



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

On This Date

1014 – Brian Boru, the High King of Ireland, was killed by a group of retreating Vikings shortly after his Irish forces defeated them.

1900 – The word *hillbilly* was first used in the *New York Journal* in reference to a “free and untrampled white Alabamian who lived in the hills. He has no means to speak of, dresses as he can, talks as he pleases, drinks whiskey when he gets it, and fires off his revolver as the fancy takes him.”

1923 – The New Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Massey Hall in Toronto. In 1927, the orchestra changed its name to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.



If the Shoe Fits...

The metal instrument used in shoe stores to measure feet is called the Brannock device. Charles F. Brannock invented the device in 1926.

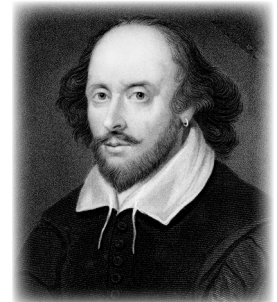
Quote of the Day

“Good night, good night!
Parting is such sweet sorrow,
that I shall say good night
till it be morrow.”

~ *William Shakespeare*

Happy Birthday!

William Shakespeare (1564–1616) was born in England around April 23. His exact birthdate is unknown, but he was baptized on April 26. Biographical information is sketchy, but Shakespeare likely was an actor, then a writer and director. He is known as the greatest author in the English language.



Bedazzled, *new-fangled*, and *fashionable* are a few of the many words Shakespeare introduced. Shakespeare’s complete works, including his 39 plays, 154 sonnets, and other poetry, can be read for free online at <http://shakespeare.mit.edu/>.



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Today is Movie Theater Day. Many consider the first movie theater to be Pittsburgh’s *Nickelodeon*, opened in 1905 by John Harris and Harry Davis. The cinema got its name from charging five cents, or a nickel, for admission. By 1908, thousands of similar theaters would be opened across America.

Where Am I?

This mountain valley is a hidden paradise in the Himalayas. The town lies on the valley floor surrounded by 18,000-foot peaks. There are over 155 temples and monasteries in the area, but none is more striking than the Tiger’s Nest, a massive monastery complex built into the cliffside. Legend tells of a powerful guru who meditated in the high cave in the ninth century. In 1692, the temple was finally built by the reincarnated guru. Where am I?

ANSWER: Paro Valley, Bhutan

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

Venus de Milo The Thinker

Mona Lisa David

ANSWER: Mona Lisa is a painting; the others are statues.

Mystery to Me

Boska Holland is a company famous for manufacturing cheese slicers. It teamed up with Argentinian designer Rodrigo Otazu to create a platinum and diamond-encrusted slicer worth \$28,000 for the Amsterdam Cheese Museum. Imagine the museum’s dismay when it was discovered that the slicer was stolen. Security cameras caught the thieves on tape, but they were able to escape. A reward was posted for the slicer’s safe return: a cheese basket and the world’s largest fondue set.



Who Said So?

This poet, who often found inspiration in nature, said, “Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”

ANSWER: Mary Oliver