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1996

“The Ritalin riddle, a brain teaser for the '90s, confounds doctors, parents and, sometimes, children,” *Newsweek* wrote, adding that “the stimulant can be a godsend for those who truly need it ... but for those who don't need it, Ritalin and its generic twins can be useless, or can even backfire.” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 6 million children in the U.S. have ADHD, 62 percent of whom are prescribed medications like Ritalin. Since late 2022, there has been a nationwide shortage of such drugs due to increasing demand and federal limits on supply.



1976

Newsweek said Luciano Pavarotti's “extraordinary voice” could “explore the highest reaches of the tenor range without losing its honeyed texture and sweetness.” The famed Italian opera singer lives beyond his 2007 death through the Luciano Pavarotti Foundation and a recent film documentary.



1982

“A deeper and more silent crisis is beginning to emerge,” wrote *Newsweek* on the savings and loan crisis. “Years of inflation and backbreaking interest rates have profoundly eroded an industry.” Last year, the failure of several regional U.S. banks fueled fears of “financial contagion,” like that of decades earlier. [▶](#)