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HAPPY 2018

No matter what your feelings are on the New Year, whether it's a catalyst to make a positive change in your life, or it's just business as usual, we hope you find some measure of health, happiness, and prosperity.

The New Year finds us on the cusp of several important events in Human history. Whether for good or worse, buckle your seatbelts to watch the following unfold in 2018:

- The new President will fulfill his first year in office on January 20, amidst much controversy
- The Winter Olympics will be held in PyeongChang, just 60 miles from the DMZ between North Korea and South Korea, at a time when tensions are at their highest between the 2 countries (and the USA),
- The stock, housing, and job markets, and the Tech industry, are all booming right now, surpassing record numbers. Sooner or later, the pendulum swings the other way and we are historically overdue for another Recession. Will 2018 continue on its merry way? Or will a correction occur, making the economy look more like 2008?
- The midterm elections occur in November. How will this reshape Congress? Will there be a backlash against Trump and the Republicans' policies?

Did You Know?

A new study released says that spiders eat an estimated 400 to 800 million metric tons of insects every year.

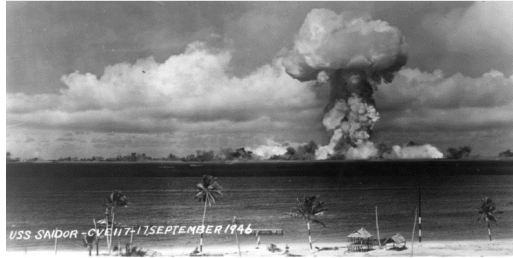
For comparison, the entire human population consumes about 400 million tons of meat and fish every year.

"Our estimates for spiders appear to be of the same order of magnitude as the prey kill by whales in the world's oceans which has been estimated to be in the range of 280-500 million tons annually," wrote the authors in *The Science of Nature*.

Quote for the Quarter:

"Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps." ~ **David Lloyd George**, British Statesman of the Liberal Party (1863-1945)

The 9 Times the World Almost Entered Nuclear War



- June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953:** Before and after the entry of Chinese reinforcements into the Korean War, with the pushback of South Korean and UN forces, orders and scenarios were developed for the use of nuclear weapons. Supreme Commander MacArthur went so far as to declare he would invade and bomb China to eliminate the threat of communism in East Asia – one of the reasons he was removed from command by President Harry S. Truman.
- July 26, 1956 – March, 1957:** In the Suez Crisis, the Soviet Union threatened to intervene on behalf of Egypt in its confrontation with France, the United Kingdom, and Israel over its nationalization of the Suez Canal. Pressure was applied on the three allies by Canadian UN ambassador and future Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson (for which he received the Nobel Peace Prize), and the Eisenhower administration (which threatened to create a currency crisis by dumping US holdings of British debt and to impose sanctions on Israel).
- June 4 – November 9, 1961:** Berlin Crisis of 1961 where the Soviets demanded a withdrawal of western troops from Berlin. It culminated in the construction of the Berlin Wall.
- October 15–28, 1962:** The Cuban missile crisis, a confrontation on the stationing of Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba, is often considered as having been the closest to a nuclear exchange. The crisis peaked on October 27, when a U-2 was shot down over Cuba and another almost intercepted over Siberia, after Curtis LeMay (U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff) had neglected to enforce Presidential orders to suspend all overflights, and a Soviet submarine nearly launched a nuclear-tipped torpedo in response to depth charges (with the launch being prevented by an officer named Vasili Arkhipov).
- 1969:** According to historian Liu Chenshan, at the height of the Sino-Soviet border conflict, Soviet officials drew up plans for a nuclear attack against China. The United States, however, refused to remain neutral in such a conflict, threatening to launch a full-attack against the Soviet Union in such an event.
- October 24, 1973:** As the Yom Kippur War wound down, a Soviet threat to intervene on Egypt's behalf caused the United States to go to DEFCON 3.
- November 9, 1979:** The United States made emergency retaliation preparations after NORAD saw on-screen indications that a full-scale Soviet attack had been launched. No attempt was made to use the "red telephone" hotline to clarify the situation with the USSR and it was not until early-warning radar systems confirmed no such launch had taken place that NORAD realized that a computer system test had caused the display errors. A senator inside the NORAD facility at the time described an atmosphere of absolute panic. A GAO investigation led to the construction of an off-site test facility to prevent similar mistakes.
- September 26, 1983:** A false alarm occurred on the Soviet nuclear early warning system, showing the launch of American Minuteman ICBMs from bases in the United States. The potential for an erroneous retaliatory nuclear attack on the United States and its Western allies was prevented by Stanislav Petrov, an officer of the Soviet Air Defence Forces, who intuited the scale and recent system upgrades meant the system had simply had a malfunction (which was borne out by later investigations).
- November 2–11, 1983:** Amid deteriorating relations between the Soviet Union and the United States and the lack of a functioning General Secretary in the Soviet Politburo (due to Yuri Andropov's failing health), the Able Archer 83 military drill for NATO's nuclear-release procedures was thought of by some Politburo members as a ruse of war. Nuclear weapons and air forces were placed on alert in East Germany and Poland before the exercise ended.

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New Year's Day, 1/1
"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."
 ~ Oprah Winfrey

MLK Jr's Birthday, 1/15
"Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."
 ~ Martin Luther King Jr

Valentine's Day, 2/14
"Love will find a way through paths where wolves fear to prey."
 ~ Lord Byron

Presidents' Day, 2/19
"Be sure to put your feet in the right place, then stand firm." ~ Abraham Lincoln

St Patrick's Day, 3/17
"A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have."
 ~ Author Unknown

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Baby Names Parents Say They Regret Giving Their Kids

1. Charlotte
2. Amelia
3. Anne
4. Daniel
5. Jacob
6. James
7. Thomas
8. Alex
9. Anthony
10. David
11. Emily
12. Frederick
13. Jack
14. Jay
15. Joseph
16. Jane
17. Lily
18. Louise
19. May
20. Meghan
21. Oscar
22. Ruby
23. Sally

Most Popular Baby Names of 2016

Girls

1. Sophia
2. Emma
3. Olivia
4. Ava
5. Mia
6. Isabella
7. Riley
8. Aria
9. Zoe
10. Charlotte

Boys

1. Jackson
2. Aiden
3. Lucas
4. Liam
5. Noah
6. Ethan
7. Mason
8. Caden
9. Oliver
10. Elijah

Worst Baby Names of 2016 (no typos)

1. Elizabreth
2. Meldor
3. Aliviyah
4. Mhavrych
5. Beberly
6. Danger
7. Little Sweetmeat
8. Nevaeh
9. C'andre
10. Colon
11. Abcde
12. Baby
13. Merika
14. Jerica
15. Panthy
16. Reighleigh
17. Appaloosa
18. Gotham
19. Yunique
20. Melanomia
21. Britney Shakira Beyonce

Names on the Out

1. Heather
2. Mike
3. Kristen
4. Denise
5. Randall
6. Cindy
7. Baily
8. Renee
9. Gretchen
10. Ross
11. Carrie
12. Dion
13. Kathleen
14. Sheila
15. Sharon
16. Tori
17. Britney
18. Brenda
19. Anita
20. Susan
21. Pamela

Source: The Stir Survey





Just For Laughs

Mental Patients

A doctor of psychology was doing his normal morning rounds, and he entered a patient's room to find his patient sitting on the floor, sawing at a piece of wood with the side of his hand.

Meanwhile, another patient was in the room, hanging from the ceiling by his foot. The doctor asked his patient what he was doing, sitting on the floor.

The patient replied in an irritated fashion, "Can't you see I'm sawing this piece of wood in half?"

The doctor inquired, "And what is the fellow hanging from the ceiling doing?"

"Oh. He's my friend, but he's a little crazy. He thinks he's a light bulb."

The doctor asks, "If he's your friend, don't you think you should get him down from there before he hurts himself?"

"What?! And work in the dark?!"

The Burglary

The detective was interviewing the man whose clothing shop had just been burglarized.

"It's bad," said the proprietor, "but it's not as bad as it could have been if he'd robbed me yesterday."

"Why is that?" the detective asked.

"Because today everything was on sale."



The Tale

Gatsby & Carraway

Jay Gatsby: "Summer's almost over. It's sad, isn't it? Makes you want to - I don't know - reach out and hold it back."

Nick Carraway: "There'll be other summers."

Jay turns to Nick.

Jay Gatsby: "How 'bout a swim?"

Nick Carraway: "Maybe later."

Jay Gatsby: "Hrmm."

Nick Carraway: "I'll give you a call - around noon?"

Jay Gatsby: "Fine, old sport. I'll be at the pool."

Jay watches Nick walk away for a moment before calling out to him.

Jay Gatsby: "Nick? Thank you."

Nick nods and then continues on his way. But then he suddenly turns back.

Nick Carraway: "They're a rotten crowd. You're worth the whole damn bunch put together."

The two smile at one another and then Nick walks away, waving a hand back over his shoulder.

~ *The Great Gatsby* (2013)

WORD WEIRD

IMPIGNORATE: pledge, pawn, or mortgage.

ETYMOLOGY: Late Latin or Medieval Latin impignoratus, impigneratus, past participle of impignorare, impignerare, from Latin in- 2in- + pignorare, pignerare to pledge.

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