

For the week of:
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Get the low-down from a high-up perspective!

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MONDAY 4/10

Walter Hunt, a mechanic and inventor created the simple yet practical safety pin. Hunt, though, didn't seem to think much of his idea at the time. On this day in 1849, he patented his invention and sold the rights for \$400.

TUESDAY 4/11

On April 11, 1921, **the first live sporting event on radio was broadcast on KDKA** which, just six months before, had become the first licensed radio station. The broadcast was a boxing match between Johnny Dundee and Johnny Ray. (Ray won the 10-round fight.)

WEDNESDAY 4/12

Alexander Tyng of Harvard was the first player to wear a catcher's mask when he used a modified fencer's mask during a game in 1877. Just a year later, professional catchers started donning masks after the new equipment appeared in Spalding's sporting goods catalog.

THURSDAY 4/13

Peach cobbler gained popularity in the mid-1800s, when the American west was expanding. These early settlers had little options, so they had to make do by "cobbling" together biscuit dough and fruit. Since they did not have real ovens, the pioneers would bake the dessert over a campfire.

FRIDAY 4/14

The American Dictionary of the English Language, which was one of the first to use distinctly American words, was released today in 1828 by lawyer and linguist Noah Webster. English spelling had begun to be standardized as early as 1473 and was greatly helped by the publication of Webster's Dictionary.

DID YOU KNOW?

- What do a fountain pen, a new type of rifle, a knife sharpener, a flax spinner, and an ice plough all have in common? **Walter Hunt played a role in the invention of each of them!**
- Where did the phrase "April Showers bring May Flowers" come from? **A poem from the 1500s by Thomas Tusser.**
- Modern adaptations of baseball were first introduced in 1845. **Major League Baseball was officially formed in 1876.**
- The **largest fruit cobbler** was made at the 2015 Louisiana Peach Festival and included 819 lbs of peaches.
- According to Grammarly, "**incomprehensibilities**," at 21 letters, has been named the longest word "in common usage."

... And the Latest from Ambassador

You're invited to a meet and greet with "A Word With You" speaker, Ron Hutchcraft during NRB 2023 in Orlando! There's nothing like one-on-one fellowship with longtime friends--which is what most of us love best about NRB!

Wednesday (5/24) 10:30-11:45AM

Ambassador's Parlor Suite (Location TBD)

Let Charley@ambaa.com know you plan to join us and we'll get you details including specific location.

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Ron Hutchcraft
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