



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1683 – Using microscopes that he built himself, the Dutch scientist Anton van Leeuwenhoek reported his discovery of microscopic living



“animalcules” (tiny animals now known as live bacteria). Leeuwenhoek is known as “the Father of Microbiology.”

1868 – The gold rush town of Barkerville in British Columbia burned to the ground. In trying to kiss a saloon girl, a miner dislodged a stovepipe that set the canvas ceiling on fire.

1976 – NASA unveiled the *Enterprise* space shuttle. The craft wasn't built for space, but it showed that an orbiter could fly in the atmosphere and land like a glider.

Cat Trivia

In 1879, the Belgian city of Liege tried to train a fleet of 37 mail cats to deliver letters. (It did not work.) A children's book about the chaotic effort was written in 2007.

Quote of the Day

“If a song can't be written in 20 minutes, it ain't worth writing.”

~ *Hank Williams*

Happy Birthday!

Hank Williams (1923–1953), the famed country and western singer and songwriter, began to play the guitar at age eight. By the time he was 14, he had formed a band, Hank Williams and the Drifting Cowboys. A few of his many hit songs include “I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry,” “Your Cheatin' Heart,” “Cold, Cold Heart,” and “Move It on Over.” His family has kept his musical legacy alive: son (Randall) Hank Williams Jr., daughter Jett Williams, and grandchildren (Shelton) Hank Williams III, Holly Williams, and Hilary Williams are all also professional singers.





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Today is Monte Cristo Day—not a day to honor the fictitious count, but a day to eat a ham and cheese sandwich dipped in French toast batter, fried to a golden brown, powdered with sugar, and served with a side of jelly. Mmmmm...

What's the Difference?

What's the difference between a crow and a raven? Both live in the same part of the world and look almost exactly alike, but there are some key differences. Ravens are larger and travel in pairs, while crows stay in large groups. When a crow flies, its tail looks like a fan, with all the feathers the same length. A raven's tail has longer middle feathers, making its tail look wedge-shaped. The birds sound different, too. Crows caw, while ravens make a low croaking sound.



Whatchamacallit?
What do you call a group of jackrabbits?

collar bound
drove case

ANSWER: DROVE

Centennial Memories

On this day 100 years ago, famed explorer Ernest Shackleton embarked on an expedition to return to Antarctica. Unfortunately, the expedition would be his last. Upon his arrival in Rio de Janeiro, Shackleton likely suffered a heart attack. Refusing medical care, he insisted the team press on to South Georgia Island. By the time Shackleton summoned a doctor complaining of back pain and discomfort, it was too late. The explorer was just moments away from a second fatal heart attack. In March 1922, Shackleton was buried on South Georgia Island.

Who Said So?

This actress, born Frances Gumm, believed there was no place like home.

ANSWER: Judy Garland