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Week at a Glance

MONDAY 12/26

Although the origins are unclear, *candy canes* have been a part of the Christmas season for centuries. The most common retelling of the origins say that the curved shape represents the shepherd's staff, the white represents Jesus and the red stripe, His blood.

TUESDAY 12/27

Since opening this day in 1932, the *Radio City Music Hall* has seen more than 300 million people go through its doors. Designed during the Great Depression, the Art Deco style theater provided a space for ordinary people to escape the harsh realities of the times.

WEDNESDAY 12/28

After inventing the first camera-projector, the Cinematographe, the Lumiere brothers held *the world's first commercial movie screening in 1895*. Their films were simple, showing scenes of everyday French life.

THURSDAY 12/29

Although the sport itself was invented by Egyptians in 5200 BC, *the modern bowling ball wasn't invented until 1862*. The first iterations were carved out of wood until the 1900's when the first rubber bowling ball was produced.

FRIDAY 12/30

It's time to "bring home the bacon" on *National Bacon Day!* The food itself dates back to ancient times and has yet to lose popularity. In the 80's, Hardees was the first fast-food chain to add bacon to burgers.

DID YOU KNOW?

- According to the National Confectioners Association, about **1.2 billion candy canes are made annually**, and 90 percent of those are sold between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- **Boxing Day** started as a day to give gifts to the household staff of Britain's upper classes but has morphed into a sort of shopping holiday of its own.

- The heaviest legal weight for a bowling ball is approximately **16 pounds** and the minimum bowling ball weight is **6 pounds**.

- Some believe that the idiom **bring home the bacon** came from a tradition in Great Dunmow, Essex, England. Since the 1100s, the church awarded a side of bacon each year to married couples who demonstrated wedded bliss.

IN OTHER WORDS...

"The unchangeableness of God's affections is—or should be—a steady comfort to true believers. His love for us is infinite and unshakable."

—John MacArthur

For more from John, air *Grace to You* (28:55) and *Portraits of Grace* (1:00).

Weekly Verse

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

END OF THE YEAR

Just a reminder that the Ambassador office will be mostly empty for the week between **Christmas** and **New Year's** as our team enjoys time with family and friends this season. But don't worry—everyone's back at it and ready to help on **Tuesday, January 3!**

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