



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

On This Date

1818 – Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley’s Gothic horror novel, *Frankenstein; or The Modern Prometheus*, was published anonymously in London. The story tells the tale of scientist Victor Frankenstein, who is tormented by a monster of his own creation.

1906 – Léo-Ernest Ouimet opened the Ouimetoscope, one of Canada’s first dedicated movie theaters, in an old cabaret at the intersection of Sainte-Catherine and Montcalm streets in Montreal. The theater helped to spark the rise of cinema culture in the country. He opened a second and more luxurious theater on the same site the following year.

Here’s to Adventure!

In some Latin American countries, including Colombia and Venezuela, New Year celebrants take a walk just after midnight with an empty suitcase. This symbolizes a hope for exciting travel experiences and adventures in the coming year.

Quote of the Day

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

~ James Baldwin

Happy Birthday!

Paul Revere (1735–1818) was a colonist and silversmith from Boston, Massachusetts, whose name is synonymous with the American Revolution. As pre-war tensions mounted, Revere spied on the British and participated in the Boston Tea Party. But it was his midnight ride on April 18, 1775, that cemented



Revere’s place in the history books, as he galloped to Lexington to warn of the pending British attack. Revere was twice married: once to Sarah Orne, and then after her unexpected death, again to Rachel Walker. He had eight children with both women, for a total of 16. He died of natural causes at age 83.



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Happy New Year! January 1 marks New Year's Day, a time filled with optimism, planning, and determination. This day is an opportunity to prepare for the upcoming year and its potential. Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Root of the Matter

Turn over a new leaf

New Year's Day is a time when many people wish to *turn over a new leaf*, or start afresh, acting in a manner that was better than before. This expression originated in the 1500s when people called the page of a book a *leaf*. To *turn over a new leaf* had nothing to do with the leaves on trees, but with someone turning to a blank page in a notebook or journal to start writing a new story or chapter. In this way, *turning over a new leaf* meant to start writing a new chapter in the story of your life.



Who Said So?

This French fashion designer who ruled Parisian haute couture for many years said, "I never wanted to weigh more heavily on a man than a bird."

ANSWER: Coco Chanel

Can You Believe It?

A fascinating tidbit about the humble pencil suggests that its graphite core holds remarkable potential. According to estimates, a single standard pencil contains sufficient graphite to create an astonishingly long line, stretching approximately 35 miles. To put this impressive distance into perspective, it's equivalent to about 20 times the length of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. That's a pretty surprising capacity for such a small writing instrument!

Word Scramble

B G E N L O

Be the property of

ANSWER: BELONG