



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022

On This Date

1912 – Jim Thorpe won four out of five events in the pentathlon to win the gold medal at the Stockholm Olympics.

1928 – Sliced bread was first sold to the public. The Chillicothe Baking Company called it “the greatest forward step in the baking industry since bread was wrapped.” This led to the phrase “the greatest thing since sliced bread.”

1936 – Henry Phillips received a patent for his Phillips-head screwdriver and screw.



1954 – Rainbow Stage, Canada’s longest-running outdoor theater for concerts and musicals, opened in Winnipeg’s Kildonan Park.

Did You Know?

Even before the invention of sliced bread, Charles Strite patented the double-sided, self-timed, pop-up toaster in 1921, which became known as the Toastmaster.

Quote of the Day

“I am no more proud of my career as an athlete than I am of the fact that I am a direct descendant of that noble warrior [Chief Black Hawk].”

~ *Jim Thorpe*

Happy Birthday!

Ringo Starr, born in 1940, was a drummer and singer with the Beatles. Starr was the last to join the “Fab Four” lineup, taking over for Pete Best in 1962. The iconic musician often contributed lyrics to unfinished Lennon and McCartney songs, such as the line “darning his socks in the night when there’s nobody there” in “Eleanor Rigby.” In 2015, 23 years after he was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as one of the Beatles, he was inducted for his solo music.





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Today is Tell the Truth Day. But what about the occasional “little white lie”? White lies are those lies that are thought to be beneficial, such as those told to children to create a fantasy or those used to protect others from harm or shame.

Root of the Matter

Cost an arm and a leg

If something *costs an arm and a leg*, then it is prohibitively expensive. One fanciful explanation for the origins of this expression comes from old-world portraiture. We often see paintings where a subject is hiding a hand in their coat or standing with an arm behind their back. Some chroniclers say that the cost of a portrait was determined by how many limbs were showing. If somebody wanted a cheaper painting, they would simply conceal an arm or a leg.

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

Thomas Jefferson John Hancock

Ben Franklin George Washington

ANSWER: Washington did not sign the Declaration of Independence; the others did.

Weather or Not

During the first half of the 20th century, weather forecasters were discouraged and sometimes even forbidden from mentioning the word *tornado*. The problem with tornadoes came largely from science’s inability to accurately predict them. Officials believed that the mention of a tornado in a forecast would create widespread panic, causing more harm than the storm itself. The first tornado warning in history came in 1948. The meteorologist thought it would end his career.



Who Said So?

This early American poet, a “Lowell mill girl,” said, “If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it.”

ANSWER: Lucy Larcom