



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

On This Date

1853 – The Toronto Locomotive Works completed *Toronto*, the first steam locomotive built in Canada. The lightweight engine went into service with the Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron Railway.

1962 – Correspondent Walter Cronkite replaced Douglas Edwards as TV anchor of the *CBS Evening News*, a position he would hold until he retired in 1981.



1972 – China gave the United States two giant pandas, Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing. The gifts were in commemoration of President Richard Nixon's historic visit to China in February 1972.

Spicy Trivia

Tabasco sauce is made by fermenting white wine vinegar and hot peppers in a French oak barrel that has three inches of salt on top.

The concoction is aged for three years until all the salt is diffused through the barrel.

Quote of the Day

“I remain just one thing and one thing only—and that is a clown. It places me on a far higher plane than any politician.”

~ *Charlie Chaplin*

Happy Birthday!

Charlie Chaplin (1889–1977) was a legendary English actor and filmmaker. Rising to fame during the silent film era, his character “The Tramp” became a cultural icon. Chaplin’s contributions to cinema include classics like *The Kid*



(1921), *City Lights* (1931), and *Modern Times* (1936). He also was a social commentator, using satire to address societal issues in films like *The Great Dictator* (1940). Chaplin won three Academy Awards and received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



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Today is Bean Counters' Day, every accountant's favorite holiday. This day honors those unsung heroes who take care of our financial well-being while taking no credit for themselves. Accountants can relax after Tax Day.

Think-tionary

pasquinade

A. A mockery of someone or something posted in a public place

or

B. A pasty gruel eaten by monks on pilgrimages

ANSWER: A. I was humiliated by the pasquinade my rival painted on the side of the building.

When Was It?

It was during this year that the Supreme Court ruled that one could record programs on videotape for personal use without breaking the law. While filming a Pepsi commercial, pop superstar Michael Jackson suffered burns from fireworks. The NFL's Baltimore Colts moved to Indianapolis in the dead of night. When was it?

ANSWER: 1984

Mad Science



Earth's magnetic North Pole is on the move, shifting from the Canadian Arctic to Siberia. The map of Earth's magnetic field was updated in 2015 but is already horribly out of date. *Declination* is the measured difference between the true geographic North Pole, the top of the world, and the magnetic north. Accurate declination is helpful from those guiding airplanes and ocean ships to GPS devices on smartphones. Magnetic north often drifts, with some scientists believing that liquid iron deep inside Earth is responsible.

Buy a Vowel

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To ascertain the size or amount of something

ANSWER: MEASURE