



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

## On This Date

1947 – Anthropologist Thor Heyerdahl and his crew of five set out on the *Kon-Tiki*, a balsa wood raft, to prove that Peruvian Indians could have settled in Polynesia. The trip began in Peru and took 101 days to complete. Heyerdahl’s best-selling book also became an Academy Award-winning film .



1968 – The rock musical *Hair* opened in New York City. The show was a product of the hippie counterculture revolution of the 1960s, and several of its songs became anthems of the peace movement.

## Olympic Trivia

Women were first allowed to compete at the Olympics in 1928. Canada sent a set of star athletes that became known as the Matchless Six: Fanny Rosenfeld, Jean Thompson, Jane Bell, Myrtle Cook, Ethel Smith, and Ethel Catherwood.

## Quote of the Day

“Real courage is when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.”

~ Harper Lee

## Happy Birthday!

Harper Lee (1926–2016) was an influential American novelist best known for her seminal work *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1960). Lee’s debut novel explored themes of racial injustice and morality in the American South, earning her the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Despite her early success, Lee chose to live a private life and published only one other book, *Go Set a Watchman*, released in 2015. *To Kill a Mockingbird* has been adapted for the stage and screen and remains a literary classic, addressing profound social issues and sparking discussions about race and morality.





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**Today is** Superhero Day. While many kids get excited about Superman and Wonder Woman on this day, not all superheroes are fictitious. Real-life superheroes like firefighters and teachers should be thanked for their work.

## Picture of the Day



*I love eating outside in the fresh air, but the air up here feels a little thin, don't you think?*

Now it's your turn to come up with a good caption.

## Word to the Wise

Television sure has changed over the last couple of years, and the dictionary is reflecting that. Internet-based TV allows us to watch anything we want *on demand*, or whenever we want to. *Bingeable* shows are those that entice us to watch multiple episodes back-to-back-to-back.

## Garden Party

*Kokia cookei*, or Moloka'i tree cotton, is one of the rarest plants in the world. When this Hawaiian tree with its bright red flowers was discovered in the 1860s by scientists, only three were left living in the wild. By the 1950s, it was considered extinct until one tree was discovered in 1970. The tree relied on certain birds to pollinate its flowers and perpetuate its species, but it died out in the wild after these birds, too, died out. Today, the tree only exists in the Waimea Arboretum in the form of branches grafted to other trees.

## Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

trail                      aisle  
barbican                track

ANSWER: A barbican is a wall; the others are pathways.