

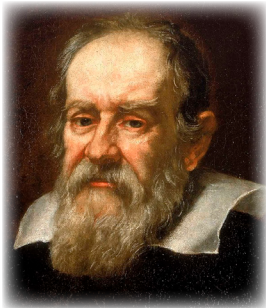


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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

On This Date

1610 – Galileo described telescopic observations in which he saw four of Jupiter’s moons. Discovery of celestial bodies orbiting something other than Earth dealt a blow to the geocentric theory, which proposed that everything orbits Earth.



1911 – Mary Pickford, one of the most popular of the early Hollywood film stars, married actor Owen Moore. The troubled marriage lasted nine years.

1924 – Twenty-six-year-old composer George Gershwin began composing “Rhapsody in Blue,” which combines elements of classical music with jazz-influenced effects.

Daily Trivia

When the mummy of Ramses II was sent to France in the mid-1970s, it was issued a passport.

Ramses’ occupation?

“King (deceased).”

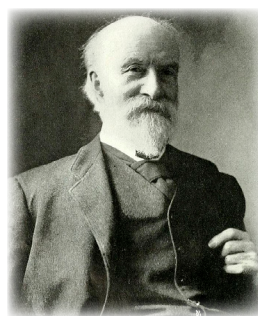
Humor of the Day

“How pleasant is the day when we give up striving to be young—or slender.”

~ *William James*

Happy Birthday!

Sir Sandford Fleming (1827–1915) was a prolific Scottish-born Canadian engineer and inventor. He was the “Father of Standard Time” and designed Canada’s first postage stamp, the Three-penny Beaver. Fleming also promoted the use of the 24-hour clock. Additionally, he served as chief engineer of the



Northern Railway of Canada and tirelessly advocated for the construction of iron bridges instead of wood for safety reasons. His accomplishments were well-known worldwide, and Queen Victoria knighted him in 1897.



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Today is Harlem Globetrotter's Day. On this day in 1927, the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team played their first game in Hinckley, Illinois. The team was not actually from Harlem; it was founded in Chicago.

Eye in the Sky

The U.S. Navy recently admitted that they were baffled by flying objects seen and captured on film by their pilots. The sightings were deemed so critical to national security that the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) Task Force was established to investigate. In some instances, objects accelerated from 100 g-forces to thousands of g-forces, more acceleration than a human pilot could survive. The speeding objects created no air disturbance and no sonic boom. The Navy wants hard scientific data to explain the phenomena.

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

hops grapes
cardamom kiwi

ANSWER: Cardamom grows on a tropical plant; the others grow on vines.

The Games People Play

The sport of *parkour*, which involves speedy and efficient movement through an obstacle course, began with the volcanic eruption of Mount Pelée on Martinique in 1902. French naval lieutenant George Herbert watched as the Caribbean locals evacuated over the fallen debris with grace and speed, while the Europeans were clumsy and slow. This inspired Herbert to develop a unique system of movement for the French military. In 1988, Raymond Belle, a retired French Special Forces veteran, transformed the training into the sport of parkour, where participants run, climb, swing, jump, roll, and vault over obstacles.



Riddle Me This

What happened when the red ship crashed into the blue ship?

ANSWER: The crew got marooned.