WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021

#### On This Date

**455** – The Vandals, a Germanic tribe, entered Rome and plundered the city for two weeks. This led to the coinage of *vandalism*, meaning "senseless destruction."

1763 – Ojibwe followers of Chief Pontiac captured the British Fort Michilimackinac by diverting the



garrison's attention with a game of lacrosse and then chasing a ball into the fort. Today, the grounds in Michigan are a major component of the Mackinac State Historic Parks.

1910 – Charles Stewart Rolls, one of the founders of Rolls Royce, became the first man to fly an airplane across the English Channel. He died the next month when the plane he was flying broke apart in mid-air.

#### **Matchless Six**

The Matchless Six returned to ticker-tape parades in Toronto and Montreal.

# **Quote of the Day**

"How can a guy climb trees, say 'Me Tarzan, you Jane,' and make a million?"

~ Johnny Weissmuller, Olympic swimmer and star of six 1930s and 1940s Tarzan movies

## Happy Birthday!

In 1928, **Jane Bell** (1910–1998), at age 18, was the youngest member of the "Matchless Six," Canada's first women's Olympic track team. She and teammates Myrtle Cook,



Bobbie Rosenfeld, and Ethel Smith won the gold medal in world record time in the 4x100m relay at the Amsterdam Olympic Games.

Overall, the Matchless Six won four medals at the 1928 Olympic Games. Bell was also a competitive swimmer, curler, and golfer. She later became a physical education teacher in Toronto.

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**Today is** Global Running Day. Running is believed to be the world's oldest sport. It requires no special equipment, just the patience to allow your body to slowly increase its strength and stamina. You'll be logging the miles in no time.

#### Who Am I?

I entered show business at the age of five and eventually made a name for myself on the vaudeville circuit as a promising young comedian. When I became the host of Texaco's Star Theater, my popularity skyrocketed, and I earned the nickname "Mr. Television." The show was so popular that restaurants and theaters adjusted their schedules so that patrons would not miss the program's slot on Tuesday nights at eight o'clock. My long career spanned the silent film era, radio, vaudeville, motion pictures, and television. Who am I?

ANSWER: Milton Berle

## Buy a Vowel

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## Wild Kingdom

Over the past three years, there have been multiple reported sightings of the thylacine, also known as the



Tasmanian tiger. The only problem is that this marsupial, which looks like a cross

between a large cat and fox with tiger-like stripes on its hindquarters and tail, is thought to have gone extinct 80 years ago. For many Australians, the thylacine is as alluring as the Loch Ness Monster, and they hope that the species is still alive. Could the animals have survived all these years? It's unlikely. Experts believe that the sightings are probably honest misidentifications.

### Name Three

Can you name three world capitals that begin with the letter *W*?

POSSIBLE ANSWERS: Washington, D.C., U.S.; Windhoek, Namibia