



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

On This Date

1878 – Vaseline was registered as a trademark for the petroleum jelly developed by Robert Chesebrough. The chemist lived to be 96 years old and was such a believer in Vaseline that he claimed to have eaten a spoonful every day.



1955 – After a disappointing initial release in 1954, “Rock Around the Clock” was rereleased and became wildly popular with teenagers around the world.



The song was played during the opening credits of the movie *Blackboard Jungle*, giving it the exposure that it needed to take off.

Astronomy Quiz

Does Earth ever line up with the other planets in our solar system?

Answer: Yes. The event is called the “alignment of the planets” and is very rare. All the planets will come close to full alignment in 2438. Mark your calendar!

Quote of the Day

“I’m simply not panicking as my laugh lines grow deeper. Who wants a face with no history, no sense of humor?”

~ Cate Blanchett

Happy Birthday!

Cate Blanchett, born in 1969, is an Australian actress of immense talent and global acclaim. She has delivered unforgettable performances in films like *Elizabeth*, earning her an Academy Award, and *Blue Jasmine*, for which she received another Oscar. Blanchett’s filmography



includes diverse roles in *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and *Carol*, showcasing her range and depth as an actress. She is married to

playwright and screenwriter Andrew Upton, and they have four children. The family divides their time between England and Australia.