



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

## On This Date

**1957** – The Wham-O Company produced the first Frisbee. In the 1960s, the company came out with a \$119 do-it-yourself bomb shelter. In addition, the company introduced the Hula-Hoop, Slip 'N Slide, Super Ball, and Trac Ball.



**1979** – The YMCA filed a copyright infringement suit against the Village People for its song “Y.M.C.A.” The suit was settled out of court, and the Association subsequently said that it celebrated the song’s positive message.

## Movie Quiz

**Q:** What 1933 movie has the word *soup* in its title?

**A:** *Duck Soup*, starring the Marx Brothers. Filled with zany antics that the Marx Brothers did so well, the movie is famous for its hilarious, much-copied battle scene. Groucho plays the incompetent King of Freedonia, who wages war on a neighboring country.

## Quote of the Day

“I can always remember the dances, even from shows I did 40 years ago.”

~ *Gwen Verdon*

## Happy Birthday!

**Gwen Verdon** (1925–2000) was an acclaimed Broadway actress and dancer who won four Tony Awards for her work. The iconic redhead was an influential muse of legendary director-choreographer Bob Fosse, who was also her second husband. Verdon’s mother put her in ballet classes at age three to combat leg deformities caused by a case of rickets as a toddler. She more than overcame her physical challenges, becoming a celebrated dancer on stage and screen. Among her many accomplishments, Verdon originated the roles of Lola in *Damn Yankees* and Roxie Hart in *Chicago*.





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**Today is** Make Your Dream Come True Day, a day to stop procrastinating and create a plan to fulfill your dreams. Research shows that step-by-step planning is an effective way to turn dreams into reality.

## The Games People Play

To welcome the month of Ramadan, Indonesians play a unique form of soccer known as *fireball soccer*. For



the ball, a coconut is drained of its milk and soaked in kerosene for days. Players coat their legs and bare feet in non-flammable salts and spices. The ritual fasting and prayer of Ramadan are believed to instill players with the courage to kick the burning fireball with their bare feet. Playing the game without hesitation or fear is a testament to the spirit of the player, a spirit strengthened by the rituals of Ramadan and by the trial of fire.

## Who Said So?

This Russian actor who developed his own teaching method for acting said, "Love the art in yourself and not yourself in the art."

ANSWER: *Constantin Stanislavski*

## Mystery to Me

Antwerp, Belgium, hosts the Antwerp World Diamond Centre, home to the world's major diamond mining companies and their vaults. It was here that Leonardo Notarbartolo rented an office, posing as an Italian diamond merchant, but spent many months planning a robbery that has been called "the heist of the century." In 2003, Notarbartolo's gang, known as the School of Turin, was able to penetrate an "impenetrable" vault and steal over \$100 million worth of diamonds, gold, and jewelry. Notarbartolo was caught and sent to jail for 10 years, but the loot has never been recovered.

## Buy a Vowel

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Having and proudly stating your own unwavering beliefs

ANSWER: *OPINIONATED*