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Celebrating June

Great Outdoors Month

**Audiobook Appreciation
Month**

**African American Music
Appreciation Month**

Chocolate Ice Cream Day
June 7

**Family Health and
Fitness Day**
June 12

Flag Day (U.S.)
June 14

Juneteenth
June 19

Father's Day (U.S.)
June 20

Pink Flamingo Day
June 23

Day of the Seafarer
June 25

Tour de France Begins
June 26

Exporting Excellence

June is Caribbean American Heritage Month, a month to recognize the many invaluable contributions Caribbean immigrants have made to America. For many, the most famous Caribbean immigrant to come to America was Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, who was born on the small island of Nevis and eventually moved to St. Croix before venturing to King's College in New York City to embark on a storied political career. Perhaps just as impressive is newly elected Vice President Kamala Harris, who is both the first female vice president and the daughter of a Jamaican father. Similarly, former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's parents were both from Jamaica. Jamaica's influence extends well beyond the political—the tiny island nation has exported influential artists, scientists, businesspeople, and activists.

Perhaps no name is more synonymous with Jamaica than Bob Marley. During the 1970s, Marley single-handedly popularized reggae music around the world. Through his music, Marley also delivered messages about Jamaica's struggles with poverty and inequality, struggles that he himself contended with during his life. His hardships began at birth when his white British father Capt. Norval Marley, a colonial superintendent of the island, abandoned his young Jamaican wife, leaving her to raise Bob on her own. Marley turned his difficult life story into a universal story of hope and strength for all Jamaicans, transforming hardship into beauty and song.

Often, world-famous Jamaicans like Bob Marley overshadow others making significant contributions to science and society. For example, Dr. Neil Hanchard is a leading expert in the field of childhood genetic disease. Hanchard's research will improve life for children all around the world. Then there's chess grandmaster Maurice Ashley, Surgeon General of California Nadine Harris, author Malcolm Gladwell, basketball star Patrick Ewing, and so many other Jamaicans. It seems that every part of American society and the farthest reaches of the globe have been touched by Jamaica's influence.

Driven to Succeed

On June 6, 1933, Richard Hollingshead Jr. put a grand plan in motion. He opened the world's first drive-in movie theater, in Camden, New Jersey. For 25 cents per car and 25 cents per person, with a maximum charge of one dollar, viewers could watch the British comedy movie *Wives Beware* from the comfort of their own car seats. Hollingshead called his establishment Park-In Theatres, and it was an instant sensation.



Hollingshead came up with the idea after his own mother complained about how uncomfortable it was to sit in traditional theater seats. He first tested his idea in his own

driveway. For a screen, he used two bedsheets hung between two trees. A 1928 Kodak movie projector shot the movie from the hood of his car. In order to prevent cars from obstructing each other's views, he innovated a ramp for each parking space that elevated the front of the car and improved viewing angles.

Moving the theater from Hollingshead's driveway to a larger location proved a challenge. The RCA Victor record company provided Hollingshead with three massive six-foot by six-foot speakers to go with a 40-foot by 50-foot screen. Unfortunately, cars parked at the rear of the lot still had trouble hearing. Hollingshead and RCA worked together to invent a small speaker that could be mounted on a car and receive a radio signal. Eventually, movie sound would be broadcast directly through a car's FM radio. Hollingshead patented his idea in 1933, but in 1949 the patent was overturned, and drive-in theaters were opened all across the country. During the 1950s and '60s, nearly 5,000 drive-in theaters were in operation across America. Hollingshead's innovation had become the epicenter of American pop culture.

Today, around 300 drive-in theaters remain in the U.S. (in every state except North Dakota and Louisiana) and about 40 in Canada. On June 6, or any other sultry summer night, why not revive an old pastime and enjoy a drive-in movie?



New Residents!

Tom
James
Greg

New Employees!

Mackenzie
Ramie
Sophia
Myra
Hayley

For the Fathers



Father's Day arrives on the third Sunday of June, and with it comes the traditional giving of cards, ties, and loving thanks. In 1909, Sonora Scott Dodd was attending a Mother's Day church service when it occurred to her that there did not exist an equivalent holiday to honor fathers. Her own mother had died when she just 16, leaving her and her 13 brothers and sisters to be raised by their father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart. By Dodd's account, her father was a model parent, acting as both father and mother to Dodd and her siblings. She convinced her church to celebrate the first Father's Day on her father's birthday, June 5, but the clergy needed more time to organize such an event. They decided to hold a Father's Day service on the third Sunday of June instead.

Mystery Out of Space

An eyewitness reported that “the sky was split in two, and high above the forest the whole northern part of the sky appeared covered with fire... Then the sky shut closed, and a strong thump sounded, and I was thrown a few yards... After that such noise came, as if cannons were firing, the earth shook....”

For over 100 years, scientists have been trying to explain the events that took place on the morning of June 30, 1908, in a remote part of Siberia near the Podkamennaya Tunguska River. The most likely explanation is that an asteroid or a comet exploded over Earth, resulting in a massive explosion 185 times stronger than the atomic blast that leveled Hiroshima. The Tunguska event, as it is now called, is still considered to be the largest impact of a cosmic object with our planet in recorded history. The account above was provided by a local farmer who lived 40 miles away. Imagine the devastation if the impact had occurred closer to civilization.

Luckily, Tunguska is a harsh and remote region of Siberia, and in 1908 was devoid of human settlement. After the explosion, no one ventured to Tunguska to investigate, partly due to the region’s inaccessibility and partly due to political upheaval throughout Russia. Both World War I and the Russian Revolution were on the horizon. It was not until 1927 that a team of researchers led by Leonid Kulik finally made the expedition.



Kulik’s team found a scene of utter devastation. 80 million trees over an area of 830 square miles lay flattened. Most mysteriously, Kulik could not

find a crater or any fragments of a meteorite. For this reason, scientists believe that an asteroid or a comet exploded miles above Earth’s surface in the atmosphere, causing a catastrophic air burst that created shockwaves powerful enough to break windows hundreds of miles away. But many questions remain unanswered, and scientists still puzzle over the events of June 30, 1908.



*Robert “Bud” Gurley
1928-2021*

*Nola Knight
1927-2021*

Suckers for Seersucker



On a hot and humid Thursday in June, United States senators arrive to work wearing seersucker suits. “Seersucker Thursday” is an annual bipartisan tradition, a throwback to the days before air-conditioning was installed in the U.S. Capitol. The holiday was championed by Mississippi Senator Trent Lott in 1996, who wanted to “bring a little Southern charm to the Capitol.” Seersucker is popular in the South, but the cool, dimpled cotton fabric originated in India. The word *seersucker* comes from the Persian phrase *shir o shekar*, meaning “milk and sugar,” which refers to the smooth and coarse textures of the cloth’s alternating light and dark stripes.

Happy Hour Fun!



June Birthdays

In astrology, those born from June 1–20 are the Twins of Gemini. With a feeling that something or someone is always missing, Twins forever seek new friends and opportunities. They are curious, intelligent, sociable communicators. Those born from June 21–30 are Cancer's Crabs. Crabs like to retreat into their "shells" and enjoy being surrounded by loved ones at home. They nurture deep relationships and become loyal friends.

Karen S. June 5th

Happy Birthday!!!