



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

On This Date

1824 – Beethoven’s glorious last symphony, *Symphony No. 9*, premiered in Vienna. The composer was completely deaf at the time of the premiere.

1915 – A German submarine torpedoed the British ocean liner *Lusitania* off the Irish coast. The *Lusitania* had the misfortune of being sunk early in WWI, before tactics for evading submarines were properly implemented. The ship sank in just 18 minutes, and the loss of 1,198 lives was a major factor in the U.S.’s decision to join the war in 1917.



Did You Know?

The letter sequence *ough* can be pronounced nine different ways.

The following sentence contains them all: “A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed.”

Quote of the Day

“The idea comes from outside of me—and is like a gift. I then take the idea and make it my own—that is where the skill lies.”

~ *Johannes Brahms*

Happy Birthday!

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897) was a German virtuoso pianist, composer, and conductor from Hamburg. Considered one of the “Three Bs” of music along with Ludwig van Beethoven and Johann Sebastian Bach, Brahms is a revered figure of the Romantic period. He was both



a traditionalist and an innovator who worked with many of the leading musicians of his time. After moving to Vienna in the 1870s, he became the principal conductor of the Society of Friends Music and director of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.



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Today is Public Gardens Day. Every Friday before Mother's Day, people are encouraged to take their mothers to visit a local public garden. These valuable public spaces allow everyone to enjoy the beauty and peace of nature.

What's the Difference?

What's the difference between russet potatoes and Idaho potatoes? Walking the aisles of a grocery store, you're likely to find bags bearing the names of these two potatoes side by side. Most russet potatoes are the Russet Burbank variety, developed by Luther Burbank. Idaho potatoes are not a variety, but simply Russet Burbanks grown in the state of Idaho. Other potatoes, such as red, Yukon Gold, and fingerling, are grown in Idaho and also bear the "Grown in Idaho" seal on their packaging.

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

hemlock fir

birch juniper

ANSWER: A birch is a deciduous tree; the others are evergreens.

Fashion of Yesteryear

Everyone has heard of the fashion names Chanel and Dior, but the name Grès is less well known. Madame Grès was one of the leading designers of the 1930s, '40s, and '50s. A notorious perfectionist, she first applied her talents to designing hats before turning to couture dressmaking. She was best known for her floor-length, draped Grecian goddess gowns, for which she became known as the "queen of drapery." She dressed Greta Garbo, Grace Kelly, and the Duchess of Windsor. Because she was protective of her private life, Grès was also known as the "Sphinx of Fashion."



Riddle Me This

When can you add two to eleven and get one as the correct answer?

ANSWER: Add two hours to eleven o'clock and you'll have one o'clock.