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It's April
Fools'
Day!



Although this day has been celebrated with tomfoolery since the 19th century, it is not an official holiday in any country (no kidding).

1998 – Burger King introduced the “Left-Handed Whopper.” All the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of left-handed customers. Thousands of customers requested the burger, while many others requested their own right-handed versions.

2005 – A zoo in Tokyo announced the discovery of a new species: a giant penguin called the Tonosama (Lord) penguin. With much fanfare, the creature was revealed to the public. As the cameras rolled, the other penguins lifted their beaks to the purported Lord, but then walked away disinterested when he took off his penguin mask and revealed himself to be the zoo director.



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Quote of the Day

“Do not waste your time with music that is trite or ignoble. Life is too short to spend it wandering in the barren Saharas of musical trash.”

~ *Sergei Rachmaninoff*

Happy Birthday!

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873–1943) was a prominent Russian conductor,



pianist, and composer who is remembered as one of the most skilled pianists of his era. Rachmaninoff, who grew up in a musical

family, began learning to play the piano at age four. He continued his musical education at the Moscow Conservatory. At the end of the Russian Revolution, he relocated to New York City, where he worked as a pianist and conductor. Some of his works include *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* and *Symphonic Dances*.



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Today is April Fools' Day. Some historians link this holiday of pranks and jokes to the ancient Roman festival of Hilaria. At the end of March, celebrants disguised themselves in costumes to mock citizens and officials alike.

Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, the government of Greece, led by Prime Minister Dimitrios Gounaris, required all drachma banknotes to be literally cut in half as a means to alleviate a budget deficit. Banknotes depicted a crown on one half. The half bearing this crown had to be exchanged for a 25-year treasury bond, while the other half was exchanged for new banknotes at half the value. While the government was able to raise \$1.6 billion through this forced loan, the ploy proved just a temporary fix for Greece's struggling economy.



Who Said So?

This great American novelist and wartime journalist said, "Courage is grace under pressure."

ANSWER: Ernest Hemingway

Mad Science

As climate change intensifies, companies are looking for ways to capture and transform carbon emissions. The Air Company is transforming carbon into a novel product: perfume. Perfumes are made by mixing sweet-smelling oils with ethyl alcohol, or ethanol. When the ethanol evaporates, fragrances are left behind on our skin. The Air Company has engineered a way to create a pure form of ethanol from carbon dioxide. They are quite literally making perfume out of thin (and dirty) air.

Word Scramble

M S N U C E O

To eat or drink; or use up
a resource

ANSWER: CONSUME