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know?

by Mitchell

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JAZZ SINGER DIANA KRALL. WHO IS 50 TODAY.

Jenny Frost, Julia Roberts, Sarah Jessica Parker,

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Dreamer and Puppy

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 Gullit (after Ruud Gullit)

● Paris Hilton (chihuahua) Tinkerbell

● Anthony Horowitz (Labrador) Lucky

• Zac Efron (Australian shepherds)

• Kristen Stewart (border collie mix) Oz

● Anne Hathaway (chocolate Labrador)

● Jon Stewart (pitbulls) Monkey and Shamsky • Miranda Hart (shih tzu cross) Peggy ● Adrien Brody (chihuahua) Ceelo Wayne Rooney (chow-chow) FizzVenus Williams (Yorkshire terrier)

Archie and Jodie

WHO WILL BE 30 ON SATURDAY, NAMED HER

 George Clooney (cocker spaniel mix) Einstein Bradley Cooper (German short hair pointer)

DOG MAGGIE. HERE ARE OTHER CELEBRITIES

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Judy Finnigan, **Mia Farrow,** Geena Davis



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# CHAS'S ROCK'N ALLOTMENT

UESS what? You know that butternut squash I moaned about the wasn't having any babies? Well it's had one. Took me well by surprise.

There I was, looking at it cynically as it romped cockily around the allotment and I spotted it. Sitting there as cool as a cucumber. Or rather as a butternut squash. There it was. I have it in my hand now. Won't win no prizes I shouldn't think, but it ooks well healthy. It's 6ins high, 3ins across at the top and fattening out to 4ins across at the bottom. It must have got wind that I had the hump with it and feared the "old woman with the axe". That's not my wife Joan by the way in case you was

I was likening it to Jack and the Beanstalk and his old mum. Now I know this hasn't got

## 'Any green tomatoes need to come inside'

anything to do with allotments at all but I just want to put out a message to those who produce radio plays.

I love radio plays and always like recording them so I can listen to 'em when I want. I've taken 'em around the world. Listened to 'em on planes.

fade and cut to: "Oh what a little

Meant to tell you a couple of

tomatoes should now be brought

inside before the frost gets 'em. If

the frost's already got 'em blame

me, if it ain't, put 'em on a dish or

on the window sill or hang the

trusses up around the kitchen.

them will ripen off.
So, do I have any particular

plans for next year's season?

with the idea of walk-in fruit.

growing fruit but for growing

stuff that has to be continually

pigeons mainly and with a mesh

cages. Not necessarily for

covered up and away from

small enough to keep out

Well early on in the year I did toy

You'll be surprised how many of

weeks ago but any green

darling"?

Actually there is a bit of a connection because I do listen to 'em when I'm seed tray sowing and I do listen to 'em round the allotment on my earphones too. But what I'm getting at is that there seems to be a particular trend in plays lately and that is, no matter what the play is about, when they're stuck for an idea as what to do next, they cut to a woman in labour having a baby. And they don't just let you listen to a shortened version, they get you to listen to the whole thing.

Well it makes me want to pace up and down and have a fag. And I've packed up smoking. Can't they just say: "Baby's almost

"Don't blow that!" Rupert shouts in dread,

"It's danaerous. so Jennu said!

cabbage butterflies. Then I thought, I wonder if some really fine mesh about 2ft high around the bottom would keep out the carrot fly too? Be wonderful if it did. But then, as the season trundled merrilly along I thought of what John Lennon said in one of his songs, "life is what is happening while you are making other plans", and life was happening on my allotment in the form of more rows of onion sets. rows of my own-grown shallot sets and more rows of leeks. All of which have no need for net protection and will happily overwinter unprotected. Šo my fruit cage plans are for another day. In the meantime I'm happy to be full up with leeks and onions. In the spring I am going

to try the alternate rows of carrot and onion in order to try to beat the carrot fly so if that works then I will be growing more carrots in the future so again, in the meantime and to quote a line from one of my songs, "I'll just let it roll and see what happens'

 Chas and Dave gigs Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury November 20: Waterfront Theatre, Belfast, November 22; Town Hall, Cheltenham, November 27; Town Hall, Birmingham, November 28: Ritz. Manchester, November 29; Corn Exchange, Ipswich, November 30. For full list of tour dates, visit chasndave.net. Chas and Dave's autobiography All About Us



**SUNDAY AFTERNOON: TRIVIA** 

# THIS WEEK'S PONDERABLES... When John Deering was executed for murder in

1938, he agreed to have himself hooked up to an electrocardiogram while he was shot by a firing squad. The test indicated that his heart stopped within about 15 seconds of being hit, although other bodily functions, such as breathing, continued longer

The hedgehog has a large muscle running along its stomach so that it can pull its body into a tight, prickly ball for defence.

When it comes to alcohol, we drink more per capita than the Australians and the Americans but less than the

French and the Germa ●The term "band of brothers", as used by Shakespeare in Henry V, was later used by Horatio Nelson to describe the men who

fought with him at the Battle of The Nile. • The paint on the Eiffel Tower weighs the equivalent of 10 elephants.

● An aeroplane's shadow is always the same size, no matter how high or low it flies.

#### THIS WEEK'S IMPONDERABLE... Why is tomorrow International Students' Day?

Seventy-five years ago yesterday, a funeral service was held in Prague for a medical student who had been killed during an anti-Nazi demonstration. The funeral turned into another demonstration, which resulted in the Nazis closing all Czech universities and sending more than 1,200 students to concentration camps. They also executed nine students on November 17 so that date is now marked as International Students' Day.

#### **WISE WORDS..**

Worries go down better with soup than

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Rupert

And Jenny Frost EPISODE 26

Hardly have they started when a shrill

noise makes Rupert turn sharply round to

see where it comes from. Gregory blows

the little whistle again and he is startled

"Hey, you mustn't do that!" exclaims

when Rupert dashes back to stop him.

the little bear. "Jenny Frost was most

but she said it was very dangerous to

mystified. Then he pauses. "It's sudde

getting dark!" he mutters. "And look!

There's a terrific storm coming!'

blow that thing!'

particular. I've no idea what she meant

"Well, it hasn't hurt me," says Gregory



The sky grows dark, great snowclouds form 'We're in for a terrific storm!

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