



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021

## On This Date

**1841** – Lord Sydenham opened the first session of the first Parliament of the Province of Canada at Kingston.

**1919** – British Army Captain John Alcock and Lt. Arthur Brown left St. John's, Newfoundland, in their Vickers Vimy



bomber, a two-motor biplane. This first nonstop transatlantic flight covered 3,100 kilometers in 16 hours and ended in an Irish peat bog. The pilots won a £10,000 prize and were knighted by King George V.

**2002** – An asteroid about 220 feet in diameter missed Earth by 75,000 miles (one-third of the distance to the moon). The near-miss was not noticed until three days later.

## Daily Trivia

Astronauts have complained that foods in space are tasteless, likely because without gravity, the foods do not settle on the taste buds.

Some compensate by adding strong flavors such as hot sauce.

## Quote of the Day

“When you lose a couple times, it makes you realize how difficult it is to win.”

~ *Steffi Graf*

## Happy Birthday!

**Stefanie “Steffi” Graf**, born in 1969, is a German tennis champion who retired in 1999 and now lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. Graf first picked up a racket at age three and played in her first tennis tournament two years later. She went on to win a whopping 22 Grand Slam singles titles and was ranked No. 1 by the Women's Tennis Association for a record 377 weeks. In 2004, Graf was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Considered one of the greatest female tennis players of all time, her athletic, aggressive style of play is also credited for helping inspire the dynamic contemporary game we see today.





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**Today is** No Mailing Children Day. On this day in 1913, the postmaster general of the United States officially decreed that children could no longer be sent through the mail, a practice that had actually occurred until that time!

## Golden Memories

On this day 50 years ago, Americans Isaac Tigrett and Peter Morton opened the very first Hard Rock Café in the Mayfair neighborhood of London. Morton was no stranger to the restaurant business. His family, after all, ran Morton's Steakhouse. Tigrett, a Memphis-born American



living in London, longed for a place where he could order

a decent hamburger and a cold beer. With \$10,000, the pair refurbished a former Rolls-Royce showroom into an American rock and roll-themed restaurant that served Tennessee truck stop food: burgers, shakes, fries, and apple pies.

## Trivial Matter

Who was the U.S. postmaster general after Ben Franklin?

ANSWER: Richard Bache, Ben Franklin's son-in-law

## Root of the Matter

*A stitch in time saves nine*

When someone says *a stitch in time saves nine*, they mean that a small measure of action taken to tackle a problem now will save one from having to confront a much larger problem later on. This saying dates back to 1723 when Thomas Fuller published a collection of proverbs entitled *Gnomologia*. The proverb meant that a single stitch applied to a small tear will prevent needing to apply many stitches to a much larger tear later on. Fuller's *Gnomologia* might have been the inspiration for Ben Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanack*.

## Buy a Vowel

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An eggplant

ANSWER: AUBERGINE