WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021

On This Date

1896 – Canada's first motion picture showing took place at the Ottawa Electric Railway Company's West End Park in Ottawa. The hit of the evening was *The Kiss*, a brief film featuring Canadian actress May Irwin and actor John Rice.

1943 – The film *Stormy Weather*, featuring Lena Horne, Cab Calloway, Fats Waller, and Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, opened in theaters. Fred Astaire said that the "Jumping Jive" sequence was the greatest movie musical number he had ever seen.

1970 – Egypt completed the Aswan High Dam on the Nile River. The Soviet-funded project that created Lake Nasser still provides much of the country's electrical power.



Did You Know?

The *Q* in *Q*-tips stands for quality.

The swabs were originally called Baby Gays.

Quote of the Day

"I have no desire to prove anything by dancing... I just dance."

~ Fred Astaire

Happy Birthday!

Louise Blanchard Bethune (1856–1913) is remembered as America's first professional female architect. Born in Waterloo, New York, Bethune learned her trade at a



Buffalo architectural firm before starting her own office with her husband, Robert Bethune. Some of her major projects in Buffalo include

public school buildings, the 74th Regiment Armory, and the Hotel Lafayette. Bethune was the first woman admitted to the American Institute of Architects. The former Buffalo Meter Company Building, now the Bethune Lofts, was named in her honor.

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Today is Hot Dog Day. On the third Weiner Wednesday of July, a Hot Dog Lunch is hosted on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. For more than 40 years, politicians from both sides of the aisle have celebrated the humble hot dog.

Picture of the Day



When we ran out of buns, I knew it was time to improvise.

Now it's your turn to come up with a funny caption.

Word to the Wise

The word *chauffeur* is a French word that means "one who heats" or "stoker." The first chauffeurs were people who stoked the coals that kept steam engines running. As automobiles came into fashion, the term evolved to mean the driver.

Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, Christian Nelson, an eccentric schoolteacher Onawa, Iowa, introduced America to the "Eskimo Pie," the first chocolate-covered ice cream bar, a confection he had invented in his home laboratory. Nelson was supposedly inspired by a child who could not decide between candy or ice cream for dessert, so the inventor got to work combining the two treats. He enlisted famed chocolate maker Russell Stover to help market his product, which he originally called an "I-Scream Bar." Stover would encourage the name change to "Eskimo Pie."

Word Scramble

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Slight pain or distress

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