfect time!

Most courses will not refund tuition after a certain point in the semester, so it's important that you're able to commit yourself to your goal.

Making the decision to enroll in school at a non-traditional time can be a very rewarding experience and can have a profound impact

on your future.



## wise words

*"Laughter has no foreign accent."*

— Paul B. Lowney



## can you guess the year?

- The first DeLorean DMC-12 automobile rolls off the production line in Dunmurry, Northern Ireland.
- The Oakland Raiders defeat the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl.
- U.S. president Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest by John Hinckley Jr.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that the first cases of AIDS are recognized in Los Angeles, California.
- Major League Baseball goes on strike, canceling 38 percent of the schedule.
- Lady Diana Spencer marries Charles, Prince of Wales.
- Pope John Paul II is shot and nearly killed by a Turkish gunman.

**Also in this year:** MTV is launched; Sandra Day O'Connor is appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court; Egyptian president Anwar Sadat is assassinated; and the heavy-metal band Metallica forms.

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## Illinois Railway Museum

As the railroad system spread across the United States during the 19th century, settlements, towns, and even large cities began to dot the once barren landscape. It was a time of incredible growth in the United States as parts of the country were linked together, many for the first time.

To commemorate the vital role that railroads have played in the expansion of the Chicago area and the United

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States as a whole, the Illinois Railroad Museum has been built in Union, Illinois. They have assembled a fleet of operational railroad rolling stock, from steam engines to electric cars, passenger cars to freight cars. In addition to the incredible variety of rolling stock, the museum has gathered

an impressive array of railroad-related artifacts that are displayed in realistic settings.

Perhaps one of the greatest attractions of the museum is the fact that the artifacts don't just sit there, they actually move! The museum's demonstration railroad consists of a five-mile-long main line and a mile-long streetcar loop. One train makes a 40-minute round-trip ride into the Kishwaukee Valley. Another makes stops at the different display buildings on the property.

The mission of the museum is not only to preserve some of the great engines and railcars that have glided across the rails in the U.S., but to give people a glimpse at why the railway system played such an important role in the expansion of the country.

Visitors need not be train enthusiasts to enjoy a trip to the Illinois Railway Museum. But anyone who is intrigued by trains will be thrilled by this museum.

## health



## Types of Teas

For thousands of years, people all over the world have been drinking tea in its various forms. Here is a little more information about the four major categories of tea, each of which gets its distinctive characteristics from the way the leaves are processed.

- **Black tea** is made from leaves that are harvested and then dried. The resulting rich, full-bodied taste has made this the most popular tea in America. Assam, Darjeeling, Lapsang Souchong, and Keemun are examples.
- **Green tea leaves** are steamed to stop the oxidation process and then dried. This produces a fresh, grassy taste. Gunpowder, Genmaicha, and Gyokuro are in this category.
- **Oolong leaves** are allowed to oxidize partially before they're heated. This makes Oolong as clear and fragrant as green tea, but strong tasting like black tea. Names to look for include Wuyi, Ti Kuan Yin, and Simply Oolong.
- **White teas**, including Silver Tip Pekoe and Silvery Oolong, are made from leaves and buds that have not yet fully opened. This type is processed like green tea, resulting in a light, sweet flavor.



## terrific trivia

1. Where did pineapples first grow?
2. Which major brand of soft drink is the oldest?
3. What is Fred Astaire's real name?
4. How many seams are on an official NFL football?



1. In what are now Brazil and Paraguay.
2. Dr. Pepper.
3. Frederick Austerlitz.
4. Four.

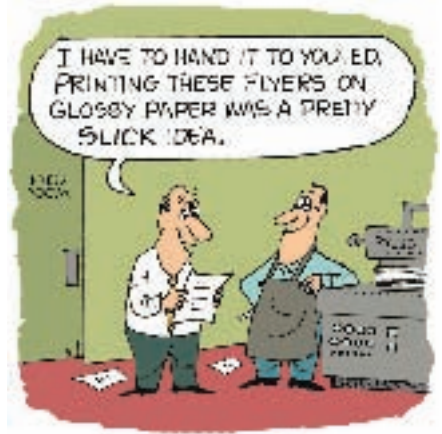
## checklist

### Relationship Checklist

- Think “we” not “me”
- Learn to listen
- Work as a team
- Learn to negotiate
- Go on dates
- Praise your partner



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## a cause for celebration

- The Great Backyard Bird Count happens February 15-18. Volunteers nationwide track the number and types of birds that live near their houses to help researchers monitor species in trouble.
- February 21-23 marks the dates for the American Birkebeiner Race, the largest and most prestigious cross-country ski marathon in North America.
- February 22 is National Chili Day, set aside to celebrate our love for a great bowl of chili.

## Raggedy Ann and Andy

Once upon a time, a little girl named Marcella was playing with an old rag doll. The doll was quite simple—she didn't even have a face. Marcella brought the doll to her father, and to her delight he drew a face on the worn fabric. But the doll had no name. So Marcella's father, Johnny Gruelle, pulled a book of poems by James Whitcomb from the shelf in hopes of finding a suitable name. He spotted two poems, “The Raggedy Man” and “Little Orphan Annie.” “Why don't we call her Raggedy Ann?” Gruelle suggested. And so they did.

many adventures. In 1920, Gruelle introduced her long-time playmate Raggedy Andy, dressed in a sailor suit and hat.

Gruelle averaged one new book a year for 20 years. In the stories, kindly Raggedy Ann comes to life when humans aren't looking and embarks on adventures with Andy.

In 2002, Raggedy Ann was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame, honoring her place in the lives of children over the last century.

Johnny Gruelle was a writer and illustrator of fiction for young children. The story about his daughter Marcella's rag doll is believed to be the inspiration for the “Raggedy Ann” stories which he introduced to the public in 1918. A decision was made to market a doll along with the book, which proved to be a huge success.

The blue-and-white-clad rag doll with red yarn for hair enjoyed



## in an average lifetime

### The Average American . . .

- Receives 333 birthday presents.
- Is counted in seven censuses.
- Receives 2,322 greeting cards.





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## recipe

Anne Hathaway was born on November 12, 1982 in Brooklyn, New York. Her father Gerald is a lawyer, and her mother Kate McCauley is a stage actress. Hathaway is a trained soprano, and prior to accepting a role in the short-lived television series "Get Real" she studied stage acting. Her film debut came in *The Princess Diaries*. Other films include *The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement*, *Brokeback Mountain*, *The Devil Wears Prada*, and *Becoming Jane*.



## Sour Cream and Raisin Scones

*1c sour cream*      *1tsp baking soda*  
*4c all-purpose flour*      *1c white sugar*  
*2tsp baking powder*      *1tsp salt*  
*1/4tsp cream of tartar*      *1c butter*  
*1 egg*      *1c raisins*

In a small bowl, blend the sour cream and baking soda, and set aside. Preheat oven to 350° F. Lightly grease a large baking sheet. In a large bowl, mix the flour, sugar, baking powder, cream of tartar, and salt. Cut in the butter. Stir the sour cream mixture and egg into the flour mixture until just moistened. Mix in the raisins. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface, and knead briefly. Roll or pat dough into a 3/4-inch-thick round. Cut into 12 wedges, and place them 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes in the preheated oven, until golden brown on the bottom.



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