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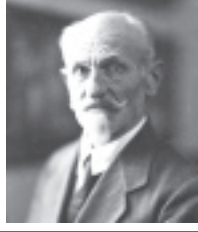


March 14, 1882 - Waclaw Sierpinski (Born)

Waclaw Franciszek Sierpinski was a Polish mathematician. He was known for outstanding contributions to set theory (research on the axiom of choice and the continuum hypothesis), number theory, theory of functions and topology. He published over 700 papers and 50 books. Three well-known fractals are named after him (the Sierpinski triangle, the Sierpinski carpet and the Sierpinski curve), as are Sierpinski numbers and the associated Sierpinski problem.

March 15, 1869 - Stanislaw Wojciechowski (Born)

Stanislaw Wojciechowski was a Polish politician and scientist. In 1922 he was elected the second President of the Republic of Poland following the assassination of Gabriel Narutowicz. He was ousted by the May Coup d'État of 1926.



March 16, 1964 - Gore Verbinski (Born)

Gregor "Gore" Verbinski is an American film director and writer, best known for directing the first three Pirates of the Caribbean films and The Ring. In addition to movies, he has also directed numerous music videos.

March 17, 1956 - Irene Joliet-Curie (Died)

Irene Joliet-Curie, the daughter of Pierre and Marie Curie, was also a recipient of a Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1935 for the discovery of artificial radioactivity. This made the Curies the family with most Nobel laureates to date.



March 18, 1866 - Karol Adamiecki (Born)

Karol Adamiecki was a Polish economist, engineer and management researcher. He was one of the most famous management researchers in Central and Eastern Europe in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He authored the law of harmony in management theory and the University of Economics in Katowice Poland bears his name.

March 19, 1887 - Jozef Kraszewski (Died)

Jozef Ignacy Kraszewski was a noted author of numerous fiction stories, historian of Polish literature, social activist and politician.



March 20, 1997 - Tony Zale (Died)

Tony Zale was a champion middleweight boxer and hall of famer also known as "the Man of Steel". He earned fighter of the year honors from Ring Magazine and the Boxing Writers Association of America for his thrilling three fight series with fellow hall of famer Rocky Graziano.

March 21, 1972 - Piotr Adamczyk (Born)

Polish actor, Piotr Adamczyk, portrayed Karol Wojtyła, who later became Pope John Paul II, in the television movie, The Man Who Became Pope.

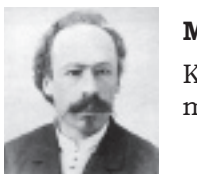


March 22, 1786 - Joachim Lelewel (Born)

Joachim Lelewel is considered the most eminent Polish historian. Lelewel wrote a timeline of Polish history and his writings remain a focal point of 18th and 19th century Polish history. His lectures were very popular among the youth and Adam Mickiewicz dedicated a poem to him.

March 23, 1951 - Ron Jaworski (Born)

Ron Jaworski, known as "JAWS" and the "Polish Rifle", is a former football quarterback of the Philadelphia Eagles. Jaworski led the Eagles to their first Super Bowl appearance in 1981. Jaworski is currently a sports broadcaster and is part owner of the Philadelphia Soul Arena Football Team.



March 24, 1915 - Karol Olszewski (Died)

Karol Stanislaw Olszewski was a noted Polish chemist, mathematician and physicist.



March 25, 1970 - Shawn Antoski (Born)

Shawn Antoski is a retired professional ice hockey left winger who played 8 seasons in the National Hockey League in the 1990s. He played for the Vancouver Canucks, Philadelphia Flyers, Pittsburgh Penguins, and the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

March 26, 1996 - Edmund Marciszewski (Died)

Edmund Marciszewski, known as Edmund Muskie, was a former senator from the State of Maine. The son of Polish immigrants, he served as the Governor of the State of Maine before his election to the U.S. Senate, where he served as the Secretary of the Senate. Senator Muskie also ran as candidate for the United States Vice Presidency.



March 27, 2004 - Edward Piszek (Died)

Edward Piszek was a Polish American Industrialist and Philanthropist. He was the founder of Mrs. Paul's Kitchens, the frozen-food business that became a national giant. Mr. Piszek was an outstanding supporter of Poland and the Polish American community. Among his many accomplishments, Edward Piszek helped eradicate tuberculosis in Poland and was the main supporter of the Kosciuszko House in Historic Philadelphia.

March 28, 1928 - Zbigniew Brzezinski (Born)

Zbigniew Brzezinski was born in Warsaw, Poland, and is internationally respected as a political scientist and statesman. Brzezinski served as the United States National Security Advisor to President Carter and remains a major international foreign policy analyst. Brzezinski is currently a professor of American foreign policy at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies.



March 29, 1963 - Pola Gojawiczyńska (Died)

Apolonia, "Pola" Gojawiczyńska, née Kozniewska, was a prolific Polish writer. Gojawiczyńska was one of the most popular women writers of the Polish literature of interwar period. Her works included psychological themes and social themes connected with proletarian and small town environment of Warsaw and Silesia.

March 30, 1892 - Stefan Banach (Born)

Stefan Banach was a mathematician who founded the branch of modern mathematics called functional analysis. A self-taught mathematics prodigy, Banach was the founder of the Lwów School of Mathematics.



March 31, 1888 - Mieczyslaw Haiman (Born)

Mieczyslaw Haiman was a leading historian of the Polish American community. Born in Poland in 1888, Haiman arrived in America in 1913 and settled in Buffalo. In 1935, Haiman became the curator of the Polish Museum of America in Chicago which was founded by the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. The Polish American Historical Association bestows the Mieczyslaw Haiman Award annually to a scholar who has done exemplary work in the area of Polish American studies.

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