



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

On This Date

512 – An Irish monk documented a solar eclipse in his writings. The Irish tradition of recording eclipses began over 5,000 years ago with stone carvings that are the first known representation of this phenomenon.

1613 – London’s Globe Theatre, home to many of Shakespeare’s plays, was accidentally set on fire



by a theatrical cannon. The wooden structure was completely destroyed but rebuilt the next year. A modern replica opened in 1997, complete with flame-retardant thatch.

1620 – Claiming that smoking was “loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, and dangerous to the lungs,” King James I banned the growing of tobacco in Britain.

Idiom Origins

Winning “hands down” once referred to 19th-century horseracing, when a jockey could remove his hands from the reins and still win the race because he was so far ahead.

Humor of the Day

“There was no use working in rodeos for social security. Nobody was very social and there was little security.”

~ *Slim Pickens*

Happy Birthday!

Louis Lindley Jr. (1919–1983), better known as **Slim Pickens**, began



his career as a rodeo clown. He was told that working in the rodeo would be “slim pickings” (very little money), which gave him his stage name.

He played both villains and comic sidekicks in western movies such as *Blazing Saddles*. However, his most famous role was B-52 pilot Major T. J. “King” Kong in *Dr. Strangelove*, which ended with Pickens riding an H-bomb down to destruction.

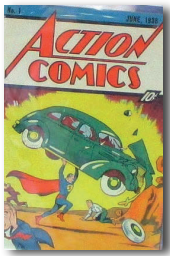


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Today is International Mud Day. This holiday began in 2009 when educators recognized how children all across the globe enjoy the same wonderful pastime of playing in the mud. May all kids enjoy this wonderful holiday!

Silver Memories



On this day 25 years ago, *Action Comics #1*, the comic book in which Superman made his debut, was auctioned off by Sotheby's for \$61,900. In 1938, the comic sold for just 10 cents, making the sale 619,000 times more expensive. That may sound like a lot of money, but in 2014, a rare and pristine copy of the same comic book fetched a price tag of \$3,207,852 on eBay! It is estimated that only 50 copies of the comic book exist, and this particular comic is believed to be the most valuable comic book in the world.

Who Said So?

This two-time Academy Award-winning actor said, "You pray for rain, you gotta deal with the mud, too. That's a part of it."

ANSWER: Denzel Washington

Weather or Not

In Edvard Munch's painting *The Scream*, a man strikes a ghastly pose while red and orange clouds swirl in the background. Some believe the painting depicts nacreous clouds, rare clouds that form high in the atmosphere. The clouds, also known as "mother-of-pearl" clouds, can blaze extremely bright in the late sunset. The colors of Munch's painting reflect the hues of nacreous clouds found in the far north of his native Norway. Historians think the painting captures what Munch saw in the sky after the eruption of Krakatoa in 1883.

Word Scramble

O S W I D M

Having knowledge, experience,
and good judgment

ANSWER: WISDOM