



The freshest finds for clever minds!!!

Hey Smart Scoopers
We're back!

Get ready for your weekly
dose of cool stories, fun
facts, and world news —
all in bite-sized scoops.

We've rounded up 5 fresh
picks that had everyone
talking. Let's dive in!



Spotlight

It's the tiniest country in the world — and it fits inside a city! Home of the Pope, jaw-dropping art, and more ... Ready for a mini tour?

World Watch

Tensions have been heating up between two countries — Israel and Iran. They've had a rocky relationship for years, but things got extra serious recently. Catch up with our scoops to know what's going on ...



Science

June's full moon has a delicious secret. Say hello to the Strawberry Moon! No it's not made of jam but it's got a story that's berry-cool!



Technology

Meet the guy who made it way too easy to scroll forever — Aza Raskin! Yep infinite scrolling, that thing that keeps loading more videos and posts as you swipe



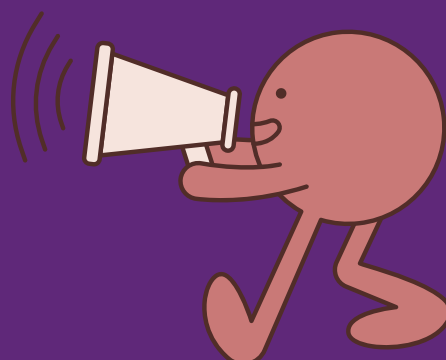
Fun Corner

Let's see how history and humor collide! You don't want to miss this one ... You're in for a treat !!!

Our mascot, Blurt
will follow us
along the way.

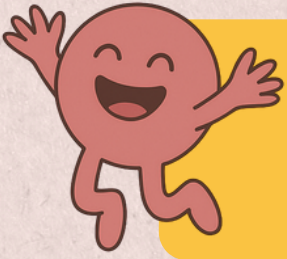
Blurt /blurt/
noun:

A loud, round, super-curious character who just can't keep a fact in.



The Strawberry Moon Dance

DID YOU CATCH THE SHOW ?



Alright moon munchkins, gather 'round — it's time for a **berry** important announcement! The **June 2025 Strawberry Full moon just happened!!**

Squeeeeeeaaal!! ...wait, you don't know what that is?

Oh crater chaos — we've got some catching up to do!

Back in time... waaaay before clocks, calendars, or phones, people looked to the sun, moon and stars to figure out the time and seasons.

Each full moon got a cool nickname, based on what was happening down here on good ol' Earth...



January's full Moon was the **Wolf Moon**, named for howling wolves in midwinter.



July's full Moon was the **Buck Moon**, when buck (deer) grow their shiny new antlers.



November's the **Beaver Moon**—when beavers get busy building cozy dams!



And June? Oh, that Moon was the tastiest of all, yum yum — it popped up just as strawberries were ripe, so they called it the **Strawberry Moon!**



So, what's the big fleshy deal about the June 2025 Strawberry Full Moon?! She's back after

18.6 Years !

Astronomers have a fancy name for this rare 18.6-year moment:

It's called a **Major Lunar Standstill** — or if you want to sound super cool, a **Lunistice!**

On June 10 and 11, 2025, the full Moon rose from the southeast instead of the usual east—a rare event when it appears in extreme spots near the horizon, almost like it's peeking from the ground.



Strawberry Moon captured by Paolo Palma, Palombara Sabina, Roma, Italy, 10 June 2025

Sigh! It's like looking into a mirror...



And if you missed it this time? Uh-oh — you'll have to wait till **2043** for the Moon's next big move!

Quick - calculate how old you'll be when you see Her Strawberry-ness next!!!

AND WHY HE REGRETS IT...

Hey there!!!

I'm **Aza Raskin**.You might not know me, but I'm sure you know my **INVENTION**!

Aza Raskin

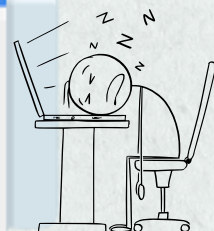


I'm the one who came up with the **INFINITE SCROLL**—you know, that thing on social media where new stuff pops up as you swipe. No next page, just endless content. Yep, that was my idea.



Before Infinite Scroll, websites were paginated:

Page 1 | Page 2 | Page 3 | Page 4

Booooring....

One day in 2006, I was messing around with **Google Maps**. I loved how you could just drag the map and it kept loading on and on and on ... No "Next Page," no "Click Here."

Just smooooth, infinite motion...

Then it hit me— Why can't websites work the same way? What if scrolling never had to stop? And just like that—**BOOM**★

Infinite Scroll was born!

Soon, all the big tech giants jumped on board—Facebook, X, Instagram, TikTok—everyone wanted in.

And that's when things started to get... weird

Suddenly, everyone was glued to their screens. Kids, adults—no one could stop scrolling. I hadn't just built a feature...

I'd created an attention trap.**More scrolling = More of Your time = More ads = More \$\$\$ for**

To warn the world, I made **The Social Dilemma** on Netflix. In it, tech experts and I reveal how **social media is built to grab—and hold—your attention**



Now I use AI to study how animals communicate—and I learn something new every day! To know more about me [click here](#)!

Oh, and watch that scrolling...

The Vatican City

HMM...CITY OR COUNTRY ?!?



Location

Europe — completely surrounded by Rome, Italy!
It's the world's smallest independent country by both area and population.



Fun Fact

It's the smallest country in the world.
You could walk across Vatican City in 20 minutes or less.



Famous For

St. Peter's Basilica – one of the largest and most famous churches in the world

Michelangelo's **Sistine Chapel** ceiling – he painted by hand, lying on scaffolding for years! *Ouch!*



Home of the **Pope** – the leader of the Roman Catholic Church and a pretty important figure in world



Capital



Vatican City (yep, it's a city and a country!)

Population

About 800

Language(s)

Italian, Latin



Currency

Euro (€)



Bonus Explorer Tip

Don't forget to look up when you're inside the Sistine Chapel—the ceiling is a masterpiece that took four years to hand-paint!



Mio Dio! My poor aching neck!



scaffolding: A strong, temporary structure made of metal or wood that helps people reach high places when building or painting things.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

June 2025, Israel | Iran



Blurt Explains

Time for some 'Clash'room History

BLURT! WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ISRAEL AND IRAN? WHY DO WE HEAR THEY ARE FIGHTING ALL THE TIME?

They didn't always fight. A long long time ago - believe it or not - Israel and Iran were *actually friends*! They started disagreeing over how to run their countries...

Then in 1979, after the Iranian Revolution, the king (called the Shah) was removed, and a new group of leaders took over. Iran set up a strict Islamic Republic—and they were not fans of Israel.

Over 40 years later, they're still not friends; the conflict continues and it's still complicated.

WAIT – CONFLICT? AS IN, ARGUING OR...MISSILES??

Missiles. Big ones. In June 2025, Israel hit Iranian military sites. Iran fired back with hundreds of missiles and drones across major cities.

But you know what, kids? I still believe in peace. Because even in a noisy world full of battles...

Kindness can still win. And maybe, just maybe –

Israel and Iran will choose peace over war.

OH NOOO!!!!

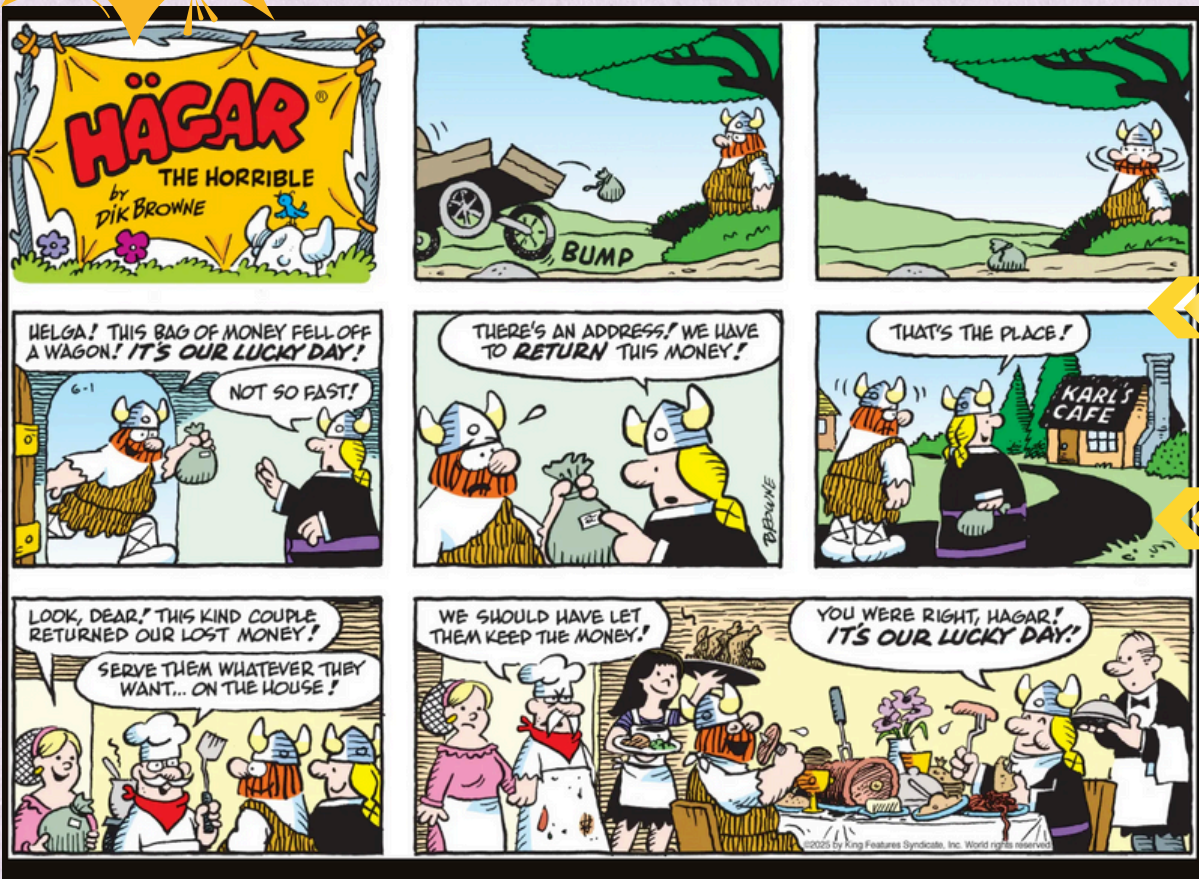
Hägar the Horrible

THE VIKING WHO MADE EVERYONE LAUGH

Comic
Throwback!

Your parents (or you, depending on how *ahem...* young you are) probably loved this one...

Hägar the Horrible burst onto the scene in 1973—and became the fastest-growing comic strip ever!



Source: comicskingdom.com

Created by cartoonist **Dik Browne** in his laundry room (!), Hägar is a clumsy but lovable Viking who gets into all kinds of trouble.

Fun fact: "Hägar" was actually his nickname at home!

Today, it's still making people laugh in **1,900 newspapers, 56 countries, and 12 languages**—now drawn by his son, Chris Browne.

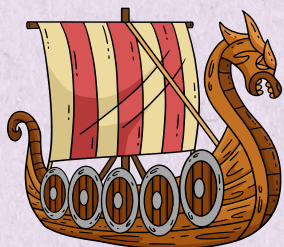
Thor-tally Awesome: Who were the Vikings?

Hägar might be hilarious, but real Vikings were a little less goofy and a lot more fierce...

They were **wild adventurers** from **Scandinavia** (Norway, Sweden, Denmark) about 1,200 years ago.

They didn't actually wear horned helmets (sorry, cartoons lied).

They built awesome **longships**, believed in gods like Thor (yes, the hammer guy!), and **sailed everywhere**—even to Canada.



Ooop. Who turned out the lights?

At home, Vikings were regular Scandinavian farmers—but once they hit the sea, they turned into raiders and **pillagers** so fierce, they earned the name *vikingr*—old Scandinavian for "**pirate**"... all while rocking some serious beards.



pillager: someone who steals things—especially by force—during a raid or attack

A day on Venus is
longer than a year
on Venus—go
figure!*

*ON VENUS, A DAY
TAKES 243 EARTH
DAYS, BUT A YEAR
TAKES ONLY 225
EARTH DAYS.
WEIRD....

And that's a wrap for this week folks!
We'll see you next week.
Until then keep that brain buzzing!!!



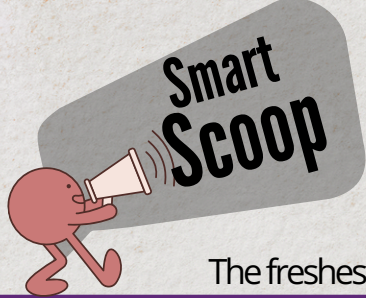
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