



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

## On This Date

**1862** – The first test of pasteurization was completed by Louis Pasteur and Claude Bernard. Their experiments with wine showed that carefully heating foods could kill bacteria without damaging the nutrition. The process was soon extended to beer and milk.

**1902** – Scientists Marie and Pierre Curie isolated the radioactive element radium. Being pioneers in the field, they were unaware of the harmful effects of radiation. Marie eventually died of cancer caused by radiation.

**1909** – Movie director D. W. Griffith hired out-of-work actress Mary Pickford for \$40 per week. She appeared in 51 films in 1909 and soon became known as “America’s Sweetheart.”

## Daily Trivia

Once added to everything from toothpaste to face cream, radium’s reputation went from cutting-edge to dangerous within a few short decades.

## Quote of the Day

“I love people. When you’re engaged in society and trying to make it a better society, you’re an optimist.”

~ *George Takei*

## Happy Birthday!

**George Takei**, born in 1937, is a Japanese American actor, social justice activist, and author. Widely



known for his role as Hikaru Sulu in the original *Star Trek* series, Takei has become a prominent advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and cultural issues. A World War II internment camp survivor, he has been a strong supporter of Japanese American internment redress. Takei’s engaging presence on social media continues to make him a beloved and influential personality. He has been married to his spouse, Brad Altman, since 2008.



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**Today is** Look Alike Day. You may not have a biological twin, but you might certainly have someone who looks like you. Perhaps a celebrity, friend, or neighbor is your *doppelganger*, a German word meaning “double.”

## What’s the Difference?



What’s the difference between CBD and THC, the two chemicals found in marijuana? With many states legalizing this drug, it is becoming more important to educate yourself about marijuana’s effects. CBD is *cannabidiol*, a chemical compound believed to induce relaxation, ease anxiety, and even treat seizures. THC is *tetrahydrocannabinol*, the powerful psychoactive chemical responsible for getting a person “high” or creating mind-altering effects. For this reason, CBD is considered by many to be safer than THC.

## Riddle Me This

What goes up and down the stairs  
without moving?

ANSWER: A carpet

## Fashion of Yesteryear

The ancient Romans did not trust the Chinese. While many valuable commodities were introduced to the West via the famous Silk Road, silk itself was considered by the Romans to be a corrupting influence from the Chinese. Roman senators passed a law banning men from wearing silk, complaining that it would “degrade the male sex.” Laws against certain dress were also passed in colonial Massachusetts. Puritans forbade the poor from wearing silk, handmade lace, scarves, or anything fancy or fun.

## Buy a Vowel

P R \_ D \_ C \_

Make or manufacture from  
components or raw materials

ANSWER: PRODUCE