



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

## On This Date

**1825** – The Erie Canal opened. The waterway was the first transportation conduit between the eastern seaboard and the Great Lakes, and it cut transport costs by about 95%.

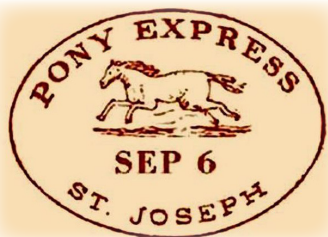
**1861** – The Pony Express officially ceased operations after only 19 months. The mail service was made obsolete when the transcontinental telegraph was invented.

**1965** – Each member of the Beatles received a medal from Queen Elizabeth II in a formal ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

**1986** – Donald Duck was shown for the first time in China. Chinese television launched a weekly half-hour of Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse cartoons.

## Did You Know?

Only 250 known examples of Pony Express mail still exist.



## Quote of the Day

“Sometimes you just stumble into something that works, and here I am a quarter century later.”

~ Pat Sajak

## Happy Birthday!

**Pat Sajak**, born in 1946, is the host of the popular game show *Wheel of Fortune*. The engaging Chicago-born television personality has been hosting the show for nearly 40 years. Sajak started out in show business as a teen when he won a contest to be a guest deejay. He worked as a



radio newsman on the night shift while in college and as a disc jockey for the army during the Vietnam War, signing on to

the *Dawn Buster* program with the iconic greeting, “Good Morning, Vietnam!” Sajak is also the author of multiple puzzle games, including the 2007 game “Lucky Letters.”