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Today is Earth Day!



On This Date

1970 – Earth Day, an event encouraging public awareness of the world’s environmental problems, was celebrated for the first time.

1980 – Canada announced its boycott of Moscow’s 1980 Summer Olympic Games to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

1989 – Archaeologists unearthed a 2,000-year-old mummy wrapped in linen and dried flowers in a gold-covered coffin in the Egyptian oasis of Fayoum.

Daily Trivia

Melting of the Arctic will not significantly increase sea levels because the ice is already floating in the ocean. However, melting ice in Greenland will measurably increase sea levels because this ice rests on land.

Quote of the Day

“Once you’ve been in a really bad movie, there’s a certain kind of fearlessness you develop.”

~ *Jack Nicholson*

Happy Birthday!

Jack Nicholson, born in 1937, is a celebrated American actor known for playing snarky, anti-hero rebels. Some of Nicholson’s many iconic films include *Easy Rider*, *Carnal Knowledge*, *Prizzi’s Honor*, *Chinatown*, *The Shining*, *Batman*, *Witches of Eastwick*, and *The Departed*. He’s been nominated for a record 12 Academy Awards for



Best Actor, winning twice, for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* and *As Good as It Gets*. He also earned an Oscar for

Best Supporting Actor in 1983’s *Terms of Endearment*. Nicholson has also directed several films.



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Today is Earth Day. In 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin sponsored the first Earth Day to raise awareness of air and water pollution. His efforts spurred the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Think-tionary

legerdemain

- A. Sleight of hand, or great skill at deceiving others
- or
- B. A mayor's office or other office where decisions are made

ANSWER: A. Only people displaying legerdemain are recruited as spies.

Toys of Yesteryear

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh made his famous solo flight across the Atlantic,



inspiring former Navy pilot Paul Guillow to start a toy company in his barn. Guillow

devised a series of balsa wood model kits, developing 12 different WWI biplane fighters. Each kit had balsa wings, wood cement, aircraft dope, and a bamboo strip for gears and struts. By 1940, Guillow's balsa planes were asked for by name.

Wild Kingdom

In 1920, train operators steering through the mountain of Japan were forced to stop their trains when they saw thousands of poisonous millipedes crossing the tracks. The insects would mysteriously return every eight years, bringing trains to a halt. It was recently discovered that the millipedes have an eight-year life cycle. They hatch in massive swarms and search for new feeding grounds, a search that forces them to cross the train tracks. The phenomenon has become so regular for the past century that they are called train millipedes.

Whatchamacallit?

What do you call a group of prairie dogs?

burrow squeak

army coterie

ANSWER: COTERIE