SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

On This Date

1929 – Baseball player Babe Ruth married Claire Hodgson, a former member of the Ziegfeld Follies.

1961 – U.S.-backed Cuban exiles landed at the Bay of Pigs in Cuba to overthrow Fidel Castro. The mission failed: 100 invaders were killed and 1,400 were captured.

1964 – Ford Motors unveiled its new Mustang model. The coupe won the Tiffany Gold Medal for excellence in American design.

1967 – Lester Bowles Pearson announced the creation of the Order of Canada. The medal honors outstanding citizens for service to Canada or humanity at large.

Timely Trivia

The quartz crystals in most wristwatches vibrate 32,768 times per second. Quartz watches are more accurate than the best mechanical timepieces.



Quote of the Day

"I've got to get to the top of the hill."

~ Last words of J. P. Morgan

Happy Birthday!

J. P. Morgan (1837–1913) was the



very symbol of Wall Street and one of the wealthiest men in the world. His firm financed many of the first powerhouse industrial companies,

including U.S. Steel, General Electric, and International Harvester. Morgan was a collector of books, pictures, and fine art objects. He smoked dozens of cigars per day and favored large Havana cigars. Morgan was a large man with piercing eyes and a deformed nose caused by rhinophyma. He disliked publicity and hated being photographed. Morgan and his wife Fanny had four children.

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Today is Herbalist Day, a day to appreciate all those who find natural remedies to illnesses using herbs. Herbs offer more than just seasoning to food. About 80% of people worldwide rely on herbal remedies for relief from their ailments.

Only Human

A man experiencing stomach pains was taken to the emergency room. An X-ray revealed that he had swallowed a AA battery. When the man was given an EKG, the test showed that he was having a heart attack, despite showing no symptoms or suffering any heart-related issues. Doctors concluded that the battery, a source of electricity, must have somehow created electrical interference that mimicked the electric patterns of a heart attack. Indeed, once the battery was removed, the man's EKG returned to normal.

Word Wise

Which title is not like the others?

To Catch a Thief Vertigo Rear Window The Big Sleep

ANSWER: The big Sleep was a movie by Hawks; the others are by Hitchcock.

Garden Party

England's Longleat House is an impressive English country mansion, but perhaps even more impressive is



its hedge maze, the longest in the world. 16,000 English yews cover almost two miles of winding pathway.

The tricky maze has several dead ends. Luckily, six raised wooden bridges allow those bold enough to enter the opportunity to reorient themselves with a birds-eye view of the maze. Those who reach the maze's center are treated to a tall tower, from which visitors can plan their escape. Longleat also offers a safari park complete with gorillas, lions, cheetahs, and giraffes.

Riddle Me This

Take me out and scratch my head. I am now black but once was red.

ANSWER: A match