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Everything is okay in the end, if it's not ok, then it's not the end.
~Anonymous

Web Sites

February 11 National Inventors Day *Always February 11*

On February 11, 1983, U.S. President Ronald Reagan declared this day to be National Inventors Day. The date was selected, as Thomas Alva Edison, the greatest inventor in U.S. history, was born on this day in 1847 in Milan, Ohio. While Edison was perhaps best known for inventing the light bulb, he held over 1,000 patents!

National Inventors Day honors Thomas Edison and all inventors, recognizing the enormous impact inventions have on technology industry, and society worldwide. Just think about all the inventions, and the resulting new products, processes and procedures that you have seen in your lifetime. It readily gives us an appreciation for the inventors, that allowed these things to come into being.

On National Inventors Day, spend a few minutes to appreciate inventors, whatever their field. If you are lucky enough to know one, let them know just how much you appreciate them. Over for an umbrella. It means, appropriately enough, rain shadow. If there has ever been a more perfect name for umbrella, we don't know what it is. After that, go out on Umbrella Day and find yourself an umbrella or three that suits your tastes and styles, and make sure one of them is strictly for use in the sun!

Enchanted Learning: Zoom Inventors and Inventions

This site has an alphabetized list of inventions and inventors throughout history. You can also explore by era, topic or nationality.

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/inventors/>

MIT Invention Dimension: Ruth Wakefield (Inventor of the Chocolate Chip Cookie)

[Archived Content] [Archived Content] Read a biography of Ruth Wakefield, the inventor of the chocolate chip cookie.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20130529171154id/http://web.mit.edu/invent>

</iow/wakefield.html>

PBS: Special Feature: Forgotten Inventors

This fascinating site from PBS features seven inventions from the 19th and 20th centuries, along with information about the men and women who created them. Click on one of the small photos to learn more, or scroll down through the paragraphs.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/telephone/sfeature/index.html>

Hardware/Software

MACOS SIERRA'S NEW UNIVERSAL CLIPBOARD

New in macOS Sierra is Universal Clipboard, which lets you copy or cut an item on one device (say, your Mac), and then paste it on another device (say, your iPhone or iPad). Because it performs this magic using iCloud, the only requirements are as follows:

- Wi-Fi and Bluetooth are enabled.
- Both devices have Handoff enabled. (It's in System Preferences → General on your Mac and Settings → General → Handoff & Suggested Apps on your iOS device.)
- Both devices are logged into the same iCloud account.
- The devices are within a couple of feet of each other.

When these conditions are met, Universal Clipboard just works. If you cut or copy something on one device, you can paste it on another device for approximately two minutes after you cut or copy it; after a couple of minutes, however, all bets are off.

If it doesn't work for you, check the Apple website to make sure both devices meet the system requirements. If both are supported and you still can't make it work, try turning off Handoff on both devices, wait a minute or two, and then turn it back on. You might also try logging out of iCloud on both devices, restarting them, and then logging back into iCloud on both. Finally, some older Macs have issues with Continuity features like Handoff and Universal Clipboard even though they meet the specifications.

Hints/Tips

THE INCREDIBLE NEW ICLOUD DRIVE IN MACOS SIERRA

iCloud has been around in various forms for years, but iCloud Drive is the current incarnation in macOS Sierra which takes advantage of Apple's remote storage service.

iCloud Drive stores files of any type in iCloud. It's built into Sierra and works like any other folder on your Mac. In other words, you can drag documents of any type into it, organize them with folders and tags if you care to, and find them with Spotlight.

The best part is that the files are not only available on your Mac, but on your iPhone, iPad, or Windows PC as well. That's the good news. The bad news is that if you need more than 5GB of storage space, it's going to cost you. You get up to 5GB at no cost; if you need more it's 99 cents per month for 50GB, \$2.99 per month for 200GB, or \$9.99 per month for 1TB.

Not that long ago, iCloud was much more expensive: \$40 per year for 25GB, or \$100 per year for 55GB. Compare that to the current pricing of \$12 per year for 50GB or \$36 per year for 200GB. Kudos to Apple for making iCloud Drive not just convenient but also (more) affordable.

Although iCloud Drive should be enabled by default, if yours isn't (you don't see it in the Sidebar), launch System Preferences, click the iCloud icon, and then enable the check box for iCloud Drive.

If you still don't see it in your Sidebar, open Finder Preferences (Finder → Finder Preferences), click the Sidebar icon, and then enable the check box to Show iCloud Drive in the Sidebar.

In Sierra you can choose to store the contents of your Desktop and Documents folders in iCloud rather than on your startup disk. The upside is that files in those folders are available to all of your Macs (assuming you have more than one) and via the iCloud website. The downside is that you have to have internet access to use those files.

If that appeals to you, click the Options button next to iCloud Drive in the iCloud System Preferences Pane and enable the checkbox for Desktop & Documents Folders.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

From a word of 5 letters, take 2 letters and have 1.

Answer: ALONE – take the A and the L and you are left with ONE.

When will there be but 25 letters in the alphabet?

Answer: When U and I become one.

Why is T the happiest letter of the alphabet?

Answer: Because it is next to U.

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on February 13:

- 1849 Lord Randolph Churchill England, politician, Winston's father
- 1887 Alvin York famed US soldier with 25 kills in WWI
- 1892 Grant Wood US, painter (American Gothic)
- 1919 Eddie Robinson winningest college football coach (Grambling)
- 1919 Tennessee Ernie Ford Bristol TN, country singer/actor (pea picker)
- 1923 Chuck Yeager US test pilot (1st man to break sound barrier)
- 1930 Dotty McGuire Middletown OH, singer (McGuire Sisters)
- 1933 Kim Novak [Marilyn], Chicago IL, actress (Vertigo, Of Human Bondage)
- 1934 George Segal actor/banjo player (Carbon Copy, Fun with Dick & Jane)
- 1937 Susan Oliver New York NY, actress (Ann-Peyton Place, Star Trek-Cage)
- 1938 Oliver Reed London England, actor (Big Sleep)
- 1941 Bo Svenson Göteborg Sweden, actor (North Dallas 40, Walking Tall)
- 1942 Carol Lynley New York NY, actress (Night Stalker, Fantasy Island, Immortal)
- 1942 Donald E Williams Lafayette IN, Captain USN/astronaut (STS 51D, STS 34)
- 1942 Peter Tork [Peter Halsten Thorkelson] Washington DC, singer/actor (Monkees-Last Train to Clarksville)
- 1944 Stockard Channing New York NY, actress (Grease, The Big Bus, Without a Trace)
- 1944 Jerry Springer London England, talk show host (Jerry Springer Show)
- 1950 Peter Gabriel Surrey England, rock vocalist (Genesis, In Your Eyes)
- 1951 David Naughton Hartford CT, actor (My Sister Sam, Seperate Vacations)

On This Day:

- 1566 St Augustine FL founded
- 1826 American Temperance Society, forms in Boston
- 1861 Abraham Lincoln declared President
- 1866 Jesse James holds up his 1st bank, Liberty MO (\$15,000)
- 1895 Moving picture projector patented
- 1914 American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers-ASCAP forms in New York NY
- 1924 King Tut's tomb opened
- 1925 US Congress makes Surpreme Court appeal more difficult

1937 "Prince Valiant" comic strip appears; known for historical detail
1957 Southern Christian Leadership Conference organizes in New Orleans
1959 Barbie doll goes on sale
1973 US dollar devalues 10%
1976 Dorothy Hamill wins Olympics figure-skating gold, Innsbruck, Austria
1980 Apollo Computer Inc incorporated

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