



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

On This Date

1626 – The new St. Peter’s Basilica was dedicated in Rome. The Roman Catholic shrine is the world’s largest church.

1929 – A 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck the Atlantic Ocean floor, sending a tsunami crashing onto the shores of Newfoundland. The quake could be felt in New York City and in Montréal.

2013 – NASA launched the MAVEN probe to Mars to study the planet’s upper atmosphere and its interactions with the solar wind. MAVEN is in Mars’ orbit and is still operational.

Did You Know?

In July 1969, a brief battle broke out between Honduras and El Salvador. While underlying tension had been brewing, the catalyst for the fighting was El Salvador’s victory in the World Cup Soccer playoffs. Gunfire was exchanged for about 30 minutes before reason prevailed.

Quote of the Day

“You’re never going to kill storytelling because it’s built into the human plan. We come with it.”

~ Margaret Atwood

Happy Birthday!

Margaret Atwood, born in 1939 in Ottawa, is a literary powerhouse whose career encompasses a diverse array of genres, from novels and poetry to essays and dystopian fiction. Atwood’s 1985 novel *The Handmaid’s Tale* stands as a seminal work in speculative fiction, offering a chilling exploration of



totalitarianism and gender oppression. Her other acclaimed works include *Oryx and Crake* and *The Testaments*, the latter earning her the Booker Prize in 2019. An outspoken advocate for environmental and social causes, Atwood has established herself as one of the most influential voices in contemporary literature.



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Today is Mickey Mouse Day. On this day in 1928, the cartoon mouse made his debut in the short film *Steamboat Willie*. Walt Disney wanted to name his mouse Mortimer, but his wife advised him to change it to Mickey.

Mad Science

When the Hagoromo Stationery company in Japan announced that it was discontinuing manufacture of its Fulltouch chalk in 2015, mathematicians all over the world panicked and began to hoard boxes of the product. Known as the “Rolls Royce” of chalk, Fulltouch is prized because it is virtually unbreakable, long-lasting, bright, easy to read on chalkboards, and smooth to write with. Luckily for chalk aficionados, Hagoromo announced that it was selling its secret recipe to a South Korean company, which has made the famous chalk available again.

Buy a Vowel

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Commitment to a purpose

ANSWER: DEDICATION

Eye in the Sky

Astronomers have been scanning the sky for decades in an attempt to detect messages from alien civilizations. Since the invention of the radio, they have been listening to outer space. Now, scientists are using a scanner that can detect flashes of laser light. Members of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) program are excited that they have added another method of detection to their search for aliens. The array of massive telescopes is located at the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory in Amado, Arizona.



Who Said So?

This Canadian feminist said, “Whatever women do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.”

ANSWER: Charlotte Whitton