



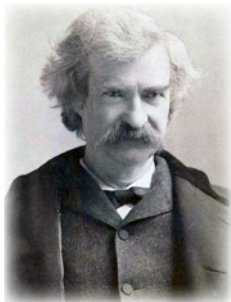
THE DAILY CHRONICLE

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

On This Date

1884 – The five Ringling brothers opened a circus in Baraboo, Wisconsin, featuring a trick horse and a bear. They added an elephant in 1888, and the show’s popularity soared. The circus closed in 2017 due to rising costs and declining sales, as well as protests from animal rights activists.

1910 – Earth passed through the tail of Halley’s Comet. Mark Twain had predicted he would go out with the comet, and he was right. He died of a heart attack one day after the comet appeared at its brightest. Or, as he



put it, “The Almighty has said, no doubt: ‘Now here are these two unaccountable freaks; they came in together, they must go out together.’”

Daily Trivia

The duffel bag gets its name from the town of Duffel, Belgium, where the cloth used in the bags was originally sold.

Quote of the Day

“When your children are teenagers, it’s important to have a dog around the house so that someone is happy to see you.”

~ *Nora Ephron*

Happy Birthday!

Nora Ephron (1941–2012) was a celebrated American writer and director known for her witty insights into relationships. She excelled in mediums including journalism, film, and literature. Some of her most



popular works are her novel *Heartburn* and the screenplays for the megahit films *When Harry Met Sally...*, *Sleepless*

in Seattle, and *You’ve Got Mail*. Ephron’s writing resonated with audiences globally, earning her three Oscar nominations for Best Original Screenplay. She had two sons and was married to screenwriter Nicholas Pileggi for 25 years.