



*Miss Gorman with her pooch "Long Goodie"*

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## ***THIS VERY DAY IN HISTORY!***

These days woman spend their whole young lives climbing the beauty pageant ladder to even hope to get a chance to compete for **Miss America**. But not so the first, on this very day in history in 1921. Let's meet **Margaret Gorman**, a petite and athletic **Washington D.C.** high school student. After winning her school's popularity contest, she was invited to compete in a national pageant in **Atlantic City**. And compete she did, winning two categories, including *"The Most Beautiful Bathing Girl in America,"* and the over all title, for which she was awarded the coveted **Golden Mermaid** trophy.

Technically it was not until the end of her year reign, when it was realized that she could not compete again (another Miss Washington had already been crowned), that she was titled **Miss America** by officials. Not that she cared, telling a journalist many years later: *"I never cared to be Miss America. It wasn't my idea. I am so bored by it all. I really want to forget the whole thing."*

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## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

*"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and it may be necessary from time to time to give a stupid or misinformed beholder a black eye."*

**–Miss Piggy**