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FAMOUS EVENTS:

- 1527 German troops began sacking Rome, bringing about the end of the Renaissance.
- 1529 BABUR defeated the Afghan Chiefs in the Battle of Ghagra, India.
- 1576 The peace Treaty of Chastenoy ended the fifth war of religion.
- 1682 KING LOUIS THE FOURTEENTH moved his court to Versailles, France.
- 1835 JAMES GORDON BENNETT published the *New York Herald* for the first time.
- 1840 The first adhesive postage stamps went on sale in Great Britain.
- 1851 Dr. JOHN GORRIE of Apalachicola, Florida, patented the mechanical refrigerator.
- 1851 LINUS YALE of Newport, New York, became well-known on this day for his patent of the clock-type lock. (Yale locks are among the top brands of security devices sold today.)
- 1859 Georgia miner JOHN H. GREGORY discovered a lode of gold in Colorado.
- 1861 Arkansas became the ninth state to secede from the Union.
- 1877 CHIEF CRAZY HORSE surrendered to U.S. troops in Nebraska.
- 1882 The U.S. Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act. The act barred Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for 10 years.
- 1889 The Universal Exposition opened in Paris, France, marking the dedication of the recently constructed Eiffel Tower. The exposition also was known for the display of the first automobile in Paris, the German Mercedes-Benz, one of the world's most luxurious automobiles.



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- 1891 Electrician IRWIN H. HOOVER began installing the first electrical wiring in the White House. President BENJAMIN HARRISON and his wife, CAROLINE, refused to touch the newly installed electric light switches because they were afraid of being shocked.
- 1910 Britain's Edwardian era came to an end upon the death of KING EDWARD THE SEVENTH; he was succeeded by his second son, GEORGE THE FIFTH.
- 1915 At age 26, BABE RUTH hit his first major league home run while playing for the Boston Red Sox, against the New York Yankees' starting pitcher JACK WARHOP in New York.
- 1935 The Works Progress Administration began operating.
- 1937 NBC Radio's HERBERT MORRISON'S words, "Oh, the humanity," are remembered as his emotion-filled historic broadcast of the explosion of the hydrogen-filled German dirigible "Hindenburg" at Lakehurst, New Jersey, became the first recorded coast-to-coast broadcast. It was carried on both NBC Red and NBC Blue Networks from New York City. (35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground were killed.)
- 1941 JOSEF STALIN became the premier of Russia, replacing VYACHESLAV M. MOLOTOV.
- 1941 BOB HOPE gave his first USO show at California's March Field.
- 1942 During World War Two, the Japanese seized control of the Philippines. About 15-thousand Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to the Japanese.
- 1945 AXIS SALLY (MILDRED GILLARS) made her final propaganda broadcast to Allied troops.
- 1946 The New York Yankees announced that they were to be the first Major League Baseball team to travel by airplane during the entire 1946 season.



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- 1947 The sheet music for “White Christmas” by IRVING BERLIN was published.
- 1953 BOBO HOLLOWMAN of the St. Louis Browns pitched his very first major league baseball game. He won it 6-to-0, pitching a no-hitter. (He was the only person ever to do so in his very first game.)
- 1954 Medical student ROGER BANNISTER broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England. He ran the mile in 3:59:04. (In 1993, NOUREDDINE MORCELI of Algeria ran the mile in 3:44:04.)
- 1957 Senator JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY of Massachusetts was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his book “Profiles in Courage.” EUGENE O’NEILL’S play “Long Days Journey into Night” won the Pulitzer Prize for drama.
- 1959 The PABLO PICASSO painting of a Dutch girl was sold for 154-thousand dollars in London, England. It was the highest price paid (at that time) for a painting by a living artist.
- 1960 President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER signed the Civil Rights Act of 1960.
- 1960 Britain’s PRINCESS MARGARET married ANTHONY ARMSTRONG-JONES, a commoner at Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1978.)
- 1962 In the first test of its kind, the submerged submarine “USS Ethan Allen” fired a Polaris missile armed with a nuclear warhead that detonated above the Pacific Ocean.
- 1965 KEITH RICHARDS fell asleep in a Florida hotel room while improvising on a new guitar. The next morning he struggled to remember a riff, noticed a tape recorder he left running, and played back “I Can’t Get No Satisfaction.”
- 1972 ELTON JOHN’S “Rocket Man” was released.



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- 1973 **PAUL SIMON** began his first solo tour in Boston, Massachusetts, three years after splitting up with **ART GARFUNKEL**.
- 1977 Led Zeppelin set a new record for the largest audience at a single-act concert. 76,229 people were at a show in Pontiac, Michigan.
- 1978 The Bee Gees announced the launch of UNICEF benefit concerts.
- 1980 **JOHNNY CARSON** signed a new three-year contract for approximately 5-million dollars a year. Carson also reduced his “Tonight Show” to one hour from 90 minutes and cut his work week to four nights. Plus, he got billing in the show’s title, as it became “The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson.”
- 1981 Yale architecture student **MAYA YING LIN** was named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- 1982 **GAYLORD PERRY** of the Seattle Mariners became the 15TH pitcher in the major leagues to win 300 career victories. Perry, known for his spitball as well as a variety of other pitches, led the Mariners past the New York Yankees, 7-to-3.
- 1983 West German government experts announced that tests had proved the purported **ADOLF HITLER** diaries to be “obvious fakes.”
- 1984 **TINA TURNER’S** comeback hit, “What’s Love Got to Do With It,” was released. It went to Number One. (A movie by the same name, about her life, was released in 1993.)
- 1986 Comedienne **JOAN RIVERS** announced to the world that she was leaving “The Tonight Show” as permanent guest host to begin her own late-night talk show on the new Fox Television Network. It would be a show that would compete head-to-head with **JOHNNY CARSON**, and he was not happy about the news. (Rivers claimed that when she tried to call Carson personally, he refused her call and that when she finally did speak to him he hung up on her.)



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- 1987 CIA Director WILLIAM J. CASEY died at age 74.
- 1988 In his first comment on the matter, President RONALD REAGAN said he didn't "look kindly upon" reports that a memoir written by his former Chief of Staff DONALD REGAN painted an unflattering portrait of First Lady NANCY REAGAN.
- 1990 Freed American hostage FRANK REED told a news conference in Arlington, Virginia, that he had been savagely beaten by his captors in Lebanon after two unsuccessful escape attempts.
- 1991 Philadelphia Phillies center fielder LENNY DYKSTRA and catcher DARREN DAULTON were badly injured when Dykstra's car spun out of control and into two trees in a Philadelphia suburb. (Dykstra was charged with drunken driving.)
- 1991 President GEORGE H.W. BUSH returned to work after spending two nights at Bethesda Naval Hospital because of an irregular heartbeat. He met with Soviet Foreign Minister EDUARD SHEVARDNADZE at the White House.
- 1992 Former Soviet leader MIKHAIL S. GORBACHEV delivered a speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, where WINSTON CHURCHILL had spoken of the "Iron Curtain." Gorbachev said the world was still divided, between North and South, rich and poor.
- 1992 Actress MARLENE DIETRICH died at her home in Paris, at age 90.
- 1993 The Bosnian Serb parliament, for the third time, rejected a United Nations peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina. The president of Serbia, SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC, ordered a blockade of supplies except food and medicine to the Bosnian Serbs.
- 1993 The space shuttle "Columbia" landed safely in California after a 10-day mission.
- 1994 A former Arkansas state worker, PAULA JONES, sued President BILL CLINTON for 700-thousand dollars in Federal Court claiming that Clinton violated her civil rights by making unwanted sexual advances in 1991 when he was governor.



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FAMOUS EVENTS:

- 1994 Britain's QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND and French President FRANCOIS MITTERRAND formally opened the Channel Tunnel (The Chunnel) between their countries.
- 1994 Rock band Pearl Jam filed a complaint with the U.S. Justice Department against Ticketmaster. The charge was the company had a monopoly on the concert ticket business.
- 1995 Friends and relatives of the Oklahoma City bombing victims made a somber pilgrimage to the site of the attack to say goodbye to their loved ones.
- 1995 In London, thousands of World War Two veterans celebrated the 50TH anniversary of V.E. Day.
- 1995 Long-shot "Thunder Gulch" won the 121ST Kentucky Derby.
- 1996 The body of former CIA Director WILLIAM E. COLBY was found washed up on a riverbank in Southern Maryland, eight days after he'd disappeared.
- 1997 President BILL CLINTON wrapped up his visit to Mexico as he and Mexican President ERNESTO ZEDILLO pledged closer cooperation on immigration and drug smuggling.
- 1997 Army Staff Sergeant DELMAR G. SIMPSON was sentenced to 25 years in prison for raping six trainees at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.
- 1997 World Chess Champion GARRY KASPAROV and IBM's Deep Blue computer played to a draw in game three of their six-game match.
- 1997 Four healthcare companies agreed to a settlement of 600-million dollars to hemophiliacs who had contracted AIDS from tainted blood between 1978 and 1985.



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- 1998 U.S. Representative DAN BURTON, chairman of the House fund-raising inquiry, apologized to GOP colleagues for the furor over his release of selected portions of tapes of WEBSTER HUBBELL'S prison conversations. (Burton's top investigator departed, ordered fired by House Speaker NEWT GINGRICH.)
- 1998 Astronomers announced the detection of a gamma ray burst in a galaxy 12-billion light years away that was equal to the energy expended by the sun in one-trillion years.
- 1999 Russia and the major Western powers set aside their differences over NATO airstrikes and drafted a joint plan to end the Kosovo conflict.
- 1999 President BILL CLINTON met with Kosovo refugees in Germany, listening to chilling stories of murder, rape and terror and promising them, "You will go home again in safety and in freedom."
- 1999 A parole board in New York voted to release AMY FISHER. She had been in jail for seven years for shooting her lover's wife, MARY JO BUTTAFUOCO, in the face.
- 1999 Reversing decades of overwhelming loyalty to Britain's governing Labor Party, Scottish and Welsh voters elected strong nationalist oppositions to their first separate assemblies of modern times.
- 2000 JACK MAZZAN, who'd spent 20 years on death row for the murder of a judge's son, was released on bail, three months after the Nevada Supreme Court reversed his conviction. (Before he could be tried again, Mazzan pleaded guilty to killing RICHARD MINOR JUNIOR and received a life sentence; Mazzan has since sought parole, unsuccessfully.)
- 2000 "Fusaichi Pegasus" became the first favorite to win the Kentucky Derby since "Spectacular Bid" in 1979.



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FAMOUS EVENTS:

- 2001 CHANDRA LEVY'S parents reported her missing to police in Washington, D.C. (Levy's body was found on May 22, 2002, in Rock Creek Park.)
- 2001 JOHN PAUL THE SECOND, during his visit to Syria, became the first Pope to enter a mosque as he called for brotherhood between Christians and Muslims.
- 2001 American businessmen DENNIS TITO ended the world's first paid space vacation as he returned to Earth aboard a Russian capsule.
- 2002 Right-wing Dutch politician PIM FORTUYN was shot and killed in Hilversum, Netherlands. (VOLKERT VAN DER GRAAF was later convicted of killing Fortuyn and was sentenced to 18 years in prison.)
- 2002 Songwriter OTIS BLACKWELL who wrote songs like "Don't Be Cruel" and "Great Balls of Fire" died in Nashville, Tennessee, at age 70.
- 2002 Myanmar's opposition leader AUNG SAN SUU KYI was freed after 19 months of house arrest.
- 2003 GHAZI HAMMUD, Baath regional chairman in the Kut district, was put in custody. He was Number 32 on Central Command's list of the 55 most-wanted members of SADDAM HUSSEIN'S regime.
- 2003 White House Budget Chief MITCHELL DANIELS announced his resignation.
- 2003 Kmart Corporation emerged from bankruptcy after more than 15 months of Chapter 11 protection.
- 2003 Florida Senator BOB GRAHAM launched his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination by accusing President GEORGE W. BUSH of retreating from the war on terrorism to "settle old scores" between the Bush family and Iraq's SADDAM HUSSEIN.



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FAMOUS EVENTS:

- 2004 President **GEORGE W. BUSH** apologized for the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by American soldiers, calling it “a stain on our country’s honor.” He rejected calls for Defense Secretary **DONALD RUMSFELD’S** resignation.
- 2004 The FBI arrested Oregon lawyer **BRANDON MAYFIELD** as part of the investigation into the Madrid train bombings; however, the bureau later said Mayfield’s arrest had been a mistake, and apologized.
- 2004 An estimated 51-point-1 million people tuned in for the final first-run episode of “Friends” on NBC.
- 2005 President **GEORGE W. BUSH** arrived in Riga, Latvia, as he opened a fast-paced, four-country journey to mark the 60TH anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany.
- 2005 British Prime Minister **TONY BLAIR** unveiled his Cabinet, changing leadership in defense and health but keeping mostly familiar faces after a third term victory dampened by a reduced majority in Parliament.
- 2006 A British military helicopter apparently hit by a missile crashed in Basra, Iraq, killing four crew members.
- 2006 “Barbaro” won the Kentucky Derby.
- 2006 **LILLIAM GERTRUD ASPLUND**, the last American survivor of the sinking of the “Titanic,” died in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, at age 99.
- 2007 Conservative **NICOLAS SARKOZY** won the French presidency by a comfortable margin over Socialist opponent **SEGOLENE ROYAL**.
- 2008 **BARACK OBAMA** swept to a convincing victory in the North Carolina Democratic primary while **HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON** eked out a win in Indiana.



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FAMOUS EVENTS:

- 2008** A Georgia man who'd killed his live-in girlfriend was executed. **WILLIAM EARL LYND** was the first inmate put to death since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of lethal injections.
- 2008** **KOBE BRYANT** won his first Most Valuable Player award after leading the Los Angeles Lakers to the best record in the Western Conference.
- 2009** After a day of meetings at the White House, President **BARACK OBAMA** declared he'd gotten the commitments he wanted from the leaders of Pakistan and Afghanistan to more aggressively fight Taliban and al-Qaeda militants.
- 2009** Governor **JOHN BALDACCI** signed a bill making Maine the fifth state to legalize same-sex marriage (however, the law was later overturned by a public veto.)



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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS:

GABOUREY SIDIBE	Actress <i>Movie – Precious</i>	Age: 28	(1983)
ADRIANNE PALICKI	Actress <i>TV Show – Friday Night Lights</i>	Age: 28	(1983)
ROMA DOWNEY	Actress <i>TV Show – Touched By An Angel</i>	Age: 47	(1963)
GEORGE CLOONEY	Actor <i>TV Show - E.R.</i> <i>Movie – Michael Clayton</i> <i>Movie – Ocean’s Eleven</i> <i>Movie – Ocean’s Twelve</i> <i>Movie – Ocean’s Thirteen</i> <i>Movie - Batman And Robin</i> <i>TV Show – Roseanne</i> Nephew Of Entertainer Rosemary Clooney	Age: 50	(1961)
TOM BERGERON	TV Personality <i>TV Show – Dancing With The Stars</i> <i>TV Show – Hollywood Squares</i>	Age: 56	(1955)
TONY BLAIR	Former British Prime Minister	Age: 58	(1953)
MARY MacGREGOR	Singer <i>Song - Torn Between Two Lovers</i>	Age: 62	(1949)



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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS:

RUDOLPH VALENTINO

Actor

Would Have Been: 116

Born - Rodolfo Pietro Alfonso (1895 – 1926)

**Filiberto Raeffella Guglielemi
di Valentina D'Antonguolla**

Came To America With One Dollar In His Pocket

Movie - *The Four Horsemen Of The Apocalypse*

Movie - *The Big Little Person*

Movie - *The Delicious Little Devil*

Movie - *Sheik*

ROBERT E. PEARY

Admiral / Explorer

Would Have Been: 155

The First Man To Reach The (1856 – 1920)

North Pole

DR. SIGMUND FREUD

Physician / Psychiatrist

Would Have Been: 155

Found Of Psychoanalysis (1856 – 1856)

Hated Trains, Deathly Afraid Of Open

Spaces And Lived In Terror Of Dying

He Spend A Half-Hour Each Day Analyzing Himself



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TRIVIA QUESTIONS::

1. HOW MANY DROPS MAKE A DASH IN COOKING?

Answer: SIX

2. HOW MANY MONTHS DOES IT TAKE THE MOON TO REVOLVE AROUND THE EARTH?

Answer: ONE

3. HOW MANY PEOPLE TOOK REFUGE ON NOAH'S ARK?

Answer: EIGHT

4. HOW MANY VERSES ARE THERE TO "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER?"

Answer: FOUR