



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

## On This Date

**1924** – The *Rand McNally Auto Chum*, later known as *Rand McNally Road Atlas*, was first published.

**1984** – A fleet of tall ships left St-Malo, France, on a race to Canada in celebration of the 450th anniversary of Jacques Cartier’s exploration of Quebec.

**1985** – The Royal Canadian Mint recommended replacing the \$1 bill with a dollar coin as a cost-saving measure.

**2003** – International researchers announced the completion of the 13-year-long Human Genome Project, which mapped the entire genetic code of human beings.

## Daily Trivia

Jellybeans (eight flavors) were first mentioned in 1861 by Boston confectioner William Schrafft, who urged people to send them as a treat to soldiers serving in the Civil War.



## Quote of the Day

“The less you reveal, the more people can wonder.”

~ *Emma Watson*

## Happy Birthday!

**Emma Watson**, born in 1990, is a popular British actress. She was taking acting classes and had been in school plays when a teacher helped arrange a prime audition for her. Watson ended up with the coveted role of Hermione Granger in eight *Harry Potter* movies. Reviews of the films often singled out Watson’s excellent acting skills. In 2014, she graduated from Brown University with a bachelor’s degree in English literature before resuming her acting career. Watson helped launch the United Nations campaign HeForShe, which calls for men to advocate for gender equality. In 2019, she starred in Greta Gerwig’s *Little Women*.





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**Today is** World Art Day, a date chosen to honor the birth of Leonardo da Vinci on this day in 1452. You can choose to let your creativity shine and create a work of art or appreciate the art of others by visiting a gallery virtually or in-person.

## **Fashion of Yesteryear**

Ladies' pedal pushers of the 1950s originated with men's knickerbockers. Knickerbockers were baggy short pants that ended just below the knee. The original knickerbockers were worn by the Dutch settlers of



modern-day New York City in the 1600s. These loose-fitting work pants took their name from a fictional character called Diedrich Knickerbocker. In 1809, author Washington Irving wrote a satirical history of New York under that pseudonym. He used the term "knickerbocker" to denote any New Yorker who could trace their lineage back to the original Dutch.

## **Who Said So?**

This rock singer took her best shot when she sang "Love Is a Battlefield."

*ANSWER: Pat Benatar*

## **Centennial Memories**

On this day 100 years ago, striking British coal miners were betrayed by their traditional allies in transport and rail unions, a day remembered as Black Friday. After World War I, Britain was plunged into an economic depression. The National Transport Workers' Federation, the National Union of Railwaymen, and the Miners' Federation of Great Britain formed a Triple Alliance to defend against wage reduction. When miners' wages there threatened, they expected solidarity in their strike, but instead met resistance to the idea.

## **Word Wise**

**Which word is not like the others?**

Polaris      Alpha Canis Majoris

Dog Star      Sirius

*ANSWER: Polaris is the North Star; the others are names for the same star.*