



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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## On This Date

**1877** – The first Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show opened at Gilmore’s Gardens in New York City.

**1886** – Pharmacist John Pemberton first sold a carbonated beverage named Coca-Cola as a patent medicine in his Atlanta drug store.

**1945** – Hostilities ceased in Europe when terms of the Nazis’ unconditional surrender took effect. Massive celebrations broke out in cities throughout the free world.

**1987** – A gold-colored coin was introduced to replace the Canadian paper dollar. The “loonie” has a loon engraved on its rear side.

## Did You Know?

Henry Ford learned of a process for turning wood scraps from the production of Model T’s into charcoal briquettes. He founded the Ford Charcoal Company, later renamed Kingsford Charcoal.



## Quote of the Day

“My life was a mystery even as I lived it.”

~ *Melissa Gilbert*

## Happy Birthday!

**Melissa Gilbert**, born in 1964, starred as Laura Ingalls Wilder, the second-oldest daughter of Charles Ingalls (played by Michael Landon) in the popular television series *Little House on the Prairie*.

She beat out 500 other child actors for the role. Gilbert was very close to Landon and his family, and she named one of



her sons after him. As an adult, she has continued her acting career in television and has written several books, including the autobiography *Prairie Tale: A Memoir*. She was president of the Screen Actors Guild from 2001 to 2005 and has been married to actor-director Tim Busfield since 2013.