FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

On This Date

1846 – Antoine-Joseph "Adolphe" Sax of Belgium patented the



saxophone. Sax had previously patented an improvement of the bass clarinet. The saxophone was invented for use in both orchestras and concert bands.

1875 – The stallion Aristides

won the first Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. There were no roses for



the chestnut thoroughbred, as roses were not introduced until 1896.

1975 – Ten women began training to be police officers at the Ontario Police College. They became the first female constables in the 65-year history of the province's security force.

Did You Know?

The only place the sun rises due east and sets due west is at the equator.

Quote of the Day

"The music sold itself before anybody knew who I was."

~ Enya

Happy Birthday!

Eithne Pádraigín Ní Bhraonáin, born in 1961 and popularly known as Enya, is a celebrated Irish singer-songwriter of ethereal and atmospheric music. Enya has produced mesmerizing albums, including her iconic *Watermark*



(1988) and *Shepherd Moons* (1991). Her hauntingly gorgeous voice and intricate arrangements have given life to timeless tracks like "Orinoco

Flow," "Caribbean Blue," and "Only Time." Enya's beautifully unique blend of Celtic, new age, and ambient influences has earned her the title of best-selling solo Irish artist, as well as four Grammy Awards.