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Although quite popular since the 19th century, the day is not a public holiday in any country (no kidding).

1998 – Burger King published a full-page advertisement in *USA Today* introducing the “Left-Handed Whopper.” All the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of left-handed customers. Thousands of customers requested the burger.

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

Quote of the Day

“That’s what I love about dance. It makes you happy, fully happy.”

~ *Debbie Reynolds*

Happy Birthday!

Debbie Reynolds (1932–2016) was a mega-talented American actress, singer, and dancer. The acclaimed entertainer was first noticed at a beauty pageant in 1948. Reynolds was soon making movies and earned a nomination for a Golden Globe Award for Most Promising Newcomer. She became a major force in Hollywood musicals, including *Singin’ In the Rain*, *Bundle of Joy*, and *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. In 1969, *The Debbie Reynolds Show*



debuted on TV. The iconic star continued to perform in film, theater, and TV well into her 80s. Her daughter was actress Carrie Fisher.



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Today is April Fools' Day, also known as *April fish* day in some parts of Europe. In Italy and France, a common prank is to attach a paper fish to the back of an unsuspecting victim, a tradition that dates back to the 16th century.

Eye in the Sky

NASA has been busy building a mammoth rocket, the largest of its kind ever designed, in preparation to launch astronauts to the moon and eventually to Mars. The Space Launch System, or SLS, is similar to the Saturn V rocket that launched the Apollo missions, except it is much larger. At 23 stories, the launch vehicle is taller than the Statue of Liberty. Like Saturn, it is a staged rocket, which means that several pieces will fall away after launching. The rocket boosters will generate 8.8 million pounds of thrust, also making SLS the most powerful rocket ever built.



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Riddle Me This

Come up and we go. Go down and we stay. What am I?

ANSWER: An anchor

Root of the Matter

Face the music

If someone must *face the music*, then they must accept the unpleasant consequences of their actions. The phrase first appeared in New England around 1834, but its origins are unclear. Some people believe it was a phrase used to help stage actors get over stage fright. Actors were told to face the music quite literally, meaning face forward to the orchestra pit in front of the stage. Others believe it originated with soldiers marching into battle, facing the music of the enemy's war drum.

Word Scramble

I O B N S

Large oxlike mammal of the North American plains

ANSWER: BISON