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Catch the wave! **January, 2008**

Calendar

1 January: On this day in 1996, the last member of the snail species *Partula turgida*, better known as the Polynesian Tree Snail, died at the London \qq"lHqwpf"qpn{"qp"vjg"RcekŁe"kunpcf"qh"tckevgc." the extinction was the product of importing U.S. snails in 1986. These U.S. snails began attacking the Tree Snail and by 1991, the Tree Snails were near extinction. To learn more, check out the book *Biodiversity and Conservations* by Mike Jeffries. It can be found for free at <<http://books.google.com/books?id=PdW5AaoZo9IC&printsec=frontcover>>. On the right-hand side, type *Partula turgida* in the search box; the result for page 131 will take you to the correct page.

4 January: On this day every year, we celebrate Braille Day. In 1809, the inventor of the Braille System, Louis Braille, was born. This system is used all over the world by visually impaired people for reading and writing purposes. Developed in 1821, this system of communication is based on characters that are made up of raised dots in a urgekŁe"tgevcp iwnct"rcvgtp0"Vjku"u{uvgo"y cu"dcugf" on a method of communication originally developed during the Napoleonic era for keeping messages secret. To download your own Braille alphabet chart, go to <<http://www.nbp.org/ic/nbp/braille/index.html?id=PZoXeJDM>>. To translate words and phrases from English into Braille, check out <<http://byronknoll.googlepages.com/braille>>.

5 January: Qp"vjku"fc{"kp"3;47."Pgmnkg"V0"Tquu" dgeco g"vjg"Łtuv"hg o cng"iqxgtpqt"kp"W0U0"j kuvqt{0"" Ujg"cnuq"yqwnf"ncvgt"ugtxg"cu"cp"qhŁegt"kp"vjg" Democratic Party and serve as a director of the U.S. Okpv ô dgeq o kpi"ppg"qh"vjg"Łtuv"yq o gp"vq"jgcf"c" federal agency. To learn more about her life and her accomplishments, check out <http://www.galegroup.com/free_resources/whm/bio/ross_n.htm>.

7 January: ""kp"39: ;."vjg"Łtuv"pcvkqpykfg"W0U0" election was held on this day. Elections were much different then. Each elector cast two votes: the candidate with the most votes would become President and the runner-up would become Vice-President. There were twelve candidates; notably John Jay, George Clinton, and John Hancock were part of this group. George Washington received 69 electoral votes and John Adams received 56"gngevqtcn"xqvgu"vq"dgeq o g"vjg"Łtuv"Rtgukfgpv" and Vice-President, respectively. To learn more about this election, check out <<http://www.presidentelect.org/e1789.html>>

14 January: On this day in 1914, Henry Ford announced the newest advance in assembly line production of the modern car. The new continuous motion method reduced assembly time of a car from over 12 hours to 93 minutes. This change in mass production techniques changed the way people worked and lived all over the country and the world. Henry Ford is considered by many as the father of modern assembly lines. To learn more about the Ford Assembly line, go to <<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/ford.htm>>. To learn more about mass production and Ford, check out <<http://interactive.wsj.com/public/current/articles/SB915733342173968000.htm>>.

27 January: Lewis Carroll, also known as Tgxgtgpf"Ejctngu"Nwykfig"Fqfiuqp."y cu" born on this day in 1832. Famous for writing books like *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass*, he was also a mathematician, logician, Anglican clergyman, and a noted photographer. To listen to or read Carroll's literary works, go to <<http://www.gutenberg.org/browse/authors/c#a7>>. To learn more about his life and other interests, check out <<http://www.victorianweb.org/authors/carroll/carrollov.html>>.

