WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

On This Date

1697 – Professor Johann Bernoulli put forth a mathematical challenge to Isaac Newton, allowing just six months to find the answer. Newton solved it that very day; no one else solved the problem for a year.

1788 – The First Fleet of British ships arrived at Port Jackson, Australia. The anniversary is commemorated as Australia Day.

1905 – The 3,106-carat (1.37-pound) Cullinan diamond, the largest ever found, was discovered in South Africa. Joseph Asscher nearly shattered the diamond on his initial



attempt to cut it, but then divided it with his second blow and promptly fainted.

Diamond Trivia

Where is the Great Star of Africa diamond, the largest of the Cullinan diamonds, found?

ANSWER: It is mounted on the Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross, as a part of the Crown Jewels of England.

Quote of the Day

"Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without."

~ Confucius

Happy Birthday!

Bessie Coleman (1892–1926) was not only the first Black female pilot but also the first female Native American pilot. Coleman was best known for her death-defying flying



tricks, which earned her the nicknames "Brave Bessie" and "Queen Bess." Her brothers served in the military during World War I. When

they returned home, they told their sister that French women were allowed to fly. So, Coleman studied the French language and went to France to become a pilot. Afterward, she toured both the United States and Europe as a stunt pilot, encouraging other women to fly.

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Today is Green Juice Day. Green juice is all the rage amongst health nuts. It often contains green fruits and veggies such as kale, cucumber, celery, and Granny Smith apples. Some green juices also contain *spirulina*, a nutrient-packed blue-green algae that possesses health benefits for both the body and brain.

Gadgets & Gizmos



The *Manta5* hydrofoil bike promises to replicate the cycling experience on the water. Pedals connected to an electric motor power a propeller. The bike then glides on top of the water via a set of ski-like hydrofoils.

Who Said So?

This comedian, who often gets no respect, said, "I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her."

ANSWER: Rodney Dangerfield

25 Years Ago Today

On this day 25 years ago, Jacob Pasaye was born in Palatine, Illinois, 92 days after the birth of his twin brother. The birth set a record for the longest period separating the delivery of twins. Jacob's brother Joshua was born prematurely the previous year on October 26. It is a testament to modern medicine that Jacob's birth could be stalled, allowing him to remain inside the womb and develop for a full term of 32 weeks. Mother Janet Pasaye remained in the hospital for the entire 92-day interval.

Word Scramble

OEYNTESK

The central stone at the summit of an arch

VNZMEK: KEXZLONE