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On This Date

1940 – The evacuation of 338,226 British and Allied troops from the shores of Dunkirk, France, began. The operation, which was dubbed by the press “The Miracle of Dunkirk,” required 10 days.

1954 – Liberace played the piano for three hours as a solo performer at Madison Square Garden in New York City. More than 13,000 female fans outnumbered the 3,000 men in attendance.

1959 – The word *Frisbee* became a registered trademark of the Wham-O toy company. In 1964, sales of the plastic disc soared when a so-called professional model was introduced, and Frisbee was marketed as a new sport.

Did You Know?

Many medieval castles featured cleverly designed spiral staircases that wound in a clockwise direction (from the ascender’s point of view). This placed attacking swordsmen at a disadvantage.

Quote of the Day

“Liberace is a creation. Little by little he was created by me and by the public who accepted him.”

~ *Liberace*

Happy Birthday!

Jay Silverheels (1912–1980) was born at the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ontario. The grandson of a Mohawk chief, Silverheels was a boxer and lacrosse player before becoming an actor.



He played many different roles but is best remembered as the Lone Ranger’s faithful sidekick, Tonto. He raised, bred, and raced horses in his spare time. In his later years, Silverheels founded the Indian Actors’ Workshop to help Native American actors and writers move beyond limited roles. Married in 1945, Silverheels was the father of three girls and a boy, Jay, who also became an actor.