



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1838 – Montreal shops were lit by coal gas for the first time. The gaslights replaced whale oil lamps with steady, clear light.

1993 – British artist Rachel Whiteread won both the Turner Prize for best British modern artist and the K Foundation art award for the worst artist of the year. The sculpture that garnered such mixed reviews was *House*, a concrete cast of the inside of an entire Victorian House.

Tree Trivia

All trees are mortal, but if conditions are right, they can live to an astonishingly old age. For example, stands of 5,000-year-old bristlecone pine trees have been found in California. Trees can endure because their vital functions are decentralized; that is, a large part of the tree can die without killing off the tree as a whole.



Quote of the Day

“The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls.”

~ *Pablo Picasso*

Happy Birthday!

Dr. Robert McClure (1900–1991) was a Canadian medical missionary and humanitarian who helped set up a rural medical system in China. In addition to performing surgery himself, he trained local medical personnel and emphasized public health practices. In 1937, he served as the Red Cross medical director in Central China and led the Friends Ambulance Unit during World War II. After the war, he served in Palestine, India, Zaire, and Borneo for another 30 years. In 1985, McClure received the Man of the Year Peace Award of the Lester B. Pearson Peace Park.

