



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

On This Date

1827 – John Walker, an English pharmacist, recorded his first sale of the friction matches he invented the previous year.

1869 – Prince Edward Island held its last public hanging. The unfortunate center of attention was a sailor convicted of murder.

1945 – During the Battle of Okinawa, hundreds of American planes sank the huge Japanese battleship *Yamato*. The *Yamato* and its sister ship, *Musashi*, were the heaviest battleships ever built.

1970 – John Wayne, an iconic movie veteran of more than 200 films, won his first and only Oscar for his role as U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn in 1969's *True Grit*.

Daily Trivia

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is the world's largest piece of folk art. It weighs 54 tons and could cover dozens of football fields. The memorial celebrates the lives of those who have died of AIDS.

Quote of the Day

“If I’m going to sing like someone else, then I don’t need to sing at all.”

~ *Billie Holiday*

Happy Birthday!

Percy Faith (1908–1976), born and raised in Toronto, was a popular arranger and composer known for his lush string orchestrations. Growing up, Faith played several instruments, but he began conducting orchestras after his hands were badly burned in an accident. He is remembered for his “mood music” recordings: “Delicado,” “The Song from *Moulin Rouge*,” and “Theme from *A Summer Place*.”



He also composed the theme song for the television show *The Virginian*. In 1969, he received a Grammy Award for his album *Love Theme from “Romeo and Juliet.”*



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Today is Walking Day, a day to go outside and enjoy the health benefits of a 30-minute walk. This simple exercise can burn calories, strengthen the heart, improve circulation, improve energy, and boost your mood.

Wild Kingdom

The island of Sulawesi in Indonesia is home to limestone karst caves famous for their prehistoric art. A recently discovered cave wall painting depicts a local wild pig in brilliant hues of red and purple.



Dated to be over 45,000 years old, this representation is considered to be the oldest example of figurative art (art that depicts real-world objects rather than abstract shapes or patterns) humankind has ever created. The pig depicted is the Sulawesi warty pig, an animal still found in small numbers on the island. This painting illustrates the important bond between humans and the animals we live with.

Riddle Me This

I can be written. I can be spoken. I can be exposed. I can be broken.

ANSWER: I am the news.

Eye in the Sky

A strange sight over the skies of Hawaii just days before last New Year's Eve prompted several calls to 911. Witnesses reported a blue and red blinking UFO as long as a glowing telephone pole streaking across the sky, which then crashed into the ocean. Officials worried that a plane had crashed, but the Federal Aviation Administration confirmed that no planes had been lost. Some folks think it might have been an LED kite, a large glowing kite controlled by a remote. Others, of course, enjoy believing it was an alien spacecraft.

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

sipes

axle

sidewall

tread

ANSWER: An axle is a shaft that rotates wheels; the others are parts of a tire.