



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

On This Date

1947 – Grand Ole Opry singers, including Ernest Tubb and Minnie Pearl, performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Country music was a new genre for the hall.



1954 – A Gallup Poll reported that a Canadian family of four could live comfortably on \$50 a week. Half of this amount was required for food.

1964 – The television series *Route 66* went off the air. The series is best remembered for its iconic Corvette convertible and its instrumental theme song, which was composed and performed by Nelson Riddle.

Celebrity Trivia

Although it has been decades since Frankie Avalon's years as a teen idol, he is still very active, working at nightclubs in Las Vegas and around the country about six months out of every year.

Quote of the Day

“They weren't great pictures, but they were fun, and they really represented that period of time well.”

~ Frankie Avalon

Happy Birthday!

Frankie Avalon, born in 1940, is widely known for his chart-topping pop songs and 1960s beach movies. Avalon first grabbed the public's attention by singing on the TV show *American Bandstand*. A few of the teen heartthrob's hit songs include “Venus” and “Why.” Later, he teamed up with Annette Funicello in a series of teen surf comedies, including *Beach Blanket Bingo* (1965) and *Muscle Beach Party* (1964). Avalon has been married to Kathryn Diebel since 1963, and they have eight children.





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Today is Big Whopper Liar Day. The third Saturday in September brings the Big Whopper Liar Contest to New Harmony, Indiana, where the biggest liars gather to tell the tallest and most hilarious tales their imaginations can conceive.

Only Human

If you've been singing the wrong words to your favorite song for years, you've been uttering *mondegreens*. One of the best-known mondegreens comes from Jimi Hendrix's rock song *Purple Haze*. When Hendrix sings "Excuse me while I kiss the sky," many hear "Excuse me while I kiss this guy." To further confuse the matter, Hendrix even went so far as to sometimes deliberately sing the mondegreen during live concerts. When someone continues to use the wrong word or employ the wrong custom after being corrected, it is known as a *mumpsimus*.

Buy a Vowel

L _ S _ _ N

An injury or wound

ANSWER: L^{ESION}

Eye in the Sky

The planet Upsilon Andromedae b, also known as *Saffar*, is called "the planet of fire and ice" for good reason. This giant planet lies 44 light-years away from our solar system. The sunlit side of the planet is 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit, hotter than the hottest lava. In contrast, the dark side of the sphere is a freezing -4 degrees. Scientists believe that the dramatic temperature range is due to the orb's proximity to its star, to which it is tidally locked. This means that the planet does not revolve but remains facing its sun in a tight orbit that lasts just 4.6 days.



Riddle Me This

What do you call a number that can't keep still?

ANSWER: A roamin' numeral