



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, JULY 4, 2022

On This Date

1634 – Jean Laviolette founded Trois-Rivières with land granted by the Company of One Hundred Associates. The city is named for the fact that you can see three rivers when you look on the northern shore from the Saint Lawrence. But in reality, the Saint-Maurice River is divided by two islands at its opening.

1893 – A team known as the Zorras, from Zorra Township, Ontario, won the world tug-of-war championship at the Chicago World’s Fair. The Zorras were all in their 40s, except for one member who was 51.



Tug-of-War Trivia

An Egyptian wall engraving from 2500 BC depicts the oldest known tug-of-war contest. Tug-of-war was an Olympic sport from 1900 to 1920.

Quote of the Day

“Our life is frittered away by detail... simplify, simplify.”

~ *Henry David Thoreau*

Happy Birthday!

Melanie Fiona, born in 1983, is a Canadian singer and songwriter who grew up in Toronto. The daughter of Guyanese parents who immigrated to Canada in the 1970s, she credits hearing Whitney Houston’s voice with inspiring her to become a singer. Fiona’s music is described as



both “soulful” and “sassy.” In 2012, she won two Grammy Awards for the song “Fool for You” and a Juno Award for “Gone and Never

Coming Back.” She released her third album, titled *Awake*, in 2016 and then went on tour in the U.S. Fiona and husband Jared Cotter have two children.



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Today is Independence Day in the United States. Fireworks have been a large part of Independence Day celebrations since the first July 4th celebration in 1777. Those early fireworks exploded in just one fiery color: orange.

You Are What You Eat

White Rabbit candy is beloved by kids in China. The candy looks like a vanilla Tootsie Roll and has been described to taste like “cheap vanilla.” But that doesn’t stop millions of Chinese emigrants from tracking down the hard-to-find candy from hundreds of miles away. The iconic red, white, and blue packaging may be more palatable than the candy itself, offering a healthy dose of nostalgia for the Chinese diaspora. The candy originated in Shanghai in 1943. President Nixon was gifted some during his visit to China in 1972.



Buy a Vowel

P _ N C T _ _ T _

To accentuate or emphasize

ANSWER: PUNCTUATE

Think-tionary

metanoia

A. A change of mind or heart after a transformative experience

or

B. Refusal to acknowledge other people’s feelings

ANSWER: A. Hiking the Appalachian Trail provided many experiences of metanoia.

When Was It?

It was during this year that two million gallons of molasses flooded Boston. Both the Grand Canyon in Arizona and Acadia in Maine were designated national parks. A total eclipse of the sun occurred over the Gulf of Guinea in Africa. The cost of a stamp in the United States actually dropped from three cents to two cents, and the first passenger plane service began between Paris and London. When was it?

ANSWER: 1919