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Significant Events Surrounding the 4th of July

July 4th is a day we spend with family and friends, barbecuing and setting off fireworks. We go to parks and major fireworks celebrations. No doubt, July 4th is a special holiday, beyond just the usual happenings and events we all know about related to the 4th of July. I came across a few significant events you might find interesting.

Important Events Regarding the Fourth of July:

- 1776 - USA declared independence from Great Britain.
- 1777 - On the 4th of July, 13 guns were fired once in the morning and once in the evening in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated our country's first birthday with toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, fireworks, and parades.
- 1778 - George Washington marked the 4th of July with two times the ration of rum for his soldiers. He also had an artillery salute. Benjamin Franklin and John Adams held a dinner for fellow Americans in Paris, France.
- 1779 - Independence Day fell on a Sunday. July 4th was celebrated on July 5th.
- 1781 - Massachusetts became the first state legislature to recognize the 4th of July.
- 1791 - The first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.
- 1826 - On July 4th, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died.
- 1831 - Former president James Monroe died on July 4th.
- 1870 - Congress made the 4th of July an unpaid holiday for federal employees.
- 1884 - In Paris, on July 4th, the Statue of Liberty was presented to the USA.
- 1941 - Congress made Independence Day a paid federal holiday.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable 4th of July!

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NO KIDS - The nation's "general fertility rate" (defined as the number of births per 1,000 women aged 15-44) fell to 62.5 births in 2015, the lowest number ever recorded in the USA (source: National Vital Statistics Report).

MR. ROBOT - Due to increased use of automation and robots, the "real output" of the American manufacturing worker has increased +25.2% over the last 7 years (source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis).

OVERSTAYED THEIR WELCOME - 45% of the immigrants that are in the United States illegally came into the country legally (for tourism, education or for temporary work) and simply never left (source: Urban Institute).

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