



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

On This Date

1775 – American revolutionaries Paul Revere, William Dawes, and Samuel Prescott rode through Massachusetts, giving the warning that “the Regulars are coming out.” Later, the phrase “the British are coming” was attributed to Revere. The ride was commemorated in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s poem “Paul Revere’s Ride.”

1942 – Colonel James Doolittle led a flight of 16 B-25 bombers to attack Tokyo. Japanese commanders considered the raid deeply embarrassing, and their attempt to close the perceived gap in their Pacific defense perimeter led directly to a decisive American victory at the Battle of Midway.

Spicy Trivia

Fermenting vinegar and hot peppers in a French barrel that has three inches of salt on top makes Tabasco sauce. The mixture is aged for three years until all the salt is diffused.

Humor of the Day

“A few years ago, I decided I wanted to be home with my family.”

~ Rick Moranis

Happy Birthday!

Rick Moranis is an actor and comedian who was born in Toronto in 1953. He is best known for his work on the sketch comedy program *Second City Television (SCTV)* and in films such as *Ghostbusters*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *My Blue Heaven*, and *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*. He took a long hiatus from acting in 1997 to dedicate his time to his two children after his wife died. In 2005, he released the album *The Agoraphobic Cowboy*, featuring country songs with lyrics that follow in the comic tradition of singer-songwriters such as Roger Miller. A new project is a reboot of *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*, called *Shrunk*.





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Today is Piñata Day. Marco Polo discovered hollow, paper oxen filled with seeds used as new year's decorations in China. He brought the practice to Italy, where *pignatta* means "fragile pot." The custom then spread to Spain.

Gadgets & Gizmos



The Airbac backpack from By the Book hopes to be more than just a backpack. It does have a roomy interior with multiple pockets to hold all the essentials, but it also is soft enough to act as an impromptu seat on a hard bench, an emergency pillow for unexpected naps, or even a soft baby changing station.

Word Scramble

R C O T O T N

Twist or bend out of shape

ANSWER: CONTORT

You Are What You Eat

The technique of grilling salmon on a cedar plank was common amongst tribes of the Pacific Northwest, where salmon was abundant. Plank grilling was not limited to the West Coast. Shad was plank-cooked on the East Coast and even whitefish in the Midwest. Prepare the fish by splitting it and affixing it skin-side-down on an aromatic wood such as cedar, hickory, cherry, apple, or alder. Then, place the plank vertically near the fire, but not too close. A slow-cooked fish will absorb the smoky aromas of the wood without drying out.

Who Said So?

This 15-term California congresswoman said, "We should have hope because we've earned it. We've worked for it! It's ours!"

ANSWER: Maxine Waters