



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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## On This Date

**1719** – In Boston, Thomas Fleet published his *Songs for the Nursery*, also known as *Mother Goose's Melodies for Children*.

**1892** – Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker* premiered in Saint Petersburg, Russia. The music and ballet have since become a cherished holiday tradition.

**1950** – The first Canadian troops arrived at the port city of Pusan, South Korea, to help counter an invasion by communist forces.

**1984** – A recording of Ravel's "Boléro" by the Montreal Symphony Orchestra went platinum when over 100,000 copies were sold, a first for a Canadian ensemble.

## Geography Trivia

Earth's longest mountain range is the 65,000-kilometer-long mid-ocean ridge that encircles the globe almost entirely underwater.

Every ocean contains parts of the ridge.

## Quote of the Day

"Heartthrobs are a dime a dozen."

~ Brad Pitt, actor

## Happy Birthday!

**Brad Pitt** was born in 1963 in Oklahoma. The movie star was just two credits shy of graduating with a degree in journalism when he dropped out of college and headed to Hollywood. His brief role in 1991's *Thelma and Louise* (and his fiery love scene with Geena Davis) made audiences and studio executives take notice of his talents. His appearance in Robert Redford's *A River Runs Through It* and his role opposite Tom Cruise in Anne Rice's *Interview with the Vampire* solidified his acting credentials. For 2019's *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*, Pitt won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

