



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1880 – The Cologne Cathedral in western Germany was completed 632 years after building began in 1248. It was badly damaged during World War II, but later repaired. The church is the largest gothic cathedral in northern Europe.

1932 – The Philips Radio Company made its one-millionth radio. Philips began operations in 1891 producing lightbulbs and then diversified into radios in 1927.

1953 – The Wiffle ball, a ball that curves when it is thrown, was invented by David Mullany. He made it for his 13-year-old son. Back then, when you struck out, you “whiffed”—hence the name.

An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away

The earliest version of this phrase is a Pembrokeshire proverb dating to the 1860s: “Eat an apple on going to bed, and you’ll keep the doctor from earning his bread.”



Quote of the Day

“Magic is who I am on the basketball court. Earvin is who I am.”

~ Earvin “Magic” Johnson

Happy Birthday!

Earvin “Magic” Johnson, born in 1959, is a retired basketball player. He played point guard for the Los Angeles Lakers for 13 seasons after being drafted as the No. 1 pick in the 1979 NBA draft. Johnson was a member of the gold medal-winning “Dream Team” at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. He announced that he had HIV in 1991 and briefly left the NBA, but he returned to play 32 games for the Lakers in 1996. Johnson has become a successful businessman and an advocate for HIV/AIDS prevention.

