



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1930 – Ontario native Guy Lombardo and his band the Royal Canadians recorded their hit “Go Home and Tell Your Mother.”

1961 – Construction began on the Berlin Wall. East Germany built the barrier to prevent a “brain drain” of educated young people to the west. The wall stood as a symbol of oppression until November 1989.

1980 – The sunken merchant ship HMS *Breadalbane* was discovered in the Northwest Passage near Beechey Island. She had been crushed by polar ice and submerged in 1853. The well-preserved vessel is the world’s northernmost found shipwreck.

Hitchcock Trivia

The motion picture *Psycho* (1960) is now regarded as one of Alfred Hitchcock’s best efforts, but initially it got very mixed reviews. Walt Disney so detested the film that he banned Hitchcock from entering Disneyland.

Quote of the Day

“The only way to get rid of my fears is to make films about them.”

~ *Alfred Hitchcock*

Happy Birthday!

Alfred Hitchcock (1899–1980) was a famous English director who made a habit of popping into his films for cameos. A master of the thoughtful thriller, his work shaped the suspense and horror genre, with such classics as *Dial M for Murder*, *Rebecca*, *Notorious*, *North by Northwest*, *Vertigo*, *Rear Window*, and *The Man Who Knew Too Much*. Hitchcock worked with some of the biggest stars of his era, including Cary Grant, Jimmy Stewart, Clare Greet, and Ingrid Bergman. His wife, screenwriter Alma Reville, was a key collaborator on his films.

