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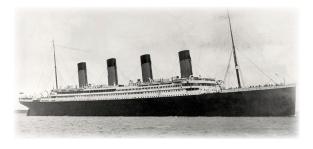
On This Date

1827 – The first cricket match between Oxford University and Cambridge University was played. The result was a tie. At the time, they were the only universities in England.

1944 – A U.S. Navy task force captured the German submarine U-505 in the South Atlantic. The U-boat was towed to Bermuda in secret, and its codebooks and other secret materials assisted Allied codebreaking operations. Today, the U-505 is a permanent exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.

Titanic Trivia

Even if all 20 of the lifeboats on the *Titanic* had been filled, they would have accommodated only about half of the passengers. Following the sinking, new laws required every ship to have enough lifeboat space for every person on board.



Quote of the Day

"A traitor is everyone who does not agree with me."

~ King George III

Happy Birthday!

King George III (1738–1820) was king of Great Britain from 1760 until his death. His 60-year reign was marked by a series of military conflicts, including the American Revolution and various wars against France, which concluded with the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815. During the latter part of his life, George III suffered from recurrent mental illness aggravated by the death of his favorite daughter,



Princess Amelia, in 1810. Around this time, his mental illness was deemed permanent, and his official duties were carried out by his son.

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Today is Donut Day, or is it Doughnut Day? The original spelling of the word was *doughnut*, but in the 1950s, the spelling *donut* became popular. This was the same time that the chain Dunkin' Donuts was opened. Coincidence?

Gadgets & Gizmos



The French company Vaonis has introduced the *Vespera* smart telescope, easily operated by an app on your smartphone. Simply tell Vespera what part of the sky you want to observe, and crystal clear pictures are sent to your phone for viewing and capturing. No more squinting through an eyepiece!

Word Scramble

EGNATMR

An item of clothing

VNZMEK: CVKWENL

Think-tionary

anfractuous

A. Full of winding twists and turns

or

B. Liable to crack or break

ANSWER: A. The directions to the cabin were so anfractuous, I was bound to get lost.

Household Tips

Nearly everyone has suffered bananas turning brown too fast. The browning of bananas is caused by the release of ethylene gas. Fruits ripen thanks to this plant hormone. Bananas, unfortunately, create a lot of their own ethylene, which speeds the ripening process. Because much of the ethylene is released from the top of the bunch of bananas, a trick to slow down ripening is to wrap the crown in plastic wrap. For better results, pull the bananas apart and wrap each one individually.