THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

#### On This Date

1889 – A Canadian Pacific train arrived at the port of Saint John, New Brunswick, marking the completion of the railway to the Atlantic coast.

1967 – The world's only unidentified flying object landing pad was completed at St. Paul, Alberta, as a Centennial project.

1968 – The Royal Canadian Mint made news with its plans to swap silver for a nickel alloy in its coins.

1989 – The SkyDome in Toronto was officially opened. The stadium was the first to boast a fully retractable roof. Today it is known as the Rogers Centre.

# **Daily Trivia**

Popcorn saved many movie houses during the Great Depression. In the 1930s, it was said, "Find a good place to sell popcorn and build a movie theater there."



# **Quote of the Day**

"The things we truly love stay with us always, locked in our hearts as long as life remains."

~ Josephine Baker

## Happy Birthday!

**Josephine Baker** (1906–1975) was the first African American woman to star in a major motion picture (*Siren of the Tropics*), integrate an American



concert hall, and become a worldfamous entertainer. Baker, who found tremendous success in Europe, became a French citizen in

1937. She was a Red Cross nurse and underground courier for the French resistance during World War II. Baker was also active in the American civil rights movement and spoke at the 1963 March on Washington. She adopted 12 children, whom she called her "Rainbow Tribe."

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**Today is** World Bicycle Day. There is something special about the simplicity of a bicycle. It is an affordable, reliable, and environmentally friendly form of transportation that, best of all, gives you great exercise while you ride!

## You Are What You Eat

The Dutch baby is no ordinary pancake. It is a massive, pastry-like flapjack baked in a cast iron pan until it has crispy sides and a custard-like interior. The Dutch baby derives from the German pfannkuchen, a crepe-like pancake. Culinary historians believe that the Dutch baby originated in Seattle's Manca Café in 1942. Legend has it that it was one of café owner Victor Manca's daughters who first mispronounced the German word Deutsch as Dutch, and it has been called a Dutch baby ever since.

# Word Wise Which word is not like the others?

wool

linen

nylon

cotton

ANSWER: Wylon is a synthetic textile; the others are natural fibers.

## **Only Human**

Worldwide, more twins are being born now than at any time in recorded human



history. Since 1980, the rate of twin births has increased by 30%. The likeliest reason for this increase is medically assisted reproduction techniques like in vitro fertilization (IVF). But IVF is not the whole story. Another factor is that women are waiting to have children later in life, and older women are more likely to have twins. On the whole, the majority of these twin births are fraternal twins. The rate of identical twin births has remained steady.

### Who Said So?

This French existential philosopher said, "To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June."

ANSWER: Jean-Paul Sartre