



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

On This Date

1948 – *Texaco Star Theater* starring Milton Berle debuted, and TV sales skyrocketed. He became known to millions as “Mr. Television.” Berle also earned a second nickname of “Uncle Miltie” when he ad-libbed this remark to kids: “Listen to your Uncle Miltie and go to bed.”

1949 – George Orwell’s *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was published. The novel imagines an authoritarian government where surveillance, propaganda, and censorship are used to repress dissent.

1959 – The first official U.S. missile carrying mail was launched. The rocket traveled 100 miles in about 22 minutes. However, the post office could deliver more economically without missile power.

Did You Know?

Genuine ivory does not come only from elephants; it can also come from the teeth or tusks of a warthog, hippo, narwhal, whale, or walrus.



Quote of the Day

“A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.”

~ *Chinese proverb*

Happy Birthday!

Alexis Smith (1921–1993) was a Canadian-born stage, film, and television actress. During the 1940s, she appeared alongside some of the most popular male stars of the day, including Errol Flynn, Cary Grant, and Humphrey Bogart. Smith appeared on the cover of the May 3, 1971, issue of *Time* with the announcement that she would



be in the Broadway production of Stephen Sondheim’s *Follies*. In 1972, she won the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical for her performance.



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Today is Upsy Daisy Day, a day to embrace positivity and pull yourself up. This holiday was created by Stephanie West Allen, a lawyer turned conflict mediator—so she knows a thing or two about the importance of positivity.

Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, Babe Ruth was put in jail for speeding. The famed baseball player was as notorious behind the wheel as he was on the baseball diamond. During Ruth's lifetime, he racked up countless speeding tickets, traffic violations, and was in more than his fair share of fender benders. On June 8, 1921, Ruth was arrested for driving a lightning-fast 26 miles per hour and sentenced to spend the rest of the day in jail. Luckily for the Yankees, their star player was released 45 minutes before the first pitch of that day's game and was escorted to the stadium by a motorcycle escort.

Word Scramble

H U R M I T P

Great victory or achievement

ANSWER: TRIUMPH

Root of the Matter

Rainy day fund

If you are keeping a *rainy day fund*, you are saving money for an emergency or other unexpected circumstances, or for a time when skies are threatening and not pleasant. This expression was coined in 1561 by Italian playwright A. F. Grazzini in his play *La Spiritata*. Adapted into English by John Jeffere as *The Bugbears*, the line appears as "Would he have me keep nothing against a rainy day?" "Rainy days" have been used as a metaphor for hard times ever since.



Trivial Matter

Where does the flower name "daisy" come from?

ANSWER: "Daisy" comes from an Old English word meaning "day's eye," reflecting how the flower's petals open to the sun each morning.