



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

## On This Date

**1620** – The *Mayflower* departed from Plymouth, England, with 102 pilgrims on board.

**1932** – Mohandas Gandhi began a hunger strike to protest the caste system in India. He broke his fast six days later when his demands were met.

**1938** – Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra recorded the swing classic “Boogie Woogie” for Victor Records. The song became one of Dorsey’s biggest hits.

**1966** – The Metropolitan Opera House opened at Lincoln Center in New York City with the premiere of Samuel Barber’s opera *Antony and Cleopatra*. Today, the facility also hosts the American Ballet Theatre in the summer months.

## Did You Know?

In Britain’s House of Commons, two red lines separate the government and opposition sides of the House. The distance between the lines is the length of two swords.

## Quote of the Day

“Here is a test to find out if your mission in life is complete. If you’re alive, it isn’t.”

~ *Lauren Bacall*

## Happy Birthday!

**Lauren Bacall** (1924–2014) was born Betty Joan Perske. The gorgeous, commanding screen idol, known for her sultry voice, started her career as a model but soon became a prominent leading lady in American film noir. She starred alongside Humphrey Bogart, whom she later married, in



*The Big Sleep* and *Key Largo*, among others, as well as romantic comedies like *How to Marry a Millionaire* with Marilyn Monroe.

She won Tony Awards for her roles in the Broadway musicals *Applause* (1970) and *Woman of the Year* (1981).



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**On this day** in 1961, pilots from the United States National Hurricane Research Project flew into Hurricane Esther and dropped eight vials of silver iodide into the eyewall, hoping to supercool, and thus weaken, the storm.

## Think-tionary

*thrutch*

- A. A fit of hysterical anger

or

- B. To push or squeeze into a narrow space, like a cave passage

*ANSWER: B. The ravine was so narrow that the hikers had no choice but to thrutch their way along.*

## Who Am I?

You might not have recognized my English accent because I never spoke a word in my films, despite my wide fame and influence in the entertainment industry. I was a renowned actor and also a successful director, producer, editor, and composer. Despite my success, accusations of scandal dogged me, and I was forced to flee to Switzerland. Who am I?

*ANSWER: Charlie Chaplin*

## Wild Kingdom

The Galápagos Islands still harbor secrets of the natural world. Researchers recently rediscovered a giant tortoise thought to have gone extinct more than 100 years ago after the eruption of the Fernandina volcano. This female Fernandina Island Galápagos tortoise, named Fernanda by the scientists, is feared to be the last of her kind. Researchers hope to find a male of the species and unite him with Fernanda at the Galápagos Giant Tortoise Breeding Center.



## Buy a Vowel

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Relating to farmland and its crops

*ANSWER: AGRARIAN*