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So many of our dreams at first seem impossible,
then they seem improbable, and then,
when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.
– Christopher Reeve

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Web Sites

Big Wind Day
Date When Celebrated : Always April 12th

Big Wind Day commemorates the highest wind speed ever recorded on the planet. Can you guess where? No, it wasn't in the middle of a hurricane or a tornado.

On April 12, 1934, the staff of the Mount Washington Observatory recorded the highest surface wind ever measured, anywhere on earth. This big wind was officially recorded at 231 miles per hour. Imagine the difficulties of even making a recording under those conditions back then!

Will this record ever be broken? Perhaps, but until then, enjoy Big Wind Day.

Origin of "Big Wind Day":
While we discovered why this day was created, we don't know who created it, or when. Perhaps, the records of its creation are "Gone with the Wind".

Kansas State Univ. & USDA: Wind Erosion-Dust Bowl Photos
[Archived Content] [Archived Content] This website uses photographs to show the human impact that wind erosion had on people's lives during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s.
https://web.archive.org/web/20120101182722/http://www.weru.ksu.edu/new_weru/multimedia/dustbowl/dustbowlpics.html

National Geographic: Video: Tornadoes 101
National Geographic video invites users to learn how and why twisters form and encounter some breath-taking storm structures along the way. Requires Windows Media Player.
http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/03/070302-tornadoes-video.html

[University of Colorado: Tornado Alley](http://www.colorado.edu/geography/virtdept/module/webwarmup/researching/examples/fey/main.html)
A site put together by the University of Colorado on Tornado Alley. This site examines information available on the Web and helps students navigate through responsible sources.
http://www.colorado.edu/geography/virtdept/module/webwarmup/researching/examples/fey/main.html

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Hardware/Software

Share your passwords and credit card details

If you have more than one Apple device – whether that's a work and a home Mac, a Mac and an iPhone, or a couple of iOS devices – then it's worth turning on iCloud Keychain. This lets you keep your Safari website usernames and passwords, credit card information, and Wi-Fi network information in sync across all your devices.

This is so that, for example, you can quickly log into a website on your Mac having saved a password on your iPad, or enter your secure credit card details automatically on an iPhone having saved them on your Mac. It's a slightly complex setup, but worth a bit of pain up-front to make your life easier later on; start at this page on Apple's website to find out how. (iCloud > Keychain Options)

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Hints/Tips

Make a keyboard shortcut for anything

Keyboard shortcuts are great for saving time, but you're not limited to just the shortcuts put in by developers; if there's a particular menu option you use all the time that doesn't have a shortcut, you can create it yourself.

Go to System Preferences > Keyboard > Application Shortcuts. Click the + button to add a new shortcut. You can choose which app you want to apply it to from the drop-down list, but you must know the exact name of the menu command to type into the next box, including the correct case and any special characters such as ellipses. Lastly, choose a unique key combination to invoke the command, then click Add.

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Riddles You Can Tell in Class

What did the man say when he saw 10 bunnies hopping over the hill?"

There go ten bunnies hopping over the hill"

What did the man say when he saw 10 bunnies hopping over the hill wearing sunglasses?
Nothing. He didn't recognize them

What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards?
A receding hareline.
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This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on April 13:
1743 Thomas Jefferson Shadwell VA, (D-R) 3rd US President (1801-09)
1852 Frank W Woolworth 5¢ & 10¢ King (Woolworths)
1907 Harold Stassen West St Paul MN, (Governor-Republican-MN) perennial presidential candidate
1926 Don [James Yarmy] Adams New York NY, actor/comedian (Maxwell Smart-Get Smart)
1933 Shani Wallis Ireland, singer/actress (Oliver)
1935 Lyle Waggoner Kansas City KS, actor (Carol Burnett Show, Wonder Woman)
1937 Edward Fox London England, actor (M-Never Say Never Again)
1939 Paul Sorvino Brookyn NY, stage/screen actor, (Law and Order, Reds, Goodfellas, A Touch of Class, That Championship Season, An American Millionaire, The Mating Dance, Skyscraper, King Lear)
1942 Bill Conti Providence RI, composer (For Your Eyes Only, Rocky IV)
1945 Tony Dow Hollywood CA, actor (Wally-Leave it to Beaver)
1950 Ron Perlman Bronx NY, actor (Quest for Fire, Beauty & the Beast)
1970 Rick Schroder Staten Island NY, actor (Ricky-Silver Spoons, Champ, Earthling)

On this day…
1204 Crusaders occupy Constantinople
1742 George Frideric Händel's "Messiah" performed for 1st time
1796 1st elephant arrives in US from Bengal India
1860 1st Pony Express reaches Sacramento CA
1861 After 34 hours of bombardment, Fort Sumter surrenders to Confederates
1865 Battle of Raleigh NC
1902 JC Penney opens his 1st store in Kemmerer WY
1943 FDR dedicates Jefferson Memorial
1957 Due to lack of funds, Saturday mail delivery in the US is temporarily halted
1970 Apollo 13 announces "Houston, we've got a problem!" as Beech-built

oxygen tank explodes en route to Moon
1972 1st baseball players' strike ends after 13 days
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