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On This Date

1862 – The first test of pasteurization was completed by Louis Pasteur and Claude Bernard. It showed that carefully heating foods could kill bacteria without damaging the food. The process was soon used for beer and milk.

1902 – Scientists Marie and Pierre Curie isolated the radioactive element radium. Being pioneers in the field, they were unaware of the harmful effects of radiation. Marie eventually died of cancer caused by radiation. Her notebooks are still radioactive and are stored in lead-lined boxes.

1909 – New baseball stadiums debuted in Detroit and Boston. It was opening day for Tiger Stadium in Detroit and Fenway Park in Boston. Tiger Stadium closed in 2001, but Fenway Park is still going strong.

Did You Know?

Green Eggs and Ham, written by Dr. Seuss, contains only 50 different words.

Humor of the Day

“When I was larger, people said I was fat. Now that I’ve lost weight, they say I died.”

~ *Luther Vandross*

Happy Birthday!

Luther Vandross (1951–2005) was born in New York City and grew up going to the Apollo theater to hear such acts as Aretha Franklin and Dionne Warwick. The exceptionally talented singer, who was known as “the Velvet Voice,” dropped out of college to pursue music and soon had gigs as an in-demand backup singer. The Grammy Award winner was in multiple bands, including Change. In 1981, he capitalized on his smooth, romantic sound to launch a successful solo career. Vandross released numerous hit songs, such as “Never Too Much,” “I Can Make It Better,” and “Superstar.”





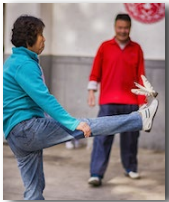
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On this day in 2008, Danica Patrick won the Indy Japan 300. Patrick is considered the sport's most successful female racer, and her 2008 victory remains the only win by a woman in the IndyCar Series of open-wheel racing.

The Games People Play

The Chinese sport of *jianzi* might remind many of America's hacky sack craze. In the sport of hacky sack,



players attempt to keep a small footbag aloft without using their hands. Similarly, in *jianzi*, players must keep a heavily weighted shuttlecock in the air. It is similar to Brazil's *peteca*, where opponents hit a shuttlecock over a volleyball-like net with their hands, attempting to have it hit the ground before the other team can return it. The historical record shows that *jianzi* has been played in China since the Han dynasty of 200 BC.

Who Said So?

This blonde bombshell of the '50s said, "Give a girl the right shoes, and she can conquer the world."

ANSWER: Marilyn Monroe

Who Am I?

My aunt convinced me to join my church choir at age six, and she influenced my future singing career. The local art school wouldn't admit Black students, so I studied on my own with a renowned voice coach of opera stars. I sang throughout America and in Europe, and in 1939, after being denied a concert by the Daughters of the Revolution at Constitution Hall, I sang instead at the Lincoln Memorial before thousands. I am considered by many to be a civil rights leader and champion of equality. Who am I?

ANSWER: Marian Anderson

Buy a Vowel

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To express one's thoughts
and judgments

ANSWER: OPINE