



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

On This Date

1852 – The first edition of Peter Roget’s thesaurus was published. The full title was *Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases Classified and Arranged So As to Facilitate the Expression of Ideas and Assist in Literary Composition*.

1944 – British agent Nancy Wake, a leading figure in the French Resistance and the Gestapo’s most-wanted person, parachuted into France to be a liaison between London and the local *maquis*, or underground group. She died in 2011 at the age of 98.

1967 – Aretha Franklin released “Respect.” Written and originally recorded by Otis Redding, Franklin’s feminist version of the song became a huge hit.



Did You Know?

Duke Ellington’s first job as a young man was selling peanuts at Washington Senators baseball games.

Quote of the Day

“A problem is a chance for you to do your best.”

~ Duke Ellington

Happy Birthday!

Duke Ellington (1899–1974) was an influential American composer, pianist, and bandleader. A pivotal figure in the history of jazz, Ellington led his orchestra for over five decades, creating a vast and



innovative body of work that spanned various genres. He wrote thousands of pieces, including classics like “Mood Indigo” and “Take the ‘A’ Train.” His impact on jazz is immeasurable, earning him numerous awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Ellington’s legacy continues to influence generations of musicians, and his contributions to the world of music are celebrated worldwide.



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Today is World Wish Day. Seven-year-old Chris Greicius had one wish, to become a police officer, but he had leukemia, making his dream impossible. On this day in 1980, he was made an officer-for-a-day and his wish came true.

Only Human



As we age, it is only natural that our eyesight breaks down and deteriorates and can even lead to blindness. Enter the electronic eye. Scientists have created electronic implants that are embedded into the retina. These implants collect light input and convert that light into electrical energy that stimulates nerves in the eye. Amazingly, people with poor vision can “see” some things again, including color, light, movement. This technology has the potential to improve, allowing the blind a second chance at sight.

Who Said So?

This five-time Grammy award winner said, “A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.”

ANSWER: Steve Martin

Root of the Matter

Pull someone’s leg

If you pull someone’s leg, then you’re joking with them in a manner that may make them look foolish. In England during the 1800s, street robbers used lengths of wire to trip potential victims. Once the victims had fallen, the robbers would swoop in and steal their valuables. This act of tripping was called *pulling someone’s leg*. Eventually, pulling someone’s leg had nothing to do with tripping them but merely with making them look or feel foolish.

Word Scramble

T I N M E P M E I D

A hindrance or obstruction in doing something

ANSWER: IMPEDIMENT