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On This Date

1660 – Margaret Hughes became the first actress to appear on an English public stage. King Charles, who had recently regained the crown, overruled a ban of females on the stage. Hughes was the mistress of Prince Rupert, a senior member of the royal family at court.

1854 – Pope Pius IX proclaimed Immaculate Conception as church dogma, decreeing that the Virgin Mary was born free of original sin.

1980 – Former Beatle and international superstar John Lennon was shot and killed outside his residence at the Dakota apartment building in New York City. His death triggered a worldwide outpouring of grief.

Did You Know?

Only about 10% of the world's population resides within the southern hemisphere. This adds up to around 800 million people.

Quote of the Day

"In my end is my beginning."

~ Mary Stuart

Happy Birthday!

Mary Stuart (1542–1587), also known as Queen of Scots, was the daughter of King James V of Scotland. Stuart was only six days old when she was crowned queen. Her grandmother was the sister of England's Henry VIII. Many Catholic Englishmen considered Mary to be the rightful sovereign of England rather than her cousin, Queen Elizabeth (whose parents' marriage was annulled). Mary was married three times, and her life was filled with intrigue. After many years imprisoned in various castles, Stuart was tried and executed for treason for her involvement in three plots to assassinate Queen Elizabeth. Her son by the English Lord Darnley inherited both kingdoms and became James I of England and VI of Scotland.

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Today is Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day. For this strange holiday, people are encouraged to wear clothing from a different era. Dress like you're either from the past or the future, go outside, and tell others you're a time traveler.

You Are What You Eat

Although a kitchen favorite of North Carolinians, livermush is not the most

appetizing name for a dish. A Tar Heel version of Spam, the loaf consists of pureed pig's liver blended with spices and cooked cornmeal so that it can be molded, sliced, and fried in a skillet until browned and crisp. Livermush is most often eaten at breakfast, served with eggs, or as a breakfast sandwich between toast or a biscuit. The condiment of choice for livermush is yellow mustard, although some enjoy it with a smear of Duke's mayonnaise.

Word Scramble

R I N D E D K

Being related, or having a similar nature or interests

ANSWER: KINDRED

Root of the Matter

Buzz off

If someone tells you to *buzz off*, then they are rudely telling you to go away. Some believe that the word *buzz* comes from the sound of a buzzing, annoying insect. You would shoo the annoying person away just as you would shoo a pesky bug. Others believe that the word *buzz* references old telephone systems. Operators used buzzers to signal incoming calls. Telling someone to *buzz off* was akin to telling them to get off the phone because a more important call was coming in.

Screen Gems

When a girl suspects that malevolent spirits have taken over her television, she eerily announces, "They're heeere."

ANSWER: Heather O'Rourke as Carol Anne Freeling in Poltergeist *(1982)*

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